

# 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.

## Together We Live Love

— Darrel Heier

Pastor Bob asked that I write the message when he is gone to Tanzania. I think talking of the forming of our relationship with our fellow Lutheran Christians in Tanzania and what is happening there is both interesting and good to talk about because this is one way we as a congregation "live love."

In 1998, Pastor Martin Russell requested the Church Council to consider whether Our Savior might participate in pastoral exchange with a Tanzanian congregation. The Council agreed, and the exchange happened in the winter of 1999. At that time, Pastor Samwel KIWELU came from Kotela parish in Tanzania, and Pastor Russell went to Kotela parish and also helped at nearby Kimangaro parish. At that time, we began a relationship with Kotela parish as our sister congregation.

As many of you know, Pastor Russell has continued to travel to Tanzania with groups of people from Nebraska congregations. I believe this current trip is his 22<sup>nd</sup> visit. That first visit in 1999 was truly a life-changing event for him. He truly fell in love with the people of Tanzania, and he works tirelessly to make a difference there.

In 2002, Pastor Ruffcorn, Dreama Anderson, Debbie Peschel, my brother Byron, and I went to Tanzania with a group of other folks from the Nebraska Synod. During part of our time there, we worked on a building for Kotela church's kindergarten. When Betty and I were in

Tanzania a year ago, we visited Kotela and were so pleased to see the kindergarten building completed, and children (ages three to six) attending school there. The money the children of Our Savior drop in the offering jar each weekend goes to pay the salary of Kotela's kindergarten teacher. You might enjoy looking at the pictures that are taped to the jar.

Margaret Hansen and Liz Hagman have been to Tanzania as well. As I mentioned, Betty and I went last February. One of the people in our group was Bob Oleson. Little did we know that we would be calling him "Pastor Bob" this year. Byron and Barbara Heier and Darrel and Phyllis Rahn have signed up to go in February 2012.

When you go with Pastor Russell, your first week is a busy schedule of seeing many of the good things the Lutheran church is doing there. On the second week, you go on a picture safari to the Ngorongoro crater and the Serengeti Plain. You spend each weekend with a different Tanzanian family and worship with their congregation.

Our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Nebraska Synod, as well as many congregations and individuals, including Pastor Russell, have helped the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania do many good things. I'll just list a few.

- Several Nebraska congregations have become sister congregations to churches in Tanzania and help them in a variety of ways.

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- A well was dug to supply water to the Uhuru Lutheran Hotel, an important source of income for the ELCT, and the place where we stayed during our first week. Our Savior and a number of our members contributed to this project, and their names are on a plaque by the well.
- Tom and Linda Gapp of Lincoln started the Textbooks for Tanzania project to supply much-needed books for school children there. For \$10 you can buy a textbook, and it will be marked with your name or the name of someone you wish to honor.
- Alegent Health has “loaned” Bob Kasworm to work with hospital administration and give other assistance to the people of the Northern Diocese of the ELCT. Seeing a desperate need for dry housing for the people there, Bob has started the “Houses for Health” program. For \$4,000 we can pay for building a house for a family whose current home is so bad that it is ruining their health. Would you like to join Betty and me in raising enough for one House for Health?
- Two women from the Gothenburg area managed to raise enough money to build a much-needed home at the Ushirika Wa Neama orphanage in Tanzania.
- Jeanne Kocher, who spoke at Our Savior last year, is teaching English to university students in Tanzania.
- Pastor Russell has started a campaign to raise dollars to purchase motorcycles for church workers and health care workers to travel more easily in the rugged Rukwa region.

These are the projects I know about, and I'm sure there are others. Betty and I have talked about starting a project for those kindergarten children at Kotela parish. Children in the Tanzanian church schools wear uniforms. The kindergarten uniform at Kotela consists of red shorts and red sweaters. We noticed when we visited that a number of the children did not have uniforms because their family could not afford them. We think it would be wonderful to send Byron, Barb, Darrel, and Phyllis off to Tanzania with a suitcase full of red sweaters and red shorts for those kindergarten children.

I think this is an especially good time to think about these things as we consider our Lenten theme of “Together We Live Love.” We as a church and as individuals have shown much love and received much love from our Tanzanian Lutheran brothers and sisters.

We are looking forward to having Pastor Bob back. He'll have many stories and pictures to share.

