

# MONTHLY

*The Mission of Our Savior: That all may know Christ, grow in Christ and joyfully go with Christ.*

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God's work. Our hands.

Dear Members of Our Savior Lutheran,

"Forgive and Forget" sounds simple enough doesn't it?

The thing is, we rarely forget, and so the reality of forgiveness becomes even more difficult.

The restoring of relationships is a difficult task. We all know how difficult that process can be. "I'm sorry" requires many human responses, two of which are courage and honesty. Relating well to other human beings is one of the most challenging things a person can undertake. If we are honest with ourselves, I think we can say that one of our deepest longings is to be understood by another. A good deal of that understanding comes from the art of listening. Hurt occurs when both parties are seeking to speak and be understood and no one is doing the understanding.

Apathy is one of the avenues we use to numb ourselves. Phrases like, "I don't care," "It doesn't matter," "It will go away" or "Nothing can be done anyway," are characteristics of apathy. It is the opposite of love, and it leads ineffably to more hurt and anger.

Forgiveness is a matter of grace and we depend on God to give it.

Forgiveness enables the creative powers of healing in us to be released. We cannot heal ourselves but we can depend on God's grace to aid us in our struggles to do so.

So why not forgive those who have hurt you? Why not put aside all the anger and hurt that is inside.

As Our Savior moves forward this year with the call process, this becomes even more important. Please remember that this Lenten Season provides opportunity for forgiveness to begin. Ask God for his grace and he will give you aid.

Pastor Bob



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The United States Army Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps

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## A TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE

I don't know about the rest of you, but as I packed away Christmas decorations this year I thought to myself, "Where was Christmas?" I began the Christmas season in late September as I thoughtfully planned special music for the Advent and Christmas season for worship with the choirs. I anxiously started rehearsing that music early in October with the choirs. At home, our first Christmas tree was up by November 1<sup>st</sup> in preparation for a holiday tour of homes. Thanksgiving swiftly passed us like a mild, spring weather day. Then came numerous Christmas themed concerts throughout December leading up to our Christmas Eve and Day services. Then just as soon as the decorations went up, they all were packed away. How time flies.

Now as we brush off the New Year's confetti we notice that Lent is soon approaching! February 22<sup>nd</sup> starts our Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. Much like the Christmas season we have only enough Wednesday night services leading up to Easter to count on one hand. How time flies!

All of this only serves as a reminder to us that Jesus himself was only in human flesh for a short 30 some years. The time of Epiphany and Lent is but a short time to remember the life of Christ here on Earth. Though we could never truly have enough time to understand the full sacrifice God made for us; the Wednesday nights in Lent will be a chance to calmly enter the sanctuary of God in quiet prayer and remembrance for His death on a cross for the remission of our sins. The Wednesday services will not include Holden Evening prayer. As a carefully chosen juxtaposition for the Lenten season, the Worship Planning Team has put together a service that will offer us a time of remembrance. We will also have a pastor exchange Wednesday nights with our neighboring ELCA congregations. Each pastor has prepared a message that highlights separate parts of the Lord's Prayer.

Mark Kanitz  
Director of Music



Watch for a Lenten brochure listing the readings and opportunities offered at Our Savior during this Lenten season. It will be mailed in mid-February. We hope that you'll plan to worship with us each weekend during this holy season and at our special worship services.

## LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Mid-week Lenten worship schedule is as follows. All services begin at 7pm.



**February 22**

Pr. Bob Oleson

Intro & First Petition

1 John 5:14-15; Matthew 6:1a, 5-13

**Mid-week Wednesdays**

**February 29**

Dale Topp

Fourth Petition

Exodus 16:1-8, 13-18; John 25-27

**March 7**

Pr. Paula Lawhead

Fifth Petition

Psalms 130; Matthew 18:23-35

**March 14**

Pr. Gretchen Ritola or Amanda Weinkauf

Second & Third Petitions

Isaiah 55:10-13; Matthew 26:36-42

**March 21**

Pr. Chris Meier or Chris Honig

Sixth & Seventh Petitions

James 1:12-21; 1 John 4:1-6

**March 28**

Pr. Bob Oleson

Doxology & Amen

Psalms 113:1-8; Ephesians 3:20-21

## LENTEN SUPPERS

The Lenten season is quickly approaching; and with that comes Mid-Week Lenten services and those delicious Lenten suppers! If your group or organization would like to take care of serving a supper, please contact the church office (375-2899) as soon as possible. Dates available are: February 29, March 7, 14 and 28. *There is no charge for the meal, but a freewill offering is taken with proceeds going to the group or organization providing the meal.*





