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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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February 2021



Wow! 24 years have flown by!
 Some smoother than others, no lie.
 She laughed and she cried.
 With God as her guide,
 She made her way to sweet "good-bye."

With thanks, we all gather today.
 God bless, as you go on your way.
 Your service, a Godsend!
 Forever, our good friend!
 We love you, more than we can say!

(Excerpt from Ode to Terri by Joy Nasi)



A new lockbox has been installed by Mr. Mark just outside the glass doors on the Crystal Lake side of the building. It looks like a regular mailbox, but when you lift the flap you will see that it is actually a lockbox.



Please continue to pray with us for Geno Schinderle and his family. He is one of our recent confirmands and is battling Leukemia. Geno and his parents, Stacy and Butch, have been at St. Vincent hospital for over 75 days now. The church council has approved a donation to this family. If anyone would like to give an additional donation to this family, you can designate that on your offering. Please have it to the church office by February 14th.

Second Grade Bibles



**Sunday, February 14th
9:00am**

Our 2nd grade students will receive their "Hands On" Bibles on Sunday, February 14th.

Those receiving Bibles are:

Avery Baij	Mabel Irish
Anthony Lorenzoni	Jaylynn Marchetti
Abishae Pann	Parker Pietrantonio
Madison Raiche	Eva Ringel
Zuri Rochon	Cooper Tanguay

If you have a child this age and did not receive a letter, please call the church office. 774.2733



Action

- Accept Geoff White as a nominee to the Endowment Committee.
- Approve the 2021 budget with minor changes
- Accept Vic & Joann Seppi as Fortune Lake Camp delegates
- Approve Dennis Veale & Dodie Wagner to the Auditing Committee
- Approve the agenda for the 2021 Annual Meeting
- Approve \$740 per month to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp as part of the Tena-cious 200 giving
- Gift the family of Geno Schinderle with monies to be taken from First Fruits and the AGAPE fund
- Approve a retirement gift for Terri Shoquist.

Informational Items

- Choir Loft switch not working well
- Second Grade Bibles, February 14th
- New Council Members—Kris Kreh, Tania Taff, John Reed possible Doug Luoma
- Terri Shoquist Retiring—January 28th
- Our Saviour's 100th Anniversary 2023



This month new flooring was installed in the fireside room and hallway. It is a luxury vinyl tile which is waterproof and scratch and dent resistant.

Our Saviour's also utilized a gift from the memorial fund to help pay for the same flooring to be installed in the choir practice room. It is in memory of Olaf Blomquist, Bruce Collins, and Norma LaChapelle.



The church building is now available for use by our quilters and sewers on Wednesdays! Please remember to wear your masks and stay socially distanced.



Let's Make February Pastor Appreciation Month...

*"A new commandment
I give to you,
that you love one another:
just as I have loved you,
you also are to love one another.
By this all people will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love
for one another."
John 13:34-35*

We are so blessed to have Pastor Paul here at Our Saviour's! God knew exactly what we needed when he sent him to us ... our "Yoooper" Pastor... faithful, committed, steadfast and humble.

Please make a special effort this month to pray for Pastor Paul and Gretchen, and to show your appreciation, personally, any way you like...notes, spoken words, little gifts, etc. We all know that behind every good man is an even better woman -- so don't forget Gretchen. She is such a blessing... talented, sweet, patient, and beautiful... sharing her husband with our entire church, while encouraging and uplifting him in his efforts.

You may drop your notes off in the church office or the mailbox at the Crystal Lake entrance.





Lenten Devotional

As one church member said in her devotion “There is a whole lot of love in the pages of this little booklet. We can find so much joy in reading it and walking each other’s faith walk, as we share our stories. There is so much joy for me in being a part of this great family of God. This booklet is a means that brings us closer together when we physically can’t be at this time. Sharing personal stories with each other is a Godly thing to do.”

Please consider writing a Lenten devotion. This a great way to connect with our church family, especially this year, when we have not been able to connect in person. We are looking for members & friends to simply share how God is working in their lives by writing a paragraph or two for our Lenten booklet. Everyone is invited to participate.

Each devotion should be about ½ page and can be emailed to the church office at connect@oslfamily.org or dropped off. Deadline is Monday, February 8th. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

IT'S GREAT TO MEET YOU!



Welcome to the Metras Family! Ethan is a police officer and Mackenzie is a teacher at a daycare. In their free time they like to take their daughter Brynlee on walks and pull her on her sled in the snow. They value family time and love watching Brynlee grow up.



