



The Carillon

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

connecting families to Jesus

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March 2021



Winsome Women's Retreat

THEME: "Exalt His Name Together"

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 34:3 (KJV)

Do you want to discover breakthroughs and gain insights for spiritual growth and deeper relationships? WinSome Women retreat is presenting Sheila Walsh, Carol Kent, Shaunti Feldhahn and award-winning musicians Selah to inspire and encourage you on your journey. Don't miss out. Be sure to come with your mother, daughters, sisters, and friends to experience enriching speakers, uplifting worship, and the ambiance of the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in beautiful Bay Harbor, MI.

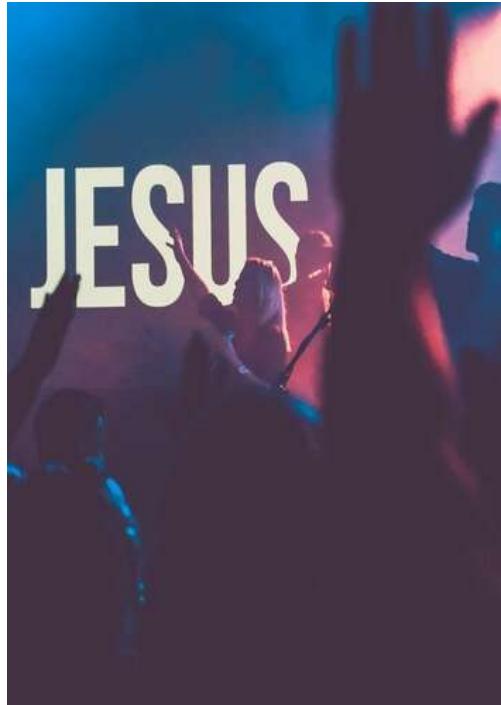
WinSome Women Christian Retreats are open to women 13 years of age and older

Event Days

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 18 & 19, 2021

Wednesday & Thursday, May 19 & 20, 2021

Thursday & Friday, May 20 & 21, 2021



M A R C H

	Ushers		Lector
Mar 7 9:00am	Bruce Buckman	Chuck Vercoe	Jim Meier
Mar 14 9:00am	Joy Nasi	Larry Nasi	Deb Jump
Mar 21 9:00am	Steve Westphal	Donna Westphal	Marge Sparapani
Mar 28 9:00am	Mike Hamlin	Cris Hamlin	Jan Buckman

If you are unable to serve for any reason, please call (774-2733) or e-mail the church office (office@oslfamily.org)



Action

- Council Elections - Kris Kreh as President, Tania Taff as Vice President, Bruce Buckman as Secretary & Todd Veale as Treasurer
- Reopen in-person Sunday School with Executive Committee to approve guidelines, procedures, date, and time; and to continue to offer an online option.
- Approve Katie Jungle's job title as Ministry Assistant

Information

- Light at the Inn: March 14-21st (all off-site)
- Our Saviour's 100th Anniversary—2023
- Confirmation returning to in-person through Lent
- Constitution to be reviewed to determine allowable substitutes for Pastor
- Pastoral Acts for January

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Baptism—I

Brynlee Metras



Hey Church Ladies...

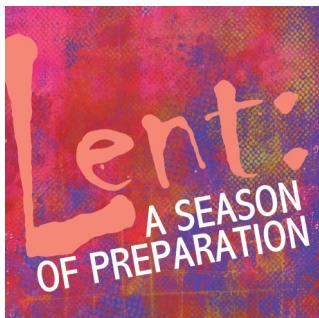
Did you know that each spring the ladies of the Lydia Circle schedule a Cleaning Bee – often concentrating on the kitchen area of the church? Well, unfortunately, it's been many months since that circle has met, and they're not sure when they'll be back on schedule. So...

How about a Church-Wide Cleaning Bee?

ALL LADIES AND MEN are invited to come into Our Saviour's, at your convenience (individually or small groups), to clean/spruce up an area of the church. The church office has a list of possibilities, so you can choose your area of interest – or add more to the list. Perhaps youth or families might also serve in this way. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. Don't forget...

Many hands make light work.
Together we can
make
our church shine!