Darrel Heier

## LENT BEGINS...

*Ash Wednesday is March 9<sup>th</sup>* and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. An Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at Our Savior at 7:00 p.m. The mood of this special service is one of penitence and reflection upon the quality of one's faith and life. During the Lenten season our goal is to enlist participation in the spiritual disciplines that bring us closer to God and to one another through a life of love, forgiveness, and service.



## MID-WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

“TOGETHER, we live love with the grace and courage of Jesus.” This is the mission statement of the Nebraska Synod; and this year we are excited to have representatives of some of the ministries we do TOGETHER as speakers for our mid-week Lenten services. *Mid-week Lenten services will be held Wednesday evenings, March 16<sup>th</sup> — April 13<sup>th</sup>.* Please make these special times of worship a high priority in your life. They are a way for you to practice spiritual discipline and to learn more about the mission we all do TOGETHER. Our Lenten worship schedule is as follows:

March 16 — **Lee Griess**  
*Evangelical Outreach, Being a Church of Mission*

March 23 — **Courtney Wilder**  
*Midland University*

March 30 — **Lisa Johnson**  
*Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministry*

April 6 — **Lisa Kramme**  
*Faith Formation*

April 13 — **Bishop David deFreese**

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR



A brochure providing daily Lenten scripture lessons will be mailed out March 1st. These daily readings begin with Ash Wednesday and continue through Easter. The readings are those appointed for this lectionary year.

## GOD IS HERE! – Adult Forum for Lent

Worship matters. It is a privileged occasion, a special space and time in which the church trusts Christ's promises: "I will be with you always..." and "Where two or three are gathered in my name..." Because of Jesus, we dare say, "God is here!" in our worship. We don't shape the worship, the worship shapes us. During this Lenten adult forum, we will explore the notion that "...worship is the heart of the church's life, it's the source of strength for all aspects of our journey." Many times in our lives, we go out and search for God in various ways; sometimes these ways aren't the ways God would want for us. Thankfully, we don't need to search for God; God finds us. God finds us in worship through Word and Sacrament. God meets us where we are. Join facilitators Lucas and Cara as we explore how this connection to God happens and how we can live out our baptismal covenant through worship.

This adult forum will be offered BOTH on Saturday night at 5:00pm and on Sunday morning at 9:15am. The introductory session will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 9, beginning at 6:15pm. The regular sessions will begin on Saturday/Sunday March 12/13.

## JOIN US FOR DINNER!

To simplify your Wednesday evenings during Lent, delicious suppers will be served before each Wednesday evening worship service (March 9 – April 13) from 5:45—6:45 p.m. There is no cost, but there will be a freewill offering with the proceeds supporting several efforts. Come enjoy supper together as we observe the Lenten season. The menu includes:

- March 16** Grilled Hotdogs & fixin's—served by OSLC Mission Team
- March 23** Baked Potato Bar—served by the OSLC Relay for Life Team
- March 30** Scalloped Potatoes with Ham—served by Charity Circle
- April 6** Breakfast for Dinner—served by the FLOC (HS Youth)
- April 13** Lasagna—served by the Worship & Music Committee



## PRAYER VIGIL – 24-Hours of Prayer

During Lent we often take time to have a closer walk with our Lord. Some decide to be more intentional reading the Bible, others choose to commit themselves to doing a spiritual walk through the many materials available to read. Prayerfully you will find what will work for you during this Lenten season that will awaken your heart and feel His love around you. Another way to walk a little closer with the Lord is to participate in the Lenten services that will be provided for you to either participate or just soak in the message from the presenters. Another important segment of our spiritual walk offered at Our Savior has been our 24-hour Prayer Vigil. *This year's Prayer Vigil will be April 15-16 from 7:00am Friday to 7:00am Saturday morning.*

Why a prayer Vigil? A church family that prays together becomes a more loving family. They care about each one's needs. We will once again give you all an opportunity to share your concerns and needs by providing you opportunities to bring your prayer concerns forward and we will print them for others to pray for you. We all have concerns but we also want to hear your prayers of thanksgiving as well. For the Prayer Vigil to work for the church family we need you to come and participate. There will be someone present each hour for your safety. Please take time and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you as you take your petitions to the Lord. If you can't come, take time at home and be intentional about your prayer life and grow spiritually. This year we invite you to bring a friend from the congregation or community. The church doors are open for all. Watch for more details as the time draws closer.