*November's Dollar Door Offering was collected and given to the JDC in Madison at our Christmas visit...*

**(Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Service, Inc)**—Every year before the holidays come in to full swing, I take the time to request funds from different business and organizations for the purpose of purchasing recreation and program supplies and more specifically toward our holiday festivities. Christmas is a time when families gather and celebrate the coming of a savior. At least that is what it has always been for my family. I have quickly learned that for many of our residents Christmas has been something altogether different. For some of them the most they get for Christmas is a case of soda and maybe a family “party.” For others it might be the most stressful time of the year. Some have heard the Christmas story, but many couldn't really tell you what it is all about, or what really happened, or the significance of celebrating Christmas.

We are truly blessed to have you come each year at Christmas to not only celebrate the significance of the holiday with us, but to teach it to our residents. We received a significant donation from you this year and every bit of it went toward Christmas gifts and a Christmas party for our residents. I cannot express to you just how significant your participation and contributions have been to us. I used to think I was a little “old school” about involving some of the traditions I grew up with in our facility until I realized that for many of our resident, the year they were locked up may have been the first time they have truly heard the message of how our Savior came to save us. It is with a humble and sincere heart that I tell you Thank You for your contribution, for your time, for your generosity, for giving, for teaching, and most importantly for showing up!

Jesse Jensen, Program Director, NNJS  
Matthew 25:31-46

*In October, Wayne area churches held the “Soap for Little Hands” drive to help children in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.*

**(Caring & Sharing Committee)**—We as a committee wish to sincerely thank you for your contribution of all the soap, shampoos & conditioners and toothpaste & brushes. It was given to Los Milpas, a colonia near us; Su Casa, a home for unwed mothers and Listening Hands, a group of needy

community families. These people are very appreciative and we are sure it was put to good use. Many were used as Christmas stocking stuffers.

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, McAllen TX

*Our Savior had opportunity to share some of its 2011 financial blessings with several area agencies.*

**(Haven House)**—On behalf of those we serve and the team at Haven House, we extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous contribution. Your thoughtfulness, support and generosity are appreciated more than words can express.

Ilene Nichols, Shelter Manager

**(WACAM)**—What a wonderful surprise I found in the mail this morning. The gift of \$500 to the Ministerial Association is not only generous but very timely as well. I think we all in rural America have been blessed this year with wonderful crops and substantial value for them, but I must tell your that your church has been especially generous in assisting those in need for some time. Such actions speak well of the strong faith and values within the hearts and minds of all of those who share your faith community.

May God bless you and each of your members for your unselfish generosity to those in need.

I will share this good news with the other ministers of the Wayne Ministerial Association.

God Bless and Happy New Year!

Deacon Pat Gross, Treasurer

**(Wayne Area Habitat for Humanity)**—What a great surprise! Thank you so very much for the wonderful monetary gift of \$500 directed to Wayne Area Habitat for Humanity. This generous gift gets us significantly closer to our financial goal allowing us to pursue plans for our 4th build. We still have a ways to go, but these dollars move us in the right direction. God bless the members of Our Savior Lutheran Church for their generosity and commitment to families in need of affordable housing. Again, we heartily thank all of you.

John Witkowski, President

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**(Wayne County Food Pantry)**—Once again I would like to thank Our Savior for your generous support of the Wayne Food Pantry. Your gift was so very timely and much appreciated. Thanks again.

Dan Sukup, Treasurer

**(American Red Cross, NE Nebraska Chapter )**—Thank you so much for including the Red Cross in your year-end giving and for your continued support of the local chapter. It is truly appreciated...

...in the last year, the local chapter has responded to 29 fires in Northeast Nebraska and provided emergency communication for 40 military families in times of crises. When the community of Martinsburg was evacuated, Red Cross volunteers were on hand to provide a safe shelter to go to. Most recently, when homes in Macy were evacuated due to the threat of flooding, your local Red Cross provided shelter for five days. Nearly 3,000 people in NE Nebraska communities have been taught CPR/AED techniques, First Aid and basic safety practices. You have made this possible.

