

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

March 26th, 2023

9:00am



"I am the
resurrection
and the
life."

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OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
"CONNECTING FAMILIES TO JESUS"

WELCOME to this place of worship and prayer as we gather as part of the family of our heavenly Father. If you are visiting, please complete a yellow witness of worship card, placing it in the offering plate. As you leave the service introduce yourself to our pastor.

OSLFAMILY.ORG – Check out our website to find the current newsletter, sermon recordings, devotional links, congregational information and more.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers. There are also activity bags and coloring books available for children.

OUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE is broadcast live each week on **WZNL 94.3 FM radio** and on our **YouTube Channel**.

WE WELCOME YOU TO HOLY COMMUNION All who seek the benefits of this sacrament are welcome at the communion table. Grape juice & gluten free bread are available upon request. Children not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing. Thanks for worshipping with us today!

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements & Temple Talk

Preparation for Worship

*Pray for an open heart to experience the presence of Jesus,
for your family, for your family of faith and for the worship team.*

**stand as you are able*

The Celebration of God's Presence

***Confession & Forgiveness**

[L] We gather together today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[L] Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our sin.

[C] Lord God who makes all things new, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

[L] Through the death and resurrection of Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit washed over us in baptism, we have been freed from sin and death. Hear again this good news: God forgives all your sins. You are free to live the abundant life that is ours in Christ.

[C] Amen

Preparation for the Word

***Opening Hymn – #559 “Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”**
(Green Hymnal)

*Greeting

[L] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] And also with you.

*The Kyrie

[L] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



[L] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



[L] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



[L] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



[L] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



*The Salutation

[L] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

[L] Let us pray together:

[C] **Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music- "The Eye on the Sparrow"

Tom Nelson

God's Word Guides Us

First Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I

will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

[L] The word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths
I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,
O LORD, who could stand?

**⁴Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

**⁶My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is abundant redemption.

**⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

Second Reading - Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

[L] The word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

***Return to the Lord**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

[L] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

[C] Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel Reading - John 11:1-45**

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin,

said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind

him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

[L] The Gospel of Our Lord.

[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation on the Word

Children's Message

Joy Nasi

Message

Joy Nasi

Hymn of the Day – #385 “What Wondrous Love is This” (*Green Hymnal*)

***The Apostles' Creed**

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***Prayers of the Church**

[L] ... Hear us, O God,

[C] Your mercy is great.

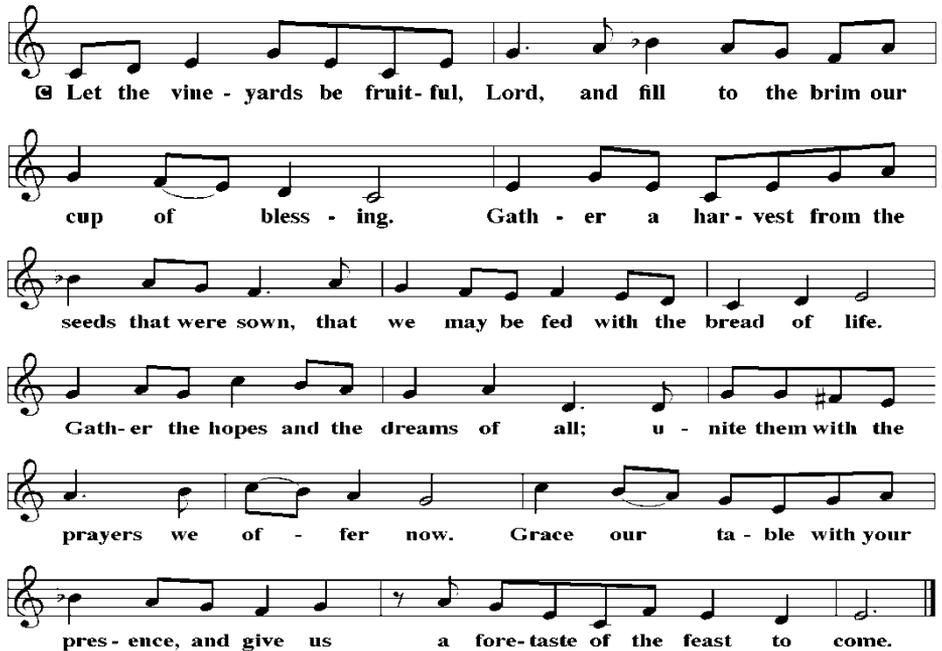
*Weekly Prayer Petition from Call Committee:

[L] Let us pray together:

[C]Precious Heavenly Father, Please be with our new pastor that you have chosen to lead Our Saviour's. Be with them as goodbyes are said to their many friends and church family. Let them know that there are open arms waiting for them as we prepare to greet them. We pray that their transition will be smooth and that we, the congregation, will show our love. We pray that they will be accepted by all members at Our Saviour's and that their presence will be felt throughout our community. We pray that our future together will be led by God to inspire and enrich our community in ways we have never dreamed possible. Amen.