Social Ministry Committee



Can be found on page 4.

From  the **Church**

## Musician... :|| Lucas Wickstrom

### Organ Recital

Friday, March 25, 7:00pm, Grace Lutheran Church—A little “Passion Music.” Join organist Lucas Wickstrom for an evening of Lenten-themed music on the beautiful Casavant-Freres Organ at Grace Lutheran Church here in Wayne. Included in the recital will be Works of JS Bach, Maurice Durufle, Johannes Brahms, Antonio Vivaldi, Ralph Vaughan Williams and others. No cost.

### Handbell News

The OSLC Handbells, purchased in the fall of 1999 and began regular weekly use in January of 2000, need refurbishment maintenance. Regular maintenance on the bells is just like the regular maintenance necessary to keep a car in good working condition. In this case, the castings need to be checked, handles replaced, springs checked and tightened/replaced. Basically the handbells will be totally disassembled, repaired and rebuilt, polished and returned to us like brand new. This type of maintenance needs to be done every 5-10 years or so depending on use and is several years overdue for our bells. The bell choir needs your help in raising the \$3,200 needed to make this happen this summer. This is only for our original 3 octaves, not the new 4<sup>th</sup> octave purchased a year ago.

We have Joyful Noise CDs available for \$10 each. Give the gift of music to yourself or others. Proceeds will go towards refurbishment of the bells this summer.

### Opportunities for Service

**Consider joining the Adult choir for Easter.** It would be wonderful to have a choir of 20 voices or more to help us sing the Easter Alleluias this year! Rehearsals immediately follow our Lenten services and will last 45 minutes. Come and join us!

**We're looking for a few good people!** You may notice that there are open positions in many of our worship teams. These are opportunities for you to serve. It's a once a month commitment. What a great

way to begin your Lenten discipline by offering of yourself on a worship team! No experience necessary. We have great mentors with lots of experience who can help you learn what to do.

**The Children of the Sunday School will be singing** on Palm Sunday (April 17) at the 10:30am service. We'll be learning our songs in Sunday School opening during the next 2 months. Please try to have your child/ren here as often as possible. Thank you.

**The Confirmation class will be singing** on Palm Sunday (April 17) at the 10:30am service. More information will be given out during confirmation class.



#### Ash Wednesday

March 9

Worship: 7:00 p.m.

#### Five Wednesdays in Lent

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

Worship: 7:00 p.m.

#### Passion /Palm Sunday

April 16 & 17

Worship: 6:00 p.m., 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

#### Maundy Thursday

April 21

Worship: 7:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday

April 22

Worship: 7:00 p.m.

#### Saturday Easter Vigil

April 23

Worship: 6:00 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday

April 24

Sunrise Service: 6:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast: 7:15-9:45 a.m.

Festival Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

## COMMUNICATION

### Communication

In today's world we have so many forms of communication. We are bombarded with conversations through email, text, T.V., the web and on occasion we may even speak to one another. It is no wonder with all of this information it is easy to just not pay attention. I have even caught my-self saying "um" and realizing later that I didn't know what the person was telling

me because I was thinking about something else or just not paying attention. I recently went to a seminar where the speaker talked about how to communicate more effectively; so that you and the person you are talking to have a good understanding of one another. First we need to understand why conversation doesn't always work. Usually people are too busy to stop and listen or one or both of the people are thinking about what they will say next. When you do stop to listen you are bombarded with messages that can be hard to know what you should be paying attention to and what we should consider just small talk.

Ways we can combat these factors are to first know where each person is coming from. Taking a moment to find out if the person you are talking just wants to talk or do they have an issue that needs to be solved, or do you have an issue that needs to be solved. Once you have an understanding of the other person's needs it is good to keep an open mind and to try and hear what they are saying. Let the other person decide a distance that is comfortable to them and ask them open ended questions to help gleam what they need. I know that in my case I have to shut off the instinct to think of what I should say next. It is okay to have a few pauses in a conversation so that you say what you mean and not the first thing that comes to mind. So as we approach the season of Lent and a time of reflection, I look forward to working on communicating with all of you more effectively.

Cara Jensen

Listen  
Hear  
Understand  
Grow

## WALK FOR LIFE

Our Savior has a Relay for Life team again this year. The team is still looking for members to be a part of our team, so if you are interested in joining us....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.



