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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. Classic

9:15 a.m. Blended

10:30 a.m. "The Crossing"

Communion

1st Sunday: All services

3rd & 5th Sundays:

8:00 & 9:15 a.m. services

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So that others
may gain
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What the Church Does

They gave to everyone in need...every day they met together in the temple...they broke bread together in their homes...and enjoyed the favor of all the people.

- Acts 2

Can I brag about Our Savior's for a moment? Well, it's my column, so I guess I will! We have quite a remarkable congregation; friendly and faithful members, gifted and hardworking staff, a nice facility, and a great location in a beautiful community. I can say with full confidence that when visitors come to worship, they are warmly received and impressed with what they find here.

However, one of the things I most appreciate in this congregation is what we offer our members. There is worship, of course; three different expressions each week. There is Sunday School – we're calling that "Faith Formation"

now. There are classes for adults and teens; there is youth ministry under the able leadership of Missy Carmack, activities for Senior Saints through Pastor Keith's efforts; Pastor Linda gathers Women at the Edge; and add to this, many opportunities to use our gifts in serving our neighbors. It's a great mix; it's not overdone. I have heard it said that, in this over-scheduled and stressed-out world of ours, "If the Church isn't part of the solution, it's part of the problem."

Some congregations see the Church differently; they offer one-stop shopping. By providing restaurants, bookstores, daycare, financial planning, bowling alleys, fitness centers, teen night clubs, and hair salons, they seem to meet all the needs of all their members. One gets the impression

First Word Pastor Steve Molin



that they could come to church Sunday morning and not have to leave until Thursday. I don't mean to be critical, and in fact, I find myself being envious of what the larger churches can do, but I wonder if all this is the Church at its best?

In the first century, there was worship, there was fellowship, and there was service. That's what Christians did. Presumably, they bought their groceries at the local market, they reached out to their neighbors, who might have been Christian, or Jewish, or Greek; and they patronized the local cobbler, the local innkeeper, and the local veterinarian. They prayed in their homes, not in their schools. They shopped in the village, not in the narthex. In short, they were immersed in the community, living out their faith among the citizens, and as a result, they were respected fellow citizens.

My point in all of this is to simply say that, as Christians, it is appropriate to be integrated into the communities in which we reside, not set apart unto ourselves. We have so much to add to government, commerce and education; our faith can help inform values, laws and attitudes. And yet, we must not demand that our ways be adopted; we must not impose our convictions upon others who happen to disagree. The social and political divide in our country is great, and to a large degree, the Church is no longer part of the solution; we have become part of the problem. Perhaps the time has come for the People of God to "enjoy the favor of all the people" through our kindness, our service, and our love.

Peace,
Pastor Steve

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Financial Box Score

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| Feb. Budget Giving | \$ 54,489 |
| Feb. Budget Expense | \$ -64,268 |
| Feb. Budget Total | \$ -9,779 |
| Feb. Building Contributions | \$ 9,231 |
| Feb. Mortgage Expenses | \$ -10,932 |
| Feb. Building Net | \$ -1,701 |
| Feb. Mortgage Amount | \$ 10,932 |
| Current Mortgage Amount (as of Feb. 28, 2011) | \$1,139,362 |
| YTD Giving | \$ 114,152 |
| YTD Expenses | \$ -130,549 |
| YTD Total | \$ -16,397 |
| YTD Building Contributions | \$ 17,057 |

LIKE US on Facebook & FOLLOW US on Twitter

Our Savior's is going "social" as a way to connect with you and a way for you to share your church with others. We are in the process of defining who we are in a social media world, and have connected our desired outcomes to our mission statement as follows:

Grounded in Faith: Provide a space for people to engage in meaningful conversation around faith.

Gathered in love: Engage people in a faith-filled virtual community so that they might join us in mission and ministry; inviting all to hear the story of Jesus.

Sent with a purpose so that others may gain the Kingdom: Equip members and friends to share the good news of Jesus Christ, making disciples of all people, which is in line with the Great Commission in Matthew 28, words from Jesus:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We are getting our feet wet and invite you to join us:



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Thank you to everyone who expressed their condolences, sent cards, memorials, flowers and food, and kept our family in their prayers at the recent death of our mother and grandmother, Norma Jean Schultz. Your love and concern are of great comfort as we remember her life, grieve her death, and turn to God for healing.

--Deb, Steve, Christopher, Carolyn, and Kevin Schultz



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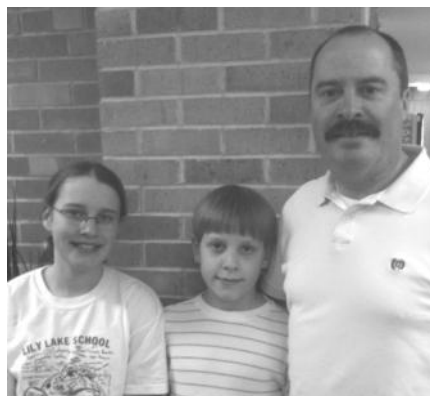
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Welcome!