Offering

*Offering Response



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***Offertory Prayer**

[L] Let us pray together:

[C] Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

[L] The gifts of God for the people of God.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Holy Communion

(We practice open communion which means everyone is welcome at the table of the Lord. Please approach with your hands cradled left over right to accept the bread and then take a cup of red wine or white grape juice. There are baskets on each side of the church to receive empty cups.)

*Lamb of God

G Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Post-Communion Blessing

[L] Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

[C] Amen

*Post Communion Prayer

[L] Let us pray together:

[C] Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, given for us.

Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn- #404 – “You Are The Way” (Green Hymnal)

*Dismissal

[L] Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lay Person- Joy Nasi
Saturday Pianist – Shelby Merckx
Organist – Linda Westman
Music – Tom Nelson

Saturday
5:00pm

Sunday
9:00am

In Charge	Larry Swartout	Jaeme Kaski
Lector	Cris Hamlin	Steve Faust
Ushers		Larry Nasi Chuck Vercoe
Acolytes		Clark Robb Madalyn Sleik

This Week at Our Saviour's

Sunday	9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School/BASIC 11:00 Youth Group
Monday	2:30 Blood Drive
Tuesday	1:00 Lydia Circle
Wednesday	8:45 Sewing Bee 1:00 Hospice Quilters 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Midweek Lenten Service
Thursday	10:30 Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 Communion Worship
Sunday	9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School/BASIC 11:00 HS Youth Group

THIS WEEK'S RADIO BROADCAST is given to the glory of God by Marjorie Bantle.

THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Hower by Verna Hower.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will meet in the Gathering Room after church today, March 26th, to finalize plans for our Easter Morning Fellowship Breakfast. Please join us if you would like to help.

AN EASTER CHOIR is forming to make joyful music at our Easter Worship. If you would like to participate, practices will be held the next two Sundays March 26th, and April 2nd at 10:15am and as well as Wednesdays March 29th at 4:30pm and April 5th at 5pm. Contact Betty Soderberg for more information.

OUR PRISON MINISTRY continues to grow. RoseAnne Aman now sends 389 letters sharing the Gospel with inmates each week and all need stamps! We also send out on average 14 bibles each month. If you are willing to help with these mailings please contact the church office or donations to the ministry can be made by designating "prison ministry" on your envelope.

THE CENTENNIAL COOKBOOKS ARE HERE! The Cookbook Committee is excited to let you know that the books have arrived. There are almost 500 recipes submitted by over 100 members and friends of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The books are \$10.00 each. There will be a table set up where books will be available for purchase after services on March 25th & 26th and April 1st & 2nd or you can stop by the church office during office hours to get your copy.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP is held Wednesdays at 6:30 and continues each week until March 29th.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS are Wednesdays at 5:30pm with Lenten service 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. There is a link to the sign-up on both our website and Facebook page. If you are unable to sign up online, please call the church office to sign up.

LENTEN FLOOD BUCKETS are our collection focus during Lent this year. We have also received a Thrivent Grant to help with this donation to NALC Disaster Response. At each Wednesday Lenten service, we will collect one item needed for the kit. Donations can be left in the fireside room. **This week's item is a pair of large rubber gloves.**

DONATIONS ARE REQUESTED for gently used flannel shirts for our quilters. They can be dropped off in the church office.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR EASTER services. Please see the sign-up sheet in the fireside room.

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE: The church council is seeking applications for the Mutual Ministry Committee. The purpose of this committee is to strengthen our ministry by building a sense of partnership, mutual support, communication and understanding with the congregation, pastor, and staff. This committee will provide a safe place to hear and understand concerns of the pastor, staff, and congregation. We are still in need of applicants, if you are willing to serve on the Mutual Ministry Committee, please submit a brief letter to the council for review at the next meeting, April 11th. Application letters can be emailed to Christina at financial@oslfamily.org or turned in to the church office. Be sure to introduce yourself and include why you would like to serve on this committee.

