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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

connecting families to Jesus
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Prayer Parade

We kept our distance in body, but we were close in Heart and Spirit. Seven prayer circles were driven around the church by 25 cars. It was wonderful to see our church family gather together to pray for the needs of our congregation, city, country & world.

MAY 2020





Connecting Families to Jesus

We find ourselves in the midst of circumstances that are unique in most of our experiences. While this period brings hardships, difficulties and certainly inconvenience - it also provides each of us individually, as well as a church family, to take this opportunity to grow stronger. Our services continue as while we cannot attend in person we are still able to join in by radio using online services and share in communion. If you are in need of a Home Communion Kit, they are available for pickup under the carport, along with our monthly devotionals, Monday - Thursday 9 - 3.

We are now working to better utilize our Website - we're adding daily updates to keep everyone informed and encourage you to routinely visit www.oslfamily.org to check for items of interest.

We also offer online giving in two methods. One is with a credit card and the other is directly through your bank account. You may also continue to mail in your offering as well.

We have a new YouTube Channel where we are making available videos of our services and can now LIVE-STREAM our 8:30 service. This means you will be able to view

the live video and audio of the service from your computer, table, phone or even a smart TV. We'll be posting detailed instructions on our website on how to use this new tool to stay connected in the SPIRIT!

You may also use our facebook page (Our Saviour's Lutheran) to watch the service at a later time, along with the order of service to follow along with.

And of course you can still listen on 94.3 FM too!

A Women's Bible Study has begun on ZOOM at 10:00am each Wednesday. This past week 17 women connected together to experience God's word. All women are welcome. Contact Kathy Kelm at Kathy.Kelm30@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

Please be sure to contact us with any questions, concerns, suggestions or requests for prayers! Each of you are always in our prayers - God Bless!

Our Saviour's Church Council

HAPPY
Mother's
Day

In honor of Mother's Day we will have decorative tote bags outside of church next week, Monday - Thursday from 9-3. There are 4 designs to choose from. If you know of someone who would like one, please do. Wishing all moms a Happy Mother's Day!



Pastor Paul Strom, Geoff White, Ted Sparapani, Jim Meier, John Kelm, Bruce Buckman, Kris Kreh, Nick Jungles, Bev Wadke, Linnea Marchetti, Todd Veale, Toby Carlson, Jaeme Kaski

Action

- Purchase our leased Canon copier for \$1,468.01
- Disperse from First Fruits:
 - St. Vincent De Paul \$2,000
 - Salvation Army - \$2,000
 - Kingsford Schools Food - \$1,000
 - Iron Mountain Schools Food - \$1,000
 - Kingsford Backpack Program - \$1,000
 - Iron Mt. Backpack Program - \$1,000
 - Walmart Gift cards for VA - \$200
- Tabled for more info - Material for masks and NALC Seminary

Information

- Kris Kreh has set up our YouTube channel for live streaming of services
- Prayer Parade - Wednesday, April 22nd at 6pm outside church
- CARES Act Loan - received \$53,000
- Corona Virus Response & Communication Plan
- Member Profile Update
- Steeple Project on hold
- Committee Updates
- Barb's Retirement Plan

- Confirmation for 8th grade - tentative for Reformation Sunday, October 25th, 8:30am
- Church Picnic - August 9th
- Our Saviour's 100th Anniversary 2023
- Pastoral Acts for March



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| Everett Anderson | Jack Bowles |
| Alyssa Charette | |
| Christopher Hallenbeck | Madelyn Holmes |
| Harrison Klossner | Kalyn Myllyla |
| Nicholas Opolka | Cassidy Peterson |
| Anna Pirkola | Austin Plonke |
| Luke Theisen | Colin Waltnkins |
| Maddie Yake | |

We wish God's blessings on our high school graduates. Although we cannot celebrate with them physically, we can in spirit in our worship Sunday, May 17th, when we will lift their names and include a special blessing for them.



