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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

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

## Asking for Help

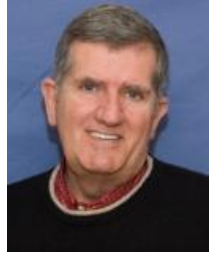
It was a frigid, clear evening about two weeks before Christmas when I decided to stop at Domino's and pick up a couple of pizzas for our dinner. I left the car running while I ran in to pick up my order, and when I came out I discovered what an idiot I actually am: I had locked my car, keys inside, motor running. I called Marsha but she was at Maplewood Mall and it would have taken her an hour to rescue me. I considered calling Domino's back and ordering another pizza – this one for delivery – and jumping in the backseat of the delivery car! In the end, I tucked two pizza boxes under my arm and walked a mile home. Then walked a mile back with my spare key to retrieve my car.

I have shared that story – reluctantly – over the past weeks, and the responses I have heard time and again have been "Why didn't you call me?" The troubling part of that question is, I don't know. Perhaps it was embarrassment that kept me from calling a friend. Or maybe it was male macho pride? Or the fear of rejection? Or self-punishment for doing a stupid thing? I don't know.

We talk a good game of service in the Church. In fact, we usually back it up with loving kindness, sacrifice and selfless serving. For twelve years, I have watched members of this congregation step up in times of need, crisis, and suffering. Giving help is what we do, and we do it with grace and joy. What we're not so good at is receiving help. Moreover, I have observed that it is often those who are the very best at giving aid who are the very worst at receiving it, or at least asking for it. I have seen them suffer in solitude, not wanting to be a burden, not wanting to use up resources meant for others. I remember one dying Saint of this congregation saying to me, "Oh pastor, you're so busy and there are others whose needs are so much greater than my own." Are you kidding me!

## First Word

Pastor Steve Molin



*The Body of Christ is never more profound, never more impressive, and never more valuable than when we serve one another out of love and compassion.* Compassion, now there's an interesting word. Literally, it means "to suffer with." As if I would have made someone suffer by calling them for a ride home from Domino's. As if we are being asked to suffer when we visit someone in the hospital. As if we are suffering by preparing a meal to share, or shoveling someone's driveway, or picking up their mail. Why don't we ask? Embarrassment? Fear of rejection? Self-loathing?

It was a particularly hard and lonely time for me several years ago, as I gathered with a group of guys for prayer, fellowship, and study. At our meeting, we laughed, we read, we prayed, and we prepared to depart; and these are the words we sang together before we left, words which left me feeling humble and grateful...words that I somehow forgot that cold night as I carried my pizza on a dark road.

Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you  
be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

Brothers and sisters, may I be that for you, and may you be that for me. For this is what it means to be the Family of God, and so we are.

Peace,

Pastor Steve

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**Financial Box Score**

Jan. Budget Giving	\$ 59,663
Jan. Budget Expense	\$ <u>-66,281</u>
Jan. Budget Total	\$ -6618
Jan. Building Contributions	\$ 7,826
Jan. Mortgage Expenses	\$ <u>-10,932</u>
Jan. Building Net	\$ -3106
Jan. Mortgage Amount	\$ 10,932
Current Mortgage Amount (as of Jan. 31, 2011)	\$1,144,994
YTD Giving	\$ 59,663
YTD Expenses	\$ <u>-66,281</u>
YTD Total	\$ -6618
YTD Building Contributions	\$ 7,826



**Annual Meeting Summary**

The Annual Meeting of Our Savior's congregation was held on Sunday, January 31 at 11:45 AM. In addition to the Board, 56 congregational members were in attendance. New members elected to the Board were Kim Corbett and Keith Anderson, replacing Secretary Vickie Batroot and Treasurer Mark Lambert, who were thanked for their board service.

