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# SIDELITES

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

*November 2021*

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## Lessons on Giving Thanks from Mom and Dad

*Give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

In 1984, in the middle of the farm crisis, a tornado destroyed most of Mom and Dad's farm, and not long after that there was a serious illness. In the years that followed, when people would ask about that year of loss, I heard Mom say over and over again, "we're thankful, we have what is important, we have each other and our family."

Christmas 1996, after what felt like a bittersweet move from the farm to Austin, our family gathered as always on Christmas Eve. It was the first time I wasn't on the family farm for Christmas. Dad stood up and said, "This Christmas, what we miss isn't the farm, we miss Grandma Jolson (who had died earlier that year)." Dad's way of telling us not to lament the move, but be thankful we are together.

In October 2014, Dad had been asking for a family reunion, and after a middle of the night emergency room visit, Dad was back at the nursing home, and I arrived after an urgent call to gather the family. "Dad, it's Kathleen," I said. He said, "I was in the emergency room, I thought I was going to die." I said, "Were you scared?" Dad's reply, "No, I'm not scared to die. I have faith in God. I just kept thanking God over and over for my seven children." And so it was that weekend, we had a family reunion and it was beautiful. Dad died five days later, and I was thankful, thankful for the unwavering love and support from my parents, now both gone.

No matter the circumstances, Mom and Dad taught me to be thankful. A lesson straight from God's word. A lesson to remember on Thanksgiving and every day that follows.

Pastor Kathy

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## **Wednesday Night Suppers!**

We are so grateful to be gathering on Wednesday evenings for suppers at OSLC from 5:15PM-6:15PM! This year, all proceeds from the free will offering will be going towards Wednesday LinCt programming. We have some delicious meals lined up for the month of November:



November 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Grilled Pork Chops and Potatoes
November 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Turkey Supreme
November 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Chili
No Meal November 24 <sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break	

We are looking for people/groups to volunteer to help serve and clean up on Wednesday nights. The food will already be done, we just need 3-5 people to help serve. If you have any questions, please contact Annette Haynes at (507) 381-6552. For those attending the suppers, it may be helpful to know that the actual cost of the meal is \$3-\$4 a person.



We will not be having a joint service with Christ the King this year. We will gather for Thanksgiving worship at Our Savior's on **Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon and 6:30 PM.** Join us in a service of praise and thanksgiving for all God has done for us.

*NOTE: The church office will be closed on November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.*



**Mission Sunday is November 14<sup>th</sup>!** The Missions Team has several things planned for that day as we focus on global mission:

- In February of 2020, a group from Our Savior's traveled to Harlingen, Texas and Matamoros, Mexico on a mission trip. They will be sharing about this trip at worship and at an adult forum on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Right after they were back from the mission is when we had to change our gatherings at church due to the pandemic. We are so grateful to now have the opportunity to hear about the mission trip.
- There will be Fair Trade goods for sale.
- There will be ELCA Good Gifts catalogs available. Giving through ELCA Good Gifts makes a great Christmas gift for that person who doesn't need anything. It is also a great way to get children and youth involved in learning how their giving can make a big difference in the world.
- Grocery bags will be passed out that day to be returned for the Harvest Festival on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Noisy Offering  
+  
ELCA Good Gifts!**



**On November 28<sup>th</sup>,** our Noisy Offering will go towards buying a herd of goats (\$300). Anything collected above that amount will go towards buying chicks (\$10). The giving is through ELCA Good Gifts. We give goats because goats can go where other animals can't, surviving in some of the world's most challenging terrain and unreliable climates. Fresh milk from a goat provides daily nutrition for children and their families. They are quick to reproduce and provide an opportunity for families to pass the gift on to others. Chicks grow up to become chickens and their eggs provide protein for the family and can also help a family start a small business.

**Theology on Tap  
November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM – 8:00PM**  
*(Event for Adults 21 and over)*

If you are looking for a night of faith, fun, making friends, and having a pint, join us for a night at the Schell's Bier Halle on November 11<sup>th</sup>! This is a kickoff of a new project at OSLC called **Theology on Tap** (don't worry, you don't need to know about theology). Come for a great discussion while having a beer or 1919 root beer.

