



Our Savior

Lutheran Church & School

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Mission-minded Quilters

What better way to help the winter pass, than to keep idle hands busy by quilting! That is what a number of ladies at OSLC are doing throughout the winter as they gather together to make quilts to be sent off for various mission needs. The daytime quilting group will meet on January 13 and 27 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, and the evening session will gather on January 20 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, also in the Fellowship Hall. Any new members to the congregation are very welcome to come to the Quilter's Circle events. It is a good way to get acquainted with others in the church. No special sewing skills are needed, and we would be happy to help you learn how to "tie the knot," cut square quilt blocks, etc. Most working supplies are available, but if you do have a darning needle, scissors, thimble, etc. bring them along!



Some of the daytime participants gathered around the quilting frame.



Welcome New Members!



New member Sunday was December 5. To see a list of family names, visit the Fellowship Hall bulletin board!

For experienced sewers, packets of squares are available to take home and sew together for the quilt tops. Simply pick them up from the quilter's box marked in the Furnace Room. These are really needed soon, and what a great way to spend the cold months of January and February sewing up some warm quilts! More blankets are always needed for fillers, so any donations of blankets would be greatly appreciated!

If you have quilting questions or donations during the winter months, please call Laurie Bromenshenkel in the Church Office (952-474-5181), and she can get you in contact with one of the quilting ladies. Keep up the good work! See you in the spring!
—Helen Pahl

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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

Adult Bible Class Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the short adult Bible class questionnaire in October. The results are in and key highlights include:

- **Format:** About twice as many respondents prefer group interaction and discussion over a lecture format.
- **Topics:** Preference for books of the Bible and topical studies were about the same. There were several people who responded that they enjoyed both.
- **Other factors:** Offering alternative times on Sunday morning was the most common response to the question regarding what would encourage attendance to an adult Bible class on Sunday mornings.

We will incorporate your feedback into upcoming classes and take into consideration possible alternative Sunday morning times. Please note that in order to offer Bible studies at 8:00am or 11:00am we will need volunteers to teach or facilitate these studies. If interested, please contact Jerry Rosamond who oversees this area of Bible classes at 952-474-5181 x23.

On behalf of Pastor, Jerry, and the Board of Elders, thank you for your input!

Brandon Urban
Chairman, Board of Elders

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



What is Epiphany and why celebrate it?

The Church's celebration of Christmas does not begin with December and end on Christmas, with New Year's Day tacked on the end. In the Western Church, it begins on Christmas and continues until Epiphany. That day, January 6th, is when we celebrate the arrival of the Magi to worship Jesus. By tradition, these twelve days from Christmas

through Epiphany comprise the actual "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Why should Christians be concerned about observing Epiphany? Epiphany is from a Greek word, meaning to "reveal" or "make know." The season of Epiphany is our time to focus on the revelation of "who" Jesus is: both true God and man. Jesus' incarnation—the coming of God in the flesh—would mean nothing to us had He not revealed this saving miracle to the world.

By celebrating the Epiphany, we dig deeper into the mystery of our Lord's incarnation. It culminates in that moment when these noble visitors (who, by the way, were **not** Jews but Gentiles!) did the unthinkable—they bowed down to worship the Child, Jesus (Matt. 2:11). Only faith called into action by the Word of God could have led them to worship a lowly child.

The significance of Epiphany is that God determines the places where He reveals Himself to us. When the Magi arrived in Jerusalem, they went to the king's palace, confident that this would be the dwelling place of a newborn king. But through the prophet Micah, God revealed a different plan—the Child would be found, not in the king's palace, but in lowly Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:6). When they followed the star to Bethlehem, they found the newborn King in a humble dwelling with humble parents.

Take a look around today and you will see people engaged in one search after another for some sign of God's presence or for anything that might reveal His intent and will for their lives. Sadly, they're looking in all the wrong places. Rather than trusting in our own feelings, we would do well to follow the example of the Magi and listen to the Word of God. In that Word He points us in the right direction so that we too may find Jesus.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Board of Directors Report

In last month's column, Congregational Vice President, Steve Petrie briefly mentioned our new Vision and Mission statement based on Luke 19:10 and shared a bit about what we are doing to fulfill on that mission. Before we move into action, it is important that we all have a clear understanding of what our Vision, Mission and Core Values are and how they represent who we are called to be as a body of believers in our congregation and who we are representing ourselves as to our community.

