



Our Savior

Lutheran Church & School

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Hearts Reaching Out

During the month of December the **Spotlight on Outreach** Ministries were in full celebration of the Christmas season! Our **Spotlight** ministries: TreeHouse, Grace International Lutheran Church and Mount Olivet Rolling Acres were served in many ways by the members of Our Savior Lutheran Church, as well as their groups coming to share their gifts with us.



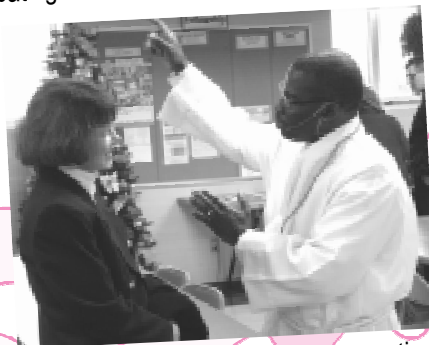
TreeHouse Youth Fundraiser at Culver's. Thank you to the members of Our Savior for coming out to eat and participating in this event!



One of our Growth Groups helped a few Mount Olivet members with their Christmas shopping. Praise God for caring hearts!



Vocalists and musicians from Grace International Lutheran Church shared their God-given talents during worship.



Vicar Isaac Williams from Grace International Lutheran Church came to Our Savior to preach. Here he is speaking during fellowship time with member Elaine Taggatz.

Selecting names of Grace International children to buy Christmas gifts for. Thank you for blessing these children with your Christian love and generosity!



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God's Vision: "To seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

Our Mission: "To be a welcoming, equipping, and sharing family of Christ."

Our Core Values: Growth Relationships Outreach Worship Service (GROWS)

PASTOR'S PAGE

Town Hall Meeting—February 13!

Back in the fall of 2009, the Minnesota South District offered to enroll our church and school in a new program called the “*Matthew 19:14 Project*.” The goal of this program was to help the staff and faculty of congregations with schools to think, plan and act in alignment with God’s Great Commission. The Board of Directors and Board of Education supported (verbally and financially) the decision to enroll into Phase One of this program.

In Phase One, the focus was primarily on training and equipping the staff and faculty on team ministry, leadership skills and communicating God’s mission. Along with several other Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) churches with schools, Our Savior completed Phase One in 2010.

After further discussion and approval by the Board of Directors, Our Savior Lutheran is about to take part in Phase Two. In this phase, you—the members of OSL—will take a more active role. Entitled “*Missional Formation Process*” this phase involves a consultation process offered by the MN South District to help our church refocus on growing God’s kingdom within our community.

What does that mean? Two things:

1) CONSULTATION WEEKEND

Friday-Saturday, February 4-5. On this weekend, a team of pastors and other church leaders (who have been successful at helping churches grow) will visit Our Savior. The church and school has already worked on a “*Congregational Self-Study*” bringing together history, statistics and other information so as to give the visiting Consultation Team a good picture of “*who we are*.” However, during this weekend, there will also be a leadership retreat and the Consultation Team will interview staff, various elected leaders, as well as a focus group of random members of OSL.

2) TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, February 13 at 12:30pm. After reviewing the information and visiting our congregation, the Consultation Team will present a report on **Sunday, February 13 at 12:30pm** at what they are calling a “*Town Hall*” Meeting. ***This meeting is open to all OSL members and will last 30 minutes, followed by a potluck***

lunch. For the potluck, we simply ask that you bring a dish to share. Among other things, the report will consist of our strengths, areas that need work (focusing on areas like leadership development, outreach, unity around the mission, etc.) and goals that address each of those work areas.

After the Town Hall Meeting, we will have one month to pray and discuss the report. We will then vote on whether or not to accept the prescriptions found within the report. If the congregation accepts the report, the prescriptions will be addressed with the help of the MN South District team.

I’m excited about this process and the help it will give us as a congregation. Please pray that all will proceed in a way that honors God and causes His Kingdom to **GROW!**

See you in worship!
—Pastor Z.

**Why do we do
what we do?**
A brief explanation
behind what happens
in Sunday worship



What is the *Book of Concord*?

On occasion you may hear the *Book of Concord* mentioned in worship services but you may not know that it is a collection of documents that present what Lutherans believe, teach and confess on the basis of Holy Scripture. It was assembled and published in 1850 and includes the three Creeds (Apostles’, Nicene and Athanasian), the Augsburg Confession (the chief confession of the Lutheran Church) and Martin Luther’s Small and Large Catechisms.

