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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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February 2022



Help our HS youth serve in love by tackling hunger with a “Souper Bowl of Caring”

The high school youth group will be collecting food donations for the Kingsford backpack program through February, 13th. This program sends prepackaged food

home with qualifying children over weekends and school breaks. Please help us by donating the following items:

***Single serving soup cans ***
(most requested)

Fruit cups

Small boxes of cereal

Snack-size vegetable cups

Pudding cups

Instant/ boxed oatmeal packets

Granola Bars

Breakfast bars

Single serving pasta meals

Please check that “best used by” date is more than six months from donation. Donated items can be placed in the food pantry shopping cart.

Thank you!!!

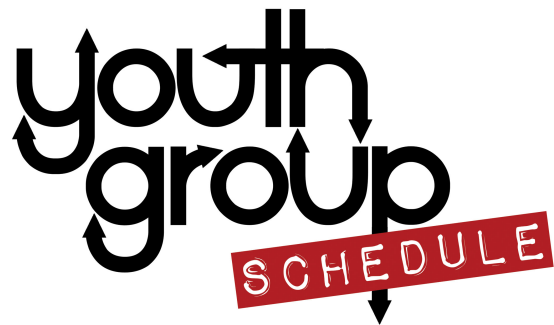


Food Donations



The 7th grade Confirmation students, led by Renee Strom and Todd Veale, participated in sorting and packaging items for distribution to the Caring House and area schools in January. Items distributed included personal care/hygiene items purchased with a Thrivent grant and 146 hats, mittens, and socks donated to the Cozy Kids Tree by the congregation and members of the Lydia Circle.

Pictured from left to right: Caleb Erickson, Michael Weber, Clark Robb, Seth Greenleaf, Connor White, Madalyn Sleik, Jessa Rossler, Emma Strom, and Debbie Sleik, project leader.



High School Youth Group will meet
February 9th & 23rd at 6:00pm.



Our 5th graders will start their first communion training on January 30th during normal Sunday School hour. On February 6th there will be a parent meeting at 9:30am in the gathering room to go over the schedule of events. First Communion Sunday will be March 20th at the 10:45 Service.



Action items:

- Accepted the recommendation by the building committee to replace the roof with granulated metal and begin a capital fund drive.
- Approved the budget for 2022.
- Nominated Vic & Joann Seppi as Fortune Lake Camp delegates for 2022.
- Appointed Dodie Wagner, Sandy Meier, and Jan Truel to the audit committee.
- Approved the agenda for the 99th Annual Meeting.
- Approved a new position (also approved as part of the annual budget) in the music department: Praise Team Director.
- Approved Erin Kreh as the 2022-2023 school year Sunday School Superintendent.
- Continue with COVID procedures the same.

Informational Items

- **Council meeting time has now been moved to begin at 5:30pm, Executive Committee will begin at 4:30pm.**

- Nominating committee – Bruce Buckman, Jaeme Kaski, Jason Roell, & Bev Wadke. All except Bruce plan to stay. Bruce will let us know as soon as possible after he finds a replacement for his vacancy.
- Visitation committee – still vacancy to be filled.
- Barix Box – uses high speed internet to connect us to WZNL, has been ordered by the radio station. Will eliminate need for a phone line.
- Centennial Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 13th at 5pm
- Annual Meeting – January 23, followed by soup luncheon served by council. Please sign up.
- First Communion – Seder Meal is March 19th and First Communion is March 20th
- FLLC Day Camp at OSL (VBS) for 2022 – July 31st to August 4th
- Pastoral Acts for December 2021

Baptisms – 2

Barrett Rudd
Jeanne Lee

Funeral – 2

Ronald Aman
Deborah Jump

Members Dismissed – 1

Jeanne Lee

**Next Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 8th at 5:30pm**



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.

Our Sunday, February 13th, Fellowship Hour will be in honor of Pastor and Gretchen. We will have special treats, as we enjoy this time together. On the table will be a basket for your notes of appreciation.





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. 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 14th. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



Even with a heavy January snowfall, the Lydia Circle of ladies were able to return to its regular third **Tuesday** meeting schedule. This month, all women are invited to join us in the Gathering Room at **1:00 PM** on **February 15th** for Bible Study, fellowship, prayer, dessert, and a short business meeting. Joy Nasi will lead us in Session 4 of our Proverbs 31 Woman study. As of now, we are in need of a February hostess.



BIBLE Study

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



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BirTHDays

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



UP Regional Blood Drive
Our Saviour's
Monday, February 28th
2:30 - 6:00pm

To schedule an appointment call 906-449-1450. Walk-ins welcome. Bring photo ID. Your blood circulates through the Upper Peninsula, serving 13 local hospitals!

Attention to those who support Our Saviour's programs with receipts:

Tadych's Marketplace foods will no longer accept receipts prior to their acquisition by Coborn's. Receipts dated after December 6th will be accepted. They have the new logo shown below.