Thank you for your support of our mission. We wish all of you a blessed New Year.

Shalle Wolff, Executive Director

*During the season of Advent, Pr. Bob asked the children of the congregation to help him provide money for a child or person in need.*

**(Siena/Francis House Homeless Shelter)**—We truly appreciate your congregation's kind and generous donation of \$175 given to the Siena/Francis House homeless shelter on December 21, 2011. Your caring support allows our organization to provide the most basic human services of food, shelter and clothing to the hundreds of homeless individuals and families who seek assistance at the Siena/Francis House every day.

Please know that the Siena/Francis House is currently providing shelter to up to 490 women, children and men each night. And, our kitchen staff is prepared to serve up to 1,470 meals every day, to feed each one of them.

For your information, in 2010, the Siena/Francis House provided our services in record numbers. Last year, the Siena/Francis House provided 160,877 nights of shelter and served 429,232 meals to the thousands of homeless persons who came to us in need. We also helped over 400 homeless families and individuals achieve permanent housing in 2010.

Again, thank you very much for your generous support of the Siena/Francis House homeless shelter. With your help, we are able to accomplish our mission of serving our community's homeless individuals and families with the respect and dignity they deserve.

Mike Saklar, Executive Director

### JOIN THE TEAM AND JOIN THE FIGHT!

The Wayne Relay for Life is just around the corner and we would love for anyone and everyone to join the Our Savior Walkers team. Our team is for the young and older...anyone who feels God leading them to help fight the battle against Cancer and celebrate the lives of those who have so courageously battled this disease and those who have so eloquently surrendered their fight.

The relay will begin Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm and ends at 6:00 am on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you aren't able to be at the walk...but would like to help....there are many ways that you can help us out.

The team has the following planned for February:

- The week-end of February 11 & 12th—we will be selling **Valentine decorated sugar cookies**. Be sure to get special cookies for those special people in your lives.
- The team will also be hosting the **Sunday morning coffee hour** that weekend.

Thank you so much for everyone who contributes to this wonderful cause....Keep up the great work!

If you'd like to join the team, please contact Kim Dunklau by phone (369-1696) or e-mail (dunklau.k@gmail.com) or the church office (375-2899) to request a registration form. There is a \$10 commitment fee.



**A Note from the**  
  
**YOUTH**  
**Discipleship Leader**

Cara Jensen

For two weeks in January, I had the privilege of attending school at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. While there I met people from all over the US who have felt a call to ordained ministry. A few students were from Texas, some from Florida and others from California. We span the country which was amazing to experience. I am part of a relatively new program for doing a Masters of Divinity; we do most of it online and so far it is working out to be the best system set up. I am involved in Cohort 5 of the Distributed Learning groups, which means there are 4 cohorts before me. I enjoyed getting to know the people that were in my cohort but they do not call them "intensives" because they are easy. During my time there I attended an education course and a teaching and preaching course. This meant that I did two, semester long classes in the span of two weeks. Though they were hard, they both were amazing and in two weeks I read over 6 books for the classes. I learned about learning environments and how to create environments that would help youth learn about the Bible. I studied how to read text with feeling and gave a mini-sermon in class at the end of the two weeks.

A few specific things that I am really excited to come back and share with the community of Wayne and Our Savior Lutheran Church were the lessons I learned in education. One broad thing is how stories create who we are. These stories of our personal identity can be used to help individuals see the stories in the Bible. One thing that came out of this is my desire to start a Bible study for high school girls and their moms. We will be starting on January 31st, talking about the story of Ruth and how to apply this story to the girls/mothers we are today. Ruth is a book that helps show God's power and love through a girl and her struggles throughout the story. We will equate these stories with the stories of history we have, as well as our own personal history and the women we want to become.

Another thing I learned in classes is that we are all teachers and learners. I am a facilitator and it is my job to help create an area that will help others to learn more about who they are and who others are. There is so much I would like to share, so if you are interested, please come find me after worship to talk about my experience so far; it would be great.

I am happy to be home and cannot wait to reconnect with all of you after having studied and worked so hard for the last few weeks.