The financial report was a positive one, highlighted by the fact that general fund income exceeded expenses by nearly \$30,000. This positive sign, along with increased commitments to the 2011 budget led the board to recommend a salary increase of 2-1/2 percent, and restoring Mission & Outreach gifts to 14% of our giving, though holding 2% of this amount until the anticipated budget of \$815,000 is received.

Relative to the mortgage fund, First State Bank and Trust offered to reset our loan at the current market rate (from 6% to 5.375%). The Board has decided to continue to make monthly payments at the amount previously made, thus paying more to principle each month. The cost of the loan reset was \$3000.

Rick Peterson presented the proposed changes to our congregation's bylaws, most of them minor and semantic corrections, which were approved unanimously. This document is available online at [www.oslcstillwater.org](http://www.oslcstillwater.org).

Karen Gieseke, our interim director of Children and Family Ministries, shared her observations and recommendations regarding this ministry. Results of last fall's focus groups, and a recent survey were provided, along with a tentative time frame of March for completion of a ministry description. Pastor Linda VanEaton described one vision under consideration which would combine Children's Ministry with Youth Ministry, allowing smoother transition as children move forward. This model has been explored and would likely include multiple staff leadership. A gathering will be held later in the winter as this vision begins to take shape.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm.

**Doug Smith, President**

Susan and I dreamed of living in the St. Croix River Valley area since before we were married. Our first date was a trip to Stillwater, and our family has made our home here since 1995. Susan's parents, Ken and Charlene Oberman, moved here from Iowa and joined Our Savior's a few months before we did in 2006. Our son, Parker, is 9 and has been active in Sunday School and/or WAVE since kindergarten. In fact, it was our desire to get Parker into a strong Sunday School program that caused us to come to OSLC in the first place. We are so thankful for those souls who, before we got here, laid the foundation for the rich church program that our family enjoys today. I serve on the Board because I want to help continue the tradition of serving God and teaching about Jesus Christ as so many others have done before me. My hope is that God will continue to guide our pastors, staff and board (including me) to the actions that best serve his purpose. The church has become an increasingly important part of our lives, and I am honored to serve on the Board of Administration this year as president.


**Chris Peterson, Vice President**

My husband Brent and I are both Stillwater High School graduates. We have been married for 21 years and have two daughters, Anna (a Freshman studying Music at Augsburg) and Sarah (a Junior at SAHS). We have been members of OSLC since 2004. This will be my first experience serving on a church board, however, I have been an active volunteer with Sunday School, Youth Activities and most recently, a member of the Gardening Crew at OSLC. For the past eight years I have worked as a High School Business Teacher. Becoming a teacher was a second career for me, after many years in the business world. Becoming a teacher was one of the best career decisions I ever made, as I enjoy working with young people in a way that will help them grow to be successful, knowledgeable and empathetic adults. In my spare time, you can find me volunteering at the Valley Outreach Food Shelf, digging in the dirt of my gardens, or taking care of our mini animal farm that currently includes 2 dogs (a Saint Bernard and a Border Collie), 7 rabbits and 2 ducks!


**Keith Anderson, Treasurer**

My wife Karla, son Kasen, and I became members of OSLC in 2002. We have embraced the spiritual guidance and the friendly, inviting community fellowship provided by Our Savior's. We moved to the St. Croix Valley in 1999, enjoy outdoor activities and love to spend time with our many friends and neighbors. I am grateful for the many opportunities at OSLC to deepen and strengthen my faith through service to Christ and to my church family. Accordingly, I look forward to applying my many years of commercial real estate experience and accounting background to the duties of Treasurer.


**Rick Peterson, Secretary**

After graduating from Stillwater High School, I earned a marine engineering degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in New York, a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Minnesota and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas. In 2007 I retired from the H.B. Fuller Company after 29 years and have recently begun a second career as a sales representative for Northland Engineering Sales in Woodbury. My wife, Carol, is a Stillwater graduate also and a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College. She is an Early Childhood teacher in the Stillwater School system and a member of the JuBellate Bell Choir at Our Savior's. We have two married children, who grew up at Our Savior's, and two grandchildren. Carol and I make our home in Baytown Township. This is now my third year of church board experience, I am hoping that my past business experience will be of some help to the new board as we carry out the mission of OSLC.


