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Weighty Words of Winter — Pastor Steve Molin



Sunday, December 12 provided a fitting metaphor for the Minnesota Vikings' 2010 season; the roof fell in! Groaning under the crush of nearly twenty inches of snow, the roof failure capped a miserable season when, as Brett Favre remarked "everything that could go wrong did."

I am pleased to tell the members and friends of Our Savior's Lutheran Church that, in 2010, our roof did not fall in. Our ministry remains strong, our membership remains faithful, our budget – dubious at the beginning of the year – produced a small surplus, and despite a few leaks, our roof is still intact. We faced some challenges in the past year, and the New Year brings more challenges. But our family is resilient, and we will move forward with determination.

One of the carols we sang during our recent Christmas celebration was Edmund Sears' "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," written in 1849. Buried in the fourth verse is a remarkable message; a message that I would commend to us as we begin 2011. Here are the words;

*O ye beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way*

*With painful steps and slow;
Look now, for glad and
golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
Oh rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.*

Ye beneath life's crushing load. A load of snow enough to crush a stadium roof. A load of debt enough to crush a family's spirit. A load of despair enough to make life feel like toil. A load of ministry challenges enough to make steps painful and slow.

But look! Rest, and Listen! Glad and golden hours are on the horizon, and angels sing signs of hope. Emmanuel, remember? **God is with us!**

I begin this New Year with a simple word of thanks. Thank you for being the Church when life is joyful and without storm. Thank you for being the Church when the way is dark and the future, uncertain. Thank you for being generous in your giving, humble in your receiving, spirited in your service, thoughtful in your trials, and gracious in your accomplishments. Our roof is solid because our foundation is secure. Let it snow!

Peace,

—Pastor Steve

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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Gathered in Love
and Sent with
a Purpose
So that others
may gain
the Kingdom

The Children Tell the Story (More photos on page 8)



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Financial Box Score

Nov. Budget Giving	\$ 55,183
Nov. Budget Expense	\$ -53,673
Nov. Budget Total	\$ 1,510
Nov. Building Contributions	\$ 13,236
Nov. Mortgage Expenses	\$ -10,932
Nov. Building Net	\$ 2,303
Nov. Mortgage Amount	\$ 10,932
Current Mortgage Amount (as of Nov. 30, 2010)	\$1,156,354
YTD Giving	\$ 697,660
YTD Expenses	\$ -693,673
YTD Total	\$ 3,987
YTD Building Contributions	\$ 120,093

Annual Meeting

January 30, 2011 at 11:45 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of Our Savior's Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 30 at 11:45 a.m. Anyone may attend the meeting; confirmed members are eligible to vote. The agenda will include election of church leadership and adoption of the 2011 budget. Childcare will be provided. A budget review meeting will be held a week prior to the annual meeting, on Sunday, January 23 at 9:15 a.m., and the Annual Report will be available on that day.

Giving in 2011**Offering envelopes**

A reminder that your 2011 Offering envelopes are available for pickup, located on tables in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Gathering Areas. If you do not see your name and would like a set of envelopes for the coming year, please contact Janet Tyndell at 439-5704, ext.18.

Staff News**We Bid Deb Schultz Farewell**

Deb Schultz, who has served as our communications director in the church office for the past year is leaving to take a full time position at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater.

Deb's unique combination of technology, faith, and artistic genius has been a terrific gift to us, and will be exactly that for our friends at First Pres. We wish her nothing but the best as she makes this transition in early January, 2011.

The good news is, Deb and her husband Steve, will remain active members of Our Savior's, as they have been for the past 25 years.

A note from Deb:

The work of Our Savior's is about changing lives and supporting the faith journeys of the members, friends and visitors who come through our doors every day of the year. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to be a part of this work and to contribute where I can.

