



# The Carillon

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC**

*connecting families to Jesus*  
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**APRIL 2021**



*Easter  
Sunday  
Worship  
Sunrise 6:30am  
9:00am  
& 10:45am*

## First Faith Steps

*Train up a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not depart from  
it.* **Proverbs 22:6**



**First Faith Steps** has been a ministry of Our Saviour's since 2014. Targeting parents with infant children up until age 3, this program perfectly reflects our church's mission to **Connect Families to Jesus**.

Parents are given a gift bag with a welcome letter, board book Bible, Sleepy Time Tunes music CD, a card with our church service schedule, and the first of many Parent Pages. Each month, until the child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, parents are mailed a new set of pages full of practical and useful advice and activities to help them fulfill the baptismal promise of raising their child in the Christian faith. Gaged to the child as he ages, Parent Pages include ideas related to Bible stories, family devotions, prayer, attending worship, music, meal-

times, play time, and more. New music CDs are also mailed as children reach their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> birthdays.

To date, we have reached out to 77 children's parents in order to support their role as the most important people in their child's faith formation. Check out the many little sheep displayed on our bulletin board (at the top of the stairway leading to Fellowship Hall), which name and represent the children currently involved in Our Saviour's First Faith Steps ministry.

*Special thanks to Thrivent and special offerings, in recent years, for providing "seed money" in order to bolster this program.*

(Please contact the church office if you know a family we might have missed.)



The Church office will be closed May 31st for Memorial Day, and June 1st for a Staff Planning Day.

## Church Council



Pastor Paul Strom, Christina Maki, Mark Moraska, Doug Luoma, Tania Taff, Jason Roell, John Reed, Bruce Buckman, Kris Kreh, Bev Wadke, Linnea Marchetti, Todd Veale, Toby Carlson, Jaeme Kaski

### Action Items

- Have an Easter Fire Vigil: Todd Veale & Mark to get firewood; fire pit supplied by parsonage
- Easter Services Council in Charge decided
- Add as council representation on the following committees:

Building & Property Committee—Jason Roell & John Reed

Worship Committee— Doug Luoma

Finance Committee—Toby Carlson

Social Ministry/First Fruits Committee—Tania Taff

- Funding for Prison Ministry to come from Edythe Willet memorial.
- Church picnic Sunday, August 8, 2021 at Iron Mountain City Park
- Table a request by Quilters for washer and dryer and have Building and Property look into feasibility.

### Informational Items

- Tuck-pointing and tie-in for Our Saviour's steeple to be handed over to Building and Property Committee
- Have office provide a summary report of attendance, to include live stream and YouTube viewing information
- Council member AED training to take place at next council meeting, with Dr. Carlson to check on the battery
- Committee updates were given from Bev Wadke on behalf of the preschool board and Kris Kreh on behalf of stewardship committee
- Our Saviour's Constitution, B4.04g states: "...duties of the Church Council shall include the following: (g) To arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor."
- Sunday School re-opened March 7<sup>th</sup> and takes place at 10:00am after services
- Light at the Inn: March 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> (all off-site)
- Work began on the tower, Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>
- First Communion – May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Baccalaureate Sunday – May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Confirmation – May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Our Saviour's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2023; committee to be formed and begin meeting in May
- Pastoral Acts for February  
Baptism – 1

### Financial Report

Feb. Receipts	\$33,964.00
Feb. Expenditures	\$30,606.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$3,358.00

### Attendance

March 7	87
March 14	79
March 21	98



# Birthdays

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



## Thank You From:

Joy Flaherty  
Karen and Cory Erickson  
Maureen & Francis Bergen  
Light at The Inn  
Catholic Social Services  
Food Pantry at First Lutheran Church  
Schinderle Family

## Our Sincere Sympathy to:

\*\*Sympathy to Howard Beaulier and family on the death of his wife, Muriel Beaulier.

\*\*Sympathy to family & friends on the death of Arlene Flom.

\*\*Sympathy to Erin Kreh and family on the death of her grandmother Shirley Skogman



Confirmation will not meet March 31<sup>st</sup> or April 7<sup>th</sup> and will resume April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.



**BASIC Training** for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders is back in person at 10:00am on Sundays. Basic Training will not meet March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break.



## Thrivent Choice Dollars

### Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

One good act leads to another. And the impact grows. Thanks to Thrivent, that's what we've experienced through the Thrivent Choice® program.

Many of you directed Choice Dollars® to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. And by doing so, you have helped to make a difference. The outreach funding we receive from both you and Thrivent helps us to continue our important mission. Thank you for your support.