**WSC LECTURE RECITAL  
 TO BE HELD AT OUR SAVIOR**

On Monday, February 13th, at 7:30pm, **The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps** will present a lecture recital. The recital will be held in the sanctuary at Our Savior. The community is invited to attend. Their presentation is entitled ***"Preserving the Sounds of Liberty: A Lecture Recital on the Traditions of Military Field Music"***

Dave Bohnert, Director of Bands/Trumpet Instructor at Wayne State College provides the following information about the corp.

"The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps is a living example of the rich traditions of the Army's 237-year history. For 52 years, their music has inspired millions of Americans by recalling the days when brave patriots forged our freedom.

Created in 1960 as an element of the 3<sup>rd</sup> United States Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps is one of only four Army premier musical organizations. This elite unit performs at ceremonies and special events at the White House and throughout the Nation's Capital. In addition, the Corps travels extensively, presenting their signature musical style throughout the world.

Distinguished by the tricorne hat, white wig, and red colonial-style greatcoat, the uniforms worn by The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps are patterned after those worn by the field musicians of the First American Regiment of 1784, from which The Old Guard originated. The musicians' blue-trimmed red coats were opposite in color to the infantry soldiers' red-trimmed blue coats. This practice of reversing the colors, a tradition originating in Europe, aided commanders in locating their musicians in the smoke and confusion of the battlefield.

To see the unit is to experience history come to life – a proud history that began with the musicians of the Continental Army and continues to this day!"

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...

### TITHING IS NOT OUTDATED

“Tithing—a dirty word? An outmoded word? Oh, well, we say, the text is from Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 14:22-29), and that’s in the Old Testament, so that doesn’t really bind us anymore today. Right? Wrong!

“...We have gone far beyond the limits of an agricultural society such as Israel was when these laws were handed down to the people. And yet—the basic reasons for these requirements remain valid even in our highly industrialized and computerized society.

“...the Lord God is well aware of our very human limitations and reactions. Given anything at all, our first impulse is to keep it—every last speck of it! ‘But, says God, *that’s not fair. What about those who don’t own land, who are crippled or blind or weak and unable to fend for themselves?*’ And, of course, they are part of our responsibility too.

“In the original context of this requirement to tithe, the idea was that, since God is the real owner of the land, it’s only fair that He be given a percentage of the produce. Well, that sounds logical enough. And, in addition, the Law given in Deuteronomy states very clearly the religious purposes of the tithe—to care for the Levites, so that they may put all their energies and time to serving in the sanctuary.

“But—and it’s a very big BUT indeed—this wasn’t the chief purpose of the tithe. The chief purpose was to teach the people the proper way to show reverence to the Lord. This wasn’t to be a grudging, ‘well-if-I-have-to-I-have-to’ sort of giving, but a joyous giving, a giving of all that we have, all that we are, in gratitude to God for the things that He has given so freely to us.” [Select Stewardship Sermons, Esther Lense]

No, tithing is not outdated, and it is not likely to become outdated in the future, unless human beings stop needing to express gratitude for God’s great gifts to them.



### WHY SHOULD I TITHE?

Eight Reasons from God’s Word

- 1. Because God commands it.** *‘A tenth of all you produce is the Lord’s, and it is holy.’ Lev. 27:10*
- 2. Because Jesus commands it.** *‘Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn’t leave the more important things undone either.’ Matt. 23:23*
- 3. Tithing demonstrates that God has first place in my life.** *‘The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first place in your life.’*
- 4. Tithing reminds me that everything was given to me by God!** *‘Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth.’ Deut. 8:18*
- 5. Tithing expresses my gratitude to God.** *‘How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?’ Ps. 116:12 ‘Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.’ Deut. 16:17*
- 6. God Says that refusing to tithe is stealing from Him!** *‘God says, “Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!” but you ask, “How do we rob you?” God says “In tithes and offerings. ...Bring your whole tithe to My house.”’ Mal. 3:8-10*
- 7. Tithing gives God a chance to prove God exists and wants to bless you!** *‘Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this’ says the Lord, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won’t have room enough for it!’ ... Malachi 3:10*
- 8. Tithing proves that I really love God.** *‘(Jesus) If you really love me, do what I command.’ John 14:15*

[Discovering Spiritual Maturity, Rick Warren, audio tape]

#### STEWARDSHIP GENERAL FUND GIVING

As of December 31, 2011

January 1, 2011 Balance	\$0.00
Expenses	\$410,877.74
Receipts	\$410,877.74
December 31, 2011 Balance	\$0.00

#### AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP

Attendance for January: 203

### HOUSES FOR HEALTH UPDATE...

We received updates from Bob Kasworm on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the fourth and fifth Houses for Health that we are building in Tanzania. Bob writes,

“Dear all at Our Savior Wayne,

I am just back at it in Tanzania after the nice holidays in Nebraska. First on my list was to visit the houses that were in process when I left.