Twenty-nine new members joined our congregation on March 6th.

We welcome these new friends, and trust that they will find community here, as we have found community. Please greet them when you see them.

“A New Kind of Fishing” Art Exhibit

*Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you."
- Matthew 4:19*



For several weeks, the Sunday School, WAVE, and Club 56 children explored the importance of fish in God's stories. Beginning at the Creation story (Gen. 1:20-23), journeying to the boy who shared his loaves and fishes with Jesus who fed the 5,000 (John 6:1-15), to thinking about the Bible verse in Matthew (4:19) that invites

us to fish for people, the children's activities, service project and learning all revolved around FISH.

As part of the exploration, each class was invited to create artwork that depicted some important theme or idea that they discovered. Each class was given an artist canvas, brushes and paint, and invited to design their understanding of God's creation of FISH, and how it relates to us.



Enjoy the result of this learning experience through the Art Exhibit, "A New Kind of Fishing" in the Gathering Area for several weeks. After the exhibit closes, the artwork will be hung in the hallways at Our Savior's.



April Worship & Music

Sunday, April 3rd, 2011: *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Pastor Steve Molin, preaching

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Holy Communion, "Now the Feast and Celebration"
Special music at 8 and 9:15: Kingdom Choir and Joyful Noise Choir
 10:30 a.m. "The Crossing," Contemporary worship with Communion, music by Praise Band and singers
Special music at 10:30: Cherub Choir

Wednesday, April 6th, 2011: *Mid-week Lenten Service*

Guest Speaker Jim Pavek

- 11:30 a.m. Worship
 7:00 p.m. Worship; *Special music: JuBellate*

Sunday, April 10th, 2011: *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Pastor Steve Molin, preaching

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Holy Communion, "Now the Feast and Celebration"
Special music at 8 and 9:15: Liturgical Choir
 10:30 a.m. "The Crossing," Contemporary worship with Communion, music by Praise Band and singers

Wednesday, April 13th, 2011: *Mid-week Lenten Service*

Pastor Steve Molin, preaching

- 11:30 a.m. Worship
 7:00 p.m. Worship; *Special music: Tessa Boettner*

Sunday, April 17th, 2011: *Palm Sunday*

Pastor Linda VanEaton, preaching

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Worship
Special music at 8 and 9:15: Kingdom Choir and Joyful Noise Choir
 10:30 a.m. "The Crossing," Contemporary Worship with music by Praise Band and singers
Special music at 10:30: Cherub Choir

Thursday, April 21st, 2011: *Maundy Thursday*

Pastor Steve Molin, preaching

- 11:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion; *Special music: Kingdom Choir with First Presbyterian Choir and their congregation at OSLC*

Friday, April 22nd, 2011: *Good Friday*

(At First Presbyterian Church, 6201 Osgood Ave N, Stillwater)

- 7:00 p.m. Worship; *Special music: Kingdom Choir with First Presbyterian Choir and our congregation at First Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, April 24th, 2011: *Easter*

Pastor Steve Molin, preaching

- 6:30 a.m. Worship, *Special music: Solo*
 8:00 a.m. Worship, *Special music: Kingdom Choir, JuBellate*
 9:15 a.m. Worship, *Special music: Kingdom Choir, Joyful Noise Choir, JuBellate*
 10:30 a.m. "The Crossing," Contemporary Worship with music by Praise Band and singers

Wednesday Lenten Services

The Wilderness Journey A FORTY DAY PASSAGE

Week 5: April 6th

- 11:30 am Lent Worship
 12:15 pm Soup Lunch
 6:00 pm Soup Supper
 7:00 pm Lent Worship

Guest speaker at both services: Jim Pavek

Week 6: April 13th

- 11:30 am Lent Worship
 12:15 pm Soup Lunch
 6:00 pm Soup Supper
 7:00 pm Lent Worship

Pastor Steve Molin preaching at both services



Soup Lunch and Soup Suppers

Wednesday Soup Lunch is served at 12:15 pm. Donations requested to cover meal costs. Volunteers are needed to provide desserts. Soup Suppers are served at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to bring soups and desserts. Donations requested to cover beverage and bread costs.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 17th

- 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 21st

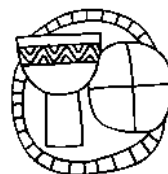
- 11:30 am, 7:00 pm Worship
 with Holy Communion
First Presbyterian Choir and their congregation will join us in worship at OSLC.

Good Friday, April 22nd

- 7:00 pm Worship
We will join First Presbyterian Choir and their congregation at First Presbyterian Church, 6201 Osgood Ave N, Stillwater. (No worship at OSLC. Childcare will be available at First Presbyterian Church.)