Eligible clients have until March 31 to direct any 2020 Choice Dollars they are designated. If the Choice Dollars® haven't been directed by then and if there are remaining funds in the program budget, Thrivent may choose to use some of the funds to further promote participation in the program or for other purposes. The goal is to get the greatest amount of eligible clients involved to recommend how Thrivent's charitable funds are distributed.

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## Good Friday Tenebrae A Service of Shadows

**April 2nd 7:30pm**

The service of Tenebrae, which means “darkness” or “shadows” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once, a service only for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the lay people during Holy Week, specifically Good Friday at dusk. We join Christians of many denominations throughout the world in using this liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a dramatic meditation on Christ’s suffering through the eyes and ears of His disciples. Their witness traces the story of Christ’s passion; and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As the disciples abandon Jesus one by one, their lights are extinguished, and we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we experience the light leaving the world.

This is a profound and moving event which will change the hearts of those involved and bring a deeper understanding of the price paid for our salvation.



Dear Partners in Faith,

We are thrilled to announce scholarship opportunities available to students in your area and invite you to share this news through church bulletins, newsletters and other communications to supporters.

### **InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship – Two \$5,000 scholarships**

The InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship was established in 2013 to benefit students who are members of churches that have an active church endowment fund held at InFaith Community Foundation.

#### **Eligibility: To be eligible, candidates must:**

- Be a high school graduating senior and a member of a congregation that holds an active organizational endowment fund at InFaith;
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Plan to attend an accredited college or university and seeking a four-year degree; and,
- Be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Through this scholarship award, we hope to provide educational opportunities to two individuals who demonstrate financial need, high academic achievement, and a commitment to serving their community.

Thanks to the generosity of InFaith donors, this scholarship program is made possible through an InFaith Field of Interest Fund to benefit our shared community.

### **WomenLead Scholarship - Two \$3,000 scholarships**

WomenLead recognizes the need for diverse leadership in ministry, nonprofits and civic organizations, and seeks to accelerate the extraordinary leadership of women to lead change using their talents to *educate, advocate, and activate*. The Chris Andersen WomenLead Scholarship was established in 2017. Two educational scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded to women of Christian faith seeking a Masters or Doctoral level degree that will prepare them to serve in public service, non-profit leadership and/or in Christian ministry. Women of diverse backgrounds (race/ethnicity, age, faith) eager to lead through bold action, innovative vision and faith-inspired passion are encouraged to apply.

Applications for these scholarships are due on April 30, 2021. More information is available on [our website](#). If you have any questions about the scholarships or the application process please don't hesitate to contact our team at [scholarships@infaithfound.org](mailto:scholarships@infaithfound.org) or call (800)-365-4172.



**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is still  
in need of a few LITs!  
(Leaders in Training)**

This 2-week program is a combination of leadership training, ministry education, and youth camp! It is for campers completed grades 10-12 who are interested in learning what it is like to serve on camp staff. Campers will gain leadership tools to use in their home congregation, school, community, and future endeavors.

**Fortune Lake is also in need of  
Summer Staff!**

Application/interview process is required for LITs and Staff, please contact the camp at 906-214-2267 or check out their website at [fortunelake.org](http://fortunelake.org). Cost for LITs is \$395. Don't forget, Our Saviour's offers camper-ships to all of our members!



## What's in the Name?

Did you ever wonder why our church newsletter is called "The Carillon?" What is a *carillon*, anyway?

A carillon is an idiophone percussion instrument that is played with a keyboard. It consists of cast bronze bells in fixed suspension, tuned in chromatic order so that they can be sounded harmoniously. Usually housed in a bell tower, the bells are struck with clappers, which are connected to a keyboard of wooden batons played with the hands and pedals played with the feet.

So, every day at 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., does a musician climb the ladders of our church tower to manipulate batons and pedals in order to bring the sounds of Our Saviour's to our community? Of course not!

What we have is an automated electronic system imitating a carillon. Its purpose is to broadcast or ring out the good news of our beloved Saviour to all within listening distance. When we hear the familiar tune for "Amazing Grace," we can't help but whisper the words "...how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me..." What a wonderful way to reach out, comfort, and connect with our community!

Our monthly newsletter, also, "rings out" to all of its readers, keeping us informed of the news and happenings of our church, our community, and beyond. The folks of Our Saviour's sincerely appreciate and thank our wonderful office staff for the exceptional job they do in bringing us our monthly "Carillon."



## Personal Care Kits

We can't control when disasters strike and we can't end poverty overnight but simple things can help to improve the standard of living for people around the world.

**YOU** can help! For many years our members have collected donations throughout the year of soap, towels, toothbrushes and combs to be packed together in Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. In 2019 our church shipped 61 of these kits but in 2020 a challenge was issued to increase that number and we actually packed and shipped 205 kits last fall!