The attached picture shows your finished house (number 45 in the Houses for Health program) With Grace, her father, Elianeema, Shadrak, and Meshak.

Not a lot good has happened in the life of any of these folks and they are among the poorest I have ever known. Your generosity has shown that good things can happen, that someone cares, and that there is reason for hope.

I believe the family is in awe of this thing that happened and they are so very grateful

You all have done a good good thing.

Thanks for remembering the very poor in Tanzania.

Bob Kasworm  
Alegent Health Tanzania

Mungu Awe Nasi/God be with us.”

“Dear all at Our Savior Wayne,

Yesterday we began construction on our next Our Savior, Wayne, house... which will be number 49 in the House for Health program.

The recipient is 52 year old Mary Tirafoo Muro in the Machame sub-village of Nkwamasi. Living with her are grandchildren Benson age 8 and Jacqueline age 13. Mrs. Muro has a bleeding disorder but it is unclear just what the cause is. In actuality, the primary health problem is just plain extreme poverty.

The attached photos show Mrs. Muro and her current home. I will be getting you some additional pictures but know we will have some people from Our Savior visiting us next month and I am hopeful we can actually visit this house which will be nearing completion by then.

As usual, it will take about 5 weeks to complete and you can expect to hear from me again then if not before.

Thank you for your support and for remembering the very poor in Tanzania,

Bob Kasworm  
Alegent Health-Tanzania”





## Women of the ELCA

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

#### RACHEL CIRCLE

Monday, February 6, 1:30 p.m.  
Leader: Rodella Wacker  
Hostess:

#### JOY CIRCLE

Wednesday, February 8, 2:00 p.m.  
Program: Triennial Experience  
Speaker: Mae Greve  
Hostesses: Gloria Leseberg, Lois Youngerman  
Devotion: Mae Greve

#### REBEKAH CIRCLE

Thursday, February 16, 2:00 p.m.  
Leader: Evie Schock  
Hostess: Virginia Nelson

#### TABITHA CIRCLE

Monday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.  
Leader: Lila Splittgerber  
Hostess: Arlene Ostendorf

#### CHARITY CIRCLE

Wednesday, February 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Program: Brownies & Brass  
Leader: Sharon Fleeer, Joanie Baier

#### VISITATION

Wednesday, February 15, 1:00 p.m.

#### QUILTING

Thursday, February 9, 9:30 a.m.

#### SEWING

Thursday, February 23, 9:30 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 1, 1:15 p.m.



by Dorothy Wert

Nancy Jo, Phyllis, Fauneil Bennett and I attended the afternoon session of the Nebraska Synod Women's Organization Winter Retreat at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island. We heard Sonja Burpo tell the amazing story of her son, Colton's trip to heaven and back. The New York Times best selling book "Heaven Is for Real" was written by the Burpo family. They have a new edition of the book out for children, read in Colton's voice. The Burpo family are from Imperial, NE and have a passion for ministry and evangelism.

The 2012 Northeast Conference Spring Gathering will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Wisner on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.. The Gathering theme is "Christ Makes Life Exciting", theme verse is Psalm 47:1 TEV: "Clap your hands for joy, all peoples! Praise God with loud songs!"

Keynote speaker is Rachele McCalla, a Presbyterian minister and author. She recently released the first of a new series of inspirational romance suspense books with 3 more coming out in 2012.

Pastor Bob Bryan from Followers of Christ Church, Nebraska State Penitentiary will be joining us. He will bring former inmates to witness to us and will present a couple of workshops. There will be other exciting workshops to attend. Topics scheduled are about Foot Reflexology, Chair Yoga, Photography Tips and Real Estate Information.

