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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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February 2019



Lenten Devotional

Everyone looks forward to receiving our yearly Lenten Devotional. However, to make that happen we need YOU! Everyone is encouraged to submit a paragraph or two on how God has been working in your life, past or present. These devotions are as varied as the people who write them.

Please email them to connect@oslfamily.org or drop off in the church office by Monday, February 18th.

Church Council



Pastor Paul Strom, Sonya Nelson, John Kelm, Eileen Anderson, Larry Swartout, Dave Bradley, Steve Faust, Joy Nasi, Nancy Buchcuski, Mark Klossner, Kris Kreh, Ted Sparapani, Recording Secretary – Terri Shoquist & Financial Secretary - Christina Maki

Action

- Accepted the 2019 Budget.
- Accepted the (3) Endowment Committee Member nominees - Brett Baij, Greg Jarski & Larry Swartout.
- Accepted the (2) Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp delegates - Vic & Joann Seppi.
- Accepted the Nominating Committee of Eileen Anderson, Nancy Buchcuski, Mark Klossner & Sonya Nelson.
- Approved the appointment of Donna Tanguay, Dennis Veale & Dodie Wagner to the Auditing Committee.
- Approved the agenda for the 96th Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 27th.
- Approved John Kelm, Council Treasurer, to have access to OSL's financial institutions, financial accounts and all matters pertaining to them.
- Approved \$300 for roses for the Non Roman Cursillos to be taken from the Ulteyra Account.

- First Fruits tabled until March.

Informational Items

- Insurance Policy for church
- Defibrillator Training
- Security Update
- Committee Updates
- Light at the Inn dates: Jan. 20th - 26th and March 10th - 16th.
- Annual Meeting with Lunch by Council, Sunday, Jan. 27th
- Pastoral Acts for December



We just completed our second week of hosting Light at the Inn Homeless Shelter. We had 7-8 guests each of the 7 nights. Thanks to all who worked shifts, provided meals, and helped setup and take down. If you didn't get called this time you will have another opportunity to help the middle of March.



Thursday Bible Study continues at 10:30am & 6:30pm with Pastor Paul. The coffee's on and you're invited.

God Club

I AM A CHILD OF GOD was the theme for our first God Club gathering of the New Year. Our lesson talked about the one Christmas gift that is different. It's a gift that never wears out and never goes out of style. We will never become tired of it. It is the true gift that Christmas is all about. It is God's gift to us -- His Son, Jesus.

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God -- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." John 1:12-13



We sang **Jesus Loves Me** and decorated child of God signs to attach to wooden blocks. Check out our photos in the Fireside Room.

The next week **Amazing Grace** was our focus. We read the Bible story of 12 year old Jesus getting separated from his parents. We found out that Jesus is never lost or at a loss of what to do or say. He always knows where he is and where he's going. When

we follow Jesus, who is never lost, then we will not be lost, either.

We sang **Amazing Grace** and made crosses using paper Scrabble letters. We also partnered up and laid on the floor in Fellowship Hall so Miss Joy could take pictures of us spelling out **A-M-A-Z-I-N-G G-R-A-C-E** with our bodies. Have you seen our poster in the Fireside Room?

Next, we will be making our way back to our library's **What's in the Bible** video series. We will pick up with DVD #8 (of 13), featuring Psalms, Proverbs & the Writings. Miss Joy will find (or create) a lesson to go with both parts of each DVD, we'll do crafting to match and enjoy these fast-paced fun-filled videos created by the VeggieTale folks. Each DVD has two 25-minute episodes, so each will take two weeks for us to complete.

Please know that we always have room for more students, grades 2-5, each Wednesday in the Creation Station classroom, after school until 5:00pm. Come and gather together to learn about, practice and celebrate God's love – and bring your friends too!

To match the Breitung Township school calendar, with Wednesday days off/ half-days, **we will NOT meet on February 6th and April 3rd.**

Ms. Joy



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BirthDays



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| 1 | Andrea Ceello | 12 | Alan Perla | 19 | Katelyn Charette |
| 2 | Adam Buchcuski | 13 | Judy Johnson | | Kyle Kruppstadt |
| | Kevin Londo | | Pamela Larson | | Kerry Tushoski |
| | Ben Schroeder | | Connie DeGroot | | Chuck Vercoe |
| 3 | Paul Edlebeck | 14 | Angela Counter | 20 | Nathan Johnson |
| | Sandra Fontaine | | Jim Meier | | Ward Lindeman |
| | Amy Ramme | | Katie Mendina | | Ethan Metras |
| | Britt Slade | | Colin Watkins | | Malin Pontbriand |
| 4 | Brianna Peterson | | Hallie Wendt | 21 | Monica Chartier |
| 5 | Landon Heyrman | 15 | Jack Bowles | | Evelyn VanGuilder |
| | Angela Marchetti | | Chris Harris | 22 | Ryan Pepin |
| | Joanne Reid | | Donna Poupore | | Bob Truscott |
| 6 | Tyler Walimaa | | Georjeana Swartout | 23 | Daryl Nelson |
| 7 | Margaret Petrick | 16 | Seth Carlson | | Sonya Nelson |
| | Colleen Sleik | | Matthew Richer | 24 | Susan Anderson |
| 8 | Sarah Forstrom | | Brian Watt | | Lynne Reed |
| | Hugh Harris | 17 | Jacob Czerwan | 25 | Cheryl Pugh |
| | Pat Wickman | | Deena Lindeman | | Caylee Shogren |
| 9 | Richard Anderson | | Lydia Ohlsen | | Peter Yake |
| | Carol Bates | | Thomas Tomasi | 26 | Amy Englund |
| | Rebecca Hirthe | 18 | Mike Berglund | | Jorgen Klefstad |
| 10 | Julia Bowles | | Terry Grippen | | Al Westman |
| | Steve Faust | | Gabe LaFreniere | 28 | Josie Scott |
| | Alayna Pietrantonio | | | | |
| | Madison Raiche | | | | |
| 11 | Andrew Watkins | | | | |