ALTAR GUILD TRAINEES NEEDED: The Altar guild prepares the altar and Holy Communion for our worship services. Over the years, the number of volunteers for Altar Guild has waned. We would very much like to see some new volunteers in this role! We would pair a new trainee with an experienced member of the Altar Guild and the church will provide a detailed checklist and training will go slow, so don't feel intimidated by this important function of our church's workings.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School meets Sunday mornings at 10am. There will be no Sunday School April 2nd & 9th due to spring break.

ATTENTION ACOLYTES, if you missed Acolyte training or would just like a refresher or a chance to practice before your scheduled service, you can learn more at B.A.S.I.C training! B.A.S.I.C. stands for Becoming a Servant in Christ, and they meet every Sunday at 10am upstairs in the youth room with Eileen Anderson. Eileen has offered to use the B.A.S.I.C training time to help our Acolytes become more familiar with their duties.

YOUTH GROUP meets 11am on Sunday mornings. They will not meet on April 2nd or 9th due to spring break.

CONFIRMATION is on break during Lent. Confirmation students are encouraged to attend Wednesday night services during this time. Confirmation will resume on April 19th.

THE JR/SR HIGH RETREAT at Fortune Lake is taking place April 21-22. Our Saviour's will reimburse the cost of this retreat for any confirmation students that wish to attend! Registration is open now! This one-night retreat is filled with camp favorites like songs, games, campfire, Bible Study, and sauna. The theme, I Love To Tell The Story, will focus on both the importance of sharing the story of Jesus as well as sharing our own faith stories.

LOCAL MINISTRIES & EVENTS

UP REGIONAL BLOOD DRIVE is this Monday, March 27th, from 2:30 – 6pm here at Our Saviour's. All donations stay in the UP. Walk-ins Welcome, for appointment call 906-449-1450. Please bring photo ID.

HOLY TUESDAY SERVICE: The Dickinson County Community Chorus and the Iron Mountain Area Clergy Association will hold the Annual Holy Tuesday Choral Offerings and Readings on Tuesday, April 4. The service, entitled "Light of the World," will be held at American Martyrs Catholic Church located at 908 West Sagola in Kingsford. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. (not 7:30). This ecumenical service consists of scripture readings and choral anthems based on the Lenten Season and the Passion of Jesus Christ. A free-will offering will be taken by members of the Kiwanis Club to further the work of the Iron Mountain Area Clergy Association.

EASTER EGGSTRVAGANZA: First Presbyterian Church and Maranatha invite you to join them in an Easter Experience for families, "Journey to the Cross." It's a free family event; join them for dinner, crafts, games and a "Journey to the Cross" tour. On Wednesday March 29th any time between 4:00pm and 7:00pm at First Presbyterian Church of Kingsford, 395 Hamilton Ave.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Lois Martonen, **Geno** Schinderle, **Bev** Wadke, **Cherie** Cerasoli, **Ed (Steve)** Simbob, **Carol** Christesen, **Sally** Yuds, **Jesse** Wolfgram, **Rita** Huglen, **Jack** Bale, **Doug** Karttunen, **Sally** Karttunen, **John** Chiamulera

Family Members: **Micah** Lerman, **Jonah** Lerman, **Rick**, **Laura** VanKirk, **June** Meier, **Nick** Meier, **Phil** Roberts, **Carol** Larson, **Danny** Stockham, **Susan** Wolfgram, **Ted**, **Derek** Lindstrom, **Paul**

Healthy Pregnancy & Delivery: **Dana** Giguere, **Lydia** Ohlsen, **Nisha** Gibbon, **Margaret** Poisson

Friends of Members: **Joey** Eaton, **Dick** Switzer, **Anne**, **Todd**, **Matt** Norton, **Donna** Moreau, **Jeana** Simone, **Micky**

Kijitonyama Lutheran Church, sister congregation, Tanzania

All those serving in the armed forces in the U.S. and overseas:
Andrew Perla, **Emily** Bradley, **Neil** Bradley, **Claire** Oberthaler, **Max & Iris** Robare Gaffey, **Nicholas** Schroeder, **Chris** Carlson, **Travis** Smith, **Dennis** Vassar, **Zachariah** Groskreutz, **Connor** Milbrath

*To add a name, please call the church office. Names stay on the list for one month unless requested.
Please be sure that you have asked their permission.*