Simply put, our vision is God's vision.

God's Vision

"To seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

Our mission represents how we fulfill God's vision.

Our Mission

To be a welcoming, equipping, and sharing family of Christ.

For a better understanding, let's break down what "welcoming, equipping, and sharing" means:

Welcoming—Warm, inviting, accepting, loving, embracing, and engaging; reflective of God's love and the way in which He welcomes us through His Son, Jesus.



Equipping—Teaching, providing, preparing, encouraging, empowering, and transforming—all with a focus on the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. Helping members discover, develop, and apply their gifts in the service of Christ.

Sharing—Serving, sowing, modeling, witnessing, praying, and living out our faith daily. Spreading the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world by word and deed.

In support of our Vision and Mission, we have a set of Core Values. Core Values are those values we hold which are the foundation of who we are and inform how we conduct ourselves. They do not change with changes in society, government, politics or technology. Core Values are the basic elements of how we go about living our lives as an expression of our Mission and Vision. They are the practices we use (or should be using) every day.

Our Core Values—associated with the acronym GROWS

Growth—We maintain a consistent focus on growing deeper in our faith by studying God's Word, being faithful in prayer, and obeying God's commands.

Relationships—We seek to love God, one another, and those outside the family of Christ. We rejoice with others in times of celebration and comfort others in times of hardship.

Outreach—We desire to fulfill Christ's great commission to go into the world, telling and teaching about Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. We seek to invite and involve those who are unchurched to become followers of Christ and a part of our church family.

Worship—All that we do is to be an act of worship to God. "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus." (Colossians 3:17) Public worship with God's people and personal worship in daily life are central to our faith life as believers.

Service—We strive to understand our God-given gifts, passions, abilities, and experiences in order to use them in the service of the Lord both inside and outside of our church. We are thankful for our many blessings and endeavor to lead compassionate, Christ-like lives.

I hope by breaking it down, you now have a clear understanding of exactly what our Mission, Vision and Core Values are and invite you to take them on in everyday living. As we move into the New Year, you will hear us talking more about our Mission, Vision, and Core Values as a reminder of who we are called to be.

Yours in Christ, *Hope Swenson*

Board of Directors Member and Growth & Outreach Plan

Consecration Sunday

Thanks to everyone for the excellent support of our Consecration Sunday program.

The turnout for the services and the brunch were great. A special thanks to the Board of Stewardship for planning, organizing,

decorating and conducting the various program activities, and to our testimonial speakers. Overall we are expecting a 9% increase in giving based upon the pledges we received. Praise the Lord!



Congregational Meeting—Jan. 30

Our next Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 30, following 11:00am worship (at 12:30pm). Each member is encouraged to attend this meeting to find out more about the health of our church. Our budget results through the first 6 months of our new fiscal year will be presented. Overall we are doing fairly well, but there are a



few challenges that the Board of Directors is working through. We will also be voting in our new Board members. Most of our Boards have openings and we are asking all of our members to prayerfully consider serving.

Each one of us has been blessed with spiritual gifts, and sharing these gifts through service is another way that God calls on us to give back to His Church.

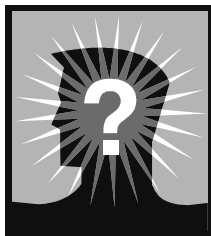
If you are interested in learning more, you are encouraged to contact the leaders of our various Boards. Their contact information is found on page 10 of this newsletter. Finally, we will be sharing a few more details about our Growth and Outreach plan. This has been the subject of several recent newsletter articles. Please come and ask questions! As always, your feedback is encouraged and welcome.