Thank you to everyone on staff and the many volunteers who, from the day I arrived, made me feel welcomed and a valued member of the OSLC team. It has been a blessing to work with all of you this past year! — Deb Schultz

January Worship & Music

Sunday, January 2nd, 2011

Second Sunday after Christmas

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: Christine Rasmussen
 10:30 a.m. "The Crossing," Contemporary worship with
 Communion, music by Praise Band and singers

Sunday, January 9th, 2011

The Baptism of our Lord

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

Sunday, January 16th, 2011

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Pastor 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: The KINGSmEN
 10:30 a.m. "The Crossing," Contemporary Worship with music by
 Praise Band and singers

Sunday, January 23rd, 2011

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Pastor Linda VanEaton, preaching

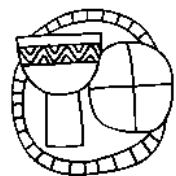
- 8:00 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Worship
Special music at 8 and 9:15: JuBellate
 10:30 a.m. "The Crossing," Contemporary Worship with music by
 Praise Band and singers

Sunday, January 31st, 2011

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

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 music by
 Praise Band and singers



Holy Communion Schedule for January

8:00 and 9:15: Jan. 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th

10:30: Jan. 2nd & 9th

Stillwater Cares for Kids!

*"Train children in the right way, and when old,
 they will not stray." —Proverbs 22.6*

A new opportunity for us to reach out to our community!



Stillwater Cares for Kids is a tutoring relationship already successfully implemented with First Presbyterian and Oak Park Elementary. Our Savior's is being asked to consider a partnership with our neighborhood school—Lily Lake Elementary.

They are ready! Are we ready to take the challenge?

Here are the nuts and bolts (no experience is necessary)!

- Tutoring takes place on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 am. At Oak Park Elementary, 27 tutors assist 80+ students each week!
- Tutors work with students, selected by teachers, in reading, math and writing.
- Tutors work with students one-to-one for 30 minutes once a week.
- Tutors receive training throughout the year, from the district staff, to effectively work with students and understand current methods.
- The tutoring program provides intellectual stimulation to the volunteers through lively discussions, educational articles, and tutor mentoring.
- It's not all work and no play...the tutoring program seeks to develop a sense of community among the volunteers by eating lunch together (with tutors from schools) each week after tutoring; this lunch also provides the opportunity for discussion and once a month a speaker is brought in.

All training is provided — no experience is necessary; just a love for kids and their well-being for the sake of the world. Sign up on the Yellow Page or call the church office. We hope to begin our relationship with Lily Lake on February 2nd, 2011. If you would like more information, come to Sunday Morning Magazine on January 16th and hear Dr. Jim Hainlen speak about his experiences at Oak Park Elementary, bring your questions- or contact Pastor Linda.

Thank You!

I wanted to again thank you for your many thoughts, prayers, and loving cards of support during my recovery. Our congregation is filled with many selfless people. You can certainly see God's love in each of you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

— Cheryl and Dave Schindler

New Bible Study Class

Beth Moore — Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Beth Moore is a woman who has a passion to see Christians living the life Christ intended and has written several best-selling bible studies. Currently, there are two Beth Moore study groups meeting at OSLC studying the book of Esther. Esther is a narrative with both tragedy and triumph as one learns about the nature of God and His activity in human history.

A new bible study will be starting in January and meeting every other Wed. night at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in knowing more about the study, please contact Judy Goldstrand at 651.439.3237 or jdstrand@gmail.com. There will be a sign up sheet on the welcome desk that you also may sign, if interested.

P.E.P. Service Opportunities

- **Feed My Starving Children on January 17, 2011.**
We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. and return following lunch. Sign up on the PEP Bulletin Board in the Gathering Area
- Help prepare, serve and clean-up for a meal served at **Bethlehem Lutheran-in-the-Midway on January 3rd, 2011.**
Five people needed. Sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board.
- **P.E.P. Small Group will meet on Saturday, January 15, 2011** at Gorman's in Lake Elmo. New members are always welcome.