Easter Sunday, April 24th

- 6:30, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship



Holy Communion Schedule for April

- 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30:** April 3rd, 10th
11:30 am & 7:00 pm: April 21st, Maundy Thursday

Women's Groups

Deborah/Naomi Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, April 7th, 7:00 pm at Carmen Henderson's
Contact: Donna Peterson (439-5903)

Lydia Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, April 7th, 7:00 pm
Contact: Paula Barber (651-351-1907)

Hannah Circle

Next Mtg: Tuesday, April 5th, 9:30 am at Marlys Hartman's
Contact: Becky Maier (439-4459)

Ruth Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, April 7th, 9:30 am at Kay Rosell's
Contacts: Barb Loudon (644-7240)

Sarah Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, April 14th, 1:00 pm at OSLC
Contact: Donna Carlson (351-5052)

Morning Quilters

Next Mtg: Thurs., April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th at 9:00 am
Contact: Audrey Reed (430-2744)

Mission Quilters

Next Mtg: Thursday, April 21st at 9:00 am
Contact: Audrey Reed (430-2744)

Piecemakers (Evening Quilters)

Next Mtg: Wednesdays at 7:00 (schedule is flexible)
Contact: Valerie Kubal (998-3973)

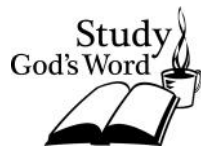
Card Recyclers

Next Mtg: Tuesday, April 26th, at 9:00 am
Contact: Doris Freeman (439-7876)

Prayer Shawl Knitters

Next Mtg: Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 pm
Contacts: Sherry Yahner (430-9863) & Kitty Roettger (777-4192)

Bible Study Groups



Beth Moore (Tuesdays)

Next Mtg: 1:00 pm, April 5th & April 19th at church
Contact: Nancy Robertson (715-549-6118)

Beth Moore (Wednesdays)

Next Mtg: 8:00 pm, April 6th at church
8:00 pm, April 13th at church
8:00 pm, April 20th at church
6:30 pm, April 27th at Judy Goldstrand's
Contact: Judy Goldstrand (651-439-3267)

Beth Moore (Thursdays)

Next Mtg: 6:30 pm, April 7th & April 21st at church
Contact: Barb Schlosser (651-439-8432)

Men's Groups

Men's Bible Study

Next Mtg: Thursdays at 6:00 am at Our Savior's
Contact: John Rock (747-0311)

Friday Guys

Next Mtg: Fridays 6:30 am at Joseph's Restaurant (Hwy. 36)
Contact: Pastor Steve (439-5704, ext. 14)

P.E.P. (People Enjoying People 55+)



People Enjoying People (PEP)

April 4th: Bethlehem-in-the-Midway at 9:15 am.

Help prepare, serve and clean-up for a meal. Five people needed. Sign-up sheet posted on PEP bulletin board. Meet at the church to carpool.

April 12th: Senior Health and Faith Day at Our Saviors. It's a great morning of information concerning senior health, visiting, enjoying lunch together. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

April 16th: Small Group at 9:30 am at Gorman's in Lake Elmo for brunch and to continue our discussion of the book, "The Gift of Years." New members are always welcome.

May 2nd: Bethlehem-in-the-Midway at 9:15 am.

May 16th: Coffee/Dessert Gathering with program at 1 pm.

May 21st: Small Group at 9:30 am at Gorman's in Lake Elmo.



Women @ the EDGE

Are you a woman in need of some ME time?
Are you on the EDGE—whatever that might mean?

Join us once a month for a time of learning, sharing and breathing. This year we will be using Colleen Baldrice's book, "The Tree Spirited Woman" as our guide. You do not need to read the book to be part of our discussion. We meet once a month on **Mondays at 8:00 pm at Perkins** on Hwy 36. Join us any time!

Upcoming dates/topic:

April 4th: Trust and Joy

May 2nd: Ending(s)

Questions? Contact Pastor Linda: linda@oslcstillwater.org

Sunday Morning Magazine

Meets on Sundays at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary

Sunday Morning Magazine—an adult learning opportunity for you!
Our topics vary from Mission to Bible Study, local authors and experts. Learning is a life-long process!

April 3, 10: Wisdom and Poetry Literature in the Bible A look at Job, the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. How can we use these texts in our own spiritual journey? Join Pastor Linda as we discover the power of these books of the Bible for our every day journey of faith.

This concludes our Sunday Morning Magazine for the program year. Do you have ideas for Fall 2011- Spring 2012? Contact Pastor Linda!



OSLC Book of the Month Club

It's simple! Read the book during the month and then come and discuss. Join us! Invite a friend!

April's Theme: April Fools -Let's have some fun!

April's Book: "Home to Harmony" by Philip Gulley

April's Discussion: Monday, April 25th at 1:00 or 6:30 pm

A charming novel of a small town with a kindly spirit whose endearing and eccentric residents are like old friends. Written in a warm, down-home style, this novel chronicles the moving and humorous world of Quaker pastor Sam Gardner in his first year back in his hometown. Could this look anything like OSLC?

