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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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February 2024

ASH
WEDNESDAY
Service

February 14th
6:30pm



Lenten Soup Suppers will begin Wednesday February 21st at 5:30pm with Lenten services to follow at 6:30pm. This year we are utilizing the Sign Up Genius website to allow volunteers to sign up for bringing soups, sandwiches and desserts.



You will be able to find the link on our Facebook page, on our website at www.oslfamily.org or sign up by scanning the QR code here. If you are

unable to sign up online, please call the church office and let us know what you would like to bring!



Our 5th graders began their First Communion training on January 21st during the regular Sunday school hour in the Creation Station classroom.

The two family nights, where the youth work on their stained glass windows, will be February 18th and 25th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

The 5th graders will receive their First Communion on Sunday, March 17th.

Gathering Room



BIBLE Study

Thursdays - 10:00am

Join Pastor Nick as we explore the book of Mark. The coffee's on and you're invited.

Church Council



Present: Pastor Hopman, Kris Kreh, Doug Luoma, Michelle Carlson, John Reed, Jason Roell, Lucas Davidson, John Kelm, Lindsay Rigoni, Jim Meier, Justin Cowen, Ted Sparapani
Absent - Bev Wadke

Action items

- Install Ted Sparapani as a Church Council member with term ending in 2025.
- Recommend to the congregation that OSL ends its affiliation with FLLC and that we leave the FLLC Association and that all camperships be used for any Christian camp going forward, both of which should be voted on by the full congregation at the Annual Meeting.
- Approve the hiring of Kristine Schroeder as Parish/Financial Administrator & Hanna Nord as Office Specialist.
- Appoint Dodie Wagner, Jan Truel, Marge Sparapani & Sandy Meier as Audit Committee.
- Approve the 101st Annual Meeting Agenda as well as the 100th Annual Meeting and Special Congregational Meeting Minutes.
- Approve the 2024 Budget.

Informational Items

- Annual Meeting will be directly following Sunday Worship on January 28, 2024. Council will provide and serve a Soup Luncheon following the meeting.
- Council is still looking for one more volunteer to join the Church Council starting in February.
- Newsletter articles are due to the office by the 20th of each month.
- New Council Person in Charge handouts have been placed in each Council members mailbox.
- Be thinking of some ways we can thank our temporary office staff and bring those ideas to the next Council meeting.
- Pastoral Acts for December 2023

Members Released

Thad, Renee, Henry & Emma Strom



Confirmation

Confirmation is on break during Lent. ALL confirmation students are encouraged to attend midweek services and will be helping with our soup suppers. Confirmation classes will resume Wednesday, April 3rd.



**An additional opportunity to
serve others during Lent**

**“...serve one another humbly
with love.” Galatians 5:13**

The church office is organizing a drive to collect items needed to make “Flood Buckets” for NALC Disaster Response. We have obtained a \$250 Thrivent grant for supplies and beginning with Ash Wednesday, and at each Wednesday Lenten service, we will collect one item needed for the kit. The kits will be finished utilizing church outreach funds or donations made toward this project. Additional items needed, not included on the schedule below, are large trash bags (*contractor 3 mil*), rolls of paper towel, rags and leather work gloves (1 pair for each kit, size L preferred). If there are extra funds donated toward this project, they will be further donated to the NALC Disaster Response Fund.

DATE

ITEM

Ash Wednesday, February 14th
February 21st
February 28th
March 6th
March 13th
March 20th
Maundy Thursday, March 28th

Five-gallon bucket with lid
Jug of bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
Comet or scouring cleanser
Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
Scrub brush
1 pair of rubber gloves (size L preferred)
1 pair of cotton gloves (size L preferred)



February, at OSL, is Pastor Appreciation Month...

*And I will give you
shepherds after my own
heart, who will feed you
with knowledge and
understanding. ~
Jeremiah 3:15*

We are so blessed to have Pastor Nick and his family here at Our Saviour's! God knew exactly what we needed when he sent him to us... a gifted preacher... a Bible scholar... faithful, committed, steadfast, and humble.