Women@theEDGE

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 p.m. at Perkins** on Hwy. Join us any time. Upcoming dates/topic:

Jan. 3rd: Relationships, Marriage and Children

Jan. 31st: Menopause and Age (New date for February meeting)

Questions? Contact Pastor Linda: linda@oslctillwater.org

DivorceCare & Recovery

Growing through Divorce

Are you hurting from a recent divorce or separation? Have you remained injured from a divorce? DivorceCare & Recovery offers help through group learning and support. Group will meet on Monday nights 8-9:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per person to cover the DivorceCare book. You need not come to all the sessions and friends are welcome to attend. Contact Pastor Linda: linda@oslctillwater.org. Beginning dates and topics:

- January 10: What's happening to me?**
- January 17: The Road to Healing/ Finding Help**
- January 24: Facing My Anger**
- January 31: Facing My Depression**
- February 7: Facing My Loneliness**

Women's Groups

Deborah/Naomi Circle

Next Mtg: Thurs., Jan. 13th, 7:00 p.m. potluck at Marlene Lentz' Henderson's

Contact: Donna Peterson (439-5903)

Lydia Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, Jan. 6th, 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Paula Barber (651-351-1907)

Hannah Circle

Next Mtg: Tuesday, Jan. 4th —9:30 a.m.

Contact: Sandy Fabio (439-9773)

Ruth Circle

Next Mtg: Friday, Jan. 14th—9:30 a.m.

Contacts: Barb Loudon (644-7240)

Sarah Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, Jan. 13th, at 1:00 p.m. at OSLC

Contact: Donna Carlson (351-5052)

Morning Quilters

Next Mtg: Thursdays, Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Audrey Reed (430-2744)

Mission Quilters

Next Mtg: Thursday, Jan. 20th at 9:00 a.m.

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, Jan. 25th, at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Doris Freeman (439-7876)

Prayer Shawl Knitters

Next Mtg: Tuesday, Jan. 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Contacts: Sherry Yahner (430-9863) & Kitty Roettger (777-4192)

Men's Groups

Men's Bible Study

Next Mtg: Thursdays at 6:00 a.m. at Our Savior's

Contact: John Rock (747-0311)

Friday Guys

Next Mtg: Fridays 6:30 a.m. at Joseph's Restaurant (Hwy. 36)

Contact: Pastor Steve (439-5704, ext. 14)

Bible Study Groups

Beth Moore (Tuesdays @ 1:00 p.m.)

Next Mtg: Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., Jan. 4th & Jan. 18th at church

Contact: Nancy Robertson (715-549-6118)

Beth Moore (Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.)

Next Mtg: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 6th & 20th at church

Contact: Barb Schlosser (651-439-8432)

OSLC Book of the Month Club

January's Theme: Spiritual— Behold I make all things NEW!

January Book: "An Altar in the World," by Barbara Brown Taylor

January Discussion: Monday, January 31st at 1:00 or 6:30 pm

"An Altar in the World;" a geography of faith by Barbara Brown Taylor. From simple practices such as walking, working, and getting lost to meditations on topics like prayer and pronouncing blessing, Taylor reveals concrete ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see. Where or what is your sacred altar in the world?

February's Theme: Children's Classic, "The Giver," by Lois Lowry

February Discussion: Monday, Feb. 21st at 1:00 or 6:30 pm

StrengthFinders Talent of the Month: POSITIVITY

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. —Proverbs 17.22

You are generous with praise, quick to smile, and always on the lookout for the positive in the situation. Some call you light-hearted. Others just wish that their glass were as full as yours seems to be. But either way, people want to be around you. Somehow you cannot quite escape your conviction that it is good to be alive, that work can be fun, and that no matter what the setbacks, one must never lose one's sense of humor.

Choose iServe/ service opportunities where you can interact with people. Share your gift of positivity! What about volunteering for our NEW tutoring opportunity at Lily Lake Elementary School? Mentor a student during Lent or teach Sunday School or WAVE. You're a natural!

"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit." —Helen Keller

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@oslccstillwater.org

Sunday Morning Magazine

Meets on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. 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!

January 2: *No education*

January 9: Join **Dave Fabio** — author and member of OSLC. Dave has published 4 novels and writes a bi-weekly column for the Stillwater Gazette, "**Lake Life**". He will speak about his writing and faith journey, and will also have books available. For more information about Dave visit: www.davidfabio.com.