Bishop David deFreese is scheduled to deliver the Bible Study. Since he is not planning to run for re-election as Bishop, it may be our last chance for this opportunity.

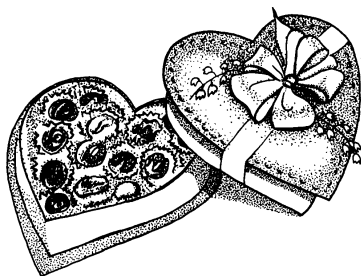
The fee is \$15.00 and is due by February 14<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up a registration form in the church office. **Please consider attending this faith-building experience.** You will meet other women of faith and have an enjoyable day.

The women of Christ Lutheran have asked the women of Our Savior to serve and provide Cookies, Cakes and Bars for the afternoon closing. Since Our Savior will be hosting the 2013 Northeast Conference Spring Gathering, the Executive Board thought it only right to help out our sisters-of-faith in Wisner, by accepting their request for help. If you are planning to attend and could help serve the afternoon coffee, or if you are not attending and can provide any of the above mentioned goodies, please let the office know (402-375-2899). Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Called and saying, Yes,

*Dorothy*

WELCA President





## PASTORAL ACTS

- † A funeral service was held Wednesday, December 28, for **Rose Carlson**. She died December 23, 2011.
- † A funeral service was held Saturday, January 7, for **Lavern Harder**. He died January 4, 2012



## IN OUR PRAYERS. . .

We remember in prayer those who were hospitalized the month of January: Lois Jech, Norma Backstrom.



## “YOU VISITED ME...”

The Visitation Ministry Group meets once each month to sign and send cards to church members and to share a visit with friends.

In January 57 New Year's cards and four Sympathy cards were sent. Visitors made 105 calls and visits to members and friends. *(Since the December meeting.)*

Please come and be a part of our Visitation Ministry Group. **This month's meeting is on Wednesday, February 15, at 1:00 p.m.** For more information about this wonderful ministry, please contact Erna Karel (375-1275) or the church office (375-2899).



## ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild workers for February: Lila Splittgerber, Mildred Weak, Peg Schaffer, Melia Hefti, Sharon Fler, Madge Brufflat, Debbie Bargholz, Donella Johnson, Donna Lundin, Jeannine Anderson, Donna Lutt, Vera Longe. Please check your schedule for the date and time.



**(Joanie Baier & Lila Splittgerber)**—Many thanks to the following ladies who came and cleaned the Christmas candles and holders: Donella Johnson, Lavonne Smith, Lois Youngerman, Fern Test, Nancy Jo Powers, Sharon Fler, Vera Longe, Norma Backstrom. We were able to complete it in one morning with such good help!

**(Erna Karel)**—I want to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas services throughout December and the for the carolers who came caroling. It was all just wonderful and I appreciate it so much.

**(Leslie (Boeckenhauer) Johnson)**—To Mrs. Santa, Thank you so much for your kind gift. It is truly appreciated. I hope that one day, I will have the means to spread Christ's love as you have. Thanks again!

**(Don & Irene Hansen)**—We would like to thank the people that come to our home to give us communion.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeannine Anderson, Dale Claussen,  
Darrel Gilliland, Keith Jech, Thelma Moeller,  
Steve Rasmussen, Nathan Sieler
- 3 Bonnie Otte
- 4 Herman Lindner
- 6 Jim Lutt
- 7 Kerry Otte, Mary Woehler
- 8 Christian Rogers, Bonnie Sprouls
- 9 Karen McDonald, Mardelle Wiseman
- 10 Carter Kratke, Jason Schulz
- 12 Sandra Schulz, Bryce Wacker
- 13 Kenneth Dunklau, Chris Lueders
- 14 Richard Johnson
- 15 Riley Brodersen, Casey Koenig, Gayle Hoybook,  
Frank Wood
- 16 Doris Daniels, Mike Hank
- 18 Nancy Jo Breitreutz, Chuck Rutenbeck, Karlee  
Woehler
- 19 Bob Burke, Cindy Franzen, Kylie Milligan,  
Michael Nissen, Cody Rogers
- 20 Dorothy Aurich, Gunnar Jorgensen, Michele  
Nelson, Schuyler Schweers
- 21 Duane Blomenkamp, Sandra Bruns, Jim Hummel
- 22 Wilma Moore
- 23 Cynthia Miller
- 24 Cheryl Henschke
- 25 Kelly Grone, Clinton Roberts
- 26 Ronnie Doring, Ron Magnuson
- 27 Mary Mohl
- 28 Maddie Jager, Tyler Jensen, Don Koll, Don Mau,  
Chad Sokol
- 29 Penny Baier

