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Drawing Us into the Deeper Waters of Ministry

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

8:00 am Classic Worship,
Liturgy & Hymns

9:15 am Liturgy with Old and
New Hymns

10:30 am *The Edge &
The Crossing*

Contemporary Services

Communion

1st & 5th Sundays: All services

3rd Sundays:

8:00 & 9:15 am services

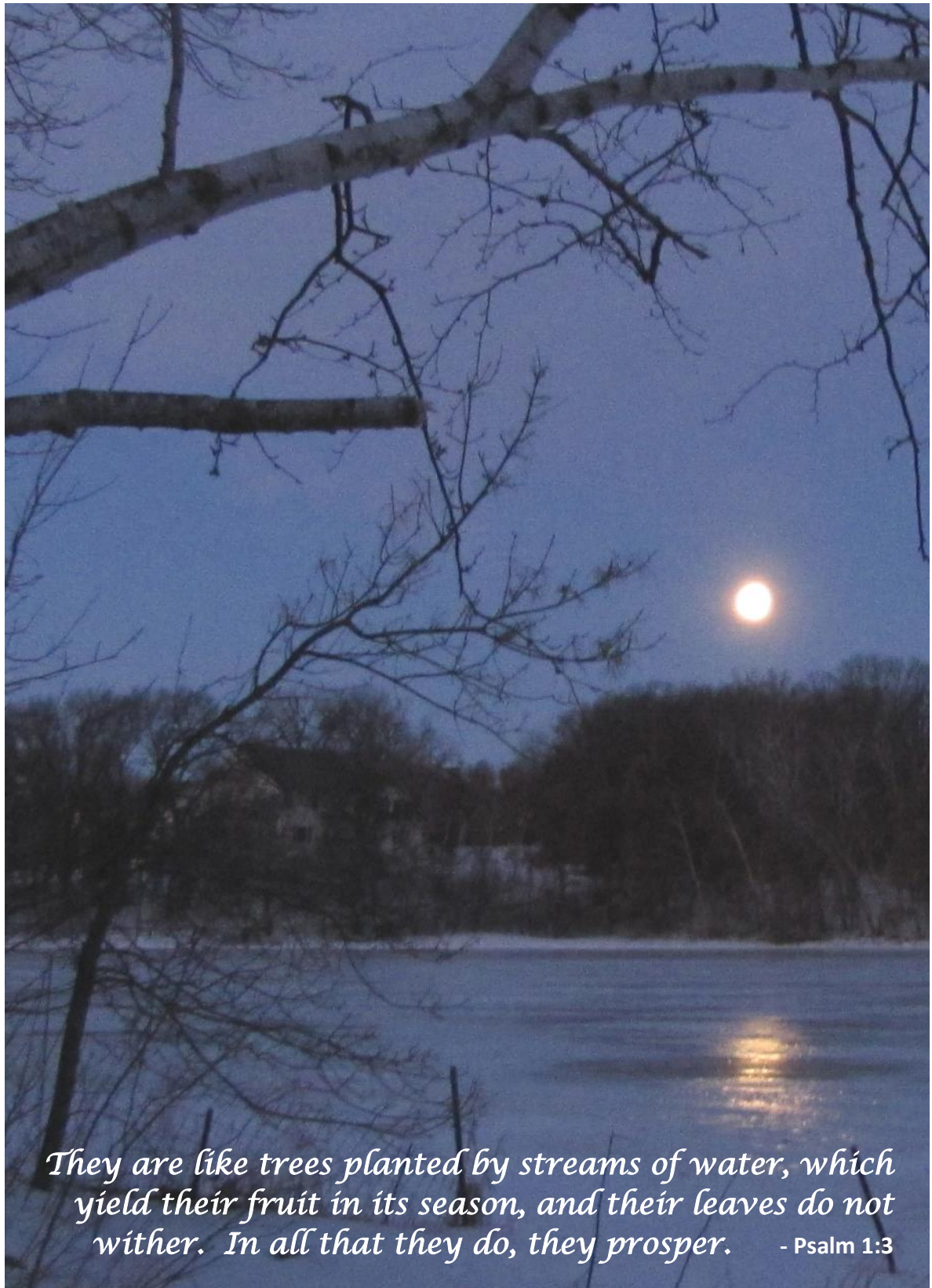
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Like
Us!



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*They are like trees planted by streams of water, which
yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not
wither. In all that they do, they prosper. - Psalm 1:3*

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Women's Groups**Deborah/Naomi Circle**

Next Mtg: Second Thursday of month at 7:00 pm
Contact: Donna Peterson (439-5903)

Hannah Circle

Next Mtg: First Tuesday of month at 9:30 am
Contact: Becky Maier (439-4459)

Lydia Circle

Next Mtg: First Thursday of month at 7:00 pm
Contact: Paula Barber (651-351-1907)

Ruth Circle

Next Mtg: First Thursday of month at 9:30 am
Contacts: Barb Loudon (644-7240)

Sarah Circle

Next Mtg: Second Thursday of month at 1:00 pm
Contact: Donna Carlson (351-5052)

Morning Quilters

Next Mtg: Thursdays at 9:00 am
Contact: Audrey Reed (430-2744)

Mission Quilters

Next Mtg: Third Thursday of month at 9:00 am
Contact: Audrey Reed (430-2744)

Piecemakers (Evening Quilters)

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

Card Recyclers

Next Mtg: Last Tuesday of month at 9:00 am
Contact: Doris Freeman (439-7876)

Prayer Shawl Knitters

Next Mtg: Third Tuesday of month at 6:30 pm
Contacts: Sherry Yahner (430-9863)
Kitty Roettger (777-4192)

Men's Groups**Men's Bible Study**

Next Mtg: Thursdays at 6:00 am at Our Savior's
Contact: Luke Schlosser (439-8432)

Friday Guys

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

Bible Study Groups

Mocha on the Mount by Sandra Glahn and **Prayer** by Philip Yancey (Tuesdays)
Contact: Nancy Robertson (651-430-2006)

Esther It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore (Thursdays)
Contact: Barb Schlosser (651-439-8432)

“P” is for Prepare

The first thing I ever had published was a seasonal devotional called “A” is For Advent. Working through the alphabet, I wrote a little reflection for each letter. The \$800 I was paid is long gone, and so too are the extra copies I saved for myself. I can’t recall what most of the daily themes were, though I remember a few. “A” was Adventure. “W” was for wise men. And “Z” stood for Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist. But “P” I remember well: Prepare...prepare for the coming of the Lord.