January 16: Forging a NEW partnership with **Stillwater Cares for Kids**, Dr. Jim Hainlen will speak about the partnership developed between his home church, FirstPresbyterian, and Oak Park Elementary and the new partnership that we are being asked to consider at Lily Lake Elementary. (*More information found on page 3*).

New! The Book of Faith: Heaven on Earth—Studies in Matthew

We open the Gospel of Matthew and look at the assigned texts for 6 Sundays during the Season of Epiphany. Come and join the conversation. No experience necessary! Come and give it a try:

January 23: Who wants heaven on earth? & What does the kingdom of heaven have to do with us?

January 30: Are we the right ones to bring heaven to earth? & If this is heaven on earth, what's up with all the laws?

"Give Now, Give Later"

Save the Date! February 12th, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

The OSLC mission Endowment Fund Committee will be hosting an estate planning educational session entitled, "Give Now, Give Later."

Estate planning professionals will be on hand to present their ideas and answer your questions. Please come if you don't know where to start, have questions, or even if you think you have completed your estate planning.

The session will be held at the church in the Gathering Area: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Refreshments and a light breakfast will be served.



Lutheran Mideast Development

Our Savior's recently received a gift of a hand-hammered copper tray as a token of appreciation for our financial support to **Lutheran Mideast Development (LMD)**.

LMD's primary focus has been on the Kurds, a distinct ethnic group of 25 million with populations in Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Syria. Along with serving the needs of widows, children and refugees, LMD "strives to preach the Gospel to the poor following the example of Christ." LMD "actively supports Christian believers and churches, many of whom come from an Islamic background. While our witness is clear, it is equally clear that our help is not contingent upon a response to our beliefs, but that our beliefs are the reason for our compassionate concern for the poor."

The plate is a gift from Kutbi and the Kurds, given at their own expense. It will be on display along with the letter of thanks, next to the Library in the narthex.



Sabbath in Everyday Life

One-day Retreat at OSLC on January 22, 1011

On **January 22, 2011**, Our Savior's will once again be hosting a one-day retreat, "Sabbath in Everyday Life". In this retreat we will explore Sabbath in everyday life, including spiritual practices to enhance Sabbath time, exploring obstacles to Sabbath, and cultivating Sabbath by noticing and attending to the Divine.

Presenter **Judy Nolde** is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Madison, WI. She is a Benedictine Oblate with Holy Wisdom Monastery in Madison and is currently a student at Loyola University's-Chicago, MA in Pastoral Studies program. She brings a varied background to her spiritual practice, including mindfulness-based stress reduction training, lay crisis counseling, and a law degree. Judy has also written for **Lutheran Woman Today** magazine.

Brochures with registration forms can be found on the Women's bulletin board located by the church office.

December's Advent Teas

Thank you to our Advent Tea hosts and leaders, and to everyone who attended this year's event. Only one event was affected by our wintry weather, but was able to reschedule for another night.

If there is anyone wishing to purchase a copy to the book, "The Give-Away," please contact Becky Maier at 439-4459.

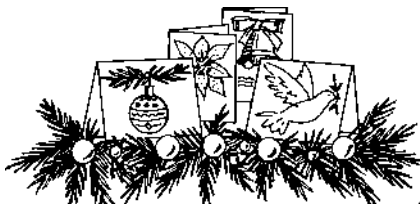


Recycle ... Cell Phones

Some of you probably received new cell phones over the holidays. You can recycle your old phones right here at Our Savior's and they will go to support women in difficult situations. You can place them in the narthex where our food shelf items are placed.

Recycle ... Christmas and Holiday Cards

Do your New Year's resolutions focus on being GREEN in 2011? If so, Our Savior's will be collecting Christmas and Holiday greeting cards for recycling. After you have enjoyed the blessings of this season's greetings from friends and loved ones, please place your unwanted cards in the appropriate box located in the narthex labeled Recycled Christmas and Holiday Cards. Your cards will continue to bring joy to many after they were first enjoyed by your family during this season.