Book chats will again be held this summer at the Stillwater Public Library on the last Monday of June, July and August beginning at 1:00 pm. More news to come.

iSERVE



StrengthFinders Talent of the Month:

RESTORATIVE

The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."

~ Luke 5:30-32

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. ~ Psalm 23:1-3

You are adept at dealing with problems - you even like them! While others may be dismayed when they encounter yet another breakdown, you can be energized by it. You go looking for trouble! You may prefer practical, conceptual or personal problems. Your exact preferences are determined by your other themes of talent and experiences. You enjoy bringing things back to life, restoring something to its true glory.

Choose iServe / service opportunities where you can help solve problems. Consider a short term mission project or volunteering at Valley Outreach, our local food shelf. Keep your eyes on the Yellow Page or the weekly eBlast for opportunities.

"I no longer believe that we can change anything in the world until we have first changed ourselves."

~ ETTY HILLESUM, young Jewish woman who kept a diary during WWII before dying at Auschwitz

OSLC is a Strengths-based church. We believe that God has given us TALENTS to be used to bring God's kingdom. OSLC uses Clifton StrengthsFinder to measure the presence of talents in 34 general areas or themes. Pastor Linda is a StrengthsFinder coach and teaches a "Living Your Strengths" class. Each month we highlight one talent. If you want to learn more about StrengthsFinder contact Pastor Linda: Linda@oslctillwater.org



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Women

Sisters in Christ

2011 Schedule of Events

All Women of Our Savior's are Invited to attend events

- April 1 & 2** St. Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Convention
Lutheran Church of Peace, Maplewood
- April 14** East Central Cluster Meeting
House of Prayer, Oakdale
Program: Sendafa Children's Orphanage, Ethiopia
- May 1** Rachel's Day
- May 5** Mother/Daughter Banquet at 6:15 pm
Our Savior's
- May 14** Trunks & Treasures Sale from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Our Savior's
- July 12** Bible Study in the Park at 9:30 am
Valley View Park
- July 14 -17** Triennial Gathering
Spokane, Washington
- August 11** Bible Study in the Park at 9:30 am
Valley View Park
- August 18** Salad Supper at 6:00 pm
Our Savior's

For more information, check out the "Our Savior's Women" bulletin board in the hallway by the nursery!

Guatemala Benefit Concert & Silent Auction

April 10, 2011 at 3:00 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Circle Pines

The 5th annual Benefit Concert and Silent Auction to support the ministry of the Lutheran Church in Guatemala (Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala or ILAG) will take place on Sunday, April 10th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Circle Pines (9185 Lexington Ave. N. Circle Pines, MN). Proceeds will benefit the newest health ministry campaign in Guatemala—the construction of 100 dry latrines in 2011.

An outstanding witness of love and dedication to our companion synod, the concert will feature musical presentations by partner congregations and friends of the ILAG.

Bidding at the silent auction begins at 3:00 pm and ends after the intermission. The concert begins at 4:00 pm. For questions, please contact the office of the Saint Paul Area Synod at 651-224-4313.

East Central Cluster Spring Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2011
House of Prayer
6039 40th Street North, Oakdale, MN 55128
Registration at 6:30 pm (\$3.00)/Dessert
7:00 pm Business/Program

Women of all ages are invited to share in an evening of lively fellowship as Amanuel and Benita Gemechu, House of Prayer members, speak of their experience as volunteers at the Sendafa Orphanage in Ethiopia. Please invite a friend or relative to join you for this opportunity to meet or reconnect with women from the area and learn more about this mission which seeks to bring HOPE to the most hopeless – children through housing, food and education.

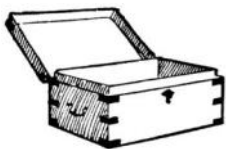
Reservations are due by Sunday, April 10. Please RSVP to Nancy Johnson: 651-436-7833 or nancyrjohnson28@comcast.net.

Monetary Offering: Sendafa Children's Orphanage and our SWO

Material Offering: Children's Home Society

Shopping List:

- **Books** (Board books through easy chapter books, especially family bonding stories; no violence)
- **Games & Toys** (birth to 12 years)
- **Diapers** (especially larger sizes)
- **Baby Formula, Baby Wipes, Wash Cloths, Hats & Mittens** (children's sizes),
- **Sippy Cups** (no-spill style)
- **Car Seats** (infant, toddler, booster)
- **Gift Cards** (Target, Walmart, Cub, Cost Cutters, McDonalds, Subway, etc.) Cards should be for small \$10-\$20 amounts)



Trunks and Treasures Sale

May 14, 2011 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN

Love a garage sale? However, not so much the getting in and out of your vehicle at each sale or the driving from one location to another with time being a factor. Then the Trunks and Treasures Sale on May 14, 2011 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Stillwater is the perfect venue for one stop shopping, where you park once and walk a parking lot filled with vehicles chock-full of gently used merchandise to sell. Also there will be an opportunity to purchase Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate; Lucinda Pins; and Cookbooks. This fund-raiser will benefit various women's ministry activities at Our Savior's, so please join us for a fun-filled day of shopping, meeting new people, visiting with neighbors or friends. If a seller, pocket a little money or if a buyer, take home a new treasure!

