



Our Savior

Lutheran Church & School

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HONORING OUR STAFF!



*Connie Beck 30 years
Child Care Director*



*David Zittergruen 15 years
Teacher*



*Candie Sather 15 years
Organist and Pianist*



*Sue Hipp 2 years
Extended Care Teacher*



*Arlene Nichols 10 years
Spanish Teacher*



Celebrating many faith-filled years of service to God's Kingdom work at OSLS!



*Mavis Boyd 15 years
Food Service*

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)

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Lent Begins March 9

Wednesday Evening Lent Worship

Join us every Wednesday night at **7:00pm**, throughout the season of Lent, for this six-part series focused on repentance and cleansing. Each night we will look at the contrast between the teachings of Jesus and the life style of our society today, as well as the grace and love that Christ offers to every repentant believer.

**March 9, Ash Wednesday only
Two Worship Services—4:30pm & 7:00pm**

March 9..... “A Voice Calling in the Wilderness” (A conversation with John the Baptist)

March 16....“The Law of Love” (A conversation with Mary Magdalene)

March 23....“God First” (A conversation with the prophet Samuel)

March 30....“Of Sheep and Shepherds” (A conversation with a shepherd, Amos)

April 6.....“The Burden of Freedom” (A conversation with Eve)

April 13.....“At the Foot of the Cross” (A conversation with Marcus, a Roman centurion)

Children’s Messages

As we have done in the last couple of years, there will be a children’s message. The message will involve various parts of a project that the kids will receive during the Lenten services.

Lenten Suppers

Don’t forget about the Lenten Suppers that are held every Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:30pm. Each week, you can join us for some great food and wonderful fellowship before the worship service begins! Groups are needed to host these meals. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office.

Why do we do what we do?

A brief explanation behind what happens in Sunday worship



Why do we celebrate Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent which begins 40 Days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads or hands of worshippers. This ancient act is a gesture of

repentance, which is sorrow and regret for our sins, and a powerful reminder of our need for cleansing which Jesus provided for us on the cross. The use of ashes on Ash Wednesday is a more recent custom among most LCMS congregations, although some have done it for decades.

This may lead to a second question: **What is Lent?** The season of Lent is set aside as a time of personal spiritual preparation, reminding us what our Lord Jesus endured to earn our forgiveness and salvation. Lent culminates in Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter.

You may have heard of the act of “giving something up” for Lent and wondered if that was something you should do. Our church believes that it is entirely a matter of Christian freedom since the Bible itself does not require this. If, on the other hand, a Christian wants to give something up for Lent as a way of remembering and personalizing the great sacrifice that Christ made on the cross, then that Christian is certainly free to do so.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Board of Directors Report

Welcome to another monthly update on how the leadership of the Church and School are working to fulfill our mission to be a **welcoming, equipping, and sharing** Body of Christ.

This month I would like to briefly touch on two important upcoming meetings:

Minnesota South District Assessment Vote

The Minnesota South District recently completed an assessment of our church and school which focused on how our organization's structure, programs, and personnel align with carrying out God's Great Commission. For those of you that were able to attend the Town Hall Meeting on February 13, you received direct feedback on their findings. For those that were not able to attend, their report is available in the Church Lobby. Here are some top level findings:

Strengths

Overall, the report outlines 6 strengths including:

- (1) Our location and facilities
- (2) Pastor Zahrt
- (3) Our abundant resources including personnel, financial, and facilities
- (4) Our focus on service in the neighborhood, community, and world
- (5) Our multiple and diverse worship opportunities and
- (6) Our Christian Day School and Early Childhood programs.

Work Areas

A total of 5 opportunities were identified including:

- (1) A lack of unity and harmony among the leadership
- (2) Implementation of our new vision and mission statement
- (3) Missed opportunities to connect people to Christ through our service activities
- (4) Lack of effective communication, and
- (5) Lack of accountability within our governing system

The team recommended 43 "prescriptions" to address the work areas. They have asked for you,

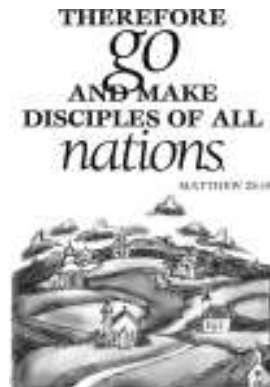
our members, to prayerfully consider these recommendations. We plan to conduct a Congregational Meeting by March 27 to vote on whether to adopt these items. (Watch Sunday bulletin notices for exact time and date).

