

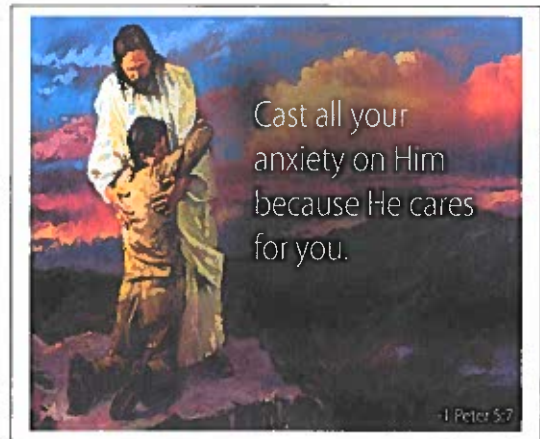
## February 2021 Newsletter

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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### Our Mission...

...is to equip and encourage followers of Christ to share the love of Jesus with people in our community and in the world so that all may have eternal life.



### February Memory Verse

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

*1 Peter 5:7*

### Church Staff:

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### Upcoming Events:

Ash Wednesday - February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Worship with Holy Communion @ 4:30 & 6:30 pm

Lenten Services @ 4:30 pm  
Wednesday February 24, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

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A great deal has changed since we were preparing for our last season of Lent. So many aspects of life as we knew it came to a screeching halt as fears of an unseen virus took over our lives. Yet how timely our Lenten series was last year as the Word of the Lord directed and encouraged us to keep our eyes upon Jesus. Amid all the uncertainty of what was taking place, Jesus continued to encourage us to look to Him to find peace, forgiveness, and hope for the future.

As the pandemic lingers on it feels as if we continue to helplessly watch from the sidelines as the media and government try to come up with solutions. Though we may not be able to rid the world of this virus, we do have something that we can share that will give hope to those who are struggling to find some in these days.

If there is someone in your life who is not familiar with your Christian faith, someone who is hurting because of everything that is going on in our world today, and they ask you to summarize the hope you have in Jesus, what would you say? They are not wanting a detailed essay of church doctrine. They have heard the Apostles' Creed spoken numerous times. Your friend or family member wants to get to the heart of the matter. "In seven words or less," they tell you, "tell me what you believe as a Christian."

What would you say? How would you put it in your own words? Are you prepared to confess your faith in Jesus?

To be a Christian is to "believe with your heart" and "confess with your mouth" the Good News of God's love for us in Christ Jesus (Romans 10:9-10). Peter calls us to be prepared always to give a reason for the hope we have as Christians (1 Peter 3:15). From our best days to our darkest, Christians have the best news in the world to share! But are you prepared to share it?

Throughout this season of Lent, we are going to prepare to celebrate Holy Week by sharing why Holy Week is so important to us, especially during a pandemic! Our midweek services will have the feel of a workshop as we will work together to formulate a faithful Christian confession.

Therefore, make it a priority to join us for this year's midweek Lenten services. Ash Wednesday is on February 17<sup>th</sup> with in-person services at 4:30 and 7:00, and the traditional imposition of ashes. Then beginning on February 24<sup>th</sup>, we will only be offering one service at 4:30 that will be streamed online and available for anyone to watch when it best suits them.

It is our prayer that this season of Lent will be a great blessing to you and your family as God's Word will lead you to shape a confession of hope for those who are struggling to find any in these days.



Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. Lent is a 40-day period of repentance and renewal to prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter. Our theme for Lent is **"The Gospel in Seven Words"**. See Pastor's article in this newsletter for more details on this great theme!

