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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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Easter Worship - 8:30am on WZNL 94.3

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Greetings from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!

You remain in our prayers as we all seek to honor one another in this unknown territory. Your struggles are our struggles, yet we know that Christ is with us.

I wanted to update you on how the recommendations to contain COVID-19 have affected the outdoor ministry of Fortune Lake, as well as what we're planning for the future.

* Our annual meeting scheduled for May 3 will not be done in person. We will send congregational packets that contain the Annual Report and materials to vote for the new Board of Directors both via email and snail mail.

* At this point, we are planning to proceed with all other summer camps as scheduled. This includes congregational day camps that have already contracted with us. We will continue to follow local, state, and national recommendations and will reevaluate our plans accordingly.

* We plan to proceed with our 90th anniversary celebration on August 8th.

You and your families may be concerned about registering/having registered for summer camp because there are so many unknowns. I want to assure you that our Cancellation Policy still fits this situation very well. In the event that a camper or family member is ill prior to camp, they will receive a full refund for their program. If Fortune Lake cancels the camp program, all campers enrolled will receive a full refund. You can read the details here: <http://fortunelake.org/registration/>.

Just like you, I will be making decisions in the days ahead, with an emphasis on spreading the love of God while doing our part to slow the effects of COVID-19. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, insights, or prayer requests. We all need each other!

Grace & Peace - Amanda Rasner

Our Saviour's Website

Please check out Our Saviour's Website (oslfamily.org) for updates and news relating to all topics associated with COVID-19 related news and schedules. We will be trying to update the website on a daily basis.

Online Giving

We have implemented Online Giving to provide another convenient option to continue your giving while services have been suspended during the COVID-19 stay at home guidelines. While mailing in giving envelopes is always a primary option Online Giving provides an additional and very convenient option. You can find instructions and links to giving online on our website (oslfamily.org).

Additionally you may also download a Scheduled Giving Form which can set up automated giving from your checking account. This can be printed, completed and returned to the church office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the church office at 774.2733 or connect@oslfamily.org.

We want to thank you in advance for your prayers, patience and support! God Bless!



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

- Use the Easter Ministry Fund money for camperships to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

Information

- Capital Fund Committee - John Kelm, Jim Meier & Christina Maki
- COVID-19 Preparation - No sharing the peace or passing the offering plate
- Member Profile Update - will be mailed the week of March 16th
- Steeple Update
- Committee Updates - Property Committee will meet to prioritize current needs

- Special Needs Service - March 14th, 4pm
- Midweek Lenten Services continue
- Maundy Thursday - Jews for Jesus Seder Meal Presentation
- Good Friday Tenebrae - April 10th, 8pm
- Easter Services - 8:30 Traditional, 10:45 Praise & Worship, Easter Fellowship between
- Confirmation Sunday, May 3rd, 8:30am
- Church Picnic - Sunday, August 9th
- VBS - August 10th - 13th with Fortune Lake Staff
- Our Saviour's 100th Anniversary - 2023
- Pastoral Acts for February



UP Regional Blood Drive

Our Saviour's
Monday,
April 13th
2:30 - 6:00pm

To schedule an appointment call 906-449-1450. Walk-ins welcome!

* They will sanitize our area and we are trusting them to accomplish that.

Financial Report

Feb. Receipts	\$32,067.00
Feb. Expenditures	\$95,836.00
Balance	(\$63,769.00)

Monthly Benevolence Disbursed \$300 Alpha Omega \$753 AGAPE Fund

Attendance

March 1	192
March 8	140
March 15	104



Birthdays

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|----|--|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Bonnie McMorrow | 11 | Macy Edwards
Ann Mattson | 23 | Cynthia Carlson
Susan Cecconi
Mark Modolo
Bryanna Recla |
| 2 | Timothy Nasi
Diane Ohlsen | 12 | Stella Coplan
Mya LaFreniere | 25 | Howard Beaulier
Brenda Benbow
Lori Gresnick
Kailyn Veale |
| 3 | Ron Johnson
Amy Pratt
Madelyn Yake | 13 | Henry Strom
Dan Swartout | 26 | Kory Pontbriand |
| 4 | Sharon Opolka
Karen Swanson | 14 | Kristen Juanousek
Nolan White | 27 | Samuel Chartier
Gideon LeMire
Jennifer Plonke |
| 6 | Ken Marchetti
Deborah Wenzel | 15 | Anna Bortolini
Ernest Larson
Taylor Tushoski
Bill Wagner | 28 | Nathan Czerwan
Ginger Moore
Gary Poupore |
| 7 | Hayley Buchcuski
Lauren Czerwan
Debra Jump
Sarah Pirkola
Gerald Pirkola
Bob Rumpf
Tracie Watts | 16 | Alyssa Charette
Gregg Erickson
Shawn Greenleaf
Madelyn Holmes
Debra Phelps | 29 | Jason Anderson
Marissa Cevigney
Sharon Fredrickson
Peggy Heczko
Mary Hiltonen
Alex Taff |
| 8 | Zach Celello
Sandra Edgar
John Hiller
Dominic Schinderle | 17 | Buck Buckman
Andilee Conery
Charlie Mendina | 30 | Kent Brock
Alea Grunlund
Marcella Martonen |
| 9 | Kim Londo
Lena Roell
Perry Shulstad | 18 | Mark Klossner
Gavin Moore | | |
| 10 | Caleb Bray
Emmie Mattson
Doreen Olson | 20 | Alyssa Englund
Paige Olsen
Kristin Unger | | |
| | | 22 | Austin Burbry
Brad Sleik
Patrick Tanguay | | |

Mission West Virginia

Thank you for supporting us in our volunteer work with Mennonite Disaster Service. We helped purchase paint and supplies for a house in Sam Black Church, West Virginia. The family lost their home because heavy rains weakened the foundation and the basement caved in. Through VOAD (*Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters*) MDS volunteers were able to build a new home for them.

