

Our Savior's Reaching Out

October 2010

A Celebration of Pastor Allan Nelson's Ministry at Our Savior's Sunday, October 10, 2010.

Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians:

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Pastor Al has decided to retire (again). Pastor Al joined the staff at Our Savior's in January 1996. He had only been retired from full-time ministry for about three months when asked to come and help out as a part-time Visitation Pastor at Our Savior's for a few months. Those few months turned into fourteen years. For almost 15 years Pastor Allan Nelson has equipped the saints of Our Savior's Lutheran Church to mature in faith and to grow in the stature of Christ. He has done this with a gentle spirit of compassion, a love of people and a love for God. Through his bible studies, his sermons, his visits and all of his various connections to people within this congregation and around the state of Minnesota, Pastor Al has been a faithful servant of God. Upon his (second) retirement, we give thanks for his service, for his love and for all that he has done. The staff will miss his great sense of humor and wonderful stories. Thank you Pastor Al!

Pastor Al was ordained on June 25, 1961, and served various congregations in Southwestern Minnesota. In June of 2011 Pastor Al will celebrate 50 years of ordained ministry.

Please join us on Sunday, October 10th as we will celebrate Pastor Al's 14-year ministry here at Our Savior's. The Celebration of Pastor Al's ministry will take place in both the 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services. At 12:00 noon there will be a Dinner in Honor of Pastor Al. The menu for the dinner includes baked chicken and rice casserole, vegetable, salad, cake and beverages. To help with our planning for the dinner, please call the church office (331-2276) or email Georganne at geo@oursaviorsfbo.org and indicate how many people from your family will be attending the dinner.

Facts and Figures for August 2010

	(Actual)	(Budget)
Aug. Offering	\$62,121	\$59,500
Aug. Expenses	\$58,604	\$52,400
YTD Offering	\$399,050	\$438,000
YTD Expenses	\$435,267	\$443,127

YTD Offerings are \$38,950 below budget, and YTD Expenses are \$ 7900 under budget. If you have fallen behind on your offering pledge please try to catch up in the next few months. During these difficult economic times we thank everyone for their continued support of the ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran. Thank you to the Staff and Church Council for their careful management of expenses.

Lamplighters

Tuesday, October 5

1:00pm,

in the All Purpose Room.

The regular business meeting will be followed by a program featuring Ellen Bisping speaking about the Holocaust.

Congratulations and God's Blessings!

to

Janice Stolman and Maynard Simon
who were married at
Our Savior's on September 4, 2010

September Baptisms

September 5

Giada Marie Gray

daughter of Candace and Paul Gray.

September 5

Kirsi Ann Smith

daughter of Tara Gray and Ben Smith.

September 12

Regan Renae Drever

daughter of Adam and Liza Drever.

September 19

Maxson Richard Miller

son of Ryan Miller and Mia Anderson.

Welcome to the family little ones!

Our Sympathy to:

Tony and Kathy Drouillard family
in the death of Tony's father,
Bruce Drouillard.

**Sandy Miller,
Erin and Shaun Linnane Family
and
Teresa and Alan Dobson Family**
in the death of Larry Miller.

David and Diana Hering Family
in the death of David's mother,
Eveline Hering.

May the promise of resurrection into eternal life give you much hope and comfort in this time of loss.

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 3, at noon in the Sanctuary.

At the Annual Meeting last February the Council was directed to establish a Task Force to prepare a Statement of Response to the August 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly resolutions: 1) to allow blessings of same-gender relationships; and 2) to allow congregations that wish to do so to call and ordain persons in a publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationship. The Task Force completed its work on August 22, 2010, approving by majority vote a "Statement of Response." There will be a Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 12:00 noon (following the 10:45 am worship service) in the Sanctuary to vote on the "Statement of Response." The date and time were set to make it possible for as many people as possible to be present (there is No Vikings game that day), and to allow ample time for discussion and questions. A copy of the "Statement of Response" has been mailed to all members of Our Savior's, but additional copies are available at the Welcome Center and the Church Office.