**Steve Ordahl, Member-at-large**

I am currently employed by Ecumen, a social ministry arm of the ELCA, focused on senior housing and services. With more than thirty years experience as a leader in business, government and the military, my strengths include leadership and entrepreneurship, having engineered several successful turnarounds of financially distressed enterprises. I hold a BA from the University of Minnesota and have been Chief Executive Officer for two major entertainment venues, the Texas Aquarium, Corpus Christi, and Underwater Adventures at the Mall of America. I also served more than 28 years in the United States Army and Army Reserve, holding a variety of command and senior staff positions. I am Senior Vice President for Business Development at Ecumen, responsible for business growth, revenue expansion and new market development. I have also played an integral role in transforming Ecumen into a diversified Senior Housing and Services Company. My wife Gisela and I have been members of Our Saviors since 2001 and currently live in Stillwater Township.


**Kim Corbett, Member-at-large**

I, my husband Matt, and our four sons have been OSLC members for the past four years. I have served as a volunteer in Children and Family ministry during this time. In addition to raising a family, I work as a team and performance development consultant. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve "my neighborhood" . . . a community that has provided growth, support and friendship to me and my family!



## FILL THAT BUS!

Our Savior's is teaming up with Valley Outreach, all of the schools in the district, and other area churches and businesses, to beat the Guinness Book of World Records for the *Number of Items Donated to a Local Food Shelf, In One Day, By One Group*. The current record is 509,154 pounds of food, which is equivalent to about 510 pickup trucks filled with food. With YOUR help, we can beat this record AND help our community at the same time!

### What can you do to help?

Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the **FILL THAT BUS!** display in the Gathering Area by the CLC. Grocery bags, with attached list of most needed food shelf items, are available at the church. Sunday School, WAVE, and Confirmation students are invited to bring donations to their classrooms. If you wish to give a monetary donation, \$1 is equal to 1 pound of food. Checks may be made payable to OSLC with "Valley Outreach" in the memo section.

**Donations will be accepted until  
Sunday, March 6th.**

### Concerts Benefiting Area Food Shelves: Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 pm

Featuring *The Dolci Mani Duo*  
Memorial Lutheran Church of Afton  
15730 Afton Blvd S, Afton, MN  
Free will offering for Valley Outreach

### March 12 at 2:30 pm

Featuring *the music of Gary Heil & Friends*  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
609 Fifth Street S, Stillwater, MN  
Free Admission: Bring a bag of food or monetary donation for area food shelves

### Attention Confirmation Students: Need a service project?

OSLC is getting on board to "FILL THAT BUS!" to break a Guinness Book of World Record AND help our community in filling the local Food Shelf. Volunteers are needed to collect and deliver donations to the Valley Outreach Food Shelf on **Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to noon**. Come as you are and help for as long as you want. Meet at the church in the Gathering Area by the CLC. Call Shelly Hill at 430-0747 if you have any questions.



### Current list of most needed food shelf inventory items:

Cereal  
Hot Cereal  
Juice  
Kid's Juice Boxes  
Cream of Chicken Soup  
All Cream Soups  
Meal Soups  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Condiments  
Grape & Apple Jelly  
Mac & Cheese  
Canned Meats (all kinds)  
Pasta & Rice Side Dishes  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Body Wash  
Baby Food  
Baby Formula  
Toilet Paper  
Toothbrushes  
Laundry Detergent  
Deodorant  
Tampons/Sanitary Napkins  
Baby Wipes  
Diapers & Pull-Ups