The Wayne County Relay for Life will be held Friday & Saturday, June 10th & 11th from 7:00pm — 7:00am. at the Wayne State College Track. 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. Here are some fundraisers we have in the works.

- The team is hosting the **Sunday morning coffee hour** through the month of March.
- The team will be sponsoring a **Bake sale** on March 26th and 27th. **You don't have to be a team member to help us out with this fundraiser. We encourage all members of the congregation to donate baked goods for this great cause.** Bring a baked item with you to whatever worship service you attend to sell and then buy an item to take home and enjoy. Please mark your items with a price.
- We also have a great supply of **dishcloths** made by Roberta Carmen for sale again this year. Get them for \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

Thank you to all who support the efforts of the Wayne Relay for Life and the Our Savior Walkers.



### RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay For Life brings together more than 3.5 million people to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and empower individuals and communities to fight back against this disease. Relay brings people together from all walks of life to raise much needed funds and awareness. No matter who you are, there's a place for you at Relay.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT...**

**UNCOMMON STEWARDS**

The church today is not the same! Where our ancestors, from Albrecht to Zumbahl or Andersen to Thompson, often found each other in church, we now find Aho, DeJesus and Wong. We are a variety of traditions in an American culture. We are boomers, busters, DINKS, Generation X, married and single. Yet, we all see a Savior in Christ.

We, the believers in Christ, are the salt and light in this world. We share a common faith and a common commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ. As believers, we are also stewards. God has shared His Grace with each of us. It is in how we respond that we are “**uncommon stewards**”.

Through childhood, adolescence and early adulthood, we learn about life and accumulate many resources. At some point in life, many people ask, “What do I want my life to mean?” We start to look beyond things to causes, people and relationships. We look for ways to use our resources to make a difference. It is by finding a purpose and a way to make a difference that we understand our gifts and role as stewards for Christ.

Within the church we have a common faith with Christ at the center. By building on this faith, we develop a vision for ministry. For many people life’s journey is simply carrying out this vision. Often this means choosing service in Christ over self-interest. It means making difficult decisions about priorities in life. It means putting God first.

Sometimes we do not like to talk about difficult issues – money, power, sexuality. The disciples did not want to talk about the crucifixion. Yet Christ always told them everything would be all right. God will provide. We too should have faith in God’s grace and our gifts. We should be willing to make the faith step forward to serve.

Let us recognize ourselves as “**uncommon stewards**” of a common faith. We are blessed with a variety of gifts to serve in Christ’s name. May our common faith and the uniqueness of our gifts bring us together to serve the opportunities and needs of this congregation.



**Faith Reflection:**

*There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life – happiness, freedom and peace of mind – are always attained by giving them to someone else.*

Peyton Conway March

**DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING  
-OAKS INDIAN MISSION**

Each month our Dollar Door Offering (*offering plate in center of the Narthex*) goes to support the efforts of a different ministry. The March offering will go to the Oaks Indian Mission in Oaks, OK.

“The Oaks Indian Mission witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the heart of the Cherokee Nation, providing children in need with spiritual, emotional, physical and educational care in a community setting. Ninety percent of their annual budget is met through gifts from individuals and congregations. The heart of its ministry is the loving care for Indian children, all of whom have suffered some form of abuse or neglect. Many are orphans; others abandoned.” (*nebraskasynod.org*)



Together our dollars can help the Oaks Indian Mission carry out its mission statement: The Oaks Indian Mission, by God’s grace, partnering with Christian communities and tribal nations, prepares Native children to lead and serve.

**STEWARDSHIP  
GENERAL FUND GIVING**

As of February 15, 2011

January 1, 2011 Balance	\$0.00
Expenses	\$48,546.91
Receipts	<u>\$56,590.04</u>
February 15, 2011 Balance	\$8,043.130

**AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP**

Attendance for February: 217

# STEPHEN MINISTRY



## Finding Strength in Weakness

*"All Praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before we know it, God brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. We have plenty of hard times that come from following the Messiah, but no more so than the good times of his healing comfort."*

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Notes from a Stephen Minister: "I felt a strong desire to reach out to those who need help, but I was skeptical about my own ability to care for hurting people in a meaningful way. I just could not believe that I, as ordinary as I am, would be capable. I learned that a limitation today could become a strength tomorrow. God isn't finished with me yet. I accept my limitations; and I give the care I can."