Each kit contains: (All items should be new and in good condition.)

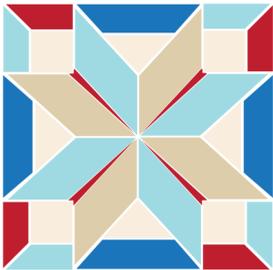
- One light-or medium weight bath towel (easier to hand wash and air dry) Dark color recommended
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. (Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope)



- One very sturdy comb
- One metal nail clipper (attached file optional)

Each month we will highlight one of these items for collection. How simple and together we can make a difference. **During the month of April we will be collecting bath towels.** Drop off your donations in the church office or on the table in the Crystal Lake entrance.



### Donations of Sheets

If you are into spring cleaning and have sheets (flat or fitted) that are being replaced but have some life left in them, the Sewing Bee ladies can use them for quilt backs. Drop them off in the church office or on the table in the Crystal Lake entrance.



Hard to believe it's almost the end of the year! We have been talking about the importance of Easter and Jesus saving us from our sins. We will continue with the Easter story when we return from Spring break.

Our Pre-K class is getting ready for their transition to the big school! Such an exciting time for them. We have finished with our alphabet and counting. We are so very thankful to have been able to finish out our year, and with great weather added in! We will continue to review everything we have learned this year.

Preschool is moving right along with using scissors and working on pencil control. Such a big step for them! Watching them grow has been wonderful!

Due to restrictions still in place with Covid, we will not be having our Spring program this year. We will record the classes singing and post them on our Facebook page!

Registration for next school year is now open! Our classes are filling up fast! For information to attend next year please email [shepherdpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdpreschool@gmail.com)



In Sunday School we started meeting in-person March 7<sup>th</sup>. It has been so wonderful to be back and to see all of the children's faces as they are learning about Jesus. Attendance has increased from 5% to 82% since coming back to in-person instruction. We are all happy to be back social distancing but still learning about Jesus.



We started our in-person instruction with Jesus Died on the Cross. We did this lesson for 2 weeks the first week we watched a

short video and then took advantage of the beautiful weather by going outside to play a game. The next week we did a fun experiment and then made sand-art crosses. In both of these lessons we learned that God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to save us. We learned that sin separates us from God, but Jesus washed all our sins away when he died on the cross, giving us external life.



This last weekend we learned about Easter and how Jesus rose from the dead. We made stuffed Easter eggs with tokens, (cross made of toothpicks, cotton balls with essential oils, tin foil angles, paper rocks, and nothing) to remind us of the Easter story from the Bible. We then took advantage of the beautiful weather and went outside and played Jesus is Alive and decorated the church wall with sidewalk chalk to share the message with others that "Jesus is Alive".

We are still offering online family lead lessons for those that can't make in-person Sunday School. Sunday School will be on a break for Spring Break and Easter for the next 2 weeks. We will resume classes on April 7<sup>th</sup>.



In Christ's Love,

Your Sunday School Ministry Team





## Pastor's Link

Lent is winding down and now we find ourselves entering the most holy week of the Church Year Calendar. Holy Week is about our focus upon the great suffering and Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ in our place and on our behalf. It includes some of the darkest days of penitential reflection for us as we are made very much aware of the sin that placed our Savior upon the Cross in order to spare us from hell and the eternal suffering we deserved. Perhaps, with this past year of separation from each other behind us, we shall be made even more aware of our complete need of the grace and forgiveness that comes only through the Blood of God the Son shed for us, poured over us in the water and Word of our Baptism, and ever proclaimed to us through God's powerful Gospel. Perhaps we shall hunger even more for that blessed Supper of our Lord's Body and Blood given for the even greater assurance of the forgiveness and life we have in Christ. And then on Easter may we be especially reminded that our Lord Jesus Christ rose victoriously from the dead just as He said He would, and He is the Ever Living, Ever Present Lord of Life Who comes to you even now in His Proclaimed Word. That no matter how separate or

alone you may feel, no matter what doom-sayers may be proclaiming about a world that has been doomed and dying since the fall from the Garden, our loving Creator Jesus Christ is living in and with us even now and forever more. For it is no longer you who lives, but Christ Who lives within you; even now! And no matter how much this creation is groaning and moaning under the curse of sin, Jesus will come again and make all things new, and never, ever again will we experience any touch of sin, sickness, sorrow or death. That is the eternal and present reality for the child of God, for each of you, for even amidst the darkness shines a light, shines the Son.

May the Blessings of the Victorious Lamb of God be with you always.

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# HOLY Week

**Maundy Thursday - 6:30pm**

**Good Friday Tenebrae - 7:30pm**



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