**Join us for midweek Lenten services: 4:30 p.m. or online Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>: 4:30 & 7 p.m.**  
*Blessings on your Lenten preparations!*

Ash Wednesday, February 17 – The Gospel in Seven Words Psalm 51 & 1 Peter 3:15  
February 24 – Preparing to Confess Psalm 78:1-7 & 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
March 3 – "Captivity and Freedom" Psalm 102:18-22 & Luke 4:16-21  
March 10 – "Death and Life" Psalm 118:1-9, 14-17 & John 11:17-27  
March 17 – "Isolation and Community" Psalm 68:4-6a & 1 Corinthians 12:12-27  
March 24 – The Gospel in Your Words Psalm 145:1-9 & Matthew 16:13-17  
Maundy Thursday, April 1 – "Jesus Comes to Feed My Hungry Soul"  
Good Friday, April 2 – "Jesus is Lord, Even Over My Death"  
Easter Sunday, April 4 – "Christ Is Risen! In Him We Rise!"

## Lenten Offerings –

As we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us during this Lenten season, we have the opportunity to love others as He loved us. This year our Lenten offerings will be given to Mission Central, whose purpose is to support LCMS missionaries throughout the world. Since 1994, Mission Central has offered support to missionaries in various ways, including financial support and prayer. Go to [www.missioncentral.us](http://www.missioncentral.us) for more information.

Please use designated offering envelopes and label "Mission Central" or use the Lent mission offering envelopes available at the welcome center. Thank you for your gifts of love!

*"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you...Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." John 13:14-17*



# 2021 Vacation Bible School

## “The Incredible Race”

(4K-Grade 6)  
July 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
9 a.m. – Noon



**As we race around the world we will learn that we are all part of one family and one race, the human race. We have one Savior, Jesus Christ! Be ready for an action packed week!**  
We will enjoy singing, crafts, games, snacks, and time in God's Word.

*Kids, don't miss this awesome week of summer! Tell your friends!  
Grade 6+ and adults are needed as volunteers. Please contact Marlene Rieck if interested.*



## ***Sunday School Notes***

- In Sunday school we are currently in the New Testament, studying the life of Jesus. We look forward to learning more about our Savior and His love and care for all people, including each one of us!
- During December our Sunday school joined our congregation in giving offerings to FORK (Feed Our Rural Kids) to help those from food insecure homes in our area. Thank you for gifts of \$1,318 to help share the love of Christ in our community!
- During February we are collecting mission offerings to purchase Sunday school materials for children in Southeast Asia through the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. For only \$2 we can provide one year of Sunday school materials to one child!
- Congratulations to Adalynn Kufahl for winning a campership to Camp Luther from our Board of Christian Education & Jayne Halsey for winning a campership from Jan Toivonen in memory of her husband Jack. Congratulations also to Matthew & Ellie Wilson for receiving "Every Kid to Camp" certificates.

*All children, ages 2-14, are welcome to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 am  
in our lower level!*

# Evangelism Committee

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04 January 2021 / 1700 hrs.

## ATTENDEES

- Pat and Jan Grosse, Jim and Gloria Harper, Ron Ritzer, Pastor Kufahl and Marlene Rieck

## AGENDA

### Last Meeting Follow-up

- Marlene reported that the community dinner at the Rock will start up again on February 16th. However, the meals can be picked up there or delivered to recipients, by volunteers to resident apartments in Eagle River and Phelps. Pastor Kufahl and Kendall from the Incredible Bank agreed that the meals should be prepared by a catering service. Volunteers are needed to carry meals to the vehicles and delivered to the resident apartments.

### New Business

- Jim Harper volunteered to take over the duties of the Chairperson of the Evangelism Committee.

## NOTES

- Pastor Kufahl opened the meeting with prayer.
- New congregation members total now at 20 (+ -).
- Director Perry of the FORK program please with OSL participation in the program.
- Community Dinner at The Rock discussed. Is additional help needed from OSL? Marlene will follow up and contact the director for additional info.
- Easter bags/baskets for the school program were discussed. Pat will follow up for any procedural changes.

- Christmas decorations will be taken down on Jan. 9th at 0900 hrs. Volunteers are needed to assist.
- Snowmobile Derby participation was discussed. Ron will follow through and report.
- Discussed ways/methods to recognize new members:

Photos on bulletin board

Photos displayed on overhead video screens, along with verbal recognition during service and through special prayers, with new member's permission. Ron will follow through and is willing to contact members with information and permission.