Paul teaches us in 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 that God deliberately seeks out the weak things and the despised things because it is in working through them that he can receive the greatest glory; then, everyone will know that only God could have done it. And in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, he says, "Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me . . . for when I am weak, then I am strong."

If you feel weak, limited, or just plain ordinary, you are exactly the kind of person through whom God can work. One avenue of service you might consider is our Stephen Ministry program.

We are thankful for some volunteers who have committed for training in our next class. We are still praying for a few more volunteers, especially men, to commit to becoming Stephen Ministers before we set training dates. All participants will have input in building the training schedule.

If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, please talk to Our Savior's Stephen Leaders, Deb Hammer, Betty Heier, or Mary Mohl.



TRANSFORMING LIVES AND EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR MINISTRY

## LISTENING POSTS

Coming to Terms with your History is one way interim pastors help congregations establish and maintain a healthy life. We all know that for Our Savior to prepare for its future it will need to come to terms with its past. During the month of March Pastor Bob will lead two small group meetings giving members of Our Savior an opportunity to reminisce, listen, and share stories about their church. **Mark your calendars, for Sundays, March 6th & 20th, 1pm at the church...all are welcome.**

## GUEST PREACHER

On Saturday & Sunday, **March 12th & 13th**, Rev. Martin Russell, Assistant to the Bishop of the Nebraska Synod, will be with us to share the message of the Gospel. It has been around 10 years since Pastor Russell left Our Savior to serve as assistant to Bishop deFreese. Mark your calendars and plan to get caught up with Pastor Russell and his ministry to the Nebraska Synod.



## CHURCH CAMPING TRIP

Summer is fast approaching and the Youth and Family Ministry Committee is looking into a family activity to do this summer. Perhaps a trip down the Niobrara in June!

## Baskets of Blessings...

Our Savior's Foundation Board of Directors recently shared information with the congregation regarding its Mission Endowment Fund and how Lutheran Planned Giving Services can help you with your estate planning.

*For information about the Foundation, contact the church office (375-2899) or one of the Foundation Board members:*

Steve McLagan	375-4760
Don Liedman	402/585-4725
Duane Blomenkamp	375-2191
Tom Hansen	518-0675
Curt Frye	375-4211



## Women of the ELCA

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

#### RACHEL CIRCLE

Monday, March 7, 1:30 p.m.  
Leader: Rodella Wacker  
Hostess:

#### JOY CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 9, 2:00 p.m.  
Program: Stations of the Cross–Easter  
Leader: Dorothy Wert  
Hostesses: Elaine Menke, Dorothy Wert  
Devotion: Dorothy Wert

#### REBEKAH CIRCLE

Thursday, March 17, 2:00 p.m.  
Leader: Donella Johnson  
Hostess: Helga Nedergaard

#### TABITHA CIRCLE

Monday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.  
Leader: Lois Youngerman  
Hostess: Carolyn Vakoc

#### CHARITY CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.  
Program: Lenten Supper  
Leader: Joanie Baier, Debbie Bargholz & Kim Dunklau

#### VISITATION

Wednesday, March 16, 1:00 p.m.

#### QUILTING

Thursday, March 10, 9:30 a.m.

#### SEWING

Thursday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 1, 1:15 p.m.



by Dorothy Wert

Snow! Snow! Snow! Hopefully, we are about done with it or soon to be done. Anyway, let us turn our thoughts to Spring. "SPRING GATHERING", that is! The Northeast Conference Spring Gathering will be held Saturday, April 16 and will be hosted by St. Luke & St. Paul's of Emerson, at St. Luke Lutheran Church. The Theme "Serve with Zeal" is based on Romans 12:11, "**Never be lacking in zeal; but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord**". Pastor Gretchen Ritola will speak to us on this topic. Keynote speaker is Marci Broyhill, who entertains by addressing nature, dilemmas in society and the joys and challenges of family life. Bishop David deFreese will lead us in Bible Study and there will be displays to view along with other things to keep us entertained. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and rolls. The registration fee is \$15.00, which covers your supplies and lunch. There are Registration Forms in the church office and they are due to our NSWO Treasurer by April 6<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for car pooling. Remember: you don't have to be a circle member to attend and you can invite a friend.