CALLED TO CARE — SHELLY ROCK

Vitamin D

Vitamin D is found in foods such as fish, eggs, cheese and many items that we fortify such as milk and cereals. The sun is also a key factor in producing vitamin D.

There are several forms of vitamin D that our body uses. The major function of vitamin D in our bodies is to help maintain normal blood levels of calcium and phosphorus. Vitamin D aids in the absorption of calcium which help form and maintain strong bones.

There has been some recent research suggesting that vitamin D may also provide protection from osteoporosis, high blood pressure, cancer and several autoimmune diseases. There is continuing research in these areas.

During the winter, we receive reduced sun light which many believe correlates with Seasonal Affect Disorder (SAD), a form of depression that occurs during the winter months. One study found that vitamin D supplementation worked better than light therapy in treating SAD. Doctors may prescribe both treatments.

Vitamin D is very interesting to follow. As always, talk to your doctor to learn more about vitamin D and safe dosage levels for you.

Called to Care —Shelly Rock

For more information, go to: www.mayoclinic.com

A Giving Tree "Thank You"

2010 Our Savior's Giving Tree

The Giving Tree went up on the First Sunday of Advent this year—loaded with tags from a number of organizations near and dear to the Our Savior's family. By Sunday, December 12th, the pile of presents nearly filled full two small offices used to store items for eventual distribution. **Your kind hearts and generous support made many people smile over the holidays!**

One thank you received from **East Metro Women's Council**:

OSLC continues to be an awesome supporter of East Metro Women's Council (EMWC) with your Giving Tree and throughout the entire year! We so very much appreciate the overwhelming outpouring of love! The gifts were all lovely and much needed and the gift cards will come in handy throughout the year when the residents need a little extra help! Thanks from all the staff and residents from EMWC! Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Other organizations included in this year's Giving Tree:

Episcopal Family Services

Community Thread Holiday Bureau

YoungLives / YoungLife

Garland Hall Children's Home

Mission Jamaica Trip leaving Feb. 2011

Robin's Nest Children's Home

OSLC Youth Mission to Jamaica

Members and friends of OSLC



The Children Tell the Story — Grades 1-6 Christmas Program 2010



A big THANK-YOU to all the other volunteers who assisted with costumes, sign-in, refreshments, and countless details at rehearsals! You are a wonderful team and the children and families are blessed by your generosity!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, January 5th, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Summer is almost here! Join the fun and exciting preparations for the 2011 Vacation Bible School, August 1-5, 2011!

Join the team and help choose the theme, activities, crafts, music, décor, snacks, publicity and more!!! YOU are needed for this GREAT COMMUNITY MINISTRY!

Questions? Want to be a part of the VBS Team, but can't make the meeting? Contact Karen at cfm@oslcstillwater.org or call 651-439-5704 ext 23.

Camp Sunday Worship

Sunday, February 6, 9:15 & 10:30 (no Sunday School)

Camp is a wonderful time for Friends, Fellowship, Song & God's Word... with a special feel to it!

If you have been to camp, always wanted to go to camp, or have no plans to go to camp---this worship experience is for YOU! Join members of Our Savior's, the Camp Wapo Team DayBreak, and ministry staff as we gather together to praise and worship our Living God! Watch for more details to come!

Interested in helping? Contact Karen at cfm@oslcstillwater.com or 651-439-5704 ext 23

CFM Congregational Survey

Children & Family Ministry Congregational Survey results

The results from the OSLC Children & Family Ministry Congregational Survey (which was available for completion Dec. 1-15) will be shared at the OSLC Annual Meeting, Sunday January 30. Copies of the results will be available following the meeting .

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!