Super One receipts are also still accepted.
 Thank you!



In Sunday School we just finished up our rotation on the Fiery Furnace. The kids learned all about Shadrack, Meshack and Abendigo. They learned that because their faith was so strong God joined them in the furnace and saved them from any harm. They learned that we must always trust God, even if we don't understand God's timing. We learned this lesson in 3 different lessons, one with a video, one with an experiment of a snow volcano and a craft and last week we snow painted Fiery Furnaces in the church yard, followed by hot chocolate and cookies.

Next we will learn about Joshua and the walls at Jericho. First Communion classes will also start next week. We look forward to seeing you all next Sunday!

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.

Pam & John Chiamulera-40 years,
February 6th, 1982

Thank You's from:

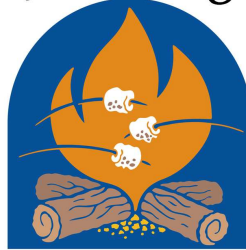
Jeanette Granquist
Diana & Ed Miller
Betty Soderberg
Joy Flaherty
Caring House
Lynn Marin
SON International

** Sympathy to Matt & Kristin Janousek & family on the death of his mother, Margaret Janousek.

** Sympathy to Ted & Marge Sparapani on the death of her sister, Patricia Upton.

**Sympathy to Tom & Kay Grenfell on the death of his brother David Grenfell.

Jr/Sr High



RETREAT

UPDATE FROM FORTUNE LAKE:

Unfortunately, due to high levels of COVID-19 cases in the Upper Peninsula, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the Disconnect to Reconnect: Jr/Sr High Retreat that was scheduled for February 4-5th. **The Jr/Sr High Retreat will now take place on April 22-23, 2022.** All completed registrations will be honored for the new dates. However, we are offering a full refund to any participant who is unable to attend the new dates. Refunds can be processed by calling the camp office at (906)214-2267.

We are praying that this surge breaks soon and that the sense of normalcy that we are all yearning for returns. That being said, we are currently planning to go ahead with the rest of our retreats as scheduled.

Financial Report

Dec. Receipts	\$ 59,896
Dec. Expenditures	\$ 53,996
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 5,899

Attendance

Jan. 2	96
Jan. 9	112
Jan. 16	Unavailable
Jan. 23	124

2022 SCHEDULE

FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 12-17	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
Week 2	June 19-24	Intergenerational Week (all ages) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	See website \$425
Week 3	June 26-July 1	High School Week (Grades 9-12)	\$425
	July 5-7	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$205
Week 4	July 5-8	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) Mash Ups (Grades 4-8) LIT Option #1 (Grades 10-12)	\$305 No charge
Week 5	July 10-15	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #2 Option (Grades 10-12)	\$425 No charge
Week 6	July 17-22	Art Camp (Grades 3-8) LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-8) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) LIT #3 Option (Grades 10-12)	\$455 \$425 \$425 No charge
Week 7	July 24-29	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Onsite Day Camp M-Th (grades K-5)	See website \$110
Week 8	July 31-Aug 6	Musical Theatre Week (All ages - see website.)	See website
Week 9	Aug 7-10	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #4 Option (Grades 10-12)	\$305 \$305 No charge

REGISTRATION & DISCOUNTS

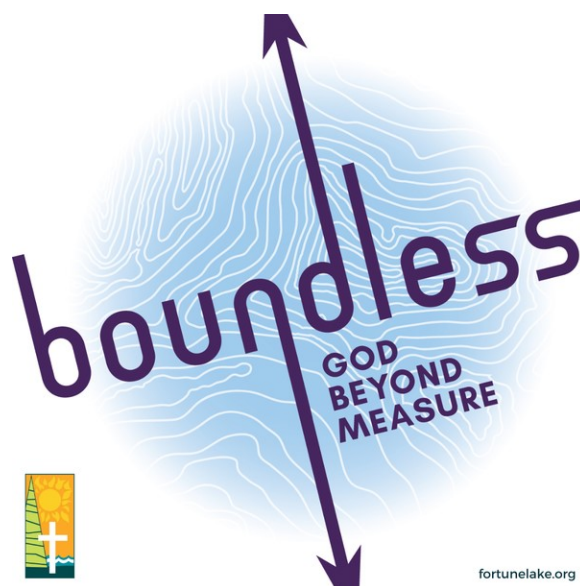
Register by March 1 for a FREE t-shirt, April 1 for a \$15-\$25 discount.
See website for all discounts, eligibility, and program information.

Register online & find forms at **FORTUNELAKE.ORG**

More info at FortuneLake.org

Yippee! It's the moment we've been waiting for: Summer 2022 Registration is now open for Fortune Lake! **There are programs for people of all ages**, and we have room for YOU! Peruse our website for details, invite a friend, and get registered today!