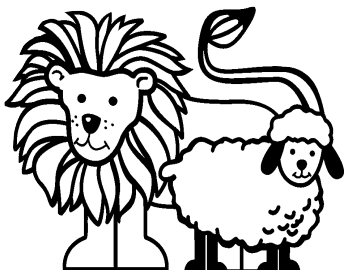
At the Executive Board meeting we heard Thank You's from the families of Sophie Morris and Leonard Roberts for serving their funerals. Also from the ChildFund International for sponsoring Amandou and others through the years and from the Nebraska Synod for our donation for "Textbooks for Tanzania!"

The Kitchen Cupboards were discussed and again tabled until our next meeting, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Charity Circle cleaned the Brass items in the church at their February meeting. Good job ladies! Thank you Lila, for all of your help in this project.

The "TANGIBLE" Offering for Spring Gathering is for the WSC Ministry, "WELCOME HOUSE". The items needed are **PAPER GOODS**: Toilet Paper; Paper Towels; Kleenex; Paper Coffee Cups; Plastic Dinner-ware; Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags; Hand Soap; Dish Soap and Dishwasher Soap. The "WELCA" Box will be in the Narthex for you to put Paper items in, if you care to donate.

Come, spend a day (8:30 to 3:00) with your Christian Sisters from NE Nebraska and get to know them. You won't regret it! You will come away feeling fulfilled with the Holy Spirit and ready to "Serve with Zeal".



Called and saying, Yes,

*Dorothy*

WELCA President



## PASTORAL ACTS

- ✠ Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 8, for **Norma Koeber**. She died February 3, 2011.
- ✠ Funeral services were held Friday, February 11, for **Alvin Meyer**. He died February 8, 2011.



## “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 February 60 Thinking of You cards, two Sympathy cards and a Baby card were sent. Visitors made 112 calls and visits to members and friends. *(Since the January meeting.)*

Please come and be a part of our Visitation Ministry Group. ***This month's meeting is on Wednesday, March 16, at 1:00 p.m.*** For more information about this wonderful ministry, please contact Erna Karel (375-1275) or Dorothy Aurich (375-5675).



## ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild workers for March: Lila Splittgerber, Karen VanDelden, Peg Schaffer, Joan Baier, Margaret Korn, Norma Backstrom, Madge Bruflat, Jeannine Anderson, Sharon Fleeer, Nancy Jo Powers, Donna Lundin, Carolyn Vakoc, Lois Youngerman. Please check your schedule for the date and time.



**Lawrence & Blanche Backstrom**—Special thanks to the Visitation ladies for sending all the cards and good wishes. It's just absolutely wonderful!

**Lila Splittgerber**—Thank You to Jeannine Anderson, Lois Youngerman, Donella Johnson, Doris Daniels, and Bonnie Otte for helping me clean the Christmas candles and holders.

Thank You to Charity Circle members (Karma Magnuson, Diane Ehrhardt, Karen VanDelden, Kim Dunklau, Carol Novak, Lynette Lentz, Nancy Jo Powers, Debbie Bargholz, Joanie Baier) for helping clean the brass as their service project.



## IN OUR PRAYERS. . .

We remember in prayer those who were hospitalized the month of February: Marvin Draghu, Zach Jorgensen, Sandra Wriedt.