We’ll take up that theme again this Advent season as we anticipate the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But there is more to this preparation than shopping for gifts, baking for guests, and decorating for glitz. Preparing for Advent means preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of a Savior. How many sermons have you heard with the preacher exhorting you to prepare on the inside? How many sermons have I preached, shaming the congregation for decorating hearth and home; the very things that Marsha and I do as we ramp up to December 24th? How many times have you said to yourself “This Christmas is going to be different”? How many Advents have you told yourself that you would slow down, scale back and lighten up, only to find yourself spending more, doing more and enjoying less than the year before?

Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the Jews were awaiting the Messiah. They watched for him, they waited for him, and I suppose, after watching and waiting for generations, they became a bit sloppy. Wouldn’t you? So the prophet Isaiah reminded them to get ready.

*Prepare a road for the Lord through the wilderness,
clear a highway across the desert for our God
Every valley shall be lifted up,
every mountain and hill brought down;
the rugged place shall be made smooth
and mountain ranges become a plain.*

First Word Pastor Steve Molin



Have you got any wilderness places in your life? Have you any rough, crooked roads or high mountains or deep valleys in your heart that would prevent the Lord from coming? In other words, are there recurring sins that you need to name and confess so that Jesus can find a place in your life? Prepare the Royal Highway for his coming.

Centuries later, John the Baptist showed up. A strange man, John’s sanctuary was in the wilderness, and his baptismal font was a river called Jordan. He called people vipers and snakes, and then called them to repent and prepare for God. The word repent means “to turn around and go in a different direction.” Simply stated, John was saying “If you’re not walking *toward* God, you’re walking *from* God. Turn around; God is coming soon! And he did! Actually, by the time John was preaching, Jesus had been living in obscurity for 30 years!

Finally, the promise that is yet to be fulfilled is that Jesus is coming again. We don’t know when. Though hucksters promise a certain date, nobody knows when he will come. So being ready is a constant theme for the Christian Church. It doesn’t mean that we must be sinless. It doesn’t mean that if Jesus returns while we’re out drinking with friends, we’re not going to make it! It means that we live our lives to the fullest. It means that our faith in Christ sustains us when our will is lazy or weak. For those who trust in Christ, it will not be a “Gotcha!” moment. It will be a moment of joy. How would you prepare for a party? With anticipation...with excitement...with hope? Yes! Then you are prepared. I wish you Advent Adventure!

Pastor Steve Molin

With anticipation, we prepare...Come, Lord Jesus, come

Advent Worship on Wednesdays: November 30th, December 7th & 14th at 11:30 am and 5:30 pm

Join us for a Holden Evening Prayer worship service as we say “Come, Lord Jesus”.

Lunch follows the morning service. Supper precedes the evening service, beginning at 5 pm.

Worship break-outs follow, as usual, after the 5:30 service.

Decorate the church on Saturday, December 3rd beginning at 9 am

Join us to trim the trees, hang the lights and create an atmosphere of hope and joy within our sanctuary, narthex, gathering area and CLC.

Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 11th at all worship services

The Kingdom Choir and OSLC Orchestra will present *Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria!*

Christmas Programs on Sunday, December 18th

At 9:15 and 10:30 am, the preschoolers will present *The First Christmas Present* at the beginning of each service.

At 1:30 and 3:00 pm, grades 1-6 will present *Practicing Christmas (A Christmas Pageant)*.

Christmas Eve Worship on Saturday, December 24th at 3:00, 4:30, 7:00 & 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship on Sunday, December 25th at 9:30 am ONLY

New Year’s Day Worship on Sunday, January 1st at 9:30 am ONLY



Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendar for our annual congregational meeting on January 29, 2012.

Financial Box Score

October Budget Giving	\$ 74,838
October Budget Expense	\$ <u>-66,939</u>
October Budget Total	\$ 7,899
Oct Building Contributions	\$ 9,786
Oct Mortgage Expenses	\$ <u>-10,932</u>
Oct Building Net	\$ -1,146
Monthly Mortgage Amount	\$ 10,932
Current Mortgage Amount (as of October 31, 2011)	\$1,092,310
YTD Giving	\$ 614,465
YTD Expenses	\$ <u>-646,771</u>
YTD Total	\$ -32,306
YTD Building Contributions	\$ 92,770
YTD Building Expenses	\$ -109,323
YTD Building Net	\$ -16,553

Offering Envelopes

2012 Envelopes will be available to be picked up at church by December 1st. After January 1st, 2012, please DESTROY any remaining 2011 offering envelopes to ensure proper credit for your contributions.

**Make your
offering
permanent!**

Include Our Savior's
Lutheran Church
in your will
or estate plan.

Contact Sue Hedlund
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Mission Jamaica Team: Christmas in February

by Tom Nyman

Our church is well represented on the Mission Jamaica team leaving February 1, 2012, to work at Garland Hall Children's Home in the hill country of Jamaica. At the Orphanage, we will do painting, carpentry, electrical and plumbing projects. On Sunday, February 5, we will take the children to the beach where we will worship, play, swim and enjoy a meal. When we return to the Orphanage that afternoon, we will celebrate Christmas in February, giving gifts to each of the children and staff. We will return February 8. For information about Mission Jamaica, email Pastor Tom Nyman: tomnyman88@me.com



From Left: Tom Nyman, Linda Nyman, Linda VanEaton, Erin Bulleigh, Bruce Hanson, Deb Gillette, Jim Bulleigh, Marlys Dobis, Maxine Enfield, Beth Bulleigh, Kristine Peterson, Bill Eggers, Connie Dahl, Joe Dama, Diane Schmidtke, Marlo Dahl, David Schmidtke.

Not Pictured: Mary Anderson, Dan Froiland, Janet Fulkerson, Pam Gruner, Barb Shaw, Dave Shaw.

Pumpkin Fest Winners 2011

by Barb Schlosser

1st place - Ken Oberman, 108 lb. pumpkin

(Ken's 2nd win. We're out to get you next year, Ken.)

2nd place - Pat Kelly, 73 lb. pumpkin

Best looking pumpkin. First time entrant.

3rd place - Scott Theis, 71 lb. pumpkin

First time entrant.