### Hunger in Minnesota

- There are more than 300 food shelves in Minnesota, serving every county in the state.
- In 2006, clients visited food shelves 1.8 million times, distributing 42 million pounds of food.
- 15% of food shelf clients are seniors.
- More than 50% of adult food shelf clients work.
- In Twin City suburbs, the working poor make up 60% of food shelf clients.
- Nearly 3/4 of food shelf clients live in unaffordable housing: half spend more than 50 percent of their income on housing and 1/4 spend between 30-50% of their income on housing.
- 260,000 Minnesotans (5%) use food stamps each month to feed their families.
- A recent Hormel Foods survey reported 1 in 4 Minnesotans said they or someone in their family had visited a food shelf. 1 in 10 residents said they or someone in their family went to bed hungry in the past month because of lack of money for food.

### Food Insecurity and Poverty Among Children

- 56% of food shelf visitors are families with children.
- 10.4% of Minnesota's children are living in poverty. (The definition of poverty in 2004 was \$18,850 for a family of four.)
- 9.7% of Minnesota's children receive food support.
- In 2004, 61% of low-income families spend more than 30% of their income on housing.
- In 2004, Minnesota's population under the age of 18 was 1,240,280. The number of these children living below federal poverty level was 49,611. Low-income is considered 200% of the federal poverty level. 334,876 of these children lived in low income families.
- 700 children under 18 are homeless in Minnesota.
- In 2004, 61% of low-income families spend more than 30% of their income on housing.



Information taken from  
Emergency Food Shelf  
Network website:  
[www.emergencyfoodshelf.org](http://www.emergencyfoodshelf.org)

 **Valley  
Outreach**  
*First step for the next step*

## March Worship & Music

### Sunday, March 6th, 2011: *Transfiguration 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: Proclaim!*
- 10:30 a.m. "The Crossing," Contemporary worship with Communion, music by Praise Band and singers  
*Special music at 10:30: Cherub Choir*

### Wednesday, March 9th, 2011: *Ash Wednesday*

*Pastor Steve Molin, preaching*

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

### Sunday, March 13th, 2011: *First Sunday of Lent*

*Pastor Linda VanEaton, preaching*

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

### Wednesday, March 16th, 2011:

#### *Mid-week Lenten Service*

*Pastor Linda VanEaton, preaching*

- 11:30 a.m. Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Worship

### Sunday, March 20th, 2011: *Second 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*
- 10:30 a.m. "The Crossing," Contemporary Worship with music by Praise Band and singers

### Wednesday, March 23rd, 2011:

#### *Mid-week Lenten Service*

*Guest speaker Dave Francis*

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

### Sunday, March 27th, 2011: *Third Sunday of Lent*

*Pastor Steve Molin, 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

### Wednesday, March 30th, 2011

#### *Mid-week Lenten Service*

*Guest speaker Todd Fultz*

- 11:30 a.m. Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Worship; *Special music: Joyful Noise Choir*

## Wednesday Lenten Services

### *The Wilderness Journey*

#### **A FORTY DAY PASSAGE**



**WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP**  
**11:30 AM, LUNCH FOLLOWING**

#### **EVENING WORSHIP**

**7:00 PM, SUPPER PRECEDING AT 6:00 PM**  
**(SUPPER AT 5:30 PM ON ASH WEDNESDAY ONLY)**

## Wednesday Lent Services

Ash Wednesday, March 9th

Week 2: March 16th

Week 3: March 23rd

Week 4: March 30th

Week 5: April 6th

Week 6: April 13th

**Wednesday Schedule:**

**11:30 am Lent Worship**

**12:15 pm Soup Lunch**

**6:00 pm Soup Supper**

**7:00 pm Lent Worship**

We will again use the beautiful "Holden Evening Prayer" and special music will feature various choirs, soloists and musicians.