OUTREACH & DISCIPLESHIP

—Jerry Rosamond, Minister of Christian Discipleship

Unchurched Speak Out

A Barna Research Group survey “NetFax” back in 1995 found some interesting things about how the unchurched view the church. The question in the survey was simple: “Why don’t you go to church?” Here are the answers:



1. **There is no value in attending.** (74%)
While interested in spiritual things, the unchurched do not feel the church has much to offer them in their spiritual journey.
2. **Churches have too many problems.** (81%) The unchurched see churches as inflexible, hypocritical, judgmental and just plain mean. In other words, people have enough problems of their own.
3. **I don’t have the time.** (48%)
The unchurched don’t ask first, “How much does it cost?” They ask, “How long will it take?”
4. **I’m simply not interested.** (42%)
Pretty self explanatory.
5. **Churches ask for money too much.** (40%) Item #3 above not withstanding, there is a belief the church is more interested in their wallet than in them.
- 6 & 7. **Church services are usually boring** (36%) **and irrelevant to the way I live** (34%). The unchurched see what we do as boring and lifeless and sermons are not talking about things that matter to them.
8. **I don’t believe in God, or I am unsure that God exists.** (12%)
The smallest number of all. From their perspective, the unchurched have not rejected faith or God. They have rejected the church.

I’m sure that these views of the unchurched haven’t changed much in the last six years. In light of some of these views of the unchurched, I’ve listed some of the ministries that we offer at Our Savior, beyond Sunday mornings, where we show love and provide a Christian witness to people outside of our congregational membership. Some of these people have a church home and for some people we may be their only church connection.

Outreach Ministries at Our Savior

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers): 19 moms attend; 12 are from outside of our church.

GriefShare: 7 people attend; none are from our church.

DivorceCare: 11 people attend; 7 are from the outside of our church.

Depression Care: 7 people attend; 4 are from outside of our church.

Child Care: 3 families have no church listed; 29 are from other churches (Lutheran and non-Lutheran)

Christian Day School: 49 families have children at our day school. 23 families outside of our church. Three families have no church listed.

Men’s Basketball: 10-15 men; roughly 10 are from outside of Our Savior. Ripe for ministry.

This means that there are approximately 62 people who are participating in ministries through Our Savior and are being touched with the love of Christ each time they come here. While many of these people have a church home and probably have a relationship with Christ already, some are not yet church and may not know Christ. What an opportunity we have to not only show God’s love in action but also speak His word of hope and promise of our salvation. May the Spirit empower each of us for such boldness and love every day!

In addition to this, I am excited about the **Servant Evangelism** events that we will be engaging in as a church in 2011. Servant Evangelism is an important part of the new outreach thrust and direction of our church. You can read all about this in the *Ignite* book. Free copies of this book are available for you to pick up and read from the Welcome Center table in the Church Lobby.

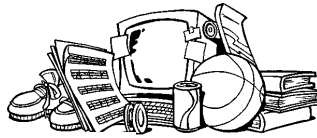


Servant Evangelism involves demonstrating the kindness of God by offering to do humble acts of service with no strings attached. It’s doing small things with great kindness to unexpectedly interrupt a person’s day with the love of God. These acts of kindness may include anything from washing windows, handing out bottles of water or Coke in a park to raking leaves or shoveling snow.

In January I will be starting a **Servant Evangelism Team** to start the planning for these Servant Evangelism events in our community. If you would like to serve on this team to help with planning some of these events, please call Jerry Rosamond at 952-474-5181 x23. God bless us all in 2011!

From the Desk of Shawn

I am so excited to share some amazing news with you all. About 2 months ago I made an announcement on a Sunday morning asking for help to send 20 youth to the *Dare2Share* conference in March. I asked for **20 tickets** at \$50 a kid. I knew this was asking a lot, but I felt that I could have easily gotten 5 tickets. And even then, if I promoted it REALLY hard I could get 10, but I knew that 20 would only happen if God blessed it completely.



About 2 weeks after that announcement, I had 2 families step forward to help, and between the two we received donations to purchase **21 tickets!** That is not counting other donations from people I don't even know. What an amazing show of how faithful God truly is. I don't know why I ever doubted. I gave this completely to Him and allowed Him to bless it.

I know we all struggle with things in life that seem insurmountable, but if we let go and let God, He proves to us time and time again, as only He can, that He will go above and beyond all that we ask of Him. Praise God for this gift and many thanks for the prayer and support. I know you all will lift up all the youth who will attend this conference. Pray that they will come to know that we all need to be about our Father's business.

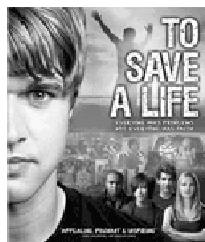
Peace and God's Blessings this month.

—Shawn R. Hecksel

Youth Events Calendar

Sunday, January 9: Junior/Senior High Open Gym 12:30-3:00pm. Come and play some basketball, floor hockey or even volleyball with your friends. It will be an awesome time of fun and fellowship!