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Arnold & Ivy Junck (66)
- 13 Doug & Mary Mohl (30)
- 14 Dale & Doris Claussen (60)  
Don & Lori Hook (13)  
Josh & Tina Swanson (11)
- 15 Rod & Christin Lutt (15)
- 16 Don & Jan Zeiss (51)
- 19 Jim & Ann Milliken (12)
- 22 Lawrence & Bonnie Sprouls (55)
- 24 Roy & Mildred Gramlich (56)
- 25 Steve & Lisa Karel (23)
- 28 Dave & Myrna Tuttle (14)

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please accept our apology and let the church office know.*



### Groundhog Day



### QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE FOUNDATION

The first quarter meeting of the Foundation Board of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Grant applications are available in the church office and should be turned in by February 13<sup>th</sup> for consideration.

*The mission of the Our Savior Lutheran Church Foundation is to build an endowment fund that will give long-range financial support to the church.*





**For the Weekend Bulletin:**  
by 11:00 a.m. each Thursday.  
**For the Monthly Newsletter:**  
20th of the month.

(Advance notice will be given of early deadlines.)



## DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING

### —Relay for Life, Our Savior Walkers Team

Each month our Dollar Door Offering (*offering plate in center of the Narthex*) goes to support the efforts of a different ministry. The February offering will go to Our Savior's Relay for Life team in their effort to raise money for the fight against Cancer.

Together our dollars **can** make a difference!

## COUNCIL CORNER:

The Council met on Monday, January 19, 2012

- Council reviewed the financial year-end report for 2011.
- Director of Music, Mark Kanitz, reviewed the progress of the choirs so far and highlighted some upcoming events.
- Council learned that 5 people from the congregation need to attend the Cluster gathering in Emerson on February 4th for the purpose of nominating persons for Nebraska's next Bishop.
- Council noted that the Fellowship Committee would be serving an appreciation meal for the Altar Guild in February.
- Council was informed that the year-end audit of books would be done, and was updated on the progress of the acoustical analysis, the call process, annual meeting and stage removal.
- Council learned that Pastor Norman Nelson would cover for Pr. Bob while he is gone and that Pr. Nelson would preach on January 21&22.
- Council was informed of the Adult Education survey to be conducted and were informed of the membership status of committees.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be determined following the Annual Meeting.



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### Weekly Worship Opportunities:

**Saturday Evening:** 6:00 PM  
**Sunday Morning:** 10:00 AM  
**Sunday School, Adult Education  
& Coffee Hour:** 9:00 AM

### Bob Oleson

*Interim Pastor*

### Cara Jensen

*Youth Discipleship Leader*

### Mark Kanitz

*Director of Music*

### Kris Robinson

*Administrative Assistant*

### Margaret Hansen

*Business Manager*

### - Church Council -

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**John Vakoc**

*Vice President*

**Kim Dunklau**

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**Chuck Rutenbeck**

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**Lesla Backstrom**

**Deb Hammer**

**Mark Johnson**

**Kevin Koenig**

**Ann Milliken**

**Barb Stenwall**

**ADULT EDUCATION  
AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Christian Education Committee is conducting a survey regarding participation and interest in Adult Education. Please take a moment to fill out this survey and return it to the church office. Thank You.

1. What studies have you been involved in?
2. How would you rate your experiences in this/these class(es)?
3. What was best about that/those experience(s)?
4. What most needed to be improved?
5. Would you consider facilitating or leading an adult education offering?

Circle your age group:    18-25    26-30    31-40    41-50  
   51-60    61-70    Over 70

Are you \_\_\_Male \_\_\_Female

Mark those subjects you are most interested in with an **X**. Others that have some interest for you mark with a  $\surd$ . Those of little interest, leave blank.