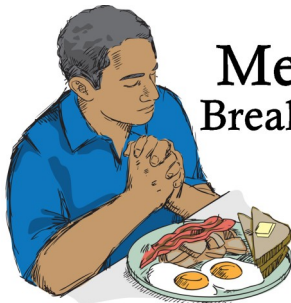
Special Needs Service Sunday, February 10th - 4:00pm



We look forward to our next Special Needs Service with Christmas music, a message, communion & fellowship. This time we will have a puppet presentation by Joy Nasi and friends. Please invite someone that you think might benefit from this service.



Kids will break from Confirmation beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6th through Lent. They will resume, Wednesday April 11th. Youth are encouraged to attend midweek services and lend a hand at the soup suppers.



Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays from 7 – 8am in Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office by Tuesday morning so they can plan accordingly. A free will offering will be taken. Join them!

Nursery Attendant Position Open

We thank Faith Roell for her faithful service to this important ministry, but due to a job change she is no longer available on Sundays. We have both services covered for now, but are in need of someone to take the position permanently. This could be split by two people, one doing the 8:30am service and one doing the 10:45am. We will still continue to assign volunteers each Sunday to assist the attendant. Confirmation students have received a letter encouraging them to help with this ministry. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the church office. 774.2733

Sunday School

Happy New Year!! In Sunday School we've been learning about how Jesus healed the paralytic. We've been learning that we need to have a strong faith in God, just like the friends of the paralytic man who carried him all the way to see Jesus, because they believed Jesus would heal him. We've also learned that Jesus wants us to bring our friends to know him.

This Sunday, February 3rd our 5th graders start First Communion.

Stay warm!! Hopefully winter will let up soon!!

In Christ's Love,
Your Sunday School Ministry Team

February 2019



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<p>3</p> <p>8:30 Communion Service 9:40 Sunday School/BASIC 9:40 First Communion Class 9:30 Fellowship 10:45 Communion Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:00 PEO in FR 6:00 Support Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 5:00 Council Executive 5:15 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 8:30 Sewing Bee 5:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Senior High Youth</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at the Altar 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Ultreya</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:00 Evening Communion Service</p>
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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.

50 Years - Feb. 15th
John & Sharon Fredrickson

Sincere Sympathy to:

- * Lynn LaVigne & Babe Carr on the death of sister-in-law Sharon LaVigne.
- * Alene Blomquist on the death of her mother, Bea Blomquist.



Thank You from:
Norway Elementary School
SON International



God's Love Gift Wrapped

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

A sturdy wide tooth comb

Financial Report

Dec. Receipts	\$ 53,328.76
Dec. Expenditures	\$ 24,562.29
Balance	\$ 28,766.47
Monthly Benevolence	\$ 300.00
Disbursed	\$ 593.67

Attendance

Jan. 7	203
Jan. 14	221
Jan. 21	198
Jan. 28	205

Alpha Omega Local
AGAPE Fund

Winsome Women Retreat

Grand Hotel - Mackinac Island

May 14 & 15

May 15 & 16

May 16 & 17

Theme: Precious Promises

***“Because of His glory and excellence,
He has given us great and precious
promises.” 2 Peter 1:4a NLT***



Keynote Speaker Liz Curtis Higgs

International speaker and best-selling author, Liz Curtis Higgs loves sharing the joy of knowing Jesus. Her messages are biblical, full of insight and profoundly funny.

Lizcurtishiggs.com



Keynote Speaker Featured Musician Tammy Trent

Singer, songwriter and author Tammy Trent tells of God's faithfulness in her heartfelt story of tragedy, restoration, healing and hope.

Tammytrent.com



Breakout Speaker Peg Arnold

Peg Arnold, national speaker and author shares her joys, struggles and story in ways designed to touch your heart and strengthen your spirit.

Pegarnold.org



Breakout Speaker Emily Klotz

Passionate about helping women know who they are in Christ, Emily Klotz teaches how to live an abundant, victorious life in Jesus.