Original poem & display of Baby Jesus pumpkins - Maxine Enfield

Smallest pumpkin - Mike Reynolds

First time entrants: Families of Rick Meyer, Joe Dunlap, Sidney Pavek, Nicki Miller

Many thanks to:

- Mary & Rachel Artig for the beautiful album holding past photos & sentiments.
- All of you who contributed prizes & time, potluck items that brought a smile to the table.
- And all you growers who brought excitement & spirit to the season. (Maybe a pumpkin hymn or anthem will surface next year?)

Orange hat salute to Pastor Steve for stepping in to the emcee slot, bringing lots of merriment there. You're all winners. Thanks for sharing.



Building Houses

by Dave Schad

Sixteen members of Our Saviors recently volunteered their time and talent on construction of a Habitat for Humanity project.



Each year, Our Savior's participates with four other St. Croix Valley churches to assist Twin Cities Habitat For Humanity on one of their more than 50 projects that they complete each year to provide housing to families in need. This year's project was a 5-plex in Woodbury. Our Savior's volunteers assisted over a two week period in early August.

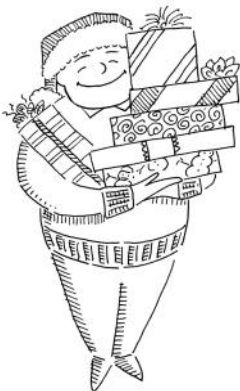
In addition, the Mission and Outreach Committee provided \$2,400 in support of the project, and lunch crews provided food for hungry builders on two of the days.

Helping Youth Share Christmas

by Jean Schad

Our Savior's Lutheran has had a connection to Plymouth Christian Youth Center in North Minneapolis for many years and each year a financial contribution to the Center is provided through the Mission and Outreach Committee.

This year during the holiday season we are encouraging our members to help the Center in another way. Each year the center makes it possible for children in the area to shop for Christmas gifts for their families. The center collects small gift items for men, women and children. On a specific Saturday in December volunteers help the boys and girls "shop" for gifts for their loved ones from the items that are collected. The children buy the gifts for \$1 and volunteers help them to wrap the gifts.



Our congregation will help by providing new gifts valued at \$5 to \$8 each or re-gift new items from among those you received and never used. Please remove or black out the price tags. You will find a sheet with suggestions for the gifts on the kiosk in the gathering area. Please bring your gifts to the church before November 30th. There will be a box labeled "Plymouth Christian Youth Center."

A representative from the Center spoke to a group during adult education recently and stressed the need for help for the people in the North Minneapolis area who are still struggling from the aftermath of the tornadoes that hit the area last summer. Needed are over 5,000 gifts which will help over 1,000 children experience the joy of giving. Thanks for your help!

Life as an Intern Pastor

by Ann Zastrow



Hello, OSLC Friends!

I started my internship on September 1. I moved into a garden level apartment in the small town of Dennison, MN, the next day. Unfortunately, my dad, who was helping me move, fell on the steps going into the apartment, and broke his left leg above the knee. He had surgery the next day, and has been healing and rehabbing at a nursing home. He hopes to be home before Thanksgiving, though he still has a long way to go to fully recover. He isn't allowed to put weight on the broken leg for 3-6 months, and currently is working to strengthen the good leg. All of us have appreciated the prayers and concern that has come our way!

Three weeks later, I moved into a different apartment in Kenyon, MN. My internship covers 8 congregations (and their 7 pastors), with Kenyon being much more centrally located than Dennison, which makes much more sense. My congregations are: Vang, Grace (in Nerstrand), Holden and Dale (pronounced Doll-uh, like "can I have change for a dolluh?"), Gol (pronounced "goal"), First (in Kenyon), Hegre (pronounced "heg-ree"), and Trinity (in West Concord). This is about 10 miles east/west and 20 miles north/south. All of the churches were settled by Norwegians.

I have been keeping myself busy. I generally preach every other week, and lead worship on the opposite weeks. Each congregation has their own personality, and does things differently. I am in charge of making up my schedule of where I am when, and doing what. This can be quite a challenge! However, I am enjoying it so far, and am very thankful for the wonderful leadership experiences I had at OSLC last year. I lead several women's studies each month, and have been included in a quilting group. I tried lutefisk at one of the congregation's annual dinner, and have called on people who are not able to make it to church on a regular basis. I haven't had the chance to get up close and personal with a combine yet (and harvest is nearly over, so that likely won't happen), but I have met many wonderful people, whose faces I am starting to recognize but whose names aren't at the tip of my tongue yet. I meet with a group of pastors weekly to discuss the upcoming Sunday's lessons, and then go out for lunch as a group. I have been blessed so far, even though it hasn't always been easy. I honestly can say, though, that I am having a good time.

Peace be with each of you,
Ann Zastrow

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CALLED TO CARE — LAURIE GRAU

Cold vs Flu:

"Yet I said to myself, 'This is my sickness, and I must endure it.'"

~Jeremiah 10:19 NIV



It is a seasonal question: Is it the flu or is it a cold? Although both are respiratory illnesses, they are caused by different viruses. Because the cold and flu have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them. Below is a chart to help you determine one from the other.

Unlike colds, the flu can result in serious health problems and can lead to complications like pneumonia, bacterial infections and other serious health problems. Flu and cold viruses travel through the air in the form of droplets. Viruses are spread from person to person by inhaling the droplets directly or coming into contact with objects that the infected person has touched after coughing, sneezing or talking. Viruses can be transmitted 1 day before symptoms appear and up to 5 days after getting sick.

Thorough and frequent hand washing is the key to preventing both the cold and flu. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers if soap and water are not available. If you have a cold or the flu, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or use the inside crook of your elbow when coughing or sneezing. Remember to throw the tissue in the trash after you use it and wash your hands after coughing and sneezing. Also, avoid touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth since this is how viruses are spread.

The best defense against the flu and its related complications is to get vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends annual flu vaccination for all Americans over the age of 6 months. Flu vaccine protects against the three strains that are expected to be most prevalent that year. The vaccine is available as an injection or as a nasal spray. Outbreaks of flu can start around October but usually do not peak until January or February. The body's protection against the flu virus occurs within two weeks after the vaccination so getting a flu shot in late December will still help protect you before the peak season.