## **NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA**

- Next Evangelism meeting scheduled for February 1, 2021.
- Follow up on discussion from January meeting.

## Have a Heart

February: the month devoted to love. Stores are filled with heart-shaped boxes of candy and heart-shaped cards and vases of flowers with heart-shaped gift tags. All this is available for the consumer so that he can find the appropriate expression of his devotion to his loved one. If that expression of love has been preceded by a year of thoughtful and loving words and deeds, it is welcomed and cherished by the recipient. If not, it is just an empty ritual, done out of duty rather than true devotion.

Our relationship to the Lord is similar. He, too, desires our sincere devotion, not empty lip service. *"The Lord says: 'These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me' "* (Isaiah 29:13).

Stewardship is serving, helping, giving, but love is the basis for stewardship. Without love, our good deeds are empty and without merit. The first act of true stewardship is to *"love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength"* (Deuteronomy 6:5). Jesus called this the most important commandment (Mark 12:29, 30). With that love for the Lord in us, we are enabled to be good stewards. Then we can do acts of good stewardship, acts of true devotion. We are enabled to . . .

- *"Give generously to Him and do so without a grudging heart"* (Deuteronomy 15:10).
- *"Carefully observe [His decrees and laws] with all your heart and with all your soul"* (Deuteronomy 26:16).
- *"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality"* (Romans 12:13).
- *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men"* (Colossians 3:23).

God, through Ezekiel, promised, *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws"* (Ezekiel 36:26-27). This promise He has fulfilled in His Son, Jesus, Who has followed His Father's decrees and kept His laws for us. As we strive to live fruitful lives of stewardship, at the same time, we rest in Christ Who has been the perfect steward for us.

## **Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund**

### **It's Grant Proposal Time!!**

**“The purpose of the Endowment Fund shall be to receive, to manage, and to distribute funding or scholarships, improvements, and/or missions in support of the mission of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Eagle River.”**

As a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Eagle River, can you think of a project, improvement, or a mission that could benefit from grant money within the congregation? Please read further.....

It is that time of year again when individual congregational members and/or organizations of Our Savior Lutheran of Eagle River can complete a proposal for an Endowment Fund grant. This grant money is intended for the use of projects/missions that would not normally be funded by the church's operating budget.

An informational letter was sent out to all members via the church's email list, and it is also posted to the church website along with the application form and guidelines by which to follow. A copy of the letter and application can also be picked up in the church office.

**To apply for a grant, please use the designated application form and return to the church office no later than March 31, 2021.**

For access to the website download, visit [www.oursavioreagleriver.org](http://www.oursavioreagleriver.org) Click on the home page and the tab “connect”. Click on “GIVING”.

Prayerfully consider your application request and know that up to \$4100.00 is available for grant disbursement this year.

Yours in Christ,

The Endowment Committee of Our Savior

Becky Pokrandt – chairperson

Al Barden, Rick Steinke, Barb Patterson, Pat Grosse, Pastor Kufahl, and Tim Kadlec



## Our Savior Lutheran Endowment Committee

### Meeting Minutes from 1-6-2021

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Becky Pokrandt at 7:15 with all members present on the conference call. Pastor Kufahl, Al Barden, Rick Steinke, Barb Patterson, Pat Grosse, Tim Kadlec

The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor followed by a treasurer's report from Lutheran Legacy.

An introduction took place of new committee members – Pat Grosse and Tim Kadlec (newly appointed Congregation President) and already existing members.

A brief update was given to review the 2020 grant recipients and the current status of each. A motion was made by Al Barden and seconded by Rick Steinke to extend the use of awarded funds for the remainder of this calendar year for the grants awarded to Marlene Rieck and the Memorial Wall Committee. Motion carried.

#### New business:

Discussion was had regarding the upcoming open window for grant proposals and applications. Current forms were again approved with a grant monetary amount not to exceed \$4100.00. Bulletin, newsletter, and email information will be sent to Jean in the church office and she will proceed with processing it all on the dates provided. All grant applications are due in the church office no later than March 31, 2021.