Age	FaithMarker Event	Teaching Date/ Time	Worship Celebration
Birth	Baptism Walking Wet	January 10, 2011, April 4, 2011	Scheduled with the church office
Kindergartners	The Lord's Prayer	Jan. 9 or 12, 2011 during class time	
3rd Grade	Baptism- I am the beloved!	January 10, 2011 5:30-6:30pm	
6th Grade	Martin Luther	May 2, 2011 5:30-6:30pm	
1st to 6th Grade**	First Communion Retreat	April 18, 2011 6-7:30pm	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.

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 to: cfm@oslcstillwater.org

Lake Area Discovery Center at Our Savior's

Classes resume after Christmas Break on Monday, January 25th at regular class times.

LADC Round-up for the 2011 school year on Tuesday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m.

No School in Observance of Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 17



Family Fun Activity for January

No Two Snowflakes are alike!

Place a black thin cloth over a cookie sheet and go outside together as a family when it is snowing. Watch the snowflakes fall onto the black catch cloth and observe. Do you notice many that look exactly the same? What shapes and designs do you notice?



Why do you think God made all the snowflakes different? Why did He make all of us different? Talk together as a family about the uniqueness that God has give to all of us just like He made each snowflake unique.

2010/2011 School Year Planning

Plans are well underway for the 2010/2011 school year. Each year we try to meet the need of families by adjusting class schedules and offerings. The updated class schedules and tuition rates will be on the LADC website by Dec. 15th, www.ladcfamilies.org, as well as the on-line registration form. If you are unable to register on-line, or have any questions, please call the LADC main office to register by phone: 651-762-7884.

Priority Placement for LADC will be in the following order:

- Dec. 15th:** Current LADC families
- Jan. 3rd:** Families of LADC partnered churches who are not currently enrolled.
- Jan. 3rd:** LADC Alumni families
- Jan. 15th:** General public.

The two White Bear Lake locations at Redeemer and First Lutheran Churches are Nationally Accredited through the NAEYC. We are currently preparing for a Site Visit to Our Savior's in Stillwater in early spring.



Diggin' Deeper Breakfast Club

Join us for our monthly breakfast Club at Perkins in Stillwater: **Friday, January 7th at 6:30 a.m.** We meet for a bible study and to enjoy breakfast together. Meet at 6:30 a.m. Rides provided to school if needed. Remember-- you order, we pay!



30-Hour Famine is Coming Up ... February 25-26, 2011

Once again Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be participating in (and hosting!) the St. Croix Valley 30-Hour Famine for all 7th-9th graders!

This event will be held **February 25th-26th, 2011** and is open to any St. Croix Valley youth or friends! Registrations come out on **Wednesday, January 19th.**

Make a difference in this world and fast for the hungry around the world. Watch for more info or pick up information outside of the youth room or online!

First Light Students...Find Your Mentor

If you are in the 8th & 9th grade First Light confirmation program, be looking for someone who you want to get to know a bit more and spend some time with. All students must have found a mentor by **Wednesday, February 2nd!** See Missy if you need another Mentor form.

Jr. High Retreat: Winter Wipeout! January 21-23, 2011

All Jr. High Students are invited to this incredible WINTER WIPE-OUT RETREAT! We will be heading up to Camp Shamineau as a group and will have a great weekend of growing in our faith and having lots of fun!

Activities for the weekend include broomball tournament, volleyball tournament, high ropes courses, archery, horseback riding, sledding, skateboarding, bonfire donuts, and many other winter activities!! Spots are limited so sign up today!

Registration forms can be found online (under the youth section) or outside the youth room. This is a weekend you DON'T want to miss out on!!

Thinking About Summer Already? Camp Sunday, February 6, 2011

Mark your calendars! Camp Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 6th! All Jr. High & Sr. High Summer trips, camps and activities for the summer will be announced on this day! Don't miss it!

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Epiphany

“Celebrated on January 6th, when we remember the three Wise Men’s visit to the Christ child.

The color for Epiphany Day is white. During the time after Epiphany we hear stories about Jesus’ baptism and early ministry. The color for these Sundays is sometimes white and sometimes green.

On the last Sunday, we celebrate the Transfiguration (*March 6th*). The color for this day is white, and we hear the story of Jesus shining brightly on the mountaintop.”



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