For more information about this topic, check out the parish nurse bulletin board. In Christ,
Laurie Grau, Parish Nurse

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, International Parish Nurse Resource Center, Lakeview Health and Mayo Clinic, www.mayoclinic.com

Symptom	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Present
Body Aches & Pains	Slight	Severe
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly Common
Fatigue	Fairly mild	Moderate to Severe
Sudden Symptoms	Develop over a few days	Rapid Onset of 3-6 hours
Coughing	Hacking and productive	Dry and nonproductive
Sneezing	Common	Uncommon
Stuffy Nose	Common	Uncommon
Sore Throat	Mild to Moderate	Uncommon
Chest Discomfort	Mild to Moderate	Often Severe
Headache	Uncommon	Very common

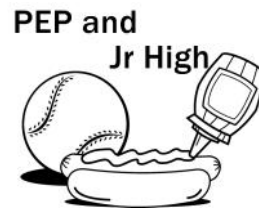
P.E.P. (People Enjoying People 55+)

PEP CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on December 12. A delicious meal will be served and the cost remains only \$15.00 per person. We will have entertainment as well. A sign up sheet will be in the gathering area soon. Please pay for your ticket when you sign up.



PEP SMALL GROUP continues its time of fellowship, food, and discussion on the third Saturday of each month. We meet at Gorman's in Lake Elmo for brunch at 9:30 am. You are welcome to join with us at any time. We are reading Chittister's book, "The Gift of Years." We will be looking at the chapter on "Authority" in November.

PEP CONTINUES TO GO TO BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN IN THE MIDWAY on the first Monday of each month to help prepare, serve and clean up a meal for approximately 200 people in need. Please sign up on the PEP bulletin board in the Gathering Area. We leave the church at 9:15 am and return by 3:00 pm.



A **PEP-JUNIOR HIGH** trip to a Twins baseball game is being planned for late spring/early summer. Please check the PEP bulletin board for details.

The PEP bulletin board is located by the Welcome Desk. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Pastor Keith Lentz or Jean Schad.



People Enjoying People (PEP)

Practicing Christmas

by Dawn Alitz, Minister of Faith Formation

I have a confession to make. Each time I enter into the life of a different congregation – especially as it relates to children, youth, and families – I experience a feeling of dread when I hear that the congregation has a tradition of Christmas programs. So many times this tradition holds expectations and planning that takes a huge commitment of time and energy at a time when staff and leadership are already feeling stretched. Our Savior’s, however, has been an incredible blessing and joy. Even in September, when I was just starting to seek out interested leaders, I could sense a brilliant and joyous energy and passion for the Christmas program. Dale Newton approached me with ideas for the script, and Linnea Natwick was willing to co-direct, helping guide Holly Newton (one of our recently-confirmed youth) into her first directing experience. I thought that the rest of you should have the opportunity to hear how God has called Dale, Linnea, and Holly to this wonderful activity, so I asked them to share some thoughts.

Dale Newton:

How many years have you been doing this? I think this is the eighth Christmas play that I’ve written for Our Savior’s, and I directed it for six years as well.

What have you learned about God? I’ve definitely learned that the Lord works through little children in unexpected ways. I’ve learned patience and accept what happens. They aren’t always what I envisioned, but they are always wonderful.



Linnea Natwick:

How many years have you been doing this? I wrote and directed my first Christmas Program in 1974 and have participated in programs since that time. I have been involved in the Christmas programs at Our Savior’s since 1986.

What have you learned about God? God takes care of all things! It is so important that children learn about Jesus’ birth and

God’s great love for everyone. God gives us this special gift of sharing His message with all the children.

Holly Newton:

How many years have you been doing this? This is my first year of directing, but I’ve been taking part in the Christmas program for many years. I want the children who are in the program now to have a great time and learn the story.

What have you learned about God? Being a part of the directing rather than acting has given me a new perspective on the story – it helps me to see more deeply what the story is about.



This year’s program is called *Practicing Christmas*. When a group of children show up to practice their “typical” Christmas program, something special happens. The chorus is open to all children ages 1st grade through 6th; there are also a few speaking or pantomime roles that are still open.

Grades 1st - 6th present Practicing Christmas (A Christmas Pageant)

Sunday, December 18
1:30 pm & 3:00 pm

THE STORY: A group of Sunday School students arrive at Church to read through the Christmas story. They think they are practicing the same old boring Christmas program, but they are in for a surprise when rehearsal doesn’t go as expected.

Rehearsal dates and times will be posted on the church website.

For questions or for more information, contact directors:

Linnea Natwick 651-439-7081
Holly Newton 651-439-0834



Preschoolers Practice Christmas too!

Our preschool children will be presenting a musical program around the story "The First Christmas Present" during the later worship services on Sunday, December 18.

If you attend Sunday School at 9:15, you will be presenting your story at the 9:15 service on December 18.

If you attend Sunday School at 10:30 or Wednesday evening, you will be presenting your story at the 10:30 service on December 18.

After the performance, children will return to their classrooms. Wednesday children may go to Sunday School with their age groups on this day.

Practice Christmas as a Family...

Come, Lord Jesus, Come

See page 3 for details

What God Wants Most for Christmas

by Dawn Alitz



Every year it seems as though time speeds up between Halloween and Christmas. At least for my family, it takes a concentrated effort by all of us to clear space in the family calendar to play and pray together in order to celebrate the gift of family and faith. But as difficult as it seems, we do make that space, because the time we spend together reminds us of God's desire to be with us.

This advent season, I invite you to make some space in your calendar for some time to just be together. We even have some resources that your family can use if you want something to guide your conversation or activities.

The first one is Spark Family. This is a family-friendly magazine that goes along with the Spark Story Bible, and has perfect activities for those families with children between 2 years and 2nd grade. We'll be handing these out on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings around Thanksgiving, or you can contact Dawn to get a copy.

For families with older children and adults, we'll be adding the Spark Family Pages to our weekly e-blast. This is a downloadable pdf file that suggests activities, scripture readings and topics of conversation.

What God wants most for Christmas is to be with you – and you might be surprised how wonderful time with God can be!