**BIBLE STUDY**

- \_\_\_ Bible books
- \_\_\_ How to study the Bible
- \_\_\_ Sunday readings
- \_\_\_ Bible survey

**FAMILY**

- \_\_\_ Parenting ?  
(which ages? \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_ Communication
- \_\_\_ Marriage enrichment
- \_\_\_ Living as a Single
- \_\_\_ Aging

**THEOLOGY**

- \_\_\_ Lutheran teachings
- \_\_\_ Church history
- \_\_\_ Small Catechism
- \_\_\_ Issues: suffering, salvation, evil, etc.

**CHURCH ISSUES**

- \_\_\_ Worship
- \_\_\_ Evangelism
- \_\_\_ Issues facing national church
- \_\_\_ Being a church member

**SPIRITUALITY**

- \_\_\_ Prayer
- \_\_\_ How to pray
- \_\_\_ Personal devotional life
- \_\_\_ Spiritual disciplines

**ETHICS/DISCIPLESHIP**

- \_\_\_ Making decisions
- \_\_\_ Faith in daily life
- \_\_\_ Living as a Christian in a non-Christian world

**JUSTICE**

- \_\_\_ Hunger/homelessness
- \_\_\_ Rural/urban issues
- \_\_\_ Peace
- \_\_\_ Care of creation
- \_\_\_ Racism
- \_\_\_ Advocacy
- \_\_\_ Violence

**CLASS SETTING**

- \_\_\_ At church
- \_\_\_ In a home
- \_\_\_ Retreat center
- \_\_\_ Restaurant

**TYPE OF CLASS**

- \_\_\_ Taught by Pastor
- \_\_\_ Lay leader
- \_\_\_ Lecture
- \_\_\_ Small group
- \_\_\_ Short courses (4-6 sessions)
- \_\_\_ Long courses (10+ sessions)

**TIME & DAY PREFERENCES**

- \_\_\_ Sunday mornings
- \_\_\_ Sunday evenings
- \_\_\_ Weekday morning (which day) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Weekday afternoon (which day) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Weekday evening (which day) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Early morning (which day) \_\_\_\_\_  
(how early) \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

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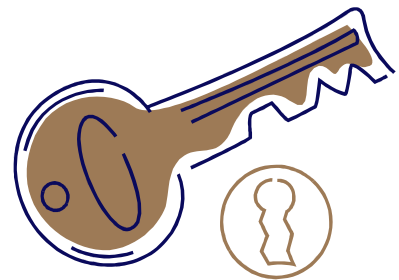
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# February 2012

## Upcoming Events:

FLoC – Wednesdays @ 7pm



Lock-In @ Front Porch  
February 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>  
8pm-8am

Ash Wednesday Service  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7pm

Lenten Supper and Service  
February 29<sup>th</sup>  
5:45-8:30pm

Orphan Grain Train  
(9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands)  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Time TBA

The theme for this year's FLoC lessons has been "God Is..." We have explored many of the ways in which God works in us and among us throughout daily life. Some of these topics have been:

**Faithful    Worthy of Praise    Amazing**

We still have a lot of areas to cover and honestly, we could never cover all of the things that "God Is" to us! One of the greatest gifts that Our Savior has been blessed with is the youth that we get to work with every week. We are always surprised and amazed at the answers and discussions that happen at FLoC. Please pray for our youth as they navigate through the discovery of their faith, and maybe give a little encouragement along the way!

God Bless,  
FLoC Leaders  
Tyler & Cara Jensen, Kyle Nelsen, Seth Dallman



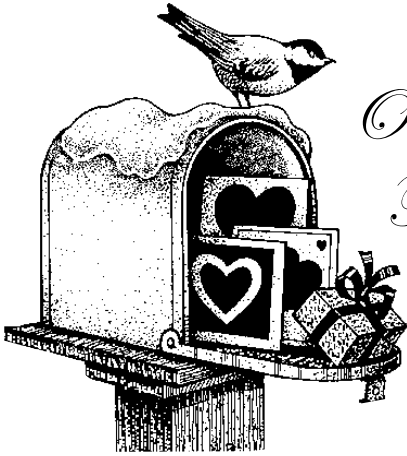
**Lent is coming,  
look Repentant!**

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*O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,  
The fount of life, the light of all:  
From ev'ry bliss that earth imparts  
We turn, unfilled, to hear your call.*

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