Taken from Ministry Matters - Tips for Live Stream Worshipping

While some churches have had live-streamed services for years, a vast number of others have felt the understandable urgency to do live streaming for the first time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But it's not just the leaders who are asking, "How do we do this?" People worshipping remotely are also asking, "How do we worship during a live-streamed service?" Where one or two or three are gathered, how does this work? For families with young children who find it tough to turn their attention to a worship service on screen, what could help? For a household of one, how can it seem like they are not alone?

The most fundamental shift to make is moving from watching to participating—from passively observing a service to fully engaging as an active worshipper. Let me offer seven practical suggestions for worshipping during a live-streamed service.

1. Build anticipation - Talk to your family the night before about how exciting it will be to worship together "live." For those who live alone, share your joyful anticipation with a friend or neighbor, inviting them to join you from their home at the same time.
2. Prepare the technology in advance - Make sure that you have reached the web page at least 15 minutes ahead of the broadcast and that it is functioning well. That way, you won't miss the first moments of the service while you are troubleshooting any technical difficulties that could arise, especially with the slow down in Internet capabilities many people are experiencing.
3. Create a worshipful setting - Gather what items you have around the house to create a centerpiece for worship. On Palm/Passion Sunday, I found a large battery-operated candle. To create the allusion of palms, I cut a few leaves from my yucca plant in the back yard. I placed an open Bible in front of the candle. Voila! Now I have profound symbols of the day in my living room to aid in worship. They will stay there through the evening. Next week, I will replace the yucca-turned-palms with a ring of artificial spring flowers for the Christ candle that I will hijack from another home arrangement.
4. Get settled - Make sure that the lighting in the room is conducive to avoid screen glare. Position everyone to be able to see the screen. Test the audio. Provide ample and comfortable seating for everyone. Grab that cup of coffee or tea.

5. Pray - Before the time of service, offer a prayer out loud for whomever is present (even if it is just you), invoking God's presence. Give this special time to God. Pray for your pastor and all worship leaders as they are doing things they've never done before—like leading worship without the gathered body physically present with them. Here's a prayer you can use:

Triune God, be present with us as we turn our hearts to worship you. We thank you that you are present everywhere at once, and so we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit to pour out upon those who lead us in worship and upon every worshiping community gathered throughout your beautiful world. May Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, meet us powerfully to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

6. Enthusiastically participate throughout the entire service! Don't just watch other people sing, sing! Don't just watch other people pray, pray! If you are invited to engage in certain postures such as standing, stretching out your hands to receive the benediction, do it! Do everything you would do if you were present together at your church—aloud! You will probably feel awkward. You might even think, what's the point? No one can hear me. Ah, but many can hear you. In fact, every Sunday when our churches are full of people, there are a host of others who are hearing us; we have just become unaware. Every time we worship the Lord Jesus Christ as the gathered community on earth, we unite with the saints in glory, the church triumphant, as they do the same. So, go ahead—sing, pray, and gesture in aban-

don, for you are not alone after all!

7. Reflect on the experience. Mention what happened in worship at various points throughout the rest of the day or the upcoming week. Reflecting on what held meaning or was remarkable (other than the glitches in live streaming that happen to all of us!) is a way to remind ourselves that our weekly worship service at home has real significance. Why not also take time to write a hand-written thank you note to your leaders expressing appreciation for the ways they are leading you during worship? At this point the U.S. postal service is still functioning. What could be more encouraging than for a leader to receive a personal note they will cherish during this challenging time and beyond?

Worshipping remotely can easily become passive, but biblical worship is never passive. So, let's do what we can to fully engage. Think of it as rehearsing for that first Sunday when we are finally back in our house of worship together again. How much more enthusiastic our worship will surely be for having made the shift from watching to participating until then.