Family FaithMarkers for Winter/Spring 2012: Families Learning Together

Age	FaithMarker Event	Teaching Date/Time
1st Grade	Baptism- I am the beloved!	Thursday, January 5, 2012 from 6-7pm
4th Grade	Apostles' Creed- I believe...	Monday, January 9, 2012 from 6-7pm
5th Grade	Ten Commandments	Monday January 23, 2012 from 6-7pm
1st to 6th Grade**	First Communion Retreat	Monday, April 2, 2012 from 6-8 pm
6th Grade	Martin Luther	Monday, May 7, 2012 from 6-7pm

**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 Pastor Steve, Pastor Linda or Dawn Alitz.

Robin's Nest - Here we come!

by Chad Larson

On behalf of our 2011 Jamaica Youth Mission Trip Team, we would like to thank you all for your support of our service in Jamaica, coming up November 21-28. We are so grateful for your donations and prayers! As we travel please keep us in your thoughts and know that you will be in ours as we experience God with each other and with those at Robin's Nest. We would be honored to share this experience with you when we return so feel free to ask us questions about our experience!

Jaclyn Beck, Ian Dwyer, Devan Enhelder, Abbie Green, Jenna Johnson, Taylor Nelson, Sarah Peterson, Benjamin Scheel, Tara Tatro, Rachel Turnquist, Linda VanEaton, Kathryn Warren, Chad Larson, Jan Stevens, Josh Friesen



Kids of Robin's Nest

Robin's Nest Mission Statement:

We pray that Robin's Nest will provide a nurturing, loving, safe, Christ-centered atmosphere in which all children will grow at their own speed -- physically, mentally, and spiritually -- so they may develop their own individual gifts, talents and abilities and become the person who God intended.

"When you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me." -Matthew 25:40



A recent project at Robin's Nest was chicken coop renovation for easier moving of chickens and to increase the space.



★ Shareholders Dessert! December 4th at 6 pm

Hello Jamaica Mission Trip Shareholders! If you purchased share(s) to support our youth mission trip to Jamaica, this night is dedicated to you! Our night will begin at 6 pm in the CLC where we will have dessert and fellowship. Then there will be a short slide show of pictures from our trip followed by our youth sharing their personal experiences from our ministry in Jamaica! You will also be receiving a special gift as a thank you for supporting us. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Chad Larson by email at chad@oslccstillwater.org or by phone at 425-281-8315. We can't wait to see you there!

★ Message from Jamaica Mission Trip Team

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★ High School Sky Zone Night on December 11th!

High school youth... Do you like to jump on trampolines? Do you like to play dodge ball? If you do, then this is the night for you! On December 11th at 4 pm we will be meeting at the church to then head over to Sky Zone in Oakdale for 2 hrs of jumping, foam pits, and dodge ball! The cost of the event is \$15 and scholarships are available as well! The sign up deadline for this event is December 4th so make sure to have your forms and money turned into Chad by that date! You can get the form outside of the youth room or from Chad. Chaperones needed!!! Hope to see you there!

★ Jr. High Camp Shamineau!

Details are still in the making but we do know that we are looking at one of the last three weekends in January. Please stay tuned for more information on sign up and dates! Contact Chad for any questions!



OSLC Stillwater Youth Facebook Page!!!

Just letting you know that we are now on Facebook! The name of our page is OSLC Stillwater Youth. If youth go to the page and hit the LIKE button, you can receive announcements about upcoming events and youth group! Please let Chad know if you need any help finding it!

For all your questions about Children, Youth and Family Ministries, Faith Formation classes, FaithMarkers, summer programming, child-care, preschool programs, and more, please contact:

Dawn Alitz, Minister of Faith Formation

Phone: 651-439-5704, ext. 23 or email: dawn@oslccstillwater.org

Lake Area Discovery Center at Our Savior's



December:

Booster Cookie Exchange:

Tuesday, December 6th from 6:00-7:00pm

LADC Christmas Program:

Monday, December 19th

6:00 pm for the Tuesday/Thursday children

7:30 pm for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday children

Families should plan on dropping children off in classrooms 15 minutes early so teachers can help line up children and get them ready for the program.

Birthday Parties for Jesus:

Wednesday, December 21st and Thursday, December 22nd

Christmas Break:

Friday, December 23rd - Monday, January 2nd.

Classes resume Tuesday, January 3rd.

January:

Classes resume Tuesday, January 3rd after Christmas Break.

No School Monday, January 16th (Martin Luther King Day)

February:

LADC Valentine Parties:

Monday, February 13th and Tuesday, February 14th

No School Monday, February 20th (President's Day)

Winter Fun

Enjoy warm family time together during the cold winter months:

1. **Museum Day:** Enjoy a favorite museum together
2. **Hot cocoa and cookie baking day:** Bake up some of your family's favorite warm cookies
3. **Sledding party day:** Pack up your sleds and head out to your neighborhood sledding hill for a day of fun sailing down the hill on your sleds!
4. **Crafting day:** Create some new Holiday ornaments for the tree or to give as gifts to others
5. **Family Game night:** Dust off your favorite board games and snuggle together as you roll the dice and laugh together!
6. **Hiking in the snow:** Bundle up and get outside! Look for animal tracks, unique snowflake patterns and maybe try to build a family snow friend.
7. **Zoo day:** It is always fun to visit animals in the winter to see how they have changed into their winter coats. You never know what you might see at a zoo!
8. **Ice skating night:** What could be more fun than ice skating on a cold winter evening together as a family? Pull out the scarves and mittens and enjoy!
9. **Book night:** Visit the local library and check out some new favorite books. Snuggle as a family and read, read, read! There are new adventures on every page!
10. **Make a new family tradition!** What creative winter tradition can your family come up with?

Preparing Our Hearts

by Joshua Rau

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

- Psalms 98:4-6

The ELCA Worship website states, for Lutherans, worship is an ever-changing and -growing experience. Connected with and central to everything we do, worship unites us in celebration, engages us in thoughtful dialogue and helps us grow in faith. It grounds us in our Christian and Lutheran roots, while demonstrating practical relevance for today's world.

It also states music is a servant of the Gospel and a principal means of worshiping God in Lutheran churches. Congregational song gathers the whole people to proclaim God's mercy, to worship God, and to pray, in response to the readings of the day and in preparation for the Lord's Supper.

I think both of these statements are very true and very much pertain to us here at OSLC. We are a community that comes to worship and to sing, to play, and to proclaim God in music. As we come to the season of Advent and Christmas we come to that time of year again—the time of busy shopping days, holiday baking, and twinkling lights. The time when schedules overflow with parties and events. The time to send out cards to family and friends. It's supposed to be the season of "holiday cheer." But in the weeks before we celebrate our Savior's birth, so often we feel anxiety and stress instead.