Saturday, February 5: We will host a movie night to show the powerful film "To Save A Life" for teens and their parents. It explores how a saving a life could be just a matter of opening our ears to the cries of those hurting. The movie starts at 6:30pm. Parents, please plan on attending this event with your Junior/Senior high child so you can see it and discuss it with them later as well.



Friday, March 11-Saturday, March 12: Senior Youth *Dare2Share* **un. the tour** youth conference. We will meet at church by 4:30pm on Friday. Bring

clothes, sleeping gear and anything you will need to stay the night at church! Tickets are FREE, yes you heard it FREE!! Sign up with Shawn immediately!

Saturday, April 23: We could really use your help at the Easter Egg Hunt. More details to follow but put this on your calendar!

Sunday, May 22: We will be doing a Junior/Senior High paintball outing again! This date is tentative, but for now mark your calendars for this event. Location to be determined.

DON'T FORGET! Junior High meets weekly for Basic Training and Senior High for Hang Time from 6:30-8:00pm on Wednesday evenings.



For details on these and other youth events check

www.oslcs.org

under "youth events" & "activities"

Children's Ministry Notes

Christmas is so wonderful! Thank you to all of our Sunday School families for helping us praise Jesus on Christmas Eve! It's so exciting to be able to tell others about the Baby Jesus!

In addition, the Thanksgiving service project went extraordinarily well! With the kids and families who attended, we had a ton of fun serving our God and giving encouragement to people who don't have as much. I was able to hand out our pretzel treats to many people and seeing their faces light up from a random gift was so wonderful! We will be doing more service projects in the future, so be sure to bring your family for some fun and fellowship!

A New Year

So January comes and the hub-bub of the holidays ends and life as we know it resumes. Regular schedules, getting back into the swing of things... it's like a breath of fresh air, but kind of sad since Christmas is so fun! So for our January Family Fun Event we will be watching the newest VeggieTales release, "It's a Meaningful Life" in the Gymnasium on Friday, January 7. Doors open at 6:00pm, the movie starts at 6:30pm! Come in your PJs, bring pillows, blankets, and stuffed animals and let's hang out, eat popcorn, and watch VeggieTales as a way to recuperate from the stress and craziness of the holidays with some fun and our favorite veggies!

—Jenessa Petersen



Round Up 2011

Tuesday, January 18
6:30pm

Our Savior Lutheran School is hosting it’s annual **Round Up** on Tuesday, January 18, at 6:30pm. The event is designed to provide information to parents about our awesome **Early Childhood Center** and **Kindergarten through Eighth Grade** programs. Parents will have the opportunity to see classrooms and meet teachers, while **their children** experience many fun activities that are common in school everyday. Parents will also learn how the message of Jesus’ love permeates all of our activities as *OSLS lays a foundation to educate minds and inspire faith*. Please attend this informational event, and share the news with other families (neighbors, friends, relatives) interested in seeking a quality education for their children.

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 Caleb Regnier, Carter Nelson, Ella Dressel, Gabe Conkey, Autumn Johnson, Grant Niebuhr, Caitlyn Hanson, and Whytnee Aurich. To read more about these students, please visit our website at www.OSLCS.org and go to the school’s page and read the Eagle Print for December 10.

Honor Rolls for First Quarter

The following students qualified for the Honor Rolls of OSLS for the first quarter.

High Honor Roll (95% or more in every subject) Amanda Wade and Hannah Zahrte.

Honor Roll (83% or more in every subject) Lindsey Caulfield, Samantha Frigard, Avery Swenson, Grant Niebuhr, Emily Pate, Maggie Rolf, Delanie Skaja, Maiken Tang, Will Carns, Hunter Crawford, Maya Green, Caitlyn Hanson, Wynne Klevann, Jacob Petersen, and Rachel Zittergruen.

Merit Roll (74% or more in every subject area) Grace Asplin, Faith Stottler, Breann Swanson, Elle Yanez, and Kai Tang.