Spring Cleaning – Treasures or Hand-Crafted Items to Sell? Reserve your Space. Registration is \$10 per vehicle (plus a donation of 10% of sales) and is due by May 11, 2011. Registration forms are available in the gathering area or by contacting trunkstotreasures@comcast.net. Space is limited so please register early to guarantee a spot. This is the perfect solution for those who do not have space for a garage or yard sale to join others in selling their gently used or new items on a beautiful summer day.



Mother-Daughter Banquet

Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 6:15 pm
"Meet Miss Manners – 2011 Style"
Adults \$15.00
Children \$5.00 (12 & under)

Ever wonder where to place the forks, knives and spoons when asked to set the table at home or at a friend's home? What does creating a 'first impression' mean in today's world? Are jeans appropriate for all occasions? Well if these or other questions regarding etiquette have been a topic within your family or with girlfriends, then please join us for a lively discussion on Thursday, May 5 at Our Savior's. Invite your Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, Granddaughters, Aunts, Nieces, Sisters and Girlfriends to gather together for an evening of learning about new approaches to having confidence and fun in social settings.

Our speaker, Gretchen Ditto, will share some key elements of creating a first and lasting impression through a lively and engaging presentation. She will touch on topics of interest, such as, communicating through social media, eating with grace and dressing with style. Look for more information to follow in the May Lamp and the Sunday bulletins regarding the evening meal and other activities.

Tickets will be available for sale in the Gathering Area on the following Sundays between services: April 10, April 17 and May 1. Tickets will be available during the week in the church office.

Sunday School, WAVE & Club 56 Reach out and Join Hands to Help!

During the month of April, OSLC children and families are joining hands with Open Hands Midway in St. Paul, to serve our neighbor. This service project focuses on distributing hygiene kits through Open Hands.



Hygiene kit items are needed to fill the kits. Members of the PEP group will be constructing the kit bags, while our children and families will help fill the bags with donations.

How You Can Help

If you are interested in helping donate items, the following is a list of items needed for each kit. Collection dates are March 27-April 17.

Hygiene Kit Items:

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| Hand towel | Wash cloth | Bar of Soap | Shampoo |
| Comb | Toothbrush | Toothpaste | 6 Band-Aids |
| Bottle of Water | Pair of Socks | Deodorant | |

For more information, contact Karen Gieseke at 651-439-5704, ext. 23, or email: cfm@oslcstillwater.org

Registration for Fall 2011-12

Registration for Fall 2011-12 Children, Youth & Family Ministry is planned for mid April, and we are EXCITED! Many OSLC families have shared feedback this past year regarding schedules for Sunday and Wednesday, and OSLC leadership has been listening.

Families should watch for a letter to arrive in April which will share information for Fall schedules and learning. Sunday morning times will remain the same, but some experiences, worship and learning are being given a new look.

Wednesday evenings are being re-imagined, thanks to your comments. Please watch for the letter that will contain the details to help you decide what best suits the faith journey of your family. Registration will be available on-line through the Our Savior's website.

Update on Children, Youth & Family Ministry Staff Positions

Three staff positions related to Children, Youth and Family ministry at OSLC have been posted and we are accepting resumes. These positions are:

- Minister of Faith Formation (PT or FT)
- Children & Family Ministry Coordinator (PT)
- Early Childhood & Family Ministry Coordinator (PT)

All position descriptions are located on the OSLC website under "Employment." Job postings have been placed at a variety of ELCA and educational institutions.

You are invited and encouraged to pray for the individuals who are being called by God to learn more about Our Savior's, and to invite the Spirit into the conversation of discernment between candidates and Our Savior's.

Faith Formation in Families Today

On Monday, March 7, Our Savior's invited Terri Elton, Director of the Center for Children Youth and Family (CYF) Ministry at Luther Seminary and Associate Professor of CYF, to share information regarding Children, Youth and Family ministry. Terri updated OSLC on the changing face of CYF Ministry in churches across the country, best practices for growing disciples and offered insight on how to be in partnership as a congregation as we grow and nurture our Christian faith.

The presentation included information from two recent studies, the National Study of Youth & Religion and the Exemplar Youth Ministry study, which both focused on Youth, Religion and Faith. Luther Seminary utilizes both of these resources when working with, and coaching congregations who are exploring and seeking to understand faith formation in families today, especially in relationship to youth. The book, *The Spirit and Culture of Youth Ministry* shares both the results from the Exemplar Youth Ministry study, and offers insight and application for congregations and families.

This helpful and important information will continue to be a part of the conversation and visioning for ministry at Our Savior's in the days, weeks, months, and years to come. Leadership at OSLC needs your partnership in ministry, and appreciates your conversation and participation in this journey. To learn more, go to:

www.youthandreligion.org and www.exemplarym.com.