*Stewardship Sunday will be on November 21<sup>st</sup>.*  
Please look for a mailing and more information in November.

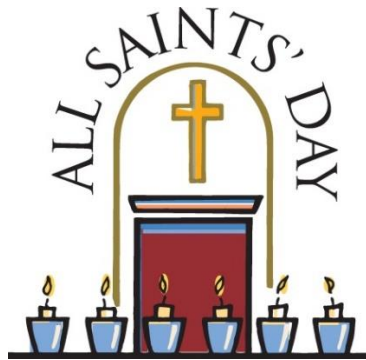
## Faith & Books

**November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.** Feel free to bring your supper. The November selection is *Night*, by Elie Wiesel. From the publisher: “*Night* is Elie Wiesel's masterpiece, a candid, horrific, and deeply poignant autobiographical account of his survival as a teenager in the Nazi death camps.” A couple of questions to think about before our discussion: How does Eliezer’s relationship with God change throughout the book? Can one person make a difference? Do you think this book is relevant today?

**December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.** The December selection is *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg. From the back cover: “With the same incomparable style and warm, inviting voice that have made her beloved by millions of readers far and wide, "New York Times bestselling author Fannie Flagg has written an enchanting Christmas story of faith and hope for all ages that is sure to become a classic.” A couple of questions to think about as you read: Who gets healed in this book and in what ways? Can you relate to the sense of community in this book?

### Children’s, Youth & Families Calendar:

- October 29<sup>th</sup>: Trunk or Treat from 6:00PM – 7:00PM in the parking lot!
- October 31<sup>st</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation during the 10:30AM Worship Service
- November 19<sup>th</sup>: Junior High Youth Gathering
- November 24<sup>th</sup>: **No Wednesday LinCt, Youth Group, Choirs, or Confirmation (Thanksgiving break)**
- November 28<sup>th</sup>: Advent Festival! Join us for fun make and take crafts in the downstairs classrooms between worship services. Stay tuned for more information!



On Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, we observe All Saints Day. On this day, we give thanks for all the saints from Our Savior's Lutheran Church who have died in faith and gone to be with the Lord since last All Saints Day. We will live stream the 8:30AM service for those unable to attend.

Arlene Bierbaum

Hudson Cole

Kelly Curry

Lorraine Ford

Jennifer Jorgens

Roger Julien

Kent Nelson

Rick Neumann

Darla Swanson

Glenn Swanson

Linda Wohlers

Diane Zellmann

Daniel Zimmerman

**Welcome New Members of Our Savior's!**



**Ryan & Aunie Neuman  
Brecken, Rory & Easton**



**Glenn & Charlene Hauser  
Oliver**



**Chad & Asha Cooreman  
Camdyn & Haiden**



**Josh & Cassie Kraus  
Emery**



**Brandon Hale & Bailey Ahlers**



**Jarid & Crissy Jeske  
Easton**



**Steph Cariveau & Darren Paa  
Khloe & Dakota**



**Paul & Deb Egeland**



**Aaron & Chantel Thompson  
Briggs**

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the newest members of our faith family!



Jeff & Aileen Havemeier  
Zoey & Vera



Amy Behrends  
Jacie



Mark Carroll & Beth Schmitz  
Waylon & Tommy



Anthony & Destiny Thiessen



Steve & Kinzie Eckstein  
Evie, Ayla & Emmie



Nicole Degner  
Braylon



Jim & Andrea Hanson  
Brooks, Sofie & Carew



Shaun Luker & Jenni Seavey  
Landin, Jay & Raina



### Gnome Building - December 5<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars, and stay tuned for more information about this fun make & take event! We will also have a wood-based project, led by Pastor Dave.

Supplies we are collecting for the Gnomes: Tomato cages, Wire/zip ties, Flannel shirts or fabric to use for hats, Nylons. Questions? Contact Lindsay!