By Constance Cherry





MAY

Birthdays

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| 1 Jennifer Holmes | 14 Danielle Conery | 20 Sarah Wenzel |
| 2 Chris Hallenbeck | Christina Englund | 21 Jaedyn Pratt |
| Sarah Harris | Glen Johnson | 22 Hayden Grunlund |
| Madison Jungles | Phyllis Laurila | Caryl White |
| Adam LaFave | Brandon Lindholm | 24 Clara Anderson |
| Rachel Schroeder | Peggy Watt | Avery Baij |
| Edward Theisen | 15 Anja Bradley | John Giguere |
| Dodie Wagner | 16 Ranee Monette | Daniella Kreh |
| 3 Jeff Plonke | Abbey Ohlsen | 26 Brandon Jump |
| Izabella Roell | Zuri Rochon | 27 Ila Calvi |
| 4 Barb Hill | Shane Swanson | Carsen LaFave |
| Nolan LaVarnway | Kathy Wilson | 28 Paul Johnson |
| 5 Eric Deyaert | 17 Nikki Bowers | Cheryl Smith |
| Kristine Schroeder | Wyatt Caylor | Amber Theisen |
| Susan Tousignant | Spencer Slade | Sue Veale |
| 7 Jean Hill | Luke Theisen | 29 Peggy Pontti |
| 9 Matthew Opolka | Luke Truscott | Patricia Rowell |
| 10 Milton Hill | Olivia Truscott | 30 Staci McNelis |
| 11 Bryce Conery | Ron Weide | Cheryl Pietrantonio |
| Evan Kruppstadt | 18 Dr. Toby Carlson | 31 Leah Carlson |
| Don Nurmela | Robert Edgar | Bryce Johnson |
| Danielle Theisen | Berta Rigoni | Sandy Lindholm |
| Karen Usitalo | Michelle Savage | Shelly Myllyla |
| 12 Wyatt Jungles | Kent Schroeder | |
| 13 James Chartier Jr. | 19 Elliette Cowen | |
| Alison Metras | Mike Fox | |
| Brandon Mitchell | Donna Ohlsen | |
| Elijah Reed | Jamie Richer | |
| | Lois Outcalt | |
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Season Statistics

HOST Churches: Our Saviour's Lutheran, Trinity United Methodist, Redemption Hill, First Covenant of Iron Mountain, Mt. Olive Lutheran, Norway Covenant and St. Mary/St. Barbara of Norway

2019/2020 SEASON

Nights open: 140
(closed 1 week early due to COVID-19)

Nights Occupied: 140

Guests per night: 2 min/ 13 max

Bed nights: 697 (occupied beds/season)

Individual guests:

35 Males 27 Females (8 were Vets)

Age range: 18 -29 yrs: 4 30 - 49 yrs: 15

50 – 69 yrs: 14 over 70 yrs: 2

Length of stay: 1 to 89 nights

Average stay: 20 nights

Comparison to previous years

2018-2019 2017-2018 2016-2017

Nights open: 147 147 127

Nights occupied: 147 128 111

Guests/night 6 min/14 max 0 min/9 max
0 min/5 max

Bed nights: 891 233 212

Individual guests: 33 18 16

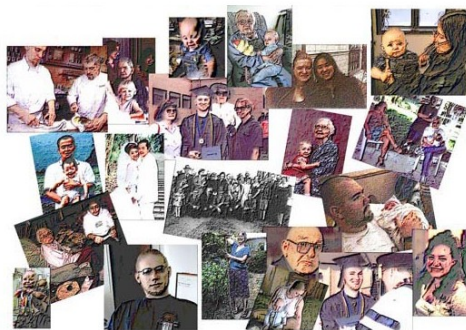
Length of stay: 1 to 90 1 to 90 1 to 80

Thank you to all our wonderful intake workers, overnight volunteers, food prep, laundry, set-up & take down or who monetarily gave. It takes many hands to make this happen and we are very appreciative of our church family.

Coordinators:

Jim Meier & Terri Shoquist

A Slideshow to Connect!



Participating in Our Saviour's recent Prayer Parade made me realize how very much I miss just seeing our church family. I'm sure you all are feeling the same way, too. I guess the old saying "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" is true. Maybe we could try this... If you would like to email me a recent photo showing what your family has been up to during this time away, I will attempt to put together a slide show to share with all on our Facebook page and possibly our YouTube channel. It will be comforting just to see that our loved ones are happy and well.