Summer Camps



SportsLife Camp: "Bring It!"

July 5th-8th, 2011
Grades K - 4 (2010-11)
9 am - 12 pm
Cost \$60

Register online by June 17th, 2011
www.oslcstillwater.org



Vacation Bible School: "PandaMania - Where God is Wild About YOU!"

August 1st-5th, 2011
3 yrs (by 6/1/11) to Grade 6 (2010-11)
AM Session: 9 am - 12 pm
PM Session: 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Cost \$35

Register online by July 8th, 2011
www.oslcstillwater.org



Camp Wapo - SEEDS Weekend: July 15th-17th, 2011

Grades 2 - 3 (2010-11)
Cost \$130 due at registration

Camp Wapo - Youth Camp: July 17th-22nd, 2011

Grades 4 - 6 (2010-11)
Cost \$380 / \$100 deposit due at registration

Register for Camp Wapo using Wapo registration forms available at the church.

VBS "PandaMania" Donations Needed

Excitement and energy continue to build as the preparation and planning continues for this year's VBS Pandamania! With hundreds of children present for a week of learning about Jesus and his love, there are a whole lot of supplies that are needed!

Can You Help?

Check out either of the two sites, the Gathering Area or the Classroom Hallway, to choose from the donations posted. All donation needs and details will be found on the "Panda" tags. (Please return the tag with the donation to help us keep track of inventory.)

Your generous help makes it possible for Our Savior's to offer a wonderful week of ministry to children from all over the community. Thank you in advance, for sharing with our children and families!

Questions? Contact:

Lori Olson, VBS Coordinator, lordan_ols@comcast.net
Karen Gieseke, CFM Director, cfm@oslcstillwater.org

For all your questions about Children and Family Ministries, Sunday School, WAVE, FaithMarkers, summer programming, nursery and preschool programs, and more, please contact:

Karen Gieseke, Interim Director of Children & Family Ministries
Phone: 651-439-5704, ext. 23, or email: cfm@oslcstillwater.org

FaithMarkers

FaithMarkers is a time of intentional family teaching, where children and parents/guardians/caregivers come together for a time of learning around faith.

2 year olds through Kindergarten will use an assigned Sunday/Wednesday class time. 1st through 6th grade will meet on an assigned Monday evening.

Childcare is available for FaithMarker classes. You will receive a special invitation for this learning event with all the details. Check the schedule below and Save-the-Date!

Family FaithMarkers 2010-11: Families Learning Together

| Age | FaithMarker Event | Teaching Date/Time | Worship Celebration |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Birth | Baptism Walking Wet | April 4, 2011 | Scheduled with the church office |
| 6th Grade | Martin Luther | May 2, 2011 5:30-6:30 pm | |
| 1st to 6th Grade** | First Communion Retreat | April 18, 2011 6-7:30 pm | Sunday, May 1, at any service |

***Holy Communion is one of two sacraments in the Lutheran church. At Our Savior's, families decide when a child is ready to receive instruction in preparation for First Communion and then attend the First Communion Retreat together. Questions? Contact one of the Pastors or the Director of Children and Family Ministry.*

First Communion Retreat

Monday, April 18th at 6:00-7:30 pm

Children of all ages are invited to participate in and learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion together with their family. Families choose when their children are ready to join others at God's Table, and gather with other families to learn together the gift of Holy Communion. If you have any questions or are interested in participating in the retreat, contact Pastor Linda 651-439-5704, ext. 24, linda@oslcstillwater.org; or Karen Gieseke 651-439-5704, ext. 23, cfm@oslcstillwater.org.

Grade 6 Faith Marker - Martin Luther

Monday, May 2nd at 5:30 - 6:30 pm

So what was Martin Luther really all about? And how does his life and faith journey connect to mine? These are just a couple questions that we will dig into at the Grade 6 Faith Marker. Come ready to discover why a guy from Germany who lived in the 1400's wrote and said things that we continue to explore today, and how his symbol for the Lutheran faith gives us an example of how to share our faith.

Sixth graders and their parents/guardians are invited to explore together, PLUS have an introduction to what's to come for 7th graders and their families as Confirmation (Affirmation of your Baptism) is just around the corner!

Lake Area Discovery Center at Our Savior's

April 4-5: Parent Appreciation Breakfast

April 22 & 25: No School

April 24: Easter

April 28-29: LADC Booster Garage Sale



Parent Appreciation Breakfast on April 4-5

This is a fun event where LADC can say "THANK YOU!" to all our wonderful families and parents! Thank you for partnering with us!

No School on April 22nd & 25th

No School in observance of Friday, April 22, for Good Friday and Monday, April 25 for a teacher workshop day. Easter Sunday is April 24.

The BIG Sale for Little Ones on April 28-29

The LADC Boosters organization is hosting their annual sale of gently-used baby and children's items including name brand clothing, toys, books and equipment. This "BIG Sale" to benefit "Little Ones" generates funding for the Boosters' Teacher Grant Program. All are welcome to shop!