Years ago, Isaac Watts wrote "Joy to the World," the well-loved hymn often sung during this busy Christmas season. Ironically, Watts never intended his hymn for Christmas use. Instead, he simply intended to paraphrase the words of Psalm 98: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth . . . for he comes. . ." (vs. 4, 9).

Amidst his poetry about Christ's second coming, however, Watts also provides fitting words for our Christmas frenzy: "Joy to the world! the Lord is come . . . Let every heart prepare him room." *Prepare him room - significant words for any time of year. Yet perhaps we need to hear them the most at Christmastime, when so many things can distract us from our faith.*

This year, as the hectic Christmas season approaches, take the time to prepare your heart. Remember Christ's first coming, as a humble King and Savior. Reflect on the certainty of his return, as Judge over all. And as you think on these precious truths, you'll probably experience the best holiday feeling of all - the joy of knowing "the Lord is come" into your heart.

I can't wait to continue to make music with you each week. I invite all of you to come join us in the choir loft; we are always in need of new singers. Please make music part of your Our Savior's life!

May the music of God fill your hearts today and always.



Worship Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild's responsibilities include preparing the Sacrament for Holy Communion and the general readiness of the Chancel and Altar throughout the Church Year.

Contact: Susan Bragstad, bragstad2@fontiernet.net, 651.351.7027

Communion Server

A Communion Server works with the Pastors in distributing the Sacrament at Worship.

Contact: Valerie Kubal, vkk1009@hotmail.com, 651.998.3973

Greeter

A Greeter welcomes worshipers as they arrive for worship and bids them farewell as they leave.

Contact: Kathleen Johnson, bkjohns@comcast.net, 651.770.5107

Reader

A Reader reads the appointed lessons for Sunday Worship and at other times throughout the Church Year.

Contact: Darcy DeMars, Darcy.DeMars@target.com, 651.430.9866

Usher

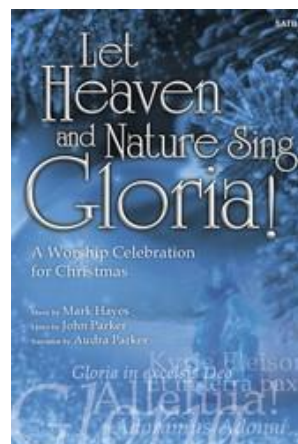
An Usher assists those arriving for worship, distributes bulletins, provides direction for seating, receives the offering, guides communicants forward.

Contact: Cameron Kelly, ckelly@cameronkellylaw.com, 651.705.6277



Singing! Evangelical Lutheran Worship

The Kingdom Choir, under the direction of Joshua Rau, has begun an intentional singing review of the hymnal beginning with "Praise, Thanksgiving" ELW 819-886. Progress will be recorded on the Worship & Music bulletin board (at entrance to the Music Room).



Christmas Cantata

As you read this, the choir and orchestra have been preparing for our Christmas Cantata. We invite all of you to this special worship service on December 11, 2011 at all of our worship services. The Kingdom choir along with the OSLC Orchestra will present *Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria!* Under the direction of Joshua W. Rau, our talented musicians will bring the good news of the birth to you. See you in worship!





Sunday
Morning Magazine

Sunday Morning Magazine—an Adult Faith Formation opportunity for you at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary! Our topics vary from Mission to Bible Study, local authors and experts. Learning is a life-long process!

December 4: Mary, mother of Jesus

Who is Mary, the mother of Jesus? Why did God pick her? Come and learn from the experts - view the History Channel's "Mary, the Mother of Jesus" followed by a facilitated discussion by Pastor Steve.

January 15, 22, 29: Social Media

Let's face it – social media is here to stay! Even Our Savior's is getting on board with Facebook, Twitter, and a new blog called "The Talking Pew".

- What can you do to make the most of this new technology?
- What do you need to be aware of in this age of technology, for you and your kids and grandkids?
- What can you do to keep your kids safe in this new world?

Kari Hoiem, Shelly Hill and Pastor Linda will lead a discussion around social media in the church and technology in general. Come to "be social". There will even be treats to share the old fashioned way. Come with your questions and concerns and discover new ways to share the story!

February 5, 12: Poetry - A New Perspective

Poetry is emotion recalled in tranquility that is born out of personal experience and solitude. Poetry reaches out and touches others in an illuminating way because it brings joy and sorrow to the level of shared words. It is a treasure of humanity that bridges the gap between separated souls. During these two sessions we will study several contemporary poems and talk about (maybe share) the process of capturing personal emotion with rhythmic of words. Join our guest, Jim Hainlen. Jim taught music in the Stillwater Schools for 30 years and explored the relationship between poetry and music with his students. He writes poetry (though Random House has yet to come calling) and will share some of his poetry during the series.

Questions? Contact Pastor Linda: linda@oslcstillwater.org



Visit us on THE TALKING PEW and find out who's talking!! Find us at www.oslcstillwater.org and click on the icon at the bottom of the homepage.

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 Parker Palmer's book, *Let Your Life Speak*, 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:

December 5th - Now I Become Myself

January 9th - When Way Closes

February 13th - All the Way Down

Contact Pastor Linda with questions! (linda@oslcstillwater.org)

Join Us in the Word

All women are invited to join us for Bible study. Currently there are two small groups meeting twice a month, using dvd presentations and encouraging discussions with shared experiences. We would love to have you join us. We're a mix of first time Bible study gals and some in the Word for awhile. One thing we know is we come to trust our God as we get to know Him better, and enjoy the friendship and sisterhood of other women. Look forward to meeting you in this way!

1st and 3rd Thursday evenings 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Esther It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore

Contact:

Barb Schlosser, 651-439-8432 or barbieschlosser@yahoo.com

1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoons 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Mocha on the Mount by Sandra Glahn

Prayer by Philip Yancey

Contact:

Nancy Robertson, 651-430-2006 or ncrteach@hotmail.com



OSLC Book of the Month Club

It's simple! Read the book during the month and then come and discuss.

Making All Things New - January's pick: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. A book full of wisdom about becoming self-empowered, overcoming depression, and believing in dreams.

Discussion dates: Monday, January 30th at 1 pm or 7 pm.

Children's Selection - February's pick: *The Boy in the Striped Pajama's* by John Boyne. An eye-opening account of the persecution of Eastern European Jews as seen through the eyes of a nine-year-old. Discussion dates: Monday, February 27th at 1 pm or 7 pm.