I make no promises, but I will try to make this happen. Wish me luck! Love, Joy

(My email address is joynasi@sbcglobal.net)



5 Years - May 2nd
Dale & Elizabeth Minkler
40 Years - May 10th
Scott & Diane Ohlsen
15 Years - May 14th
Tim & Abby Grunlund
45 Years - May 17th
Mike & Cris Hamlin

Thanks Received:

Norman & Shirley Skogman
Kathee Knudsen
Marci Veale - Kingsford Backpack Blessings
Iron Mountain Food & Nutrition
Iron Mountain Backpack Program



The May donation for
our Lutheran
World Relief Health
Kits will be:

Dark colored, lightweight
bath-size towels
52 X 27

Please keep at home until we resume activities.



** Tim & Sarah Wenzel & family on the
death of her mother, Lynn Sand.

** Clark & Joanne Reid on the death of his
mother.

Financial Report

March Receipts \$ 29,721.00

March Expenditures \$ 34,771.00

Balance (\$5,049.00)

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| Monthly Benevolence | \$ 300.00 | Alpha Omega | Local |
| Disbursed | \$ 1,019.00 | AGAPE Fund | |



Dear camper families and congregations,

It is out of this deep abiding love for one another that we come to you with this message. Love for our campers, who return summer after summer to make lifelong memories with us. Love for our partner congregations who graciously support and pray for us, investing in our ministry on all levels. Love for our donors who give generously to see that this work continues. Love for our summer staff—young adults who were planning to join us from Mexico, Colombia, England, Hawaii, Alaska, Florida, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Love for this Place of Grace in its 90th year of ministry. Love for our local community of Crystal Falls. Love for the communities from which our campers all come. Love for our world in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is out of this love that we share this message.

The FLLC Board of Directors came together on April 18 and unanimously voted to cancel all Summer 2020 on site and Day Camp programs and postpone the 90th Anniversary celebration which was planned for August. This difficult decision was made with heavy hearts. Like many of you, our summer doesn't feel complete without camp! We never envisioned this scenario. Still, we know that God is love. We trust that when we take action out of love for others, Christ's love flows through us.

All registered campers will be eligible for full refunds on all of the payments submitted. This includes campership funds from congre-

gations to be refunded. You will be contacted via email with more details about refunds, including an expected timeline, within the coming days. Please be patient with us, as we are living into this change while working remotely. Email, mail, and phone messages are being checked daily.

Further questions or concerns can be directed to Amanda at campdirector@fortune-lake.org. As soon as we can safely do so, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp will reopen. The board's decision leaves room for creative onsite options later in the summer, options that more easily support social distancing. We will continue to seek ways to support you and offer experiences to grow in faith. We hope to proceed with our busy fall calendar, which is full of retreats and rental groups. We will continue to stay up-to-date on regional, state, and national recommendations; we will update our site and programs within those guidelines. We certainly plan to be back with all of your favorite summer programs in 2021, and we pray you will join us! It's okay for you and your campers to grieve the loss of Summer 2020 at Fortune Lake as we've known it. We grieve along with you. You are the reason we exist! But, as Easter people, we look to the resurrected Christ. With that same hope, we live in a present ripe with new opportunities, and await a future that is brighter and more beautiful than anything we can imagine.

"Beloved, let us love one another." The world needs us now more than ever. Oh, how glorious that day will be when we can again worship around the fire on the shores of Fortune Lake!

Amanda Rasner, Camp Director



Pastor's Link

Martin Luther's explanation of the 5th commandment in The Large Catechism:

"The meaning of the commandment against killing is this: In the first place, we should not harm anyone... In the second place, this commandment is violated not only when a person actually does harm, but also when he fails to do good to his neighbor by failing to protect and save him from suffering bodily harm or injury."

Gretchen and I like to have our morning coffee and devotions in what we call the 'sun room' of the house. Part of the fun of having our devotions in this little windowed room is people-watching as pedestrians and cars pass by the house. It's never more entertaining than the first snowfall or what I like to call the 'bumper car opener'. This flow of humanity has been reduced to a trickle over the past months, for obvious reasons.