Thursday, April 28: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday, April 29: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

115 North 4th Street

Stillwater, MN

For more information, visit www.ladcfamilies.org

Summer WOW Camps

Summer WOW Camps still have available spots. Registration information is still available with teachers and the main office.

Family Fun: April Showers bring May Flowers

April is a fun time to begin planting early spring seeds. Take time with your little ones to choose some favorite seeds and plant them in small, clear plastic cups. (Beans, Sunflowers, and Grass work well).

Talk with your child about what seeds need to grow. Also, talk about how God helps us grow, just like water, sunshine and warmth help the seeds grow. Watch over the next weeks as the seeds begin to take root. When the seedling is large enough, transplant to a warm, sunny spot outside.





Moonlight Madness All Night Lock-out

7th-9th Grade - Friday, April 1st

Join us and other churches around the Twin Cities as we endure this all night Lock-out from 8:30 pm - 8:00 am! Cost is only \$30. Friends are invited! We will begin our night with a Youth Rally and then head to Dakota Rec Center (waterslides, pool, gym, rock climbing wall, ice skating, etc.). We will continue our night by going to a movie theater and end our time together at Grand Slam playing some mini golf, bumper cars, laser tag, and more. It will be a great night of outreach, evangelism, and community building! Sign up by turning in your payment and registration form to Missy no later than Sunday, March 27th.



Diggin' Deeper Breakfast Club

10th-12th Grade - Friday, April 1st, 6:30 am
@ Perkins in Stillwater

Come for a great breakfast, fellowship and Bible study!

Fall Jamaica Trip Information Meeting

Sunday, May 1st, 11:30 am

Interested in attending the annual Youth Jamaica Mission Trip next fall? Come to the informational meeting where you will find out all about the trip! If you know for sure you want to be a part of this mission, a \$100 non-refundable deposit will secure your spot.

Summer Opportunities for Youth

We have lots of activities planned for our Jr. and Sr. High youth! Check out our website www.oslcstillwater.org to see what is available for your student! Information and forms can be found online or outside the youth room.



Summer in the Sun!

Easter Breakfast Fundraiser

Once again, the youth of OSLC will be hosting a continental style Easter Breakfast for members, family, and friends to enjoy. Food will be served between all services. There will be a free will offering that will help support summer trips for our youth! If you are in 9th-12th grade and going on a summer trip and would like to work this fundraiser to earn money towards your trip, contact Missy ASAP.



CALLED TO CARE — SHELLY ROCK

General Kitchen

Safety Tips



The kitchen is no doubt the “hub” of the house. Families gather there daily to cook, consume foods and beverages, and to converse together. This “hub” is also the most common place in our homes where injuries occur and where pathogens dwell. There are some things you can think about to keep your kitchen safe.

Food-borne illness is a health concern. The Center for Disease Control reports that food-borne diseases cause approximately 76 million illnesses each year. More than 200 known diseases are transmitted through food. The causes include viruses, bacteria, parasites, toxins, and metals. The symptoms of food-borne illness range from mild gastroenteritis (“stomach flu”) to life-threatening situations.

Consider the following in preventing food-borne illnesses:

- Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Make sure that the temperature in your refrigerator is 40 degrees or under and make sure to cook your food to the temperature degree that is specified.
- Avoid cross-contamination of foods especially raw meats with fresh fruits and vegetables. Make sure all cooking utensils are cleaned between tasks.
- Wash all of your fresh fruits and vegetables before eating.
- Allow leftovers to cool a bit before placing them in the refrigerator. If you put hot food in the fridge, it will warm up the refrigerator temperature, endangering everything else in there.
- Keep shrimp, lobster, oysters, etc. in the refrigerator on ice. Put the seafood on top of the ice and the ice in a colander or other bowl so when the ice melts it drains into another container.
- Wash your hands before and after cooking (and in between as you switch tasks). Wash your hands before and after you eat.

Kitchen accidents also happen far too often. Consider the following to help prevent kitchen injuries:

- Do not use appliances near the sink or other water. If one falls in, it can electrocute whoever is nearby.
- When cooking with fats, watch closely. Most kitchen fires happen because someone starts to heat oil and forgets about it; oil gets hotter and hotter, smokes a little and then bursts into flames.
- Be careful of steam! Steam burns can be painful.
- Don't let the pan handles on the stove stick out over the floor or over an adjacent “on” burner. Also be careful not to leave hot coffee and foods on the edge of counters where little children may reach up and grab them.
- Keep your knives sharp and always cut with the edge away from you and your fingers. Carry knives carefully and watch out for them when removing from the dishwasher or when washing dishes.
- Keep poisonous substances up and away from children.