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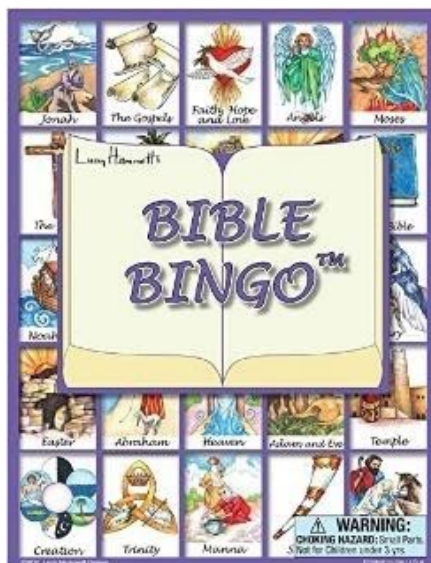
BirTHDays

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| 1 | Andrea Celello | 11 | Andrew Watkins | 19 | Katelyn Charette |
| 2 | Adam Buchcusi | 12 | Alan Perla | | Kyle Kruppstadt |
| | Kevin Londo | | Kora Poulos | | Kerry Tushoski |
| | Ben Schroeder | 13 | Judy Johnson | | Chuck Vercoe |
| 3 | Paul Edlebeck | | Pamela Larson | 20 | Nathan Johnson |
| | Sandra Fontaine | | Connie DeGroot | | Ward Lindeman |
| | Amy Ramme | 14 | Angela Counter | | Ethan Metras |
| | Britt Slade | | Jim Meier | | Malin Pontbriand |
| 4 | Jennifer Freeman | | Katie Mendina | 21 | Monica Chartier |
| | Brianna Peterson | | Colin Watkins | | Evelyn VanGuilder |
| 5 | Landon Heyrman | | Hallie Wendt | 2 | Ryan Pepin |
| | Angela Marchetti | 15 | Jack Bowles | | Bob Truscott |
| | Joanne Reid | | Ed Frazier | 23 | Daryl Nelson |
| 6 | Tyler Walimaa | | Chris Harris | | Sonya Nelson |
| | Kate Wenzel | | Georjeana Swartout | 24 | Susan Anderson |
| 7 | Margaret Petrick | 16 | Seth Carlson | | Lynne Reed |
| | Colleen Sleik | | Matthew Richer | 25 | Cheryl Pugh |
| 8 | Sarah Schuiteman | | Brian Watt | | Caylee Shogren |
| | Hugh Harris | 17 | Jacob Czerwan | | Peter Yake |
| | Pat Wickman | | Deena Lindeman | 26 | Amy Englund |
| 9 | Richard Anderson | | Lydia Ohlsen | | Jorgen Klefstad |
| | Carol Bates | | Thomas Tomasi | | Al Westman |
| | Jorge Castro | 18 | Mike Berglund | 28 | Josie Scott |
| | Rebecca Hirthe | | Terry Grippen | | |
| 10 | Julia Bowles | | Bob Johnson | | |
| | Steve Faust | | Gabe LaFreniere | | |
| | Alayna Pietrantonio | | | | |
| | Madison Raiche | | | | |



In Sunday school we started the month of learning all about God's Love for us by studying the Christmas story. We followed that with a week-long snow angel challenge. Congratulation to Colin Olsen and Hayden Grunlund for winning our snow angel contest. They each won a \$10 Amazon gift card.

We followed that by learning how God is always with us as we studied the story of God surrounds Elisha with Angels. The following week we learned how God is our friend and what it means to be a good friend in the story of God is David's Friend. We will finish off the month by learning about God and Jonah.



In February we are going to take February 7th off – enjoy some family time this day. We learn how God provides for us on February 14th –when we study the story of Jesus Feeds the 5000 and then we will hold a Bible Review on February 21st and Bible Bingo on February 28th. All live lessons will be at 11:00 and invites are email Saturday night. If you have any questions please email me at monchartier@gmail.com.

In Christ's Love

Your Sunday School Ministry Team

FEBRUARY

Anniversaries

Every wedding anniversary is a special one and we wish that God's rich blessing and love will continue to sustain and fill each marriage.

30 Years - February 23rd
Scott & Justine Metras
20 years - February 23
Tim & Amy Hallenbeck



Baptized into Our Family of Faith:

** Brynlee Metras, daughter of Ethan and Mackenzie Metras

Sincere Sympathy to:

** Dean Ruohomaki, Derek Ruohomaki and Dayna Lacosse on the death of brother & uncle, Dan Ruohomaki.

Thank Yous from:

Kathy Kelm
Marge Bantle

Financial Report



Dec. Receipts	\$ 105,775.00*
Dec. Expenditures	\$ 33,183.00
Balance	\$ 72,592.00

Attendance

Jan. 3	49
Jan. 10	56
Jan. 17	64
Jan. 24	80

* Includes \$53,000 forgiveness of CARES Act Loan



Our Pre-Kindergartners are moving along wonderfully! We are continuing with letter recognition and sounds, recognizing numbers and counting to 20.