NALC Lenten Devotional From Ashes to Easter

A time of repentance, reflection and renewal has been practiced by Christians as a 40-day season (excluding Sundays) from the fourth century to the present day. This Lent the NALC executive staff offers a booklet of short, to-the-point devotions that do not take much time so that you may find joy in the simple Lenten discipline of daily devotions.

The devotionals are based upon the daily lectionary provided in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, Year I. The daily lectionary appoints three lessons for each day, although, for the purposes of this booklet, one reading has been chosen as the basis for each day's reflection. This year, each North American Lutheran Church executive staff member has written a portion of the Lenten devotions, ending with Bishop Dan Selbo preparing the devotions for Holy Week and Easter.

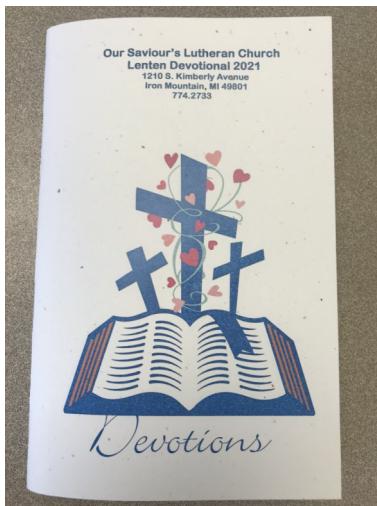
It is our hope that, as we reflect on these passages from God's Word, our faith in God may be strengthened and our commitment to His Word renewed.

It is also our prayer that, as we move from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week, we may join the two disciples of Jesus as they cried out, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures" ([Luke 24:32 ESV](#))?

For Christ and His Kingdom,
**The Rev. Andrew S. Ames
Fuller (ACNA)**

Director of Communications
North American Lutheran Church

This devotional can be found online at www.thenalc.org or you can contact the church office for a printed copy.



Speaking of Devotionals... Our Saviour's 2021 Lenten Devotional has been mailed! If you did not receive one or would like an additional copy please contact the church office.

The Lenten Grocery Cart



In his Ash Wednesday Lenten Devotional Pastor Paul wrote about not “giving something up” but “taking on” a new practice of regular Bible study and prayer and giving from the heart to those in need.

Our Saviour’s members - let’s put those prayers into action! Not everyone is in a position to give financial support to those less fortunate, but if we join together as a congregation we can make a big difference. There are various resources in our area to help families with household expenses and food for the table, but what about other basic household supplies such as paper products, laundry soap, cleaning supplies and personal care items. These items cannot be purchased with an EBT card but are needed in every household. If each one of us would purchase just one item each week during the season of Lent we can fill our “Lenten Grocery Cart” to overflowing. All items will be taken to the First Lutheran Food Pantry as our Easter offering.

Just add one item to your grocery list each week and bring it along when you come to church. For those who have not returned to in person worship, we have asked Mr. Mark to put the grocery cart outside the Crystal Lake entrance each morning when he comes in to work so you can just drop off your donations. *Paper products and cleaning supplies won’t freeze even if the temperature drops outside and you will get a warm fuzzy feeling inside!*



Centennial Committee

We began as a churchless Sunday school, and we were the first English Lutheran Church in Dickinson County. Our Saviour's will be celebrating our centennial - 100 years - in the year 2023. It may sound futuristic but is only two years from now! The need to form a planning committee has arrived. Please give some thought to serving and let us know in the office if you are interested. The first organizational meeting will be held early May - watch the Carillon and bulletin for details.