Ignite Information Session—Sunday March 13

As you have been hearing through the newsletter, church announcements, and our recent Congregational Meeting, the leadership of the church and school are moving forward with a new Growth and Outreach Program centered on Nelson Searcy's book *Ignite*. We plan to hold an informational meeting in the Gym/Community Center at **9:30am and 11:00am on March 13** to provide a complete overview of the program. Please plan to attend to learn about this exciting initiative!

See you in Church!

Yours in Christ, *Dave Fine*



Community Easter Egg Hunt!

It is almost here... April 23

Spring is on it's way, and with it is the celebration of Easter. This is our BIG opportunity to join together as a church and share the Good News with our community! There are MANY ways for people of all ages to serve at the Community Easter Egg Hunt.

In the weekly Sunday worship bulletins you will find a tear-out volunteer form. Please fill it out this form and return to the Church Office, or simply e-mail oursavior@oslcs.org or call the Church Office (952-474-5181) to indicate how you would like to participate on Saturday, April 23 at 10:00am.

OUTREACH & DISCIPLESHIP

—Jerry Rosamond, Minister of Christian Discipleship

New Bible Class Offerings

“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. Come and join us!

“What’s So Amazing About Grace?”

This is an excellent study by Philip Yancey. A couple of ladies from church will be launching this study group soon. They will meet during the week when other moms are available. Call Leni Sandberg for specifics at 952-443-2609.

New Growth Group Starting

A new Growth Group will soon begin for parents with school age or younger children. This group will meet in the Mound/Minnetrista area. Please let me (Jerry) know if you would like to be part of this new group (952-474-5181 x23).

We are always in need of new groups starting!

Maybe you are in a group and feel pretty comfortable with your group. *Maybe* God is calling you to step out and start a new group. Take that step and see what happens! You don’t have to be a member of OSLCS to start a group. *Maybe* you are not in a group and are thinking of getting into one.

Four things are needed to start a Growth Group:

1. You need **faith in the Lord** Jesus Christ.
2. **A desire** for God to use you to bless and love others.
3. **A willingness** to invite a few others to join you.
4. **A hunger** to grow in your walk with God.

God will use your personality, your gifts, and your desire to serve Him. You don’t have to be a teacher or have a lot of Bible knowledge for God to use you. We are all learners!

Think of how God used that little boy with his “five small barley loaves and two small fish” to feed five thousand men, women, and children. (John 6:9) This boy offered what little he had to Jesus, and look what happened. A miracle! What little time or talents you might feel you have, give them to God. See how He will take and multiply what you give to Him. **Where is God nudging you to step out to grow and expand His Kingdom?**

Human Care Ministry

THANK YOU to the people who....

- Cleaned the home of one of our members;
- Made weekly visits to one of our shut-ins while her main caregiver went on vacation;
- Provided transportation;
- Went to sing hymns to a member in hospice;
- Furnished our ministry with prayer shawls. We do still need more shawls knitted!
- Repaired the door frame and locks at the home of a member whose home was broken into.
- Presented **“God Loves Me Bible”** books to three children on their first spiritual birthdays.

Thank you for being such a blessing to our family members when they have a need. If you have a need we can fill or want to volunteer to help in this ministry, please call Marlene Doheny, 952-474-5026, or Leslie Gesko, 952-426-9051.

Visitor Follow-up Help Needed

Praise God we have been having many visitors come through our doors on Sunday mornings! In February there was a Sunday when we had 18 repeat worship visitors and 8 first time visitors!

Help is needed with writing and sending out cards each week. If someone, with good handwriting, is free to stop by church on Tuesdays (or another day) to write cards out to visitors, it would greatly be appreciated. Stationery is provided. Please call Jerry at 952-474-5181 x23 if you can help.



Mission Trip to Hammond, MN

On Saturday, March 5 there is an opportunity to serve others through your handiwork. Please call Jerry at church if you can go down to Hammond for the day to rebuild homes (light construction work...painting, drywall, etc.) No experience necessary. Just a desire to serve!