Additional Book Selections for Spring:

March - Leader's Choice: *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott

April - Let's Have fun!: *Life Among the Lutherans* by Garrison Keillor

A Pasture Full of Pastors

By Andrea Schueler Valley

If asked, most members and friends of Our Savior's would say that we have two pastors. Did you know our pastors actually number nine? Besides Pastor Steve and Pastor Linda, seven pastors who have (mostly) retired from active ministry call Our Savior's their church home. Let's meet them.

John Bragstad

Originally From: Roseville, Minnesota

Seminary: Luther Seminary, Class of 1975

First Call: Three-point parish in Rose Valley, Saskatchewan

Family: Wife, Susan; Two children; Four grandchildren

Fun Fact: Went to high school with Pastor Steve.



Keith Lentz

Originally From: A farm near Mapleton, Minnesota

Seminary: Wartburg, Class of 1963

First Call: Chicago, Illinois – the same site as his internship

Family: Wife, Marlene; Two sons; Two grandchildren

Fun Fact: Originally attended Mankato State University to study architecture, "but calculus said 'no.'"



Tom Nyman

Originally From: South Minneapolis

Seminary: Northwestern, St. Paul, Class of 1966

First Call: Arlington Hills Lutheran, St. Paul

Family: Wife, Linda; Four children; Seven grandchildren; One great-granddaughter

Fun Fact: Is the model for the Reverend Tom, the young curate of Our Lady of Perpetual Responsibility in Lake Wobegon on *A Prairie Home Companion*



Ed Schmidt

Originally From: South Central North Dakota

Seminary: Wartburg Seminary, Class of 1952

First Call: Mission Call in Stanton, North Dakota

Family: Wife, Patricia; First wife, Jean, died in 2008; Four children;

Nine grandchildren; Two great-grandchildren

Fun Fact: Preached in German twice a month at his first call in North Dakota and then returned to his German roots at his last call to a German Lutheran Church in North Carolina



Dennis Stutrud

Originally From: Fargo, North Dakota

Seminary: Luther Seminary, Class of 1961

First Call: Elgin, Iowa

Family: Wife, Carolyn, who died in 2010; Two children; Four grandchildren

Fun Fact: For the past several years, Pastor Steve has delivered a Thanksgiving pumpkin pie to the Stutrud's. Last year Dennis called out "Just a moment!" in response to the knock at his door and then answered the door wearing his white boxer shorts! He and Pastor Steve still laugh about it.



Daniel Vinge

Originally From: Canada

Seminary: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan seminary

First Call: Japan as a missionary, where he met Gehard Vorland.

Family: Wife, Maureen; Four children

Fun Fact: On a recent family visit to Japan, Dan's daughter celebrated her 57th birthday. The people at a church Dan helped to start gave her a party complete with a cake that Maureen had taught the baker to make 50 years prior.



Gehard Vorland

Originally From: Iowa

Seminary: Luther Seminary, Class of 1953

First Call: Japan as a missionary. He spent his entire career there.

Family: Wife, Bertha; Three sons and one daughter who passed away in 2007; Seven grandchildren; One great-granddaughter

Fun Fact: There are 17 members in the extended Vorland clan and together they carry 25 passports, meaning that many have at least dual citizenship.



On a Monday afternoon in October, I sat down to hear the stories of our seven additional pastors. Later, as I ruminated on how best to weave their tales into one unified piece, I found inspiration in the book that sat beside my bed. In *The Shack*, William Paul Young's character Mack converses with God as he attempts to find peace in his life. God tells him "We (God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit) are in a circle of relationship...we created you, the human, to be in face-to-face relationship with us, to join our circle of love." Relationship proved to be the thread that wove the stories of these individual lives together. When we are in relationship, we share the stories of our lives and honor the stories others tell us. While it would be impossible to share all the wonderful anecdotes I learned in our two-hour conversation, these samples highlight the value each pastor placed on relationship in his own ministry.

After 4 ½ years in his first call, the District President called **Dennis Stutrud** and asked him to take a risk. He moved to Washington, Iowa on the border with Missouri to plant a Lutheran congregation. Even though the town had only 25 residents, 24 people attended service on that first Sunday. When Dennis concluded his ministry there several years later, the membership numbered over 500.

John Bragstad's second call also involved risk. The church president from Morris, Manitoba called him one day and said "We've been looking at your name, praying about it, and we want you to come and be our pastor." The church hadn't met John nor had he seen the church, but he accepted the call and found a meaningful ministry. Then, when he became restless in parish ministry, John took a teaching position at a Lutheran high school in Regina, Saskatchewan where he helped to establish a peer counseling program that led him to his calling as a licensed counselor.

In **Tom Nyman's** case, his second call became his last prior to retirement. After 3 ½ years at his first call in St. Paul he accepted a call to Marine on St. Croix, a place which seemed like the end of the world to a city boy. He said he "made a deal with God" that if the call didn't work out, God would move him in 3-4 years. Instead he stayed 33 years, watched the church grow incredibly and had the opportunity to supervise 13 interns while there.

Gehard Vorland relied on the relationships built with his congregation to ease the struggles of preaching in Japanese. He remembers preaching "Jesus died for your sins on a watermelon" or "If you want to be a Christian you have to cast away your wife." Errors in word choice or pronunciation caused him to mistake "watermelon" for "cross" and "wife" for "sins." Fortunately, he said, "they knew what we meant."

Dan Vinge spoke of meeting with a former parishioner in Japan years after he left and having her proudly tell him that all her children are Christians today.

Ed Schmidt told of his call from the Mission Board to Vernon Hills, Illinois where he was tasked with starting a new congregation. He served 16 years in that multicultural, multinational area. The church's Christian preschool drew in many new families and four of his parishioners chose to enter the ministry themselves.

Keith Lentz shared a story of finding himself walking in a rough part of Washington, DC during a sabbatical there. He had to quickly build a relationship with a man who questioned his presence in order to find his way back to the church he was visiting.