More information on the *Book of Concord* can be found at the website: **bookofconcord.org**. This website contains a lot of interesting information including the history and authors of the *Book of Concord* and *Martin Luther’s 95 Theses*. The complete text of the *Book of Concord* is on the website as well as links to a downloadable PDF version of the *Book of Concord* and an iPhone/iPod/iPad app that contains the complete *Book of Concord*.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Board of Directors Report

Welcome to another installment of the Board of Directors monthly column, a place to find updates on how the leadership of the Church and School are working to fulfill our **Vision, Mission and Core Values**.

Congregational Meeting / Financial Update

If you are diligent about reading your newsletter when it first hits your mailbox, you may still have a chance to attend our congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 30** and get a firsthand look at the financial state of our church (as well as hear about the growth and outreach initiatives we have been writing about in the last several newsletter articles). If you missed it or are unable to attend, here are some financial highlights for the first 6 months of our fiscal year (7/1/10—6/30/11).

- Overall, netting income against expenses, we are \$44,000 better than we had budgeted. Praise the Lord!
- Through your generous offerings, giving is within 1% of the budgeted amount.
- We received two large one-time donations totaling more than \$100,000. This has enabled us to:
 - Remain free of any short term debt through strong positive cash flow. This is significant in that we have not been able to establish a short term line of credit given the current financial situation in our country.
 - Offset large one time repairs we have experienced with our heating system.
 - Offset large snow plow removal expenses associated with our snowiest December on record.
 - Fund our growth and outreach efforts.
 - Establish a strong reserve to apply to a long list of needs that are currently being prioritized by the Board.

You can find all the details in copies of the meeting handout which will be available for a few weeks in the Church Lobby following the Congregational Meeting on January 30.

It is exciting to be a part of a church and school that God continues to so richly bless! See you in church!

Yours in Christ,
Dave Fine, Church Body President



Advertiser Appreciation!

It is with deep gratitude that we thank the many advertisers who have made the printing of this publication possible at no cost to our church. We have gained over 12 **new** advertisers!

To those who are readers of this monthly newsletter, please see page 11 for a listing of our newest and continuing businesses that have placed advertisements. And to show your appreciation, we hope you will do business with these generous companies that support our church and school's newsletter.

Thinking About a Christian School?

Although our school has already held their annual Round-up or Open House for the community last month, families interested in our school may still call at anytime to set up a tour.

For more information on Our Savior Lutheran School's Christian education mission, call 952-474-5181 or visit our web page at www.oslcs.org. Our website even features a video showing the school campus and scenes from a typical day at school.



OUTREACH & DISCIPLESHIP

—Jerry Rosamond, Minister of Christian Discipleship

Depression Support Group

God has certainly been blessing this group as eight people have been coming for encouragement and support each week. The participants have said they really enjoy the group and what they are learning has been helping them deal with their depression.

This class will complete their session by the end of January. I'm not sure what our next steps will be but at this point if you know someone who is dealing with depression, the workbook, *"Strength for the Journey, a Biblical Perspective on Discouragement and Depression"* is a great tool. Let me know if you would like a copy. The workbook is excellent! —Jerry

New Bible Classes

- The Challenge of Islam (Part 1): What is Islam?
- Value Packed Parenting

The Challenge of Islam (Part 1):

Begins Sunday, January 30 at 9:40am in Fellowship Hall. Five week DVD and discussion open to anyone.

To the Western mind, the faith and practice of Islam are often a profound mystery. In recent years, this religion has emerged as a prominent—yet

misunderstood belief system. Listen as Sam Shamoun, an Arab-Christian, unveils some of the mystique surrounding this religion first preached by Muhammad and today practiced by more than one billion people worldwide.

VALUE PACKED PARENTING: Raising rock-solid kids in a pleasure driven world!"

This 7 week course (DVD & discussion) by Dr. Kevin Leman begins Sunday, March 6 at 9:30am in Room #204 (in school wing). Facilitators: Michelle Witte & Melissa Brehmer. To help determine the number of workbooks needed, please contact Jerry if you plan to attend: jerry.rosamond@oslcs.org, 952-474-5181 x23.