Getreslife.org

Come, be encouraged and inspired at the Winsome Women Retreat. Learn of God's faithfulness and compassion. Don't miss out. Come with your friends and experience enriching speakers, uplifting worship and the ambiance of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Registration begins March 2nd, 2019. Go to wswretreats.org.





We continue to collect non-perishable groceries for the First Lutheran Food Pantry in the cart outside of the Fireside Room. If each person

brings just one food item to church with them each Sunday we can fill the basket. The groceries get delivered to First Lutheran when the basket is full.



The BASIC kids have been busy helping out with the Special Needs Service each month. Whether it's helping with snacks or putting on a puppet show, they have found a great way to share Jesus' love with others. Coming up, we have a group helping Joy Nasi put on a skit for the next service on Feb. 10th.

Each Sunday morning we gather in the Youth Room for snacks and fellowship. They share about their week at school, things they are concerned about and we look to see where God's light was shining around (or through) them during the week. BASIC is for grades 6-8 and meets between services each Sunday from 9:40-10:40 a.m.



Pastors Link

With Valentine's Day approaching, I thought it would be a good time to look at the second most important love of Luther's life (*after his love for his Lord*), his wife Katharine von Bora, as well as his views on marriage.

While he was in hiding from the Pope and the Emperor at the Wartburg Castle, Luther heard about monks being married, and was known to have said: "Good heavens! Why won't they give me a wife?" Luther was very much in support of marriage. In his Large Catechism he wrote: "In the second place, you must know also that marriage is not only an honorable but also a necessary state. In general and in all conditions it is solemnly commanded by God that men and women, who were created for marriage, shall be found in this estate." He noted that marriage was the God-given institution for men and women to be made whole. Thus he was quite vocal in his opposition to Rome's forbidding of marriage for priests. In his Smalcald Articles he writes: "The Pope has neither the authority nor the right to ban marriage and to burden the divine order of priests with perpetual celibacy. They have acted like anti-Christian, tyrannical, desperate scoundrels, and by this have caused all kinds of horrible, outrageous, innumerable carnal sins, in which they themselves still wallow." The sexual abuses and lusts of popes, bishops, priests, monks and nuns had been well known for many years -- and this

is fueled especially by the false teaching of forbidding the marriage of priests.

In fact, Luther not only opposed this false and abusive teaching in writing, but also in action. Due to his writings, monks and nuns were leaving the cloisters. On one occasion a group of 12 nuns in a neighboring village secretly wrote to Luther asking for help to escape. Luther arranged for the women to be secreted out by having them hidden in a wagon of empty herring barrels. When they arrived, he felt responsible to find them homes, husbands or jobs so they could survive. It had been suggested to him that he should take one as a wife, but he was not intending to do that. He certainly and obviously approved of marriage, but he felt that not only was he too busy with all of his teaching and responsibilities, but most of all he expected to be executed as a heretic any day. That would be a poor gift to a bride.

In time all of the nuns were spoken for except one, her name was Katharine von Bora. Despite his earlier reservations, he had over time changed his mind and decided to marry Katie (*as he called her*) in order to "spite the pope and the devil", and to give witness to his belief in marriage before he was martyred. And on June 13th, 1525, a former priest/monk and a former nun were married. Luther learned quickly that marriage would bring great changes and challenges to his life, as well as great blessings. As time went on, Luther described marriage "as a better school for character than any monastery, for here it is that one has one's corners rubbed off." He noted that there are vexations between married couples, say

ing: "What a lot of trouble there is in marriage! Adam has made a mess of our nature. Think of all the squabbles Adam and Eve must have had in the course of their time together. Eve would say, 'You ate the apple,' and Adam would retort, 'You gave it to me.'"

He equated such struggles to the wedding at Cana attended by Jesus; "Mary came to Him and said 'the wine has given out'. Yes, that is the way it sometimes is with marriage, we run out of patience (wine). But notice that Jesus does not take away the vexations of marriage. He instead turns the water into wine but we can only know how sweet it is by staying and tasting what it has to offer over time." Martin and Katie, clinging unto their Lord with mutual respect and devotion to one another, indeed flourished in this school of character and tasted its sweetness. Their home was filled with service to God, humor (Martin's letters to Katie were often addressed to "My Lord Katie"; or "My Rib", with children (they had 10 kids, 4 of them adopted), guests, music and love.

In closing, Luther also gives this advice: "The greatest grace of God is when love persists in marriage. The first love is drunken. When the intoxication wears off, then comes the real married love. The couple should study to be pleasing to each other. In the old days this sound advice was given to the bride – "My dear, make your husband glad to cross the homes threshold at night" and to the groom, "Make your wife sorry to have you leave in the morning."

In Jesus Name - Pastor Paul

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The Season of Lent will begin with our Ash Wednesday Service on March 6th. Our midweek services and soup suppers will start the following Wednesday, March 13th. It's not too soon to call the office to volunteer for soup or sandwiches.



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