A designated endowment program was discussed and reviewed by the committee with documents prepared by Lutheran Legacy. This is something new that could be incorporated with the current Endowment Fund of Our Savior. Discussion from committee members was positive and additional information was requested by Rick Steinke from Jerry Klug at Lutheran Legacy. A motion was made and seconded by Rick Steinke to table any further action on this until the next committee meeting. At that time, Rick should have additional materials per his request. Motion carried.

The next Endowment Committee meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2021 @ 1:00. Location TBD.

Motion was made to adjourn by Al Barden and a second by Pat Grosse at 8:15 PM. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Kufahl.

# *Martha Society News*

## **MARTHA SOCIETY FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER**

**The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The Board meeting is at 10:30AM followed by luncheon at 11:30AM. The general membership meeting starts at 12 noon.**

**Our hostesses for February are Terry Cherney and Lynn Parker. Jan Toivonen is presenting Christian Life. Pastor Kufahl gives us a devotion to open our meeting. All women of our church and visitors from other churches, Lutheran denomination, are welcome to attend our meetings and join our society.**

**It was decided at our January meeting to not have a traditional handbook for 2021. Instead, we will ask for hostesses and presenters of Christian Life to volunteer for the following monthly meeting. A membership list was also handed out with names of members, birthdates, anniversaries, phone numbers and emails. Our secretary will keep this up to date.**

**We are still hoping to hold our Spring LWML on April 22 at our church. Due to COVID, we may not have a final answer until March. The format may also be different. Other fundraisers will be on hold until the Pandemic is over.**

**Remember Martha Sisters that God is in control and our faith is in Him. See you at the next meeting.**

**Teri Kressin**

**President**



## **February Birthdays**

4	Allison Pearce	15	Katelynn Ritzer
6	Karla Lokker	16	Roger Pluedeman
7	Daryl Nikolaus	17	Michelle Klotz
	Naomi Kadlec	19	Fritz Campbell
	Robin Nikolaus		Lois Pietz
9	Becky Pflughoeft		Steven Rieck
	Caroline Anderson	21	Kaylynn Klein
10	Nancy Atwater	22	Makenna Duval
11	Jonah Walker	23	Kimberlie Eggleston
14	Abel Lifschutz	24	Tammy Levan
	Christian Forss	27	Matthew Wilson
	Jack Klotz	28	Bonnie Jozwowski
	Pamela Jackson		Samuel Gensler
	Roger Godleske		

## **February Anniversaries**

14	Ronald & Vickie Schoessow
17	Jay & Marianne Braun
18	Matt & Katie Wilson

# February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm	1 5pm Evangelism Meeting	2 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm JuBELLation	3 9am Aging with Grace 4pm WOW 5:30pm Confirmation Class	4 9:30am Quilters	5 Office Closed	6
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<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
February 7 7:30 AM Communion	Dick Cherney Pat Crum	Dick Cherney Debbie Holewinski		Bonnie Jozowski	Jonah Walker
Acolyte: Matthew Klein					
February 7 10:00 AM	Pat Grosse	Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Jan Toivonen	Camera:
Acolyte: RJ Behrens					
February 14 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Jim Walker Jean Walker		Kris Secord	Jonah Walker
Acolyte: EJ Apfel					Camera:
February 14 10:00 AM Communion	Gary Fawcett Keith Kentala	Pat Grosse Jan Grosse Tim Forss		Marianne Braun	Lynn Parker
Acolyte: Christian Forss					
February 17 4:30 PM Ash Wednesday Communion	Tim Kadlec	Need Volunteers			
February 17 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Communion	Jacob Husing	Need Volunteers			
February 21 7:30 AM Communion	Dick Cherney Jim Bonson	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank Bob Merz		Sue Frank	Jackie Pearce
Acolyte: Ashton Boehm					
February 21 10:00 AM	Jacob Husing	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter		Cindy Gauger	Camera:
Acolyte: Alex Gensch					

**IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!**