Servant Evangelism Team

Jerry Rosamond will begin meeting in January with a team of six people to begin laying the groundwork for Servant Evangelism (SE) events to be kicking-off in June. These Servant Evangelism events will go hand-in-hand with the *"Ignite"* spiritual growth and outreach emphasis that Our Savior will officially be launching, with Easter Sunday being our first Big Day event.

Servant Evangelism events will serve as a tool to show God's love in tangible ways in our community and to invite people to our Big Day events.

Steve Sjogren wrote, *"Servant Evangelism (SE) connects people to people in a natural, easy, low-risk, high grace way. Who doesn't like to be given a cold soda on a hot day? Especially by someone who is smiling, happy and having fun. SE wins the heart before it confronts the mind. A small act of kindness nudges a person closer to God, often in a profound way as it bypasses one's mental defenses. The average Christ-follower is willing to hand a stranger a can of soda (low-risk). The grace is seen in the typical reaction. "Oh, thank you!" "Why are you doing this?" Kindness builds the bridge for the person to receive a touch of love from God."*



Stay tuned for more Servant Evangelism information!

Prayer Warriors Needed

Since starting the Connection Cards, we've seen a dramatic increase in prayer requests shared by members and guests. Praise God! But now we need **more Prayer Warriors!**

Prayer is free! Will you help? Right after each worship service, come on up to the front of Church and ask a Prayer Minister for some of the prayer cards to pray over. In just a few minutes one can easily pray through a few cards. Just have a seat by the front and ask God to be with the person listed on the card. God will teach you what to ask in prayer. Keep it simple.

Another way you can help in prayer is by coming to the twice monthly Tuesday night Prayer Meetings. There, we pray through the Sunday Connection Cards along with other prayers. Please stop by any of the upcoming Prayer Meetings **Tuesdays, Feb. 8 and Feb. 22 at 6:30pm** with your own prayer needs as well. The meeting location is Jerry's Office (located through the Library/Fireside Room). Please take a bold step and expand your prayer life!

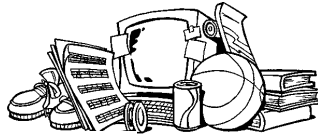
For questions or suggestions about OSLCS prayer ministry, contact Lorraine Johnson at 952-446-8275 or e-mail: johnson.ml@frontiernet.net.

Lord, please touch peoples' hearts to become involved in prayer ministry by praying Sunday mornings and at prayer meetings. Expand prayer in our life and draw us closer to You by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen!

CHILDREN'S, FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRIES

From the Desk of Shawn

"To Save A Life." By the time you get this message, I realize you won't have much time to plan for this event, happening on Saturday, February 5. However, you should have already seen all around the church as well as in your mail the promotion for this amazing movie.



If you haven't already made this a priority for you and your pre-teen/teen, you need to. This movie touches on topics like suicide, depression, cutting and many other teen related teen struggles, as well as how we as Christians are supposed to respond to these issues in today's society. How can we be positive influences in the lives of people struggling with these thoughts and show we care about them?

Join us as we address these and many other questions as we hold discussions after the film about what God's Word says about this topic, and how to apply this to our lives today. The film is rated PG-13, and is being offered for students from grades 6-12 and their parents. Even if you don't have youth that age yet, you will someday, so come and see it, because teens are facing tough issues everyday! Doors open at 6:00pm, viewing begins at 6:30pm in the Church Sanctuary. I hope you can all make it!

Peace and God's blessings,
Shawn Hecksel, Director of Youth Ministries

Youth Events Calendar

Saturday, February 5: "To Save A Life" Movie Event (details in above article). (Psalm 46:1-3)

Friday & Saturday, March 11-12: Senior Youth Dare2Share *un. the tour* conference. We will meet at church by 4:30pm. Bring clothes, and overnight sleeping gear to stay the night at church! Tickets are FREE, yes you heard it FREE!!! Sign up with Shawn immediately! (1 Samuel 17:48-51)

Sunday, April 3 at 6:00pm: Evening Family Worship Event "Psalms, Songs and Seeds" (Psalm 22:27 & 29-31). Come out for this evening worship, as our praise follows Pastor's morning message on "My Worship Can Change The World!"