Our preschoolers are working on letter recognition and starting to write their names. Both classes are talking about friendship and manners. There are so many ways we can be a good friend and be helpful to others. They all have many wonderful stories they have shared with things they have done during this unprecedented time we are in! Great job parents!!



Our Bible story this month is David and Goliath. We will start by talking about David as a Shepherd, followed by his bravery against Goliath. We will talk about how God looks at our hearts and not what's on the outside. Knowing that God is bigger than any giant could ever be, and it's important to remember that God is always with us.

Thank you to Ms Terri for all the endless things you have helped our Preschool with over the years. We wish you happy retirement and will miss you!



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To contact Katie in the church office you can e-mail **office@oslfamily.org** or **connect@oslfamily.org**

Of course you can also call the office at **906-774-2733** to reach us!

NEWS FROM CAMP

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is excited to announce plans for Summer Camp 2021! We need camp now more than ever!

The following programs are in the works:

June 27 - July 2: Youth Week, grades 3-8*

July 6-9: Mini Week, grades 1-8* and Onsite Day Camp grades K-5*

July 11-16: Youth Week, grades 3-6* and High School Week grades 9-12*

July 18-23: Intergenerational Ala Carte Week, all ages

July 25-30: Intergenerational Ala Carte Week, all ages

August 1-13: Supported Rentals, all ages
*indicates grade completed

Registration will open on February 1, 2021. Capacities will be limited. Stay tuned for more information which will be posted on their website and social media.

Fortune Lake is keenly aware of the continuing concern around COVID-19, and they are working tirelessly to implement best practices to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. New protocols will include a large emphasis on smaller cabin groups, increased cleaning and sanitizing measures, and full compliance with regional, state and federal recommendations.



Pastors Link

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."

– Philippians 4:8-9

It all started with an older gentleman who pulled up to the Dairy Queen drive-through in Brainerd, Minnesota, at the height of the lunch hour. "I'd also like to pay for the car behind me," he told the cashier. "Whatever they've ordered, I'll cover it." The server rang up the two orders and thought that would be the end of it. But two days and hundreds of cars later, she and the rest of the crew were still ringing up "pay it forward" orders as each person who came to the drive-through offered to pay for the car behind them. "I've seen 'pay it forward' chains that went on for about 20 cars, but never anything like this," said the store manager. In the end, the chain spanned more than 900 cars over 2½ days.

After a year filled with news assaulting us at every turn with stories of selfishness, injustice, violence, and the ever widening effects of the pandemic, reading this story in the paper is balm for the soul. Nothing earth shattering. Nothing that will turn the tide on the coronavirus or wipe away systemic racism. Yet, a sign that it is still possible to choose to “pay it forward” in gratitude and love, rather than to choose revenge or “pay back.” The fact that 900+ cars over multiple days participated in what one single man initiated, says something about how hungry we are for acts generosity and simple signs of hope and caring. The gentleman who started it all didn’t check with the occupants of the car behind him to see whether they shared the same politics before he paid for their meal; he didn’t quiz them about their faith or where they came from, how rich or poor they were in order to decide whether they DESERVED a free lunch or not. He simply gave an unconditional free gift. And doing so, he inspired others to do the same. Generosity became contagious on that day.

The words with which Paul closes his letter to the Philippians (above) seem an appropriate way for us to begin this new year. Instead of dwelling on what is incomplete in ourselves and wrong in the world, Paul says, train your thoughts on the higher virtues, higher goals. And don’t just go there with your mind; let your feet, your hands, your hearts come along, too. *“Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”*

The author Richard Rohr states; “Even after fifty years of practicing contemplation, my immediate response to most situations includes defensiveness, judgment, control, and analysis. I am better at calculating than contemplating. A good New Year’s practice for us would be to admit that most of us start there.” I find this inspiring. When he goes on to talk about his “hour-by-hour battle” to embrace the True Self, which is always controlled and blinded by “the defensive needs of the separate self,” I nod my head in recognition. Then he goes on: “I cannot risk losing touch with either my angels or my demons. They are both good teachers... The gaze of compassion, looking out at life from the place of divine intimacy is really all I have, and all I have to give, even though I don’t always do it.” When the Apostle Paul speaks freely about his own limitations and God’s constant invitation to taste and see God’s goodness and compassion, then there is hope for all of us. I expect no miracle cures for the world in 2021. But I hold fast to the promise that the One who chose to pitch His tent among us in Jesus will continue to companion us along the way, inviting us to “pay forward” the undeserved Grace and favor we have received from his hand.

In Christ, Pastor Paul.



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*The Season of Lent will begin with our Ash Wednesday
Service on February 17th at 6:30pm.*

*Our Midweek Services (6:30pm) will start the following
Wednesday, February 24th.*



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