MARCH

Birthdays

1	John Blomquist Marge Sparapani Thad Strom	Paula Swartout Julia Berglund Austin Mitchell Meredith Johnson	Peyton Lindholm Loni Rochon Avaree Savage Audrey Veale
2	Joy Carlson Damian Taff	Mike Holmes Brooke LaFreniere Scott Ohlsen	Troy Watt Claire Rigoni Shirley Bradley
3	Ian Berglund Jim Mitchell Kalyn Myllyla Steven Rigoni	Raegen Pratt Mya Watkins	Kris Cohodes Zahlia Rochon
4	Fred Giachino Jill Lemke Olivia Maycroft	Macy Holmes Bryce Plonke Andrew Tyrcha	Fred Shoquist Daniel Willman
5	Abby Berglund Naomi Conery Claire Wenzel	Paula Forstrom Aurora Poulos John Rockefeller	Jack LaChapelle Connor White
6	Ben VanGuilder David Wadke	Shannon Rosenthal Emily Strickler	Jeff Tushoski Kelly Quick
7	Baya Buchcuski Willie Erickson Terry Reed	Ava Erkkila Kalie Johnson	Julia Bradley Dayna Lacosse
8	Heidi Gareau Derek Kruppstadt Matthew Marchetti	Gary Aman Troy French	Connor Quick Cody Buckner
9	Amanda Camp Kathy Johnson Jodie Peterson	Aryana Bowers Julie LaCost Jessica Nelson	Tom Nemacheck Donna Tanguay
10	Justin LaVarnway Paisley Raiche	Betty Gerhard Noah Markell Lori Unger	Deanna Michaud Nathaniel Swartout
11	Sheila Gedwick Joan Swartout	Brandon Kowalkowski Doug Hill	Cherie



Sunday School

We are super excited to announce that Sunday School will be meeting in person starting March 7th, 2021 from 10:00am till 11:00am.

Our schedule will be as follows:

March 7 th	April 25th
March 14 th	May 2nd
March 21 st	May 16th
April 11 th	May 23rd
April 18th	

We will not have Sunday School on March 28th & April 4th due to Spring Break

And May 9th due to Mother's Day!

If your child is in anyway sick on Sunday morning please keep them home. A family lead lesson will still be provided each week by email for families that have students that are too sick to attend or can not make it that day for other reasons. More information will be mailed out to each family. If you have any questions please call the church office. We are excited to see everyone soon.

In Christ's Love,

Your Sunday School Ministry Team



First Communion

In addition, our 5th graders will start their first communion program starting March 7th, 2021. Their schedule will be as follows:

March 7th - 1st Day/ Parent Meeting
March 14th
March 21st - Family Night
April 11th - Family Night
April 18th
April 25th
May 1st -Seder Supper
May 2nd - Students make
1st Communion

Family Nights are in addition to Sunday School meetings and will take place at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall



Anniversaries

40 Years - March 7
Bev & Dave Wadke
Sympathy to:

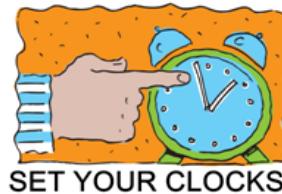
** John and Cathy Blomquist on the loss of his father Jim Blomquist

Thank You from:

Family of Dan Ruohomaki
Karen & Cory Erickson

Baptized into Our Family of Faith:

** Ellis James Bray son of Alison and Caleb Bray



Ahead!

**Sunday,
March 14th
2:00am**



Confirmation is meeting in person at 5:00pm on Wednesday nights during Lent.



Financial Report

Jan. Receipts \$34,532.00

Jan. Expenditures \$37,416.00

Net Income (Loss) (\$2,885.00)

Attendance

Feb. 7th 57

Feb. 14 91

Ash Wed. 83

Feb. 21 68





Greetings from Fortune Lake!

As expected Summer 2021 Youth Camps have been filling quickly! Due to popular demand and the receiving of grant funds, we are excited to announce that we are adding two additional program opportunities:

Additional Vagabond Week: July 18-23

Because the other two Vagabond weeks (*June 27-July 2 and *July 11-16) are full or nearly full, we added a third option; Vagabond week

*July 18-23. Like the others, this program is for campers who have completed Grades 5-6. They sleep in treehouses, prepare some of their meals over the fire, and experience camp as it is meant to be!

*Please note: If campers have registered for one of the other two Vagabond weeks but now have a preference for the July 18-23 dates, please have parents call our office at 906-214-2267 or email officemanager@fortunelake.org to request switching program weeks.

Additional On-Site Day Camp: July 26-29 (Monday-Thursday)

We have received grant funding through the Dickinson Area Community Foundation enabling us to offer an extra week of On-Site Day Camp for local kids who have completed Kindergarten through grade 5! We have added an additional four-day option July 26-29. This program includes all of the fun outdoor activities of Fortune Lake, but campers go home at the end of the day to rest up in their own beds and return re-energized the next day. Because of the generous grant, each On-Site Day Camp week (July 6-9 and July 26-29) is available at the reduced rate of \$45!