Saturday, April 23: Community Easter Egg Hunt. We could really use your help! More details to follow but put this on your calendar! (Rev. 3:15 & 16)

Sunday, May 22: We will be holding a JR/SR High Paintball outing again! Date is tentative, but for now mark your calendars. Location TBD. (Romans 12:21)

June 11-18: Senior High mission trip to Camp Pioneer in Angola, New York. Servant event theme: "Make a Difference." (1 Corinthians 1:18)

For Youth Event details visit www.oslcs.org click on YOUTH EVENTS and ACTIVITIES.

Children's Ministry Recap

Time flies when you're having fun! Our VeggieTales night was such a blast—thanks to all who came!

In Sunday School the kids are learning about Moses. It's amazing how God can take someone like Moses and use him for big things! Just like then, our God uses **us** and the work He sets out for us to do to accomplish big things for His kingdom.

The story of Moses begins with a mother completely dedicated to God. When she bears a son, she entrusted him to God by placing him in a basket in a river in order to save his life. Entrusting your children to God is hard. Every day that goes by is a day your kids become a little more independent. The time God has blessed you with your kids is time that you are to train them and be examples for them in faith so that when they do leave your side, they will not leave God's side (Proverbs 22:6).

Are you your child's main spiritual mentor, or are you letting others do the work? When the time comes, will you be able to entrust your child to God's care, knowing that he/she was raised with their parent(s) being the hero of their faith story? Moses' mother raised him only for a short period of his young life, but when he was older he did not stray from the training, however brief it was. He brought God's people, the Israelites, out of slavery!

Children's & Family Ministry Dates

For more info check out www.oslcs.org and click on the "SUNDAY SCHOOL" tab

February 12—11:15am Kids Against Hunger (Family Fun Event). Sign up required in Fellowship Hall.

February 19—Deadline to sign up for Mission: Easter (Sunday School Easter play) auditions

February 26—9:00am Mission Easter auditions in the Gym.

February 27—Recipes due for "Hope-Filled Cooking" cookbook

March 26—"Hope-Filled Cooking" Family Fun Event

**“For this child I prayed,
and the Lord has given me...
My heart rejoices in the Lord.”**
(1 Samuel 1:27, 2:1)

It’s a Girl!

The Family of Our Savior
Lutheran School and Early
Childhood Center
joyfully announces

The adoption of:
Alice Wamunyu Macharia

Born: March 6, 2006

Arrived in our lives:
Wednesday, January 5, 2011



Kenya Children’s Fund

The students have been supporting the Kenya Children’s Fund through their second quarter offerings and recently adopted/sponsored **Alice Wamunyu Macharia**, a 4 year old preschooler in the program (see photo above). Alice lives in a one-room house with her mother, father, and older sister, Ann.

The school children at Our Savior will be making valentines to send to Alice’s class for their observation of Valentine’s Day. The children are also joining forces with *Lutheran Women in Mission* and their kick-off outreach project of making bookmarks for the 800+ children of Kinyago-Dandora School in Kenya, Africa, where Alice attends school.

Watch for further events associated with our adoption of Alice in the months to come. In the mean time, please remember Alice in your prayers, asking God to bless her young life with health, learning, and faith development.

Students of the Month

Each month the teachers randomly recognize students in their classrooms celebrating the God given talents each student displays throughout the school day. This month’s recipients are Madeline Guetzko, Evan Swenson, Madison Gilmore, Malachi Johnson, Megan Hoernemann, Gareth Holland,

Will Carns, and Mariah Laughlin. To read more about these students, please visit our website at www.OSLCS.org, go to the school’s page and read the *Eagle Print* School Newsletter for January 14.

“Yeah God!” Moments at OSLS

- \$4,250 in donations for new lap tops
- The installation of 2 new Smart Boards
- Successful completion of the 2nd quarter of school
- Successful completion Of Iowa Test of Basic Skills
- Preschool and Kindergarten Trip to The MN Children’s Museum
- A successful **Round Up Event** on January 18.

Eagle Olympics 2011



The students of Our Savior, K-8th grade, will be holding their annual Eagle Olympics on **Friday, February 18**. This annual fund raising event is a great opportunity for our students to exercise and have fun while raising funds for the school. Congregational members are encouraged to sponsor students in their efforts. Visit the Eagle Olympic table in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee/Fellowship Time on Sundays from 9:00-9:30am.