## Soup Lunch and Soup Suppers start March 9th

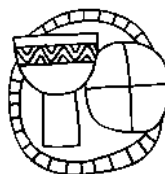
Wednesday Soup Lunch is served at 12:15 pm. Donations requested to cover meal costs. Volunteers are needed to provide desserts. Soup Suppers are served at 6:00 pm (5:30 pm on Ash Wednesday). Volunteers are needed to bring soups and desserts. Donations requested to cover beverage and bread costs.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Sign up on the YELLOW PAGES slip in your bulletin.

**JOIN US THIS LENTEN SEASON  
AS WE PREPARE FOR  
THE JOY OF OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION  
ON EASTER DAY!**

## Looking Ahead to Holy Week:

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|---------------------------|---|
| Palm Sunday, April 17     | 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am  |
| Maundy Thursday, April 21 | 11:30 am, 7:00 pm   |
| Good Friday, April 22     | 7:00 pm (at First Presbyterian Church, 6201 Osgood Ave N, Stillwater) |
| Easter Sunday, April 24   | 6:30, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am  |



### *Holy Communion Schedule for March*

- 8:00 and 9:15:** March 6th, 20th
- 10:30:** March 6th

## Women's Groups

### Deborah/Naomi Circle

Next Mtg: Thurs., March 10th, 7:00 pm at Donna Peterson's  
Contact: Donna Peterson (439-5903)

### Lydia Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, March 3rd, 7:00 pm  
Contact: Paula Barber (651-351-1907)

### Hannah Circle

Next Mtg: Tuesday, March 1st, 9:30 am at Harriet Sells'  
Contact: Becky Maier (439-4459)

### Ruth Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, March 3rd, 9:30 am at OSLC  
Contacts: Barb Loudon (644-7240)

### Sarah Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, March 10th, 1:00 pm at OSLC  
Contact: Donna Carlson (351-5052)

### Morning Quilters

Next Mtg: Thurs., March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st at 9:00 am  
Contact: Audrey Reed (430-2744)

### Mission Quilters

Next Mtg: Thursday, March 17th 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)

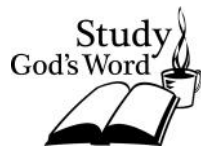
### Card Recyclers

Next Mtg: Tuesday, March 29th, at 9:00 am  
Contact: Doris Freeman (439-7876)

### Prayer Shawl Knitters

Next Mtg: Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 pm  
Contacts: Sherry Yahner (430-9863) & Kitty Roettger (777-4192)

## Bible Study Groups



### Beth Moore (Tuesdays)

Next Mtg: 1:00 pm, March 1st & March 15th at church  
Contact: Nancy Robertson (715-549-6118)

### Beth Moore (Wednesdays)

Next Mtg: 6:30 pm, March 2nd at Judy Goldstrand's house  
8:00 pm, March 16th at church  
8:00 pm, March 23rd at church  
8:00 pm, March 30th at church  
Contact: Judy Goldstrand (651-439-3267)

### Beth Moore (Thursdays)

Next Mtg: 6:30 pm, March 3rd & March 17th 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+)



### Bethlehem-in-the-Midway at 9:15 am on

**Monday, March 7th:** Help prepare, serve and clean-up for a meal. Five people needed. Sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board. Meet at the church to carpool. *Upcoming dates to add to your calendar: April 4th, May 2nd.*

**P.E.P. Small Group at 9:30 am on Saturday, March 19th:** Small group will be meeting at Gorman's in Lake Elmo. New members are always welcome.



## 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:

**March 7th: Death**

**April 4th: Trust and Joy**

Questions? Contact Pastor Linda: [linda@oslctillwater.org](mailto:linda@oslctillwater.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!

### March 6: Valley Outreach

Valley Outreach will be here to speak about our community partnership with them, the "Fill the Bus" initiative, and ways that you can get personally involved in a great cause.

### March 13: Spring Break - No Education

**March 20, 27, 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.



## OSLC Book of the Month Club

It's simple! Read the book during the month and then come and discuss. Discussions times are held the last week, usually Monday of the month at 1 pm or 6:30 pm. Join us! Invite a friend!!