From the Desk of Shawn

So the big buzz word around our church is the word, "Missional." Many of you are probably wondering what in the world that means, and where this whole idea came from. The first time I heard it, I thought I knew what it meant, but even I was off. This word truly means that in all that we say and do in our daily lives, make it be about the service to and spreading the Gospel of Christ.

Plain and simple, we are told in 1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." God doesn't say that we only do it one day a week, or when we are comfortable enough to live that way, He tells us to live our lives for Him in, "whatever you do."

I am very excited about this new vision that our church is focusing on, because it is truly looking to God for direction in every way. Our youth are already learning about this through the "Gospel Journey" Bible study. And they will continue looking to God through **un. the tour** from Dare 2 Share ministries.



Please consider sending your 8-12 grader to the **un. the tour** event. It will focus on what it means to be *uncool* for Christ and *unafraid* to be *unleashed* into the world to

do HIS kingdom work. I pray for all parents and for your kids that we can partner to create a missional church environment for us all to grow closer to our Father's work!

—Shawn Hecksel, Director of Youth Ministries

Youth Events Calendar

March 11-12: Sr Youth (grades 8-12) Dare2Share **un. the tour** conference. Leave church by 4:30pm. Bring clothes & sleeping gear! Tickets are FREE!! Sign up w/ Shawn ASAP! (1 Sam. 17:48-51)

April 3 at 6:00pm: Family Worship Event "Psalms, Songs & Seeds" (Psalm 22:27, 29-31) Come for an evening of worship, as our praise follows the morning message "My Worship Can Change the World!"

Saturday, April 23: Community Easter Egg Hunt. We could really use your help! (Rev. 3:15-16)

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

Wednesday, June 22: Junior Youth Beach Day. Leave church at 1:00pm and head to Mound Beach for the afternoon. Plan for it now! (Psalm 51:10-12)

Children's & Family Ministries

Sunday School Happenings

During January and February we learned about Moses and the journey of the Israelites to the Promised Land! It was so neat to be in the Old Testament, learning that our God is who He is throughout Moses' story as well as through the whole Bible. (Remember kids? "I am who I AM!")

We now have a solidified schedule for Sunday School. The first part of every Sunday is spent in the classroom. On alternating Sundays, we do normal large group and mixed large group. During mixed large group, the 1st-7th graders discuss the story and pray. It has been a blast thus far and a great lead in to Children's Church this summer!

Children's Church—What is it?

Kids leave the main worship service for Children's Church right before the sermon. This benefits kids by still attending church and participating in worship as a congregation... but the sermon relates to where they are at as kids! Parents can pick up their kids in the Gym immediately after worship. Children's Church will be offered at the 9:30 and 11:00am services.

Children's Church is for those in Kindergarten to 5th Grade (during summer, 6-8th grade may join us with the blessing of their parents). For children preschool and younger, the Nursery will be equipped with material based on the sermon and Bible story as well to teach them. Parents are responsible for bringing their preschool or younger aged children to the Nursery, and can do so anytime during worship.

Hope-Filled Cooking—It's almost here!

I hope you all have your recipes and photos in to me so I can put them in the cookbook! We will be sharing our recipes and a time of fellowship **March 26 at 5:00pm.**

BRING ME
HOPE

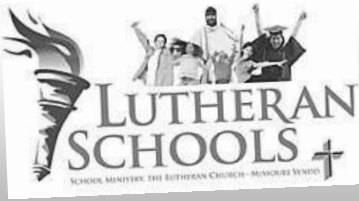
Bring your prepared dish and come for some good ol' Lutheran cooking—and be sure to buy a cookbook. All profits will go to *Bring Me Hope* and Sunday School's goal of sending two Chinese orphans to summer camp in China!).

May God's peace guard and protect you as you teach your children daily about Him! May His Word inspire you on your journey!

—Jenessa Petersen, Children & Family Ministries

National Lutheran School's Week

Members of **Our Savior Lutheran Church & School** are invited to celebrate the gifts of Christian Education with us during the week of March 6-13. May God continue to bless us as together we *lay the foundation to educate minds and inspire faith.*



Sunday, March 6	Congregational Open House, 10:45am-12:30pm
Monday	Hat Day
Tuesday	Tour Tuesday & Character Day
Wednesday	Chapel at 8:30am, Dress Your Best Day
Thursday	Hawaii Day (Grades 1-8), International Fun Day (Pre-K)
Friday	Movie Day & Popcorn
Sunday, March 13	OSLCS Staff Appreciation Event, 5:30pm

February Students of the Month

Each month the teachers of OSLS recognize the special talents and contributions of one student in their classroom. By the end of the year every student has been recognized and presented with a certificate.