Please make a special effort this month to pray for Pastor Nick and his family – 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 Mary. She is such a blessing... sweet, patient, and beautiful... sharing her husband with our entire church, while encouraging and uplifting him in his efforts.

Our Sunday, February 11th, Fellowship Hour will be in honor of Pastor and Mary. We will have special treats, as we enjoy this time together. On the table will be a basket for your notes of appreciation.



A nice-sized group of ladies braved the frigid temperatures for our January Circle meeting -- with good discussion, company, dessert, and planning. Colleen Holmes and Sally Karttunen were our hostesses, while Terri Shoquist led the Bible Study. Thank you, ladies!

Joy Nasi opened the meeting with a thoughtful devotion on church unity, encouraging us to emphasize, not our differences, but all that we have in common.

Recent activities were reviewed, and upcoming opportunities were discussed. Debbie Sleik reported that another Flood Bucket project is in the works. Next month she will bring us a new Lydia Circle NALC Disaster Relief challenge. We will watch for more information.

All women are invited to please join us in the Gathering Room at **1:00 PM** on **February 20th** for Bible study, fellowship, prayer, dessert, and a short business meeting. We will be introduced to our new Bible study, ***Walking Together (Fellowship)***. Sandy Giordana will be our hostess.

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

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

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Fellowship COFFEE

Special thanks go out to all of the many folks who have so generously stepped up to host our Sunday Morning Fellowship Hour in recent months! It is obvious how very appreciative our church family is to have this time to gather and enjoy coffee/juice and a nice treat with each other.

Won't you please consider signing up to contribute snacks one Sunday soon? They need not be fancy or elaborate -- and packaged treats are perfectly fine. Coffee and juice are provided by the church. There's always someone here to help set-up/serve. The sheet is in the Fireside room. Thank you all for doing your part!

Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting the Council President, Kris Kreh, read a letter written by the Church Council concerning Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. If you were unable to attend or would like to have a copy, one is available in the church office.

A wonderful soup and sandwich meal was served by the Council following the meeting.

January was an exciting month for Our



Saviour's youth programming. Both the Sunday school and youth group finished learning about Elijah and Elisha. The Sunday school students enjoyed playing an Elijah board game that reviewed the key elements to his ministry. For Elisha, the students traveled to the Jordan River and reenacted Naaman being healed of leprosy. The month finished with a big fish and Jonah. The Sunday school played Go Fish and made a Jonah craft.

	Attendance	YouTube
Jan. 7	177	60
Jan. 14	132	88
Jan. 21	141	58
Jan. 28	188	56

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.

Steve & Rita Huglen
50 years - February 23rd

Thank You From:

Thrivent Financial
PEO
Iron Mt. North Elementary School



Our disaster relief items for the month of February are dark colored hand towels and/or washcloths. Items may be dropped off in the marked box in the office.



To the family of Ila Calvi

To Andy & Katie Mendina & family on the death of his grandmother.

To Jeff Plonki & family on the death of his father, Carl Plonke.

To Jon & Linette Hiller on the death of his son, Joseph Hiller.

To Todd & Jill Lemke on the death on his mother, Pauline Ann "Sunshine" Lemke.

To Janay & Tori Walters on the death of their grandmother, Orice Walters.

Spring
**Winsome
Women**



Theme: "Come to Me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest". Matthew 11:28 NIV

**May 8th & 9th
Great Lakes Center for the Arts
Bay Harbor, Michigan 49770**

The spring 2024 retreat's online registration will open on Saturday, February 10th at 8:30am at wswretreats.org.

The new schedule for the retreats can be found on the website by clicking on the schedule tab.

Come experience uplifting worship with Tasha Layton and be encouraged and inspired by Susie Larson, author of over 20 books. Speaker, Karen Ehman of Proverbs 31 and best selling author, helps women live their priorities and love their lives as they serve God and others.



Did you know that we have a great visitation team here at Our Saviour's? Team members, trained as Holy Communion Stewards, enjoy monthly visits with those who are not able to be out-and-about. What a wonderful way to share God's amazing love with others! Let the office know if you want to join the team.