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This calendar is constantly being updated! Check out the latest one and future calendars at www.oslcs.org.
Click *Church*, then *News & Calendar*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>30 Worship w/ Communion 8:00am Blended 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am Traditional 11:00am Contemporary 12:30pm Congregational Meeting 5:00pm DivorceCare</p>	<p>31 6:00pm Women's Bible Study at Perkins 7:00pm TV Ministry Broadcast Ch. 12 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>1 3:30pm Basketball Away vs. Howard Lake 6:15pm Praise Team 7:00pm Kemp's Taste Test</p>	<p>2 6:30pm Basic Training 6:30pm Sr. High Hang Time 6:30pm Ladies Choir 6:45pm Depression Support Group 7:00pm Mixed Choir 7:30pm Men's Choir 8:30pm Open Basketball</p>	<p>3 7:45am Moms in Touch 1:30pm Bible Study 9:00am Quilters Circle 6:30pm Board of Elders</p>	<p>4 6:15am Men's Bible Study at Perkins 9:15am MOPS Meeting 1:00pm Matthew 19 Consultation 7:00pm Focus Group</p>	<p>5 8:30am Matthew 19 Consultation 9:00am Cub Scout Pinewood Derby 6:00pm Doors Open 6:30pm Youth Movie "To Save a Life"</p>
<p>6 Worship 8:00am Blended 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am Traditional 11:00am Contemporary 5:00pm DivorceCare</p>	<p>7 6:00pm Women's Bible Study at Perkins 7:00pm TV Ministry Broadcast Ch. 12 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 6:15pm Praise Team 6:30pm Prayer Meeting</p> 	<p>9 6:30pm Basic Training 6:30pm Sr. High Hang Time 6:30pm Ladies Choir 6:45pm Depression Support Group 7:00pm Mixed Choir 7:30pm Men's Choir 8:30pm Open Basketball</p>	<p>10 7:45am Moms in Touch 9:00am Quilters Circle 6:00pm Board of Stewardship 6:00pm LWM -TreeHouse Valentine Dinner NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>11 6:15am Men's Bible Study at Perkins 9:15am MOPS Meeting</p>	<p>12 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Egg-Cetra Café, Waconia</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Basketball (Boys) Tourn. at Mayer Lutheran High</div>
<p>13 Worship w/ Communion 8:00am Blended 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am Traditional (School Pre-service) 11:00am Contemporary (School Pre-service) 12:30pm Special "Town Hall" Meeting 1:00pm Congregational Potluck 3:00pm Adult Open Volleyball 5:00pm DivorceCare</p>	<p>14 Preschool ♥'s for Jesus Party 6:00pm Women's Bible Study at Perkins 6:30pm Board of Education 7:00pm TV Ministry Broadcast Ch. 12 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>15 4:00pm Basketball Home vs. St. John's, Maple Grove 6:15pm Praise Team 7:00pm Board of Directors</p>	<p>16 6:30pm Basic Training 6:30pm Sr. High Hang Time 6:30pm Ladies Choir 6:45pm Depression Support Group 7:00pm Mixed Choir 7:30pm Men's Choir 8:30pm Open Basketball</p>	<p>17 7:45am Moms in Touch 1:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Quilters</p>	<p>18 6:15am Men's Bible Study at Perkins School Eagle Olympics</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">11:00am School Early Release (No PM bus) Extended Care/Child Care Open</div>	<p>19 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Egg-Cetra Café, Waconia Basketball (Girls) Tourn. at Mayer Lutheran</p>
Meals on Wheels						
<p>20 Worship 8:00am Blended 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am Traditional 11:00am Contemporary 5:00pm DivorceCare</p>	<p>21 6:00pm Women's Bible Study at Perkins 7:00pm TV Ministry Broadcast Ch. 12 7:30pm AA Meeting</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL or PRE-SCHOOL Extended Care/Child Care Open</div>	<p>22 6:00pm Scout Blue & Gold 6:15pm Praise Team 6:30pm Prayer Meeting</p> 	<p>23 6:30pm Basic Training 6:30pm Sr. High Hang Time 6:30pm Ladies Choir 7:00pm Mixed Choir 7:30pm Men's Choir 8:30pm Open Basketball</p>	<p>24 7:45am Moms in Touch 9:00am Quilters Circle</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">11:00am School Early Release 2:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences Extended Care/Child Care Open</div>	<p>25 6:15am Men's Bible Study at Perkins</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Parent/Teacher Conferences No School Extended Care/Child Care Open</div>	<p>26 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Egg-Cetra Café, Waconia</p>
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February Worship Assistants