**March's Theme:** Leader's Choice

**March Book:** "Keeping Faith," by Jodi Picoult

**March's Discussion:** Monday, March 28th at 1:00 or 6:30 pm  
*Fascinating, thoughtful, and suspenseful, Keeping Faith explores a family plagued by the media, the medical profession, and organized religion in a world where everyone has an opinion but no one knows the truth. At her controversial and compelling best, Jodi Picoult masterfully explores the moment when boundaries break down, when illusions become reality, and when the only step left to take is a leap of faith.*

**April's Theme:** April Fool-Let's Have Fun!

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

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

## iSERVE



### StrengthFinders Talent of the Month:

#### RESPONSIBILITY

*His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in your Master's happiness!" ~ Matthew 25:21*

You take psychological ownership for anything you commit to, and whether large or small, you feel emotionally bound to follow it through to completion. Your good name depends on it. Your reputation is "utterly dependable". Your willingness to volunteer may sometimes lead you to take on more than you should; you must be selective.

Choose iServe/ service opportunities where you can follow through and get a job done. Perhaps this means a short-term task force. Keep your eyes on the Yellow Page or the eBlast for opportunities.

**"Remember: One lie does not cost you one truth, but the truth."**  
 ~ Friedrich Hebbel

*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@oslcstillwater.org](mailto:Linda@oslcstillwater.org)*



## Our Savior's Lutheran Church Women

### Sisters in Christ

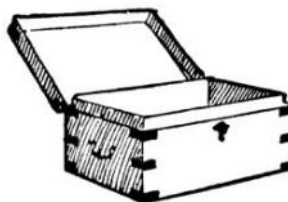
#### 2011 Schedule of Events

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 in 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!

**Mark your calendars for the Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 5. Watch the April Lamp for details!**



## Trunks and Treasures Sale

*Spring Cleaning?*

Save your treasures for the upcoming Trunks & Treasures sale at Our Savior's on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in our church parking lot. Cost is \$10.00 per vehicle plus a donation of 10% of sales. Registration forms are located on the poster in the Gathering Area. Sellers will be given specific numbered locations for their vehicles, with space to set out tables in front of their trunks for displaying their merchandise. Join us for a great day of meeting new people, visiting with friends and making a little money too!

## St. Paul's 24th Annual Synodical Women's Convention: *Fools for Christ's Sake*

*We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ.*

1 Corinthians 4:10a

Friday, April 1 & Saturday, April 2, 2011  
Lutheran Church of Peace  
47 Century Ave. S.  
Maplewood 55119

**Come for the Learning,  
Feast on the Fellowship**

You are personally invited to join women from around the Saint Paul Area Synod for a weekend of worship, Eucharist, Bible study, learning sessions, and business meetings. Come and hear illuminating speakers who will teach, encourage and challenge us to come to a greater understanding of our faith. An opportunity to check out displays by various ministries and SHOPPING at Augsburg are among the fun-filled activities of the weekend. Invite mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters and friends to share in the experience. The Hampton Inn at 1450 Weir Rd in Woodbury is offering special rates for this Convention's weekend. Scholarships are available for those interested. *Registration forms are located on the women's bulletin board across from the church office.*

In-kind Material offering:

- Gift cards for Project Home (Cub, Rainbow, Target or Wal-Mart)
- Disposable Baby Diapers for local food shelf. Diapers can be placed in the designated box in the narthex.

*Thank You!*

Dear Friends at OSLC,

You are amazing examples of what Christ is like! Your cards, thoughts and prayers

mean the world to me! Philippians 4:13 has always been a favorite verse of mine. Maybe at the end of the verse we could add "and my church family that lifts me up and stands by me!" See you all soon! Love, hugs, and God's blessings always,

- Cheryl Schindler



### Oak Grove Choir Concert

Friday, April 1st  
8:00pm Concert  
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.