This month's recipients include: Erin, Connor, Joshua, Jeremy, Anna, Maiken, Breann, and Kai.

Yeah God Moments at OSLS

- 300 plus bookmarkers the children created in partnership with LWM for the children in the KD School in Kenya, **encouraging them with the words of Jeremiah 29:11.**
- 70 plus Valentines sent to Alice and her class in Kenya, each **sharing the message of Jesus' love**
- 70 plus Valentines, wall hangings, and table decorations created and sent to *Mount Olivet Rolling Acres* for their annual Valentine's Day Party.
- 7-8th grade Chapel Team visited Mount Olivet Rolling Acres campus to share the **good news of Jesus' love** with the residents in songs and stories.
- \$600+ raised by the children for **Pennies for Patients**. Money will be used in Cancer Research.
- Student Academic Success:
 - Merit Roll**—Grace, Avery, Wynne, Jacob, Elle.
 - Honor Roll**—Lindsey, Samantha, Grant, Maggie, Delanie, Maiken, Whytnee, Will, Hunter, Caitlyn, Mariah, Faith, Hannah.
 - High Honor Roll**—Emily, Amanda.

You are all invited...

All the members of our church are invited to attend the Congregational **Open House** being hosted by the Board of Education on Sunday, **March 6, from 10:45am-12:30pm.**



Grant Program

The charitable grant program "*Thrivent Choice*" from *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*, continues to be a welcome funding source for Lutheran organizations nationwide. If you are a member of *Thrivent Financial*, you likely are aware of this convenient and easy way to help support what matters most to you.



Through *Thrivent Choice*, members can help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable funds each year. Eligible benefit members are designated Choice DollarsSM they can use to request funding to be allocated from among thousands of Lutheran organizations, including **Our Savior Lutheran Church and School**. If you are eligible to help direct Choice DollarsSM, or are uncertain about your eligibility, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or contact your local *Thrivent Financial* representative.

Thank You For Bein' a Friend!

Join the school on *facebook*. This new presence is for sharing the stories that surround the children we serve throughout the year.

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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>27 Worship w/ Communion 8:00am Blended 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am Traditional 11:00am Contemporary</p> <p>2:00pm GriefShare 3:00pm Adult Open Volleyball 5:00pm DivorceCare</p>	<p>28 6:00pm Women's Bible Study at Perkins 7:00pm TV Ministry Broadcast Ch. 12 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>1 6:15pm Praise Team 3:45pm Basketball Home vs. Glencoe</p>	<p>2 6:30pm Basic Training 6:30pm Sr. High Hang Time 6:30pm Ladies Choir 6:45pm Depression Support 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 6:30pm Board of Elders 7:00pm LWML-Lutheran Women in Mission</p>	<p>4 6:15am Men's Bible Study at Perkins 9:15am MOPS Meeting</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Alternate Transportation Day</div>	<p>5 6:30am Mission Trip to Zumbro Falls</p>
<p>6 Worship 8:00am Blended 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30am Traditional 11:00am Contemporary</p> <p>2:00pm GriefShare 5:00pm DivorceCare</p>	<p>10:45am—12:30pm School Open House: Come Tour the School</p> <p>7 4:30pm Basketball Away vs. Waconia 6:00pm Women's Bible Study at Perkins 7:00pm TV Ministry Broadcast Ch. 12 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 3:30pm Basketball Home vs. Mayer/New Germany 6:15pm Praise Team 6:30pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>9 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:00pm Depression Support 6:00pm Choir 6:00pm Sr. High Hang Time 6:30pm Basic Training ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 4:30 & 7:00pm 8:00pm Choir 8:30pm Open Basketball</p>	<p>10 7:45am Moms in Touch 9:00am Quilters Circle 3:30pm Basketball Away vs. Cologne 7:00pm Board of Stewardship</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>11 6:15am Men's Bible Study at Perkins</p>	<p>12 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Egg-Cetra Café, Waconia</p>
National Lutheran Schools Week					Senior High Dare2Share Un. Tour	
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Meals on Wheels					Regional Outreach Conference Alexandria, MN	
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K-8 NO SCHOOL—Extended Care/Child Care Open					School Lock-in	
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					Alternate Transportation Day	

March Worship Assistants

Lent begins Wednesday, March 9. Greeters, Ushers and Elders will be directly notified of Lent scheduling.