As they shared the stories of relationship from their individual ministries, **each man also told how the importance of relationship brought them all to Our Savior's.** John and Dennis came because their children worshipped here. John said, "My daughter Allison found Our Savior's first. At 25 years of age and newly married, she walked in and saw community; people of various ages, all blending together as a family. That's what she grew up with in Canada, and that is what we have all found at Our Savior's." Keith echoed John's feeling of community and added an additional element of spirituality. He declared, "We didn't catch that at other places." "We found friendship, and we found fellowship, and we found food for our soul," added Gehard. Dan joined because he knew Gehard and Bertha plus "we felt more at home." Ed explained, "I never realized what lay people go through in finding a church" and Tom said, "We visited every church in the mosquito control district." In the end, Tom chose our Savior's because it offered "more life." Ed first came because Lloyd Ratkovich called on him right after he moved to Boutwell's for two reasons: golf and Our Savior's. He joined "because Keith was there."

Finally, as **each man shared what he missed about active ministry**, the relationship theme resounded again. No one wished to return to the endless meetings or the business aspects of the church, but they do miss the unique relationships that they developed in their role as pastor. Tom misses working with the youth and the senior citizens with their life perspective. Keith shared that "the church at its worst is a church that doesn't struggle. In ministry you have a built in group of people who struggle with you." Gehard misses his special joy, the "seekers" or people who wanted to become Christians. For Dan, the relationships with people in the ups and downs of their lives brought the greatest pleasure. John shared that in many ways he still functions as a pastor in his role as a marriage and family counselor because he offers grace and hope to those who are hurting. Ed summed up the discussion when he said that he has a greater appreciation now for the congregation than he ever shared with them. "We need to tell the people of God how special they are." Dennis agreed. "I always loved the people."

Maybe that is what we each can learn from the gift of having so many pastors in our midst. Because each one of us is special to God, we are blessed with the opportunity to share in this family of faith that, with its struggles and its love, brings us closer to understanding the circle of love that is God.

Andrea Valley has called Our Savior's home for the past 13 years. She lives in Bayport with her husband and two small sons and teaches Spanish at Stillwater Area High School.



Mark Your Calendar

Jamaica Mission Trip Shareholder's Dessert	December 4
Advent Teas	December 4-10
Christmas Cantata	December 11
Christmas Programs	December 18
Annual Report deadline	January 11, 2012
Annual Report available	January 22, 2012
Annual Congregational Meeting	January 29, 2012
Mission Jamaica	February 1-8, 2012
The Stream deadline	February 1, 2012
Ash Wednesday	February 22, 2012



Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social

Come, Lord Jesus, Come

Advent Worship on Wednesdays

Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th & 14th at 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, Dec. 24th
 3:00, 4:30, 7:00 & 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, Dec. 25th
 9:30 am ONLY

New Year's Day Worship

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Our Savior's Monthly Calendar

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The Stream

Deadlines & Publication Dates

Issue	Deadline	In the Mail	Months included
Spring	Feb. 1	Feb. 15	Mar - May
Summer	May 1	May 15	June - Aug
Fall	Aug. 1	Aug. 15	Sept - Nov
Winter	Nov. 1	Nov. 15	Dec - Feb

ADvent eVENT Teas: Fellowship and a Story

December 4th - 10th

by Becky Maier

The Advent season is upon us and so then are the ADvent eVENT Teas. These teas are an excellent way to begin the holiday rush and to remind us just what the season is all about. Teas will be held in 8 different homes on 8 different days and times the week of December 4-10 to help fit into your schedule. Share fellowship and some Advent thoughts with 10 other women. And just maybe you'll meet someone you haven't known before. **Sign up sheets will be in the gathering area November 20th and 27th.** We will look forward to sharing some time with you.

Words Matter: The Power of Language

by Becky Maier

Women at Our Savior's will have the privilege of hosting a **one day retreat on Saturday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Rev. Ann Tiemeyer is the Program Director for Women's Ministries at the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and will be the presenter. The cost will be \$30.00 if registered by January 20 (\$35.00 if you wait until that last week). The cost will include the speaker, lunch and coffee breaks. Following is a description of her presentation. Brochures with registration forms are on the women's bulletin board across from the office work room. Child care is available for \$5.00.

Words, symbols and pictures define, motivate and inspire. Like a puzzle, when pieced together just right, these three communication elements hold the keys to an important message that can alter your thinking or greatly change your life. Pastor Ann Tiemeyer will explore the power of language and its life-giving ways to extend the church's mission to your local church and community. Through interactive discussions, we will together explore how the power of language impacts your life, faith community and relationship with God.

Please join us for the day!!

Mission Tanzania

Come and experience the journey to Tanzania and meet our companion congregation in Mlalu. Look for the date to follow!





Head Start Preschool Program

Head Start is a free preschool program for children ages three to five. Head Start accepts applications year-round. Please call 763-783-4300 for eligibility guideline and to register your child.



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Look who's quilting!

It's about Emmanuel

I've been working at Cub for 14 years, (although it seems more like 60!) and we've seen each other there, haven't we? I always enjoy visiting with my church family there when time permits, so feel free to seek me out and say hello.

When I was asked to write this article about slowing down at Christmas time, I laughed! Because the closer we get to Christmas, the more hectic my life gets. If you think spending an hour there is tough, try a minimum of 24 per week! But here's what is special for me as we move toward this wonderful time of year:

- I get to see love in action, people preparing to feed those closest to them.
- I get to practice patience, and smile and be joyful for people who are stressed and overloaded.
- I get to watch children put coins into the Red Kettle outside, and by the time they're inside the store, I get to hear moms explaining what they just did.
- I get to witness the kindness of people helping others by buying food shelf bags for the people in need, or sparing a few dollars for someone that doesn't have enough for their groceries, or bag-

ging groceries for some one that is struggling.

- And I get to go home to my husband and kids and join in the traditions of Advent and Christmas, many of which I learned in this church, growing up as a child.

So while you are "patiently" waiting in line and have a few moments anyway, take the time to "slow down" and think of some little thing that you can do to make someone else's day.

When Christmas Day arrives, I take a breath, and spend it with those I love, and we remind one another that it's not about the presents, or the decorations, or the crazy schedule...it's about Emmanuel, God with us, at Christmas, and always.

So, this year when you're frenzied and shopping 'til you're dropping, and you see a weary retail person across the counter, smile back at us, and we'll remember that Jesus was born for you, too! Merry Christmas!

P. S. Don't forget the green jello!

The Final Word

Ronda Law



Ronda Law is married and has 2 children. She lives in Maplewood, MN. She grew up in Stillwater and has gone to OSLC since she was in 5th grade (except when she resided in Florida). She has worked in retail on and off for 29 years.

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