### ***A Note from Our Savior’s WELCA:***

Due to the pandemic our church women will not be hosting a bazaar this year. Last year we weren't able to have it either. We asked for money donations instead, and were able to give to our church projects and community organizations due to our women's generosity. Some of the recipients were Green Lake Bible Camperships, NUMAS Haus, Operation Concern, etc. We are asking for your donations again this year. You could send your donation to the church office or mail it to Betty Sauers, 901 Loretto St., New Ulm. Make checks to Women of the ELCA, Our Savior’s.

### **Accompanist Wanted!**

We are looking to hire someone for the paid position of accompanying the OSLC Youth Choir during Wednesday evening rehearsals, and performances happening during Sunday Worship twice a month. Rehearsals on Wednesday start at 5:45 p.m., and last for 30 – 40 minutes. Compensation will include rehearsal, worship and some documented practice time.

- Shannon Stuckey, Director of Music Ministries

### **“Growing The Mission of Creation Care in Our Congregations and Synod”**

The Creation Care Team at Calvary Lutheran Church, in cooperation with Green Lake Bible Camp and the SW MN Synod EcoFaith team invite you to a one day retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, MN on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM-4:00PM.

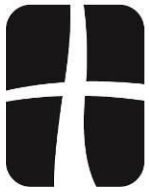
The goal of the retreat is to promote and share in and through congregations, resources that protect and celebrate God’s creation for God’s sake and for the benefit of our neighbors. Invited participants include pastors and lay members at the congregational, conference, or synod level, who are eager to integrate creation care into our mission to love God, neighbor, and all living things. The cost of the retreat is \$13.00 per person. To register, call the church office at Calvary Lutheran (320) 235-2508.

8:30 AM	Arrive, coffee & refreshments	12:45 AM	Intro to Afternoon session, prayer & song
9:00 AM	Introduction/worship	1:00 PM	Message from Bishop Dee Pederson
9:30 AM	Presentation by Pastor David Carlson (Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Duluth, Co-chair of the NE MN Synod EcoFaith Network) with a Q&A	1:30 PM	Small Groups – working on plans to integrate Creation Care into congregational, conference or synod mission work
11:00 AM	Engaging Creation, led by GLLM Executive Director Travis Aufderheide	3:00 PM	Small Groups report to the Large Group
12:00 PM	Lunch	3:45 PM	Wrap up & closing prayer

## November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting	2 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting	3 8:30 AM MOPS Steering Meeting 11:00 AM WELCA Board Meeting 3:30 PM Wednesday LinCt 5:10 PM Children's Handbells 5:15 PM Wednesday Suppers 5:45 PM Rejoice Ringers 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:30 PM 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group 6:30 PM Adult Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM <b>Worship</b> 8:00 PM Youth Group	4 11:00 AM Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00 PM Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	5 6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting	6
7 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 8:30 AM <b>Worship &amp; Facebook Live</b> 9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship Hour 9:40 AM Sunday LinCt 10:30 AM <b>Worship</b>	8 6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting	9 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Pro Kinship Activity 5:30 PM Adult Ministry Team 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team 7:00 PM Facilities & Grounds Meeting	10 8:00 AM MOPS Meeting 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 10:30 AM NU Ministerial Mtg 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 3:30 PM Wednesday LinCt 5:10 PM Children's Handbells 5:15 PM Wednesday Suppers 5:30 PM Faith & Books 5:45 PM Rejoice Ringers 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:30 PM 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group 6:30 PM Adult Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM <b>Worship</b> 8:00 PM Youth Group	11 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle 4:00 PM Oak Hills Worship Service 6:30 PM Theology on Tap	12	13
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28 <i>Advent Festival Noisy Offering Sunday</i> 8:30 AM <b>Worship &amp; Facebook Live</b> 9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship Hour 10:30 AM <b>Worship</b>	29 6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting	30 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting	1	2	3	4

Items to be included in the next edition of Sidelites are due by **November 15<sup>th</sup>**! Announcement pieces must be received no later than each Wednesday at noon. Email your news to [jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org).



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## Worship

Wednesday Worship – 7:30PM

Sunday Worship – 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Facebook Live – Sunday at 8:30AM

## Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

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