### Kids Against Hunger

Club 56 and family and friends joined others from the St. Croix Valley at the Kids Against Hunger meal packing event on Feb. 20.



In 2 hours, Club 56 and the others at the event packed 19,444 meals!



The meals packed will feed 90 children one meal a day for 1 year!



### Summer Camps



#### SportsLife Camp: "Bring It!"

July 5th-8th, 2011  
Current Grades 1-5  
9 am - 12 pm  
Cost \$60

Register online by June 17th, 2011  
[www.oslcstillwater.org](http://www.oslcstillwater.org)



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

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

Register online by July 8th, 2011  
[www.oslcstillwater.org](http://www.oslcstillwater.org)



**Camp Wapo - SEEDS Weekend:** July 15th-17th, 2011  
Children who completed 2nd or 3rd Grade  
Cost \$130 due at registration

**Camp Wapo - Youth Camp:** July 17th-22nd, 2011  
Children who completed 4th-6th Grade  
Cost \$380 / \$100 deposit due at registration

Register for Camp Wapo using Wapo registration forms available at the church. **Register by March 15th, 2011.**

## 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**  
**6:00-7:30 pm**



Children of all ages are invited to participate in and learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

This special experience is shared as a 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.

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**

## Lake Area Discovery Center at Our Savior's

**March 3-4: No School - LADC Conferences**

**March 12-20: No School - Spring Break**

**March 31-April 1: LADC Circus**



### Registration Open for 2011-2012

Registration is currently opened for all families interested in the 2011-2012 school year. Please visit us on our website at: [www.LADCfamilies.org](http://www.LADCfamilies.org).

Feel free to call for availability and classroom tours at LADC's Our Savior's Lutheran Site at 651-439-5704, ext 16.

### Family Cooking Idea

Fun under the Big Top Cooking! With LADC's Circus at the end of the month, a fun family circus cooking idea is to bake your own cupcake ice cream cones!

#### Circus Cone Cupcakes

This is a fun recipe to make and delicious to eat!

Each child gets one colored cake cone. (Always have the child keep the cone standing so the ingredients do not come out, it will only cook if the cone is standing with the mixture inside)

Have the child put the following ingredients into his/her cone:

2 tablespoons of Funfetti cake mix

2 teaspoons of water

2 teaspoons egg whites

Use a spoon to mix the ingredients together in the cone.

Place the cone on a microwavable plate (helpful in eliminating messes in the microwave)

Leave the cone in the microwave for approx. 30 sec. You should watch with your child as the mixture rises in the cone and puffs at the top like a cupcake. If it looks like it needs a few more seconds, add 15 sec. It is a very quick bake in the microwave. Try it and see how well your microwave cooks it, you may need to add or subtract time for the perfect, fluffy cupcake.



### Attention Confirmation Students: Need a service project?

OSLC is getting on board to "FILL THAT BUS!" to break a Guinness Book of World Record AND help our community in filling the local Food Shelf. Volunteers are needed to collect and deliver donations to the Valley Outreach Food Shelf on **Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to noon**. Come as you are and help for as long as you want. Meet at the church in the Gathering Area by the CLC. Call Shelly Hill at 430-0747 if you have any questions.



## First Light Mentor/Student Kickoff

Wednesday, March 2nd, 7-8 pm

The mentor kickoff for all First Light Students AND Mentors will be Wednesday, March 2nd, from 7-8 pm. Come find out what the next 6 weeks will look like together and begin mentor time with each other!

## Diggin' Deeper Breakfast Club

Friday, March 4th, 6:30 am @ Perkins

Breakfast Club will meet the 1st Friday of this month (March 4th)! All Sr. High youth are welcome to join us at 6:30 am at the Stillwater Perkins for FREE breakfast, great conversation, and an awesome Bible study!