“Yeah God!” Moments at OSLS

- All students of Our Savior Early Childhood Center and School raised \$158 in first quarter Chapel offerings for *Operation Christmas Child*. Our eighth grade class also spent a day at the warehouse preparing boxes for shipping over seas.
- Students in 3-8th grade reached out with a servant’s heart during the fall season to rake leaves for congregational members and the community at large.
- Our Student Council sponsored a Food Drive during the month of November. 550 items were collected for a combined food weight of 599 pounds. *ICA Food Shelf* in Minnetonka was very grateful to receive our students’ gift.
- On November 24, all the children in Preschool through eighth grade hosted VIP Day. A delicious breakfast was served, followed by a mini-concert, a Chapel service, and classroom activities. A great time was had by all, especially the seventy-six special guests who attended.
- God blessed this year’s Silent Auction proceeds of over \$7,500. These funds are now anxiously waiting to be used to purchase *Smart Board* technology for two of our classrooms. The goal is to have the systems in place by the time the children return to school from Christmas Break. The school sincerely **thanks** all the people who contributed to this event’s success.
- Our junior high students participated in an afternoon emersion of Spanish through the *Concordia Language Village Camp*.



January 2011

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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
2 Worship 8:00am Blended 9:00am Fellowship Time NO Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am Traditional 11:00am Contemporary 3:00pm Adult Open Volleyball	3 6:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm TV Ministry Broadcast Ch. 12 7:30pm AA Meeting	4 3:30pm Basketball Away vs. Mayer 6:15pm Praise Team	5 6:45pm Depression Support Group 6:30pm The Truth Project 6:30pm Basic Training 6:30pm Sr. High Hang Time 6:30pm Ladies Choir 7:00pm Mixed Choir 7:30pm Men's Choir	6 7:45am Moms in Touch 1:30pm Bible Study 3:00pm Basketball Away vs. Cologne 6:30pm Board of Elders	7 6:15am Men's Bible Study at Perkins 9:15am MOPS Meeting 6:00pm Family Fun Event—Veggie Tales Movie	 1 8
9 Worship w/ Communion 8:00am Blended 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am Traditional 11:00am Contemporary 12:30pm Jr/Sr High Youth Event in Gym	10 6:00pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Board of Education 7:00pm TV Ministry Broadcast Ch. 12 7:30pm AA Meeting	11 3:30pm Basketball Home vs. Watertown 6:15pm Praise Team 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm School Mid-Year Report	12 6:45pm Depression Support Group 6:30pm The Truth Project 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	13 7:45am Moms in Touch Preschool Beach Day 9:00am Quilters Circle 3:15pm Basketball Home vs. Chaska 7:00pm LWML-Lutheran Women in Mission 6:00pm Board of Stewardship	14 6:15am Men's Bible Study at Perkins 6:00pm Staff Christmas Party	15 2:00pm LWML Prayer Service at Victory Lutheran, Eden Prairie
	Guide Book Advertising Campaign (through Friday)					
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January Worship Assistants

8:00am	Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 30
Elder	Ron Tonn	Mark Fauske	Roger Niccum	Paul Oehme	Josh Wolberg
Scripture Reader	Linda Machemehl	Dena Kuenzel	Marlene Doheny	Kari Gjerde	Larry Hasse
Greeter	<i>Greeters needed for 8am worship. Greeter Coordinator also sought to contact helpers monthly—call Church Office.</i>				
Usher Team	Team #1	Team #2	Team #3	Team #4	Team #5
Prayer Minister	Lorraine Johnson	Sandy Blumenschein	Marlene Doheny	Shannon Studenski	Sandy Blumenschein
Acolyte	Open				
Chancel Care	Denise Farr & Lisa Colomina				
Trustees	Brian Grandstrand	Tim Studenski	Gregg Hove	Brian Krause	Steve Schmidt
Altar Flowers	<i>Call the Church Office, or sign up on the Flower Chart in the Fellowship Hall to order altar flowers.</i>				

9:30am	Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 30
Greeter	Myrtle Klemp	Heidi & Jim Johnson	Gayle Luke	Mary Doyle	Michelle Witte
Usher Team	Team #3	Team #1	Team #2	Team #3	Team #1
Prayer Minister	Kathey Soboleski	Lorraine Johnson	Marlene Doheny	Shannon Studenski	Lorraine Johnson
Coffee Serving	Board of Directors				
Projectr. Operator	Hale Family	Scherer Family	Hale Family	Sue Guenther	Scherer Family
Bus Driver	TBD				