The support from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church helped make the house a more beautiful home. Thanks to all.

Chuck & Ginny Gibson



Shante (home owner) and her daughter are on the left. The others are weekly volunteers from Bluffton University on their spring break.

We are painting trim and hopefully it will be installed within a week. Chuck is working at another house with other Bluffton students.



Our Sincere Sympathy to:

Family & friends of Donna Mitchell



New to our church family is Beth Brunelli. She moved here October, 2019 and works as a social worker at the VA. Beth has 3 dogs and is just getting settled into the area. She likes to be active outdoors, snowshoeing & skiing but is looking forward to Spring! Beth also enjoys hiking, camping swimming & horseback riding. She is interested in meeting new people as she gets acclimated to the area.

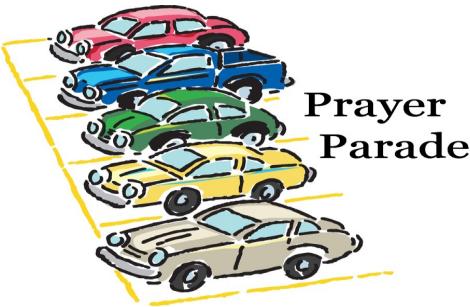


Congratulations to the Sixth Grade Class on winning our Penny War. Seventh came in second and Eighth grade was third. The real winner was the Foster Closet of Dickinson County with \$142.56. Thank you everyone!



Thank You!

Special thanks to Al Westman for heading up our Pancake Supper and all those that helped cook, serve and cleanup. Thanks, too, to all those that came and enjoyed supper. \$423 was raised for Lutheran World Relief, thanks in part to an action grant from Thrivent which provided the food.



Wednesday, April 22nd - 6pm

We at Our Saviour's are excited to announce we will be having a ministry opportunity coming up on Wednesday April 22nd at 6:00pm. A "Prayer Parade of cars" will circle our church at that time. This event will be based on Joshua 6, where God instructed His people to march around the city Jericho 7 times to claim victory for the Lord. We will line up IN OUR VEHICLES in front of the church and drive around our church 7 times! Each round will have a specific prayer topic that will be posted on a series of 7 signs. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to participate.



Pastor's Link

"You have made the church your home, now make your home the church."

We approach Holy Week with an appreciation for what our Lord felt in His heart when he approached the first Holy Week 2,000 years ago, with fear, trembling and foreboding, with a true sense that the end was near. This is a time that tries the soul and spirit of every last human being. It is a time when we see the very best and the very worst that exist in the human heart. The very worst can be seen in those who would stockpile needed goods for themselves while others go without. The very best is seen in all the 'essential workers' who go out to face death to protect us, to heal us and to make sure that our essential needs are met. My daughter Anna is one of those 'essential workers'. She has always been my 'hero' for all that she is, and all that she does for us, for Marky and for all those who's privilege it is to know her, but never more so than now. To those who are in the "essential worker workforce", you have our undying gratitude, admiration and prayers.

Please know that we the staff are doing everything in our power to keep the faith and mission alive at Our Saviour's Lutheran. Upon request of the Dickinson County Infectious Disease Task Force, I have created a Volunteer Chaplaincy Team to look after the spiritual needs of all the healthcare workers

in our county. We at the church have started a Facebook page, YouTube channel and revitalized our website in order to provide inspiration and worship opportunities, as well as information on where help can be found.

We will be having Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services online this year. We are posting the sermon on our Facebook page, along with the YouTube and website, as well as broadcasting them each Sunday on the radio on WZNL 94.3 at 8:30am central time.

We have created a “Home Communion Kit” for each family to have so that they can take communion during our worship service. There are more of them available at the church. They can be picked up outside the glass double doors between 9:00am and 3:00pm Monday through Thursday.

Our Home Visitation minister, Marge Simbob, continues to keep in contact by phone with our homebound folks. Our Prison Ministry, led by RoseAnne Aman, continues its work to keep in touch by mail with the prisoners we are involved with. I continue to work from my home office doing counseling online or on the phone. My personal cell phone number is 906-398-7430 for emergencies, should you need me. Please contact me on Facebook Messenger for any routine matters or if you just need to chat.

With all that said, let me also say this; the world is not ending. God is alive and with us, it is His Spirit that is active in all the good things that we see coming from this crisis. Keep your head about you and do the very

best you can to heed the advice of experts to stay put and stay clean. And most importantly; you have made our church your home, now I ask you to make your home our church. Be faithful to a daily devotional and prayer routine. Pray the Lord’s Prayer, we are told to wash our hands for at least 20 seconds, oddly enough that is exactly how long it takes to say the Lord’s Prayer. Gather on Sunday in front of the radio, website, YouTube or Facebook page and worship with us; we may be apart in body, but we are together in Spirit and Truth. We know that if God is for us then no one can be against us, for we are, and always have been, on a journey home; and Jesus has prepared a place for us, a room in His Father’s house, so that even if the very worst should happen, He will welcome us home. We praise and thank God for all things and in all circumstances we praise His name, and when we do so, the Devil will have no stead in our hearts. Keep the faith, for the faith has kept you all these years.

In Christ our Lord,
Pastor Paul

P.S.

A deep word of gratitude to all the faithful who have sustained the church through your continued generous giving by either mailing in their offering, or using the electronic giving method available on our website www.oslfamily.org. In our darkest hour, your faithfulness continues to shine through!



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HOLY Week

Worship on our website and YouTube Channel.

Maundy Thursday - 6:30pm

Good Friday Tenebrae - 6:30pm



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