## Butter Braids Available this Month!

Students going on Summer Trips and camps will be selling Butterbraids in March, so be sure to order yours from a student (or in the Gathering Area)! Butterbraids will be delivered in plenty of time for Easter, so stock up on butterbraids and help our youth to go on summer trips!

## 30-Hour Famine Participants

What a great time was had by all at the national 30-Hour Famine! Our youth fasted for 30 straight hours to raise awareness for the poor and hungry. They also raised money! If you are a student who raised funds for this event, get your donations into Missy by Sunday, March 6th!

## Looking Ahead to Moonlight Madness

Moonlight Madness will be held for all Jr. High Students again this year from Friday, April 1st to Saturday April 2nd. Activities include a youth rally with other churches in the Twin Cities; rock climbing, swimming, gym sports, games, etc. at Lifetime Fitness; and Fun and games at Grand Slam. Watch for registrations to come out during March! Don't miss this all night lock-out!



## Summer Opportunities



If you missed our Summer Sunday and would like to see what is available for summer opportunities for our youth, go online to [www.oslcstillwater.org](http://www.oslcstillwater.org) under the youth section's "Summer Ministries" to see what's available. Registration forms can be picked up outside the Youth Room.

CALLED TO CARE — SHELLY ROCK

## Protecting Your Eyes from Computer Vision Syndrome



March is "Save Your Vision Month". The American Optometric Association (AOA) is getting out the message that, among computer users who report computer related health problems, vision and eye problems are the most prevalent complaints. Dry eyes, eye strain and blurred vision are common. These symptoms contribute to Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS) which the AOA describes as "the complex of eye and vision problems related to near work that are experienced during or related to computer use."

Some of the common causes of CVS include:

- Looking straight ahead for long stretches of time
- Working in a dry office or home environment
- Blinking less often
- Poor screen resolution or poor screen contrast
- Too much glare
- Improper work distance
- Wrong eye glass prescription

Some tips that the AOA recommends for preventing CVS include:

- Have regular comprehensive eye exams to make sure that your eyes are healthy and that you have the correct eye glass / contact lens prescription. Computers are usually further and higher than typical reading tasks so people, especially those who wear bifocals, may not have the proper adjustment for this.
- Take frequent breaks from looking straight ahead by looking to the side; rest your eyes; blink forcefully; use a humidifier; instill artificial tears.
- Reduce glare by eliminating bright light sources from your peripheral vision and position your monitor perpendicular to windows or other bright light sources.
- Adjust the contrast and resolution on your computer for the best clarity.
- Make sure your monitor is 20-26 inches from your eyes (depending on the size of your monitor and individual vision conditions) and keep the monitor and key board straight ahead.

I love what Matthew 6:22 says, "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light."

Take a few steps to help protect your physical and spiritual eyes!  
For more information: [www.aoa.org](http://www.aoa.org)

Called to Care  
- Shelly Rock

## Senior Health and Faith Day (Save the Date!)

The 2011 Senior Health and Faith Day will be on Tuesday, April 12th, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm here at Our Savior's. We will be discussing Life Transitions. How do these transitions relate to our health and to our faith? More information will be coming out soon!

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**The Wilderness Journey**  
**A FORTY DAY PASSAGE**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP AT 11:30 AM, LUNCH FOLLOWING  
EVENING WORSHIP AT 7:00 PM, SUPPER PRECEDING AT 6:00 PM  
(SUPPER AT 5:30 PM ON MARCH 9TH ONLY)**

March 9 <sup>th</sup>	“The Beauty and the Beast of Wilderness”	Pastor Steve	Luke 15:11-22
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	“The Wilderness of Separation”	Pastor Linda	Job 1:13-22
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	“The Wilderness of Uncertainty”	Dave Francis	Psalms 13:1-6
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	“The Wilderness of Pain”	Todd Fultz	Exodus 16:1-3
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	“The Wilderness of Love”	Jim Pavek	I John 3:16-18
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	“The Wilderness of Doubt”	Pastor Steve	Jonah 1:1-7