11:00am	Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 30
Scripture Reader	Laura Tomes	Julie Janke	Deb Niebuhr	Kelly Machemehl	Dotti Schrupp
Greeter	Dotti Schrupp	Joyce Oelfke	Kathy Rosamond	Deb Niebuhr	B & R McDonald
Usher Team	Team #1	Team #2	Team #3	Team #4	Team #1
Prayer Minister	Mark Kuhlmann	Lori Kroll	Larry Beise	Linda Niemeyer	Lorraine Johnson
Acolyte	Claire Sebald				

BIRTHDAYS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don Harper, Scott Jordan-Denny, Mary Wolberg, 2. Nick Tollefson 3. Liz Izaguirre 4. Bernice Anderson 5. Savanna Grobe, Viola Keehl 6. Mary Swanson, Laura Bottenfield, Carter Severinson 7. Joyce McLain, Steve Petrie, Dawn Speier 8. Joseph Zittergruen 9. Patty Kuhlmann, Julie Hilgers, Michelle Domjahn, Alexander Rita | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Kathy Comer, Heidi Guetzkow, Shannon Studenski 11. Joyce Koch, Jennifer Wurdell, Cristina Petersen, Janine Aurich, Jessie Hecksel, Everett Hale, Kara Wolcott 12. Paul Niebuhr, Alyssa Petrie, Katie Renner, Meghan Heldt, Morgan Jensen 13. Jasper Swift, Amy Wolberg, Jayda Anderson 14. Brian McDonald 15. Allison Saunders, Nathyn Fine, Bob Grobe 16. Michael Bortness, Leona Marquardt, Ken Kuhnly, Scott Tudor, Erin Raven 17. Beth Savioe, Mark Herfurth Jr. 18. Sam Roux, Lisa Colomina, | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Justin Akkerman 19. Evan Swenson, Julie Johnson, Michael Johnson 20. Timothy Miller, Jenny Kelley 22. Lesa Boettcher, William Deffaa 23. Bjorn Anderson, Nicole Meyer, Timothy Magnusson, Heidi Akkerman 24. Allie Blackwell, Kent Heins, James Hudson 25. Leila Conkey, Lacey Machemehl 26. Ardis Buckett 27. Patricia Reese 28. Margaret Lucas, Dawn Prymas, Carol Anderson, Daniel Nelson, Sarah Ryan 29. Jeremy Keehl 31. Audrey Schrupp, Clarence Koch |
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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Direct Deposit

- Have you forgotten more than once to write out a check for your tithe?
- Would you rather not write out a check each Sunday for your offering?
- Would you like to simplify your paper work tasks?



If you answered yes to even one of the above questions, then *Simply Giving* is just for you! *Simply Giving* is an easy way for you to set up automatic deductions from your checking or savings account that are sent directly to the church for your offering.

In just two very simple steps, by contacting the Church Office, and by completing a form you can begin *Simply Giving*! Laurie, our Church Office Administrator can be reached by phone at 952-474-5181, or e-mail at laurie.bromenshenkel@oslcs.org and she will forward you a form to get started.

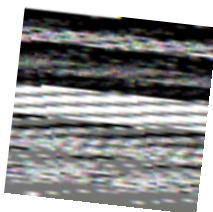
It Pays to Advertise!

We have contracted *Guide Book Publishing* to print an annual Directory and Guide book for our church. This book will be the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of our church, and will be mailed directly to member homes. All of this is provided at no cost to our church, because it is local businesses and member families who advertise in the book that make it all possible. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in this member directory, please call the Church Office at 952-474-5181. A *Guide Book Publishing* representative will be on site January 10-14 soliciting advertising sponsors.

Update Your Membership Info!

- ⇒ Have you changed your phone number?
- ⇒ Have you moved in the past year?
- ⇒ Is your child off to college?

If you have had any recent changes to your family data please contact the Church Office by January 15 so we can update your information for the next Guide Book printing.



Needed: Help with Spotlight on Outreach

Do you have a passion for helping others in need? Could you organize serving a meal or help with a project? Could you act as the liaison between one of our ministries and our church? Do you have other ideas how you could be involved with this outreach effort? If so, we'd love to have you join the **Spotlight on Outreach** team! Contact Cynthia Tonn at 952-934-3238 for more information.