## 2011 RADIO BROADCASTS

There are still weekends available for sponsoring radio broadcasts for the year 2011. You may be aware that there was a price increase for radio broadcasts in 2010 from \$30 to \$75; therefore, for 2011 we're offering the option of having a co-sponsor for the weekend broadcast. If you would prefer to be the only sponsor for the weekend; the cost is \$75. If you would like to share the broadcast with another sponsor; the cost would be \$40 for each sponsor. Please contact the church office for more information or to reserve a date. A sign-up sheet is also available at the information desk. Thanks to all who support this ministry of the church.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Helen Beckman, Marian Brasch
- 2 Dorothy Grone, Will Leseberg, Arlene Robinson
- 3 Dave Anderson, Ron Milliken
- 4 Eric Grone, Kevin Hammer, Connie Hanson
- 5 Tom Karch
- 6 Nathan Hanson
- 7 Brenda Lubberstedt, Cheri Polenske
- 8 Genevieve Carmichael, Bruce Frevert, Natasha Petersen, Larry Sievers, Wes Sievers
- 9 Merrill Baier, Paul Lindner, Carolyn Vakoc
- 10 Donna Lundin, Verdel Lutt, Arlene Ostendorf, Jan Zeiss
- 11 Harvey Brasch, Couy Johnson
- 12 Marion Baker, Carol Bauermeister, Lois Heggemeyer, Tom Nissen, Janet Reeg, Kathy Rutenbeck, Leland Schnier
- 13 Deb Hammer
- 15 Jonah Brodersen, Mindy Heine, Dustin Lutt, Glenda Reinert
- 16 Dennis Beckman, Adam Bentjen
- 18 Halsey Lutt
- 19 Jeremy Vezner
- 20 Sydney Burke, Leona Hammer
- 21 Janelle Fleer, Tanya Heikes, Shanon Johnson, Tanya Kay
- 22 Brent Sherman, Morgan Sievers
- 23 Lori Hook, Bryan Reinhardt, Zachary Wacker
- 24 JoAnn Bondhus, Lisa Nelson, Keanna Swanson
- 25 Norma Hansen, Jessie Piper
- 26 Carissa Sokol
- 27 Keaton Wriedt
- 29 Kathy Fink
- 30 Dylan Anderson, Elizabeth Baier, Jeff Piper, Matt Wachter
- 31 Ella Leseberg, Ann Milliken

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Larry & Janet Sievers (43)
- 4 Richard & Janice Johnson (39)
- 5 Steve & Jan Dinsmore (43)  
Joe & Annette Ping (17)
- 6 Les & Elaine Menke (62)  
Ray & Mabel Petersen (64)
- 10 Dennis & Cindy Beckman (28)
- 16 Scott & Beth Sievers (9)
- 23 Michael & Kary Ellis (15)
- 24 Kevin & Peg Erwin (4)  
Tom & Brenda Nissen (32)
- 26 Joe & Glenda Reinert (28)

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



**For the Weekend Bulletin:**

by 11:00 a.m. each Thursday.

**For the Monthly Newsletter:**

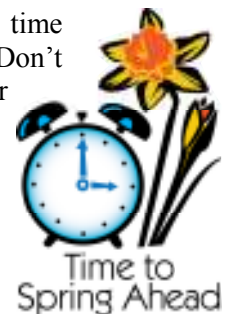
20th of the month.

(Advance notice will be given of early deadlines.)



**DAYLIGHT-  
SAVING  
TIME  
BEGINS**

Daylight savings time begins March 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.



FIRST DAY OF **SPRING**  
MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>





## COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHT

----- March 14, 6:00 PM

### COUNCIL CORNER:

The council met on Monday, February 14, 2011

- Council will serve as the Worship Team for the Ash Wednesday Service.
- Council elected the following officers for 2011:
  - Darrel Heier–President
  - John Vakoc–Vice President
  - Kim Dunklau–Secretary
  - Chuck Rutenbeck–Treasurer
- The Following Committee Assignments were made for 2011:
  - Adult/Christian Education–John Vakoc
  - Property Committee–Mark Johnson
  - Stewardship–Chuck Rutenbeck
  - Social Ministry–Wayne Wessel
  - Outreach–Lesa Backstrom
  - Worship & Music–Ann Milliken
  - Youth & Family Ministry–Bryan Hestekind
  - Fellowship–Barb Stenwall
- Council learned that Synod Assembly will be held this year, June 3-4-5 at Midland University in Fremont. The focus is on Education and Youth. Our Savior can have 5 voting delegates. Council was encouraged to attend, as well as, invited to share this information with members and encourage them to prayerfully consider attending.
- Council learned that the Social Ministry Committee will be organizing the Prayer Vigil for the week before Palm Sunday and that they are planning another visit to the JDC in Madison.
- Council learned that the Adult Education class will have Betty Heier sharing about the Candidacy Committee on February 20th and 27th from 9:15 to 10:15. All were encourage to attend.
- A Spiritual guided Retreat will be held at Southwood in Lincoln on Saturday, February 26th. Anyone interested in attending should contact Margaret.

Next Council meeting will be March 14, 2011 at 7:00. Chuck Rutenbeck will have Care/Share/Prayer and the Christian Education committee will be doing a Strategic Planning Session.