8:00am	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Elder	Brandon Urban	Paul Niebuhr	David Gesko	Joe Hauwiler
Scripture Reader	Linda Machemehl	Dena Kuenzel	Marlene Doheny	Kari Gjerde
Greeter	Linda & Jeff Machemehl	Dave & Arlene Mueller	Vicki Bradley	Mavis Gjerde
Usher Team	Team #1	Team #2	Team #3	Team #4
Prayer Minister	Lorraine Johnson	Sandy Blumenschein	Shannon Studenski	Marlene Doheny
Acolyte	Matt Heldt			
Chancel Care (all sv.)	Michele Hove & Patty Grandstrand			
Trustee (weekend)	Jim Machemehl	Tim Studenski	Brian Grandstrand	Larry Hasse
Coffee Serving(9am)	Board of Elders	LWML	Board of Education	Board of Directors
Flowers	<i>Please sign up on Flower Chart in Fellowship Hall or call Church Office to order.</i>			

9:30am	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Greeter	Andy & Patty Krantz	Neil & Beth Pursley	L & D Anderson	Gloria Kruger
Usher Team	Team #2	Team #3	Team #1	Team #2
Prayer Minister	Lorraine Johnson	Kathey Soboleski	Shannon Studenski	Lorraine Johnson
Projector Operator	Amy Scherer	Amy Scherer	Hale Family	Tyler Witte
Bus Driver	Tim Studenski	Tim Studenski	Kevin Stern	Kevin Stern

11:00am	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Scripture Reader	Peg Sorensen	Kelly Becker	Lauri Wagaman	Stacy Urban
Greeter	Joyce Oelfke	Karla Zahrte	Deb Niebuhr	Linda Niemeyer
Usher Team	Team #2	Team #3	Team #4	Team #1
Prayer Minister	Lu Beise	Linda Niemeyer	Linda Niemeyer	Lu Beise
Acolyte	Delany Harnell			

BIRTHDAYS

- Peter Wilson
- Rachel Coatta, Peter Henke, Scott Lucas
- Jill Maetzold
- Zachary Magnusson, Shannon Aurich
- Chris Sebald, Eloise Weibel
- Aliese Scherer
- Gloria Cox
- Jennifer Rehnelt, Bryan Rehnelt
- Bernard Schnurr, Derek Foster
- Bob Klinger, Robert Davis III
- Esther Schulz, Joel Saunders, Joel

- Saunders, Kyle Saunders, Connie Olson, Rick Hale, Kevin Stern, Liezel Hove
- Lois Bahr, Eleanor Taggatz, Linda Machemehl, Greg Anderson
 - Haakon Nyhammer, Carmel Rehnelt, Martin Wade, Lora Wade, Allan Lloyd, Madison Thomas
 - Candie Sather, Teresa Johnson, Dennis Botzek
 - Deb Pahl
 - Greta Sather, Jane Pate, Brian Deffaa, Kelly Carothers
 - Pam Asplin

- Morgan Bellmore, Donna Berbee, Joe Colomina, Chase Kroll, Joshua Frueh
- Erin Weber, Randall Stack
- Logan Maas, Nathan Pahl
- Samantha Frigard, Natalie Hudson, Shelby Remer
- Allison Tomes
- Nancy Hagmann, Connie Beck, Brian Kuhnly, Karla Zahrte, Carson Winters, Jenessa Petersen
- Marlene Doheny, Lisa Kopecky, Ryan Gerhold, Isabel Zhang
- Karlie Severinson, Bill Meyer

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Quilters Unite to Sew & Serve

The Quilter's daytime group will meet Thursdays, February 10 and 24 from 9:00am-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall to tie quilts. The Quilter's evening group will meet on Thursday, February 17 from 6:30pm-9:00pm also in the Fellowship Hall.



No special skills or previous quilting knowledge is required. Come for a great time of socializing and making quilts for various mission needs. Those who would like to sew throughout the week may pick up packets of quilt squares to take home and sew together into quilt tops. A box is labeled in the Furnace/Storage Room with these take home packets. If you have questions about the quilting group, please call the Church Office, 952-474-5181.