Called to Care
- Shelly Rock
Parish Nurse

Senior Health and Faith Day

Tuesday, April 12th
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church



Lakeview Hospital's St. Croix Valley Parish Nurse Program will host its 6th Annual Senior Health and Faith Day, *Navigating through Life Transitions*, on Tuesday, April 12, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. This free event will take place at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (1616 W. Olive St., Stillwater). The event will feature presentations:

"Navigating Your Health through Life Transitions" by Stillwater Medical Group geriatrician Dr. Stanley Smith

"Steps and Resources to Consider When Facing an Upcoming Transition" by Diane Bjorkman of Gentle Transitions, which will include tips on downsizing and de-cluttering

"Navigating with Faith through Life Transitions" by Rev. Kris Linner of St. Jude Hospice

This is a free event and all seniors are invited to attend. Information about resources from the community will also be available. Lunch is included. Doors will open at 8:00 am. Please reserve your place early (seating is limited) by contacting Our Savior's at (651) 439-5704. See you there!

Oak Grove Choir Concert

Friday, April 1st at 8:00 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

The Oak Grove Concert Choir will provide a concert of sacred music that includes sets of lively gospel music, old hymn favorites like "Beautiful Savior", newer compositions like Daniel Gawthrop's "Sing Me to Heaven" and other selections including composers Alexander Sheremetev, Eric Whitacre, Joseph Jennings, Eliza Gilkyson, and Aaron Zinter. Oak Grove Lutheran School is in its 105th year of integrating Christian faith and learning in Fargo, North Dakota. A Christian faculty and staff are dedicated to helping young people, not only academically, but in personal growth and faith formation.



Legacy Friends Celebration

Thursday, May 5 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Jim and Marilyn Meier's home

Save the Date for a Legacy Friends event! Join us at Jim and Marilyn Meier's home on May 5, 2011, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for a celebration to recognize those who have included OSLC in their wills or estate plans (and those considering it). Wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and special entertainment will be provided by comedian and OSLC member Brad Kruse. Invitations and bulletin announcements with more information will be forthcoming.

"FILL THAT BUS!" Results

"Fill That Bus!" organizers shared that this effort was about so much more than breaking a world record; it was about giving this community hope. "Hope that each person in our community matters. Hope that there is something we can all do together. Hope that our teenagers are filled with compassion for others. Hope that churches, schools, and businesses can set aside their work for a time to put others first. Hope that we can accomplish more together than we could on our own." In 24 hours, area food shelves received:

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| Grand total of food donations in lbs | 80,229# |
| Our Savior's food donations in lbs | 3442# |
| Grand total in dollar donations | \$21,060 |
| Our Savior's dollar donations | \$9,138 |

THANK YOU to all who participated in giving hope to our community!

Mlafu Mission Trip Planning

In 2002, Our Savior's joined the St. Paul Area Synod's Companion Congregation Program, known as Bega Kwa Bega ("Shoulder to Shoulder"). Since then, eleven members from our church family have visited our rural congregation in Mlafu and church sponsored sites in the surrounding area of Iringa, Tanzania. Besides helping Mlafu students attend school, this program also promotes relationship-building through visits and exchanges.

Another trip is being planned! This mission is expected to depart around October 20, 2011, with the key focus being a Sunday trip to Mlafu to worship with our African brothers and sisters in Christ. We also intend to visit some of the students we are supporting at two of their schools. Many other activities, including a two day safari, are being planned.

An informational meeting will be held following the 10:30 service on Sunday, March 27, to discuss what the approximate two week trip entails. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience where we will encounter unimaginable joy. If you have even the slightest interest and want to learn more, please plan to attend or call Jim & Marilyn Meier at 651-439-5421.

Open Hands Midway Celebration Dinner

Our Savior's has been an active partner in the Open Hands Midway ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Paul. This outreach ministry was organized to engage the Hamline-Midway neighborhood with open hands to meet the physical and emotional needs of the poor and disenfranchised. Each Monday, a meal is prepared and served for all who come. P.E.P. has organized volunteers to help with the meal on the first Monday of each month. To celebrate the work we have been a part of this past year, volunteers and interested members are invited to the 2nd Annual Celebration Dinner on Sunday, May 1st at Bethlehem Lutheran. Cost is \$10. RSVP by April 24th to info@openhandsmidway.org or call Pastor Slostad at 612-868-5136; Mary at 651-788-3738.

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Holy Week at Our Savior's

Palm Sunday, April 17th

8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 am Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 21st

11:30 am and 7:00 pm Worship & Holy Communion
First Presbyterian Choir and their congregation will join us in worship at OSLC.

Good Friday, April 22nd

7:00 pm Worship
We will join First Presbyterian Choir and their congregation at First Presbyterian Church, 6201 Osgood Ave N, Stillwater. (No worship at OSLC. Childcare will be available at First Presbyterian Church.)

Easter Sunday, April 24th

6:30, 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30 am Worship



HE IS RISEN!

Easter Day Music

6:30 am - Soloist
8:00 am - Kingdom Choir and Jubellate
9:15 am - Kingdom Choir, Joyful Noise Choir, and Jubellate
10:30 am - Praise Band and singers

Easter Breakfast

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