Our Saviour's offers to our members a \$200 scholarship for full week campers & \$100 scholarships for mini camp. We will also offer scholarships for Women & Kids Week & Family Week. Please call or e-mail the church office for details.



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Bay Cliff is a year-round, nonprofit therapy and wellness center for children and adults with disabilities. Bay Cliff's flagship program is a seven-week, summer therapy camp session serving children with disabilities. The children work towards goals of increased independence and living a fuller life. Bay Cliff also provides a number of programs year-round, including an adult program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, an adaptive paddling workshop, and a number of weekend family camps.

Bay Cliff partners with non-profit organizations and schools interested in conducting programs at camp. These guest programs include health and wellness retreats, youth development camps, science and outdoor recreation programs, and volunteer and leadership trainings for people with & without disabilities.

Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay is now hiring for all positions for summer 2022. We are seeking camp counselors, activities instructors, leadership staff, and professional and support staff. For more information, or to apply online, go to www.baycliff.org. Dates of employment for most roles are June 12-August 7, 2022.



Pastors Link

Eight days after our Lord's victorious res-

urrection from the dead, he appeared for the second time before his disciples behind locked doors, and with Thomas finally present as well. "My Lord and my God," Thomas confessed. Jesus responded, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed". That is where you and I come in. More than twenty centuries separate us from that night when Jesus appeared, alive, to his astonished disciples. We've never laid eyes on Jesus or touched His living body with our own hands, yet Jesus tells us there's a blessing for people like us, who believe without seeing Him. We have to remember this blessing as we walk through these dark days of winter. When we wrestle with chronic worry or pass through deep valleys of anguish, grief, or despair, it's hard to cling to God's promises. Faith can be weak at these times. Sometimes it feels like it is just hanging by a thread. Yet faith is faith, and when you put that God-given faith in Jesus in those darkest valleys of your distress, you are blessed. "Now we see in a mirror dimly," Paul wrote, "but then we shall see face to face". What we will one day see with our own risen eyes in eternal glory, we can already dimly see by faith. Unfortunately what we perceive by faith is often clouded in anxiety and fear. Anxiety and fear frequently merge into doubt, and doubt is the Devil's main weapon against us. Suffering saints through the centuries have told of

"dark nights of the soul" when God seems absent or unresponsive. In those fearful times, hope begins to fade and faith grows dim; yet even in such dark nights, Jesus' blessing holds firm: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." But what should we do when God seems far away? What can we do when fear takes over and sorrow overwhelms us? Where can we find light in our own dark night of the soul? God is present everywhere, even when our human eyes do not detect him. Though we cannot see Him, He sees us. Were we to climb to the height of heaven, descend to the depths of hell, His gracious presence would still be there. Even when we feel abandoned, he is present with us every moment of every day. His hand still leads us, and His love still supports us. Darkness is no threat to Him, for He is light. In Psalms we read; "Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day for darkness is as light with you". No doubt we have all had our share of long dark nights, most Christians have. Grief, or pain, or loss of one sort or another will bring those times of darkness into our life. Some nights it's hard pray, and when we do it seems like no one's there to listen. In that darkness we will feel that God is gone, and our own misery is our only company. But remember, we serve a Lord who snatched life from the jaws of death. He brought light into darkness. One Friday afternoon at Calvary, darkness enveloped Jesus and the whole world while He suffered extreme agony of body, mind, and spirit upon His cross. After three anguished hours of this torture, he breathed his last, and his friends took his battered, bloodied body

down and buried him in a borrowed tomb. In a physical body, just like ours Jesus bore our sin and carried our sorrows. The price of our sins was paid for in the human flesh and bone, blood, sweat, and tears of Jesus. Fear and dread came upon him just like it does on us, and He felt our human anguish with every fiber of his being. But by His cross and in the death that He died, Christ Jesus brought life and immortality to us all. Three days later he emerged from his grave victorious over death and hell, transforming this world's darkness into everlasting light. Although we may spend long hours in anguished prayer wondering if God is even there to hear us, we can be sure that our private darkness is not dark to Him. Night is bright as day to Him, and darkness is as light. He sees clearly in the darkness, and we can be sure He will hold us, safe and secure. When you were baptized you were born again, into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Now your life is securely anchored in the living flesh and blood of our crucified and risen Lord. True, we haven't seen Jesus for ourselves like Thomas, nor have we traced the print of the nails in His hands or touched the wound in His side. But we still believe in Him nonetheless, and so we are blessed in our God-given faith. In the deepest valleys of our life, through every long and dark night, in every trouble, we can call upon the name of Jesus Christ, and pour out our complaints to him. Pray, praise, and give him thanks, for His promise stands forever sure: "I am the way and the truth and the life." Amen.

Sincerely and in Christ, Pastor Paul

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Ash Wednesday Service March 2nd at 6:30pm



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