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.





February was a fantastic month to learn all about God's love for us. Our students learned that God looks at us on the inside, not the outside. We have been talking about all the ways we can show kindness and friendship to others. They are all doing a wonderful job with it in the classroom.

The Pre-K class is thankful for the weather finally warming back up so we can get outside and enjoy the sunshine and snow! We are getting closer to the end of year, we are continuing to work on our letters and numbers, and our Kindergarten readiness skills! Wow this year is flying by!

Preschoolers are continuing to work on sharing and following rules. They are doing such a great job with their scissor skills and alphabet! We have a few songs to help with our colors and shapes that are so fun!

As we approach the Easter season, we will put our focus toward Jesus and all of his miracles. We will be talking about the wonderful things Jesus did for many people while here on Earth; Healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and guiding the lost. That we should always trust Jesus and follow him. Jesus knows what's in our hearts and has the power to heal and forgive us.



Pastor's Link

"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

John 12:24

To the faithful of Our Saviour's Lutheran, This journey of Lent is a journey through wilderness territory, and this year we're acutely aware of the feeling of being "lost in the wilderness". How deeply our world stands in need of healing. If it feels like a long journey out of the darkness, imagine Israel doing this not for 40 days but for 40 years!

Within the three year lectionary cycle this is the year of the gospel of Mark, although during Lent and Easter we get generous doses of the gospel of John. On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays in Lent we hear from John. Jesus gives us three different metaphors for talking about what his work is about. First, He is about the deconstruction and reconstruction of how we access God. Second, He is 'God's love offering to the world' who, through faith, brings the promise of life eternal. Thirdly He is God's seed which must die in order to fulfill its true purpose. By giving us these images, Jesus is inviting us to use our imagination to see where God is at work engaging and transforming this wilderness into the Promised Land. Whatever our particular experience of wilderness may be,

Christ is there working to transform it, bringing it new life; but in order to do so, something first has to die.

Ten years ago, the Svalbard Global Seed Vault opened for business. Its mission: to house backup copies of all the world's plant seeds - 2 billion seeds in all; and to protect those seeds for thousands of years into the future. Built on the island of Spitsbergen, the vault lies under hundreds of feet of permafrost and Arctic rock, so that even in the worst-case scenario of global warming, the seeds will remain frozen naturally. Part of an effort to protect our planet's rapidly diminishing bio-diversity, the first deposits into the vault contained 268,000 distinct seed samples—each from a different farm or field in the world. Together, they represent the most comprehensive and diverse collection of food crop seeds being held anywhere. If seed crops are lost due to natural disasters, war or simply a lack of resources, the seed collections from Svalbard will be available to reestablish those crops, to help maintain plant diversity and, ultimately, to feed the world.

We human beings do everything we can, using all the technology we can, to extend life. But the voice of Jesus in Lent declares: "*Unless a grain falls into the earth and dies, it cannot bear fruit.*" Jesus says this soon after entering Jerusalem for the final time with his disciples to celebrate Passover. Enemies both within and beyond His inner circle are plotting for His arrest, and

every move He makes is under suspicion. It's in this context that Jesus lifts up an image from the fields to tell those with him about the nature and necessity of what's about to happen, about his own impending death. "*Unless I die, My life, My way, My testimony, My sacrifice cannot bear fruit.*" More simply, "*The true life I offer the world can only arise from my death.*"

The millions of seeds kept in the Svalbard Global Seed Vault will never fulfill their purpose or potential while they're in sealed, moisture-proof pouches. It's only when catastrophe comes, and those seeds are brought out from the permafrost and buried in the earth that they will fulfill their true purpose—because only then will they germinate, only then will they sprout, only then will they grow to produce new fruit, new seed, a new harvest, to keep humanity alive. As we journey with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb, our calling is to put our trust in God's logic, in God's way, which in this case is in line with nature's way. By journeying together, we can support each other in that process. That gift of community, of consolation, of companionship, is a gift that keeps us going even in the hardest of times. As Christians, followers of Jesus Christ, we are to 'bloom where we are planted', bringing forth the fruit of the Kingdom of God; faith, hope and love, in all that we say and do. Amen.

Pastor Paul

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Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays - 6:30pm
February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th



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