If you know someone who would like to be added to our visitation list, please call the church office.





We spent January learning about hibernation, migration and adaptation, even we have to adapt to the winter weather. We also talked about all the things the winter season brings us. Snow and the fun things we can do in it, snowmen, sledding, etc.

In preschool we have been working hard on recognizing our letters, both uppercase and lowercase. After Christmas break we began working with scissors. They have caught on very quickly and are doing a great job!

In Pre-K we have learned our letter sounds through R. Everyday we work on beginning word sounds and are working on sight words! We will continue through the alphabet and start working on ending sounds soon.

Our Bible stories included Jesus' childhood, Hannah and Samuel and Daniel in the Lion's Den.

God hears our prayers and speaks to all of us in different ways. We should be faithful in prayer, God is always there for us.

Contact: shephardspreschool@gmail.com

Pastor's Corner

This year Ash Wednesday (*Feb. 14*) and Easter (*March 31*) come quite early (*more on that below*). This means we will miss a few Sundays in Epiphany compared to the average year. This is year B in the three-year lectionary, which means that we will miss the story of Namaan in the book of 2nd Kings, chapter 5. I did a little research and am happy that the story comes up twice in the lectionary, but the other occurrence doesn't come until the summer of 2025. Therefore, I'm going to take this opportunity to write a bit about the story.

Namaan was a very successful general in the Aramean Army. They were a Semitic people that were related to the Israelites, but they were not Israelites. And yet Scripture says that the LORD, the God of Israel, had given Namaan and the King of Aram their great military victory (2 Kings 5:1).

Namaan found his way into the Holy Scriptures because he had leprosy. A Jewish girl, who had been captured by the Arameans in a raid, suggested that Namaan seek the help of a prophet in Samaria (modern day northern Israel), namely Elisha. The King of Aram sent a letter to Israel's King Jeroham. Eventually Namaan ended up at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha did not even go to meet Namaan but sent a messenger who told him, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean" (2 Kings 5:10).



Naaman is cured of leprosy. (circa 1150)
 Enamel Meuse Valley (France, Belgium, Netherlands)
 British Museum, London
 Latin: Famvli (servants), Curatio Namam
 (The Curing of Naamaan), Iordanem (Jordan)

This did not please Naaman; he was angry. He had expected that Elisha would come outside and dramatically call upon the LORD to heal him. Then Naaman asked why he came all the way to Israel to wash in the Jordan when the rivers in Damascus, where he lived, would work just as well. Naaman left “in a rage” (2 Kings 5:12).

Namaan’s servant came and talked sense into him. He said, “if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” (2 Kings 5:13). “So [Namaan] went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean” (2 Kings 5:14).

We are all a little bit, at least, like Naaman. We would rather that God help us in dramatic ways, and we would rather have some sort of difficult challenge from God so that we can become partially responsible for our own salvation. But God’s actual words to us work differently.

I am telling this story now because it goes well with my sermon on The Baptism of Our Lord a few weeks ago. The devil loves to put the same thought in our head regarding Holy Baptism as he put in Naaman’s head regarding the LORD’s healing that he promised through Elisha. Baptism looks too easy. It doesn’t look holy enough or dramatic enough. And yet just as God attached his promise, through Elisha, to Naaman’s washing in the Jordan, God attached his forgiveness and promise of resurrection and life for you to the washing and word that you received in Holy Baptism. As Naaman’s servant believed, it really is that simple. Naaman eventually washed and was clean. You have been washed in Baptism and now, in Christ, have a clean conscience before God (1 Peter 3:21).



This year during our five Wednesday Lenten services (*not counting Ash Wednesday*) I will be preaching on the parts of the Small Catechism. This is an old Lutheran tradition in Lent that is worth continuing.

In Christ - Pastor Nick

Saturday 5:00pm Service
Sunday 9:00am Service
Our 9:00am Service is
broadcast live each week on
WZNL94.3 FM radio and on
our YouTube Channel.

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Our Lenten Worship services will begin on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30pm following our Soup Suppers each week. They will continue through Wednesday, March 20th.



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