Everyone is Invited to... participate in the Lutheran Women in Mission "No Bake" Bake Sale Sunday, February 6

LWM is "Mission Minded" and all proceeds from the No Bake/Bake Sale go towards mission projects!

*A bit of news - we have today
A 'Bakeless Bake Sale' is on the way.
In these busy, rushing, hectic times
Who bakes cookies, cakes, breads & pies?*

*You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of ingredients, heat and time you lost.
Baking for sales is extra work
Yet, nobody really wants to shirk.*

*So we've thought of a plan that is really grand
And we feel quite sure that you'll understand.
In the apron pocket - please
put the price
Of a pie or cake or something
nice.*

*Without fuss or bother
you've done your part
We hope you'll give
with a loving heart.
This is the end of
our little tale
Wish us success for our
"No Bake" Bake Sale!*

Paper aprons will be given out to put donations in, and collected upon leaving church on Feb. 6.

Are you a Mother of a Preschooler?

If so, would you want to participate in an evening MOPS group here at Our Savior Church?

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers with children ages 0-5) is an International Organization that strives to provide fellowship and support during the early years of motherhood. The MOPS group is built on several foundational principles: community, mentoring, practical instruction and leadership development. These principles are carried out through discussion, teaching and creative activities.


Our Savior Church has been blessed with a morning MOPS group for the last five years and we are now looking to possibly expand the program to add an evening MOPS group. **If an evening MOPS group is something you would be interested in, please call Lindsey at 952-465-4194 or e-mail: LHudson22@hotmail.com.**



Boldly Speak the Word of God!

Weekly Scripture Readers are being sought for the 8:00am Worship Services. Are you someone who is a confident speaker and would be interested in leading the congregation through Bible Readings during worship? If so, we would love to have you be a part of this ministry piece of our worship!

All scripts are provided. Currently there is a 6 week rotating schedule and we would like to increase that by adding more available readers to the list. Please contact Worship Secretary, Tricia Falk with your interest at 952-474-5181 x42.



Lutheran Women in Mission (LWM) Servant Event Valentine Dinner for TreeHouse Youth

Thursday, February 10 at 6:00pm
Our Savior's Fellowship Hall

The *TreeHouse* youth will be our guests for a Valentine dinner, followed by a game of Cupid Bingo. Come enjoy this fun evening as we get together to share the love of Christ with one another.

RSVP by Sunday, February 6, by signing up on LWM Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Sign up also for the food item you will be bringing.

LWM MEMBERS—Don't forget your MITES!

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Newsletter Articles—Newsletter articles and worship assistant schedules are due the **10th of each month.** During special holiday months articles must be received by the 5th of the month (Easter, Nov. Dec.).

All Bulletin and Newsletter Publication Notices may be submitted by email to: tricia.falk@oslcs.org, by phone at 952-474-5181 x42, or as a hard copy to Tricia’s “IN” box.



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≡ **Spotlight on Outreach—February** ≡



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Valentine's Day Party @ MORA on Feb. 12 for two hours in the afternoon;

volunteers needed for set-up, manning a game booth, serve food, play music, donate food (cake/cupcakes, brownies, juice)



Special Olympics Coaches for Track/Field – Practices begin early March on Saturdays for area & State level competition in June.

Computer lab volunteers to work with residents

Music Ministry – Volunteers for a weekly or monthly music centered activity; purpose is to bring the power of music to a large and/or small group via sing-alongs, interactive group circles (piano & space available as needed)



Work with aging individuals on group activities (i.e., games, playing cards, writing letters, crafts)

Contact Nancy Hagmann at 612-418-0400



Provide and serve a cold or hot meal to youth attending "Going Deeper" support group on February 17 or 24 at 6:30pm.



Donate food (hot dogs, buns, chips, hot cocoa mix, and s'mores ingredients) for the sledding and bonfire event on Friday, Feb. 4.

Donate \$10 Caribou Coffee or Starbucks gift cards for one-to-one mentoring sessions.



Contact Cynthia Tonn at 952-934-3238.

See what's going on at the Chaska TreeHouse:
<http://lifefromthetreehouse.blogspot.com>

For more information about these ministries, please see your **REACH MINISTRIES** booklet.

"Serve one another with whatever gift each of you have received." 1 Peter 4:10