Our church building is a quiet place these days as well...too quiet. And yet my own days are full of people: phone calls, texts, emails, ZOOM Council meetings, collaborations with our staff and leadership, the implementing of our 'Home Communion option' by supplying kits to everyone who is comfortable with this form of communion. I was contacted by the Hospital to create a Volunteer Chaplain Team for the Health-care workers of Dickinson County and any students in the area who may be in crisis;

this is now up and running.

Our Tech Team has been active producing the radio broadcast worship service and live streaming our Service on Sunday morning. We are also seeking ideas for maintaining connection with each other during this time of forced separation. The shift to this new reality happened so swiftly that many of us found ourselves reeling. Many are still finding ways to acclimate ourselves to this 'new normal' which we now know will be in place for a while. In the process of getting used to it, some of us are discovering capabilities that we didn't know we had.

A good example is a recent event which had us in a 'Car Prayer Parade' around the church. We did 7 laps for seven different prayer suggestions held up on placards. It touched my heart when we came around on the 3rd lap and saw the sign that said "Pray for our Pastor and Staff". It's often amazing how the Spirit works.

The Church Council decided just last fall on re-configuring of our "Agape Fund" so that we would focus primarily on our food baskets and shift the other aid requests to organizations that were better prepared to deal with them. The Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul Society both sent representatives to present to us, and the Council responded with a promise to help them when we can. Wouldn't you know it, the Corona Virus hits, and we can no longer allow people in our building for aid requests, but we can reference them to these other aid providers. During our last meeting the Council allotted funds for both organizations, as well as the school backpack programs.

Communicating our worship effectively is an ongoing challenge. For the first week of quarantine Gretchen and I did our best to have the services broadcast live on the radio and recorded on video. I cannot in good conscience ask anyone to come out in the midst of this pandemic. But then, another miracle happens...people start asking if they can help with worship. Betty our organist volunteers to come in to play. Bruce Buckman steps forward to run the sound. Tom Nelson volunteers to be our soloist. Steve Faust and Geoff White offer to be worship assistants and Kris Krey offers to deal with live-streaming our services on YouTube. The upshot of all this? This crisis is calling forth the Holy Spirit's courage in people's hearts; unleashing novel and unique ways of serving others. God's Spirit is alive and well among us and for that we can always give thanks with a grateful heart!

I have a request; *If your household has discovered new ways of connecting with or serving others, we would love to hear about it! Please share it with me via Facebook or email.*

Brother Martin Luther, in excavating the deeper layers of the 5th Commandment, reveals that at its core the prohibition to murder is more than just a law; it is an invitation to proactively look out for the welfare of our neighbor. This kind of proactive commitment to care for those around us is in high demand these days. As much as our focus of care naturally will be focused first within our family, is it possible that we can also extend our field of vision to include neighbors who may have needs we can help address?

I know that many of you are doing just that, and doing so while maintaining the proper safety protocols of masking, hand sanitizing and social distancing. In doing these tasks, in spite of the risk involved, you are doing God's work. The 24/7 flood of dire news about this pandemic can cause fear and make us turn in on ourselves and hide from everyone; but it need not be so among us Christians. We know our destination has been vouchsafed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Through the centuries people of faith have demonstrated in a variety of ways both great and small what true 'Agape' Christ-centered love can look like.

We at Our Saviour's seek to continue in that long tradition of love and forgiveness that flows from the cross of Christ. May God bless you all as members of the "Priesthood of all Believers", and as such, you are the presence of Christ in this fallen world. As the saying goes; *"You may be the only Bible some people ever get to read."* Keep the faith.

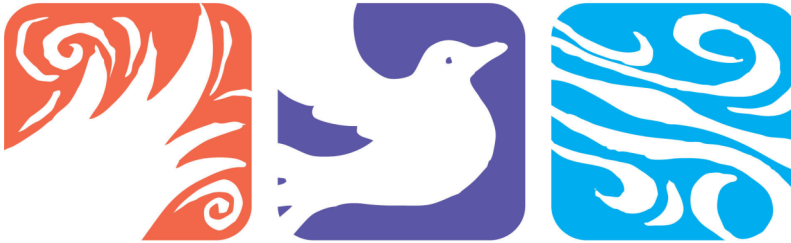
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