8:00am	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Elder	Neil Pursley	Ron Tonn	Mark Fauske	Roger Niccum
Scripture Reader	Larry Hasse	Linda Machemehl	Dena Kuenzel	Marlene Doheny
Greeter	School Kids	Gary Schrupp	K & S Schmidt	K & J Hauwiler
Usher Team	Team #5	Team #1	Team #2	Team #3
Prayer Minister	Sandy Blumenschein	Lorraine Johnson	Shannon Studenski	Marlene Doheny
Acolyte	Alexa Soboleski			
Chancel Care (all sv.)	Sandy Clapp & Denise Farr			
Trustee (weekend)	Gregg Hove	Brian Krause	Steve Schmidt	Jim Machemehl
Coffee Serving(9am)	Board of Education	Stewardship	MOPS	Trustees
Flowers		S & K Schmidt	Order flowers to honor a loved one, call Church Office	

9:30am	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Greeter	R & B Hoernemann	Myrtle Klemp	H & J Akkerman	Donna Rhodes
Usher Team	Team #3	Team #1	Team #2	Team #3
Prayer Minister	L. Johnson & G. Grobe	Kathy Soboleski	Shannon Studenski	L. Johnson & G. Grobe
Projector Operator	Hale Family	Scherer Family	Hale Family	Sue Guenther
Bus Driver	TBD			

11:00am	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Scripture Reader*	Laura Tomes	Julie Janke	Deb Niebuhr	Kelly Machemehl
Greeter	Kathy Rosamond	Joyce Oelfke	Judy Winters	Dotti Schrupp
Usher Team	Team #2	Team #3	Team #4	Team #1
Prayer Minister	Lori Kroll	Lu Beise	Linda Niemeyer	Lu Beise/Lori Kroll
Acolyte	Hannah Zahrte			

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Mark Herfurth, Shannon Coyle | 10. Sandy Blumenschein, Timothy Zahrte, Morgan Peterson | 23. Rosemary Breheim, Marissa Kuhnly |
| 3. Daniel Svoboda, Paulette Daniel, Kai Tang | 12. Maribeth Oltmanns, Carl Friedrich | 24. Jennifer Wilhelm, Samuel Sather, Michael Kopecky |
| 4. Frances Paap, Rachel Zittergruen | 13. Mark Bieberich, Heather Pahl | 25. Janet Frigard, Ben Nelson, Eric Gerhold |
| 5. Madison Bortness, Jeannie Schultz, Todd Heldt, Valerie Ulrich, Noah Savoie, Sarah Kuenzel, Melissa Walters | 14. Henry Wurdell, Brady Marshall, Samantha Darkow | 26. Kelly Becker, Justin Hayes, Christine Farr, Kelsey Dockry |
| 6. Brenden Karlson, Dick Walsh, Randy Moore, Lance Frigard, Kristen Hyatt, Vanessa Livermore | 15. Bernetta Tongen, Roger Martin, Kathy Soboleski | 27. Richard Johnson, Sydney Churchill, Arlene Mueller |
| 7. Nicole Niebuhr, Josh Wolberg, Alexa Soboleski | 16. Bill Friedrich | 28. Vangie Krueger |
| 8. Delanie Skaja | 17. Julie Janke, Eugene Stauber | 29. Lauren Pate, Mariann Apenitis, Brian Falk, Joshua Rosamond, Will Carns |
| 9. Camden Gehle, Fernadale Anderson | 18. Barry Kading | 30. Shelby Berge, Matthew Maetzold |
| | 19. Abigail Magnusson, Roger Niccum | 31. Zachary Hoernemann, Randol Henke, Andrea Bieberich |
| | 20. Mavis Gjerde, Steve Drill, Charles Stauber, Brian Bottenfield, Talon Witte | |
| | 21. Barry Kading | |
| | 22. Samuel Bieberich | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWM) Get Ready for Spring!



Roses are red; Violets are blue. Plant them in a pot, two by two

... or is it one by one? Get the answer from the professional at Tonkadale Nursery and learn the secrets to successful "Container Gardening."