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#### Weekly Worship Opportunities:

**Saturday Evening:** 6:00 PM  
**Sunday Morning:** 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
**Coffee Hour & Adult Education:** 9:15 AM  
**Sunday School :** 9:30 AM

#### Bob Oleson

*Interim Pastor*

#### Lucas Wickstrom

*Church Musician*

#### Cara Knott

*Youth Discipleship Leader*

#### Kris Robinson

*Administrative Assistant*

#### Margaret Hansen

*Business Manager*

#### - Church Council -

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*Restore to me the joy of your  
salvation and grant me a willing spirit.*

*Psalms 51:12*

## March 2011

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Giving Thanks For:

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Our Savior's Sr. High Youth  
are hosting a

# Spring Fling Dinner

Sunday – March 20, 2011

5:00 or 7:00 pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church

You can enjoy a delicious meal by candlelight  
in an eloquently decorated dining room  
with someone you love spending time with...  
a friend, a child, your spouse...



The evening's menu includes:  
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baked Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Spinach/Green Salad,  
Dinner Roll and Cheesecake

**Ticket Price \$10.00**

Advanced Tickets Required

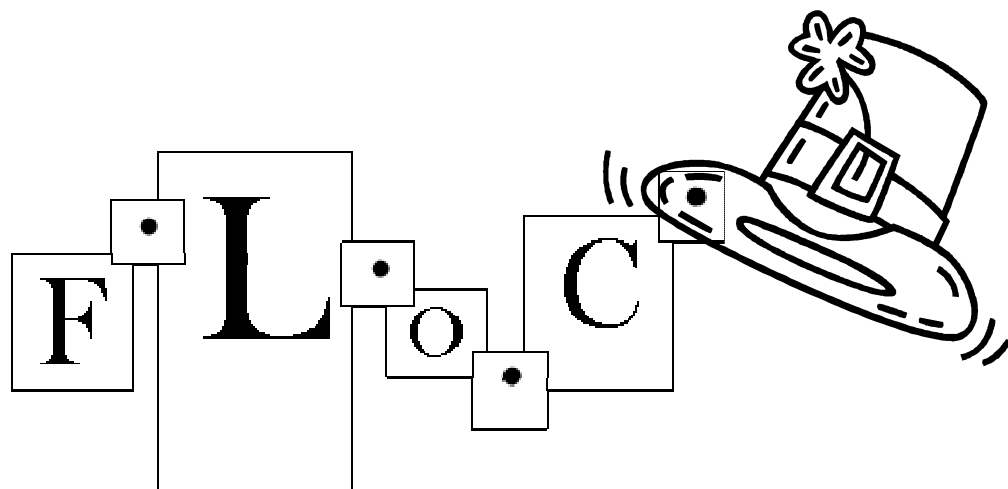
Babysitting and Children's Meal Available  
Freewill Donation

All Proceeds to support Our Savior Lutheran Youth Activities  
including the 2012 National Youth Gathering

**Tickets on Sale through March 13, 2011**

For tickets or additional information, contact the church office at 375-2899

# March



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 F.L.o.C
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 Ash Wednesday –  
F.L.o.C. meet after service.
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 Lent Service –  
F.L.o.C. meet afterward
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Spring Fling Dinner Fundraiser, an  
opportunity for the community to  
enjoy a dinner prepared and  
served by the youth. If you are  
interested in participating or  
going, ask any youth for a ticket!!!!
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 Lent Service –  
F.L.o.C. meet afterward
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Oleson leaves for Israel.
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Youth lead the 10:30 Worship  
Service
- 30<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 Lent Service –  
F.L.o.C. meet afterward

## April

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Youth Serve Lenten Supper.  
7:00 Lent Service –  
F.L.o.C. meet afterward

## March 20<sup>th</sup>

# Spring Fling Fundraiser for the F.L.o.C.

## **History of St. Patrick's Day**

**It was originally a Catholic holiday to celebrate St. Patrick and his work in Ireland converting many people to Christianity. The day was chosen because March 17<sup>th</sup> was the day that St. Patrick passed away. Since that time the holiday has become secular. It has become a holiday where people celebrate their Irish heritage.**

**The clover is associated with this holiday mostly because the Irish believe that everything good comes in threes, the clover represents these threes; such as past, present, and future or Father, son and Holy Spirit.**

**It is a holiday to bring in the coming of spring. So Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!**