LWM Bible Study & Servant Event

The congregation is cordially invited to the next LWM gathering on **Thursday, January 13, at 7:00pm** in Our Savior's Fellowship Hall.

Following a short Bible Study led by Dena Kuenzel, we will kick off our outreach project to the 800+ children of Kinyago-Dandora School in Kenya, Africa. Here, children too poor to attend local schools, are given the opportunity to be enrolled in our primary and secondary institutions.



We will be making bookmarks with the message of Hope given in Jeremiah 29:11—"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We will be creating bookmarks with this Scripture as well as packets to distribute to all the ministries in our church and school, whose help will be needed so we can send them through Kenya Children's Fund in the spring. "Some assembly required." Everyone is welcome!

Hostesses: Lori Kroll, Ginny Grobe, Sue Spencer
LWM Members—Don't forget your MITES!

LWML Zone Prayer Service



All women are welcome to attend **The Lake Minnetonka Zone 2011 Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Prayer Service**, "Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge!" at Victory Lutheran Church (16200 Berger Dr.,

Eden Prairie) on **Saturday, January 15 at 2:00pm**. The prayer service will be led by Lake Minnetonka Zone Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Brendan Prigge.

The service theme is based on Acts 4:13b, 20 (NKJV), "And they realized they had been with Jesus. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Participants will have the opportunity to support mission work with a MITE offering and a pledge for faithful service. May the Lord encourage us through His Word to speak bravely and confidently what we know—Jesus lived, died and rose for us!

There will be time for refreshments following the service. We encourage all women to invite at least 3 others to attend the service as well. Questions can be directed to Elaine Taggatz, 952-934-4023 evenings.

MISSION NEWS

Global Eye Mission Prayer requests:

1. Praise and thanks for a safe and successful surgical outreach project to Tanzania in October. Pray for these new believers.
2. Thanks for the ongoing administrative help of Kris Vanella and Doug and Denise Stewart in the US.
3. For Dr. Edy as he tries to balance additional hospital administration responsibilities with ongoing eye unit needs at Bethesda Hospital.
4. For continued growth in their language fluency.
5. Negotiations between Indonesian health department and hospital leadership team to obtain a special clause in the doctors' licensing.



Important Information

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Publication Deadlines

Bulletin Articles—Articles and information for the bulletin are due on the **Wednesday 1½ weeks prior to the desired publication date.** By keeping this deadline we hope to provide a well laid out bulletin filled with up-to-date and accurate information.

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—January ✝



The youth and staff of Chaska *TreeHouse* will be worshipping with us on Sunday, January 23 at the 11:00am worship service. We will be providing a

soup and sandwich lunch for them following the service at 12:30pm. If you'd like to help with this meal by providing food and/or serving, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Call Cynthia Tonn at 952-934-3238.



BOOK, CD, & DVD COLLECTION
To provide a revenue stream for their ministry to men in the addiction

recovery process, *AlphaCitiCorps* created ACCBOLD!, an eCommerce business selling books, CDs and DVDs through Amazon.com. This enables them to provide full-time employment for a growing number of men in transition, training them in computer skills, management, warehousing and customer service.

Please place your books, CDs, and DVDs in the Spotlight on Outreach Donation Box in the Church Lobby. For large donations, call *AlphaCitiCorp* directly for pickup—Steve Erickson, Executive Director, at 952-239-9131.



CHURCH-WIDE SERVANT PROJECT

Help make 800 bookmarks with the encouragement of Jeremiah 29:11 for the students of Kinyago-Dandora School in Kenya, Africa. This is a great opportunity for growth groups, school kids, or individuals! Basic supplies provided with easy instructions, available in the Fellowship Hall after January 13. Come to the LWM Meeting on Jan. 13 at 7:00pm for a short Bible study and to learn more about this project. Women & men welcome! More info in the LWM article inside this newsletter.



MENTORS NEEDED:

- Help MORA Waconia residents discover their strengths so they can get involved and give back in the community.

- Help MORA residents who live across the street from Mayer Lutheran High School to connect with the appropriate school personnel so they can support the high school & attend activities there.

COACHES NEEDED:

- For Basketball and upcoming Track & Field season.

Contact Nancy Hagmann, 952-470-0862

For more details on these ministries and other opportunities for reaching out in Christ's love, please see your REACH MINISTRIES booklet.

"Freely you have received, freely give."

Matt. 10:8b