**Thursday, March 3, at 7:00pm
Our Savior's Fellowship Hall**

There is no cost involved, so come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship as we learn about this type of gardening. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Hostesses: Doris Gatz & Pam Illies

LWM Members—Don't forget your MITES!



GriefShare Recovery Support

Our *GriefShare* recovery support group just began a new session of Christian support. Each weekly Sunday meeting is a stand alone session, so you may attend any time. The facilitators are people who understand what you're experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement.

Time: Sundays 2:00-3:30pm (through June)

Location: Church Nursery (enter door #4, lower level)

Contact: Lori Kroll, 952-471-0227 or Leslie Gesko, 952-426-9051.

Quilter's Thursday Sessions

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

Lenten Supper Serving

During the season of Lent a supper meal is served prior to worship on Wednesdays, March 9-April 13 (& Thurs., Apr. 21). This is a fantastic fellowship opportunity for those coming to worship during Lent.

If your Growth Group, Church Board, or School Group would be interested in hosting/serving a meal (and doing some easy fundraising!), sign-up on the sheet posted on the WORSHIP bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, or call Church Office, 952-474-5181.

You may wish to sign up right away, because the slots fill up fast! It is such a blessing having so many groups willing to serve!

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.**



New Member

Seminar, March 26

Everyone interested in membership at Our Savior, or just wanting to know more, is invited to join us for a membership seminar

Saturday, March 26, from 9:00am-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This one-day workshop gives participants an introduction to what we believe and teach here at Our Savior. Child care and lunch provided. **Contact Jerry Rosamond to register 952-474-5181 x23.**

CONTACT PAGE



Your support of the *Global Eye Mission* work is invaluable! Not only does your financial support make an impact across the globe, but also your diligent prayer support. Recently these prayer requests were sent from the *Global Eye Mission* field:

- Thanksgiving for protection and blessing on the entire Anderson family during Dr. Steve's recent travels
- Growth in language studies of Dr. Steve & Carol
- Decision-making wisdom for Bethesda eye ministry;
- Overcoming challenges with obtaining medical permits

Important Information

Sunday Worship—8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am
Office Hours—8:30am-3:30pm
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Rev. John Zahrte, Pastor x11
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Jerry Rosamond, Christian Discipleship..... x23
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Shawn Hecksel, Youth Ministries x13
Tricia Falk, Worship Secretary x42

School Staff:

Fred Limmel, Administrator x19
Connie Beck, Early Childhood Director..... x22
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**All April newsletter submissions are
due early next month!
Deadline—April 5!**

Weekly bulletin and monthly
newsletter notices may be sent to:
E-mail: tricia.falk@oslcs.org
Phone: 952-474-5181 x42

March 2011 Newsletter

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED.



Register now for summer day camps!
www.oslcs.org/school/genesis



✝ Spotlight on Outreach—March ✝



Feed My Starving Children—Servant Event:

Join the youth at FMSC Packing Session in Chanhassen on Friday, March 25, 12:00-

2:00pm (Spring Break). Sign up is required on bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Only 15 slots available (3rd grade and older).



**MOUNT OLIVET
ROLLING ACRES**

Special Olympics

Coaches for Track/Field

Practices begin early March on Saturdays for

area & state level competition in June.



Provide and serve a cold or hot meal to youth attending “Going Deeper” support group on Thursdays, March 10, 17, or 31 at 6:30pm.



Walking: (inside in a mall or outside in a park) wheelchair residents from Shakopee and Eden Prairie.

Adopt-a-room: Organize the Storage/Furnace Room (bins available) or the “Dungeon” Storage Room at TreeHouse. The Dungeon needs shelving built-in and storage bins purchased, then organized.

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



Contact Nancy Haggmann at 612-418-0400



Launder sleeping bag: There are 15 sleeping bags that need washing—take 1, 2 or all! Requires large capacity washer/dryer at a Laundromat.

Site Visit—If you or your group is interested in visiting TreeHouse, schedule a visit on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm.

Contact Cynthia Tonn at 952-934-3238



Front Desk Volunteer in the

School Lobby. Short work hours, holidays & summer off!

Monday-Friday, 7:30-9:00am, or other times as available, flexible days and/or months.

Contact Laurie Bromenshenkel at 952-474-5181 x10

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

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