**Stephen and Bethany Friberg
October 3, 2010**

8:30 and 10:45 Worship

ELCA Medical Missionary, Stephen Friberg, will be with us in the Worship Services on Sunday, October 3rd. For several years Our Savior's has been supporting the Friberg family's medical missionary work in Tanzania. Plan now to be present to hear an update and see a brief video on this important mission work.

Pilgrimage to Turkey & Greece

April/May 2012

Many of the people who accompanied Pastors Steve Delzer and Craig Breimhorst on the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land have asked them to plan another tour – A Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece. The tentative date for this tour is April/May of 2012. This tour is a pilgrimage that follows the footsteps of St. Paul and the spread of the early Christian Church. It will include visits to many of the cities where St. Paul established Christian congregations, and also several of the cities (congregations) mentioned in the first few chapters of the book of Revelation. If you are interested in this tour, please speak to Pastor Steve or Pastor Craig, and plan now to set aside the days of late April and early May of 2012.

All Saints Sunday

Each year we celebrate and remember the Saints of the church, those who have gone before us and those who will come after us. It's an important time when we recognize that God's kingdom reaches across time and yet we all are a part of it.

On All Saints Sunday we remember those who have died in the past year and take a moment to light a candle and say a prayer. If you have had a loved one die since last November, we invite you to submit a picture for a special slide show of remembrance.

What is Worship?

***Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth.***

***Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.***

***Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the
sheep of his pasture.***

***Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.***

***Give thanks to him,
bless his name.***

***For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.***

Psalm 100

Worship is central to our identity as Christians. Worship is a time when we lift up our hearts, minds, and spirits in thanksgiving to God. In worship we sing songs of praise, we listen to the word of the Lord, and we give of ourselves through the offering of ourselves, our time and our possessions.

On August 29th, 2010 Our Savior's Lutheran Church gathered together for worship and yet it didn't look like the typical worship we participate in. On that particular morning we didn't *ever* open up a hymnal or use our worship bulletin. Instead we made a joyful noise to the Lord as people left the sanctuary of Our Savior's in order to pack food for the Community Cathedral Café, assemble newsletters for *Christ Through Hands Ministry*, cut down trees for Parks and Recreation, weed gardens and teach children songs and stories of God, visit residents at Pleasant Manor and St. Lucas Care Center, and prepare and serve a celebration lunch. Our worship was heard by God as we acted as God's hands in the world and reached out to our neighbors. Our worship was felt in the hearts of the people who were served but also in those who were serving.

115 people from Our Savior's worshipped God on Service Sunday in a very different way. Some might have seen it as just a day of volunteerism, a day of reaching out. And yet, every act of service, every effort made was done in celebration of God. We joined hands and hearts in honor and celebration of our Lord who has blessed us with so many gifts. We said prayers aloud and silently. Was it worship? Absolutely!

Book Club

Our November pick is *Cutting for Stone* written by Abraham Verghese. All are welcome. Date is to be announced. We typically meet on a Monday evening at 8pm in the youth room. Please contact Pastor Joanna with questions.

Book description: Sister Mary Joseph Praise, a devout young nun, leaves the south Indian state of Kerala in 1947 for a missionary post in Yemen. During the arduous sea voyage, she saves the life of an English doctor bound for Ethiopia, Thomas Stone, who becomes a key player in her destiny when they meet up again at Missing Hospital in Addis Ababa. Seven years later, Sister Praise dies birthing twin boys: Shiva and Marion, the latter narrating his own and his brothers long, dramatic, biblical story set against the backdrop of political turmoil in Ethiopia, the life of the hospital compound in which they grow up and the love story of their adopted parents, both doctors at Missing. The boys become doctors as well and Vergheses weaving of the practice of medicine into the narrative is fascinating even as the story bobs and weaves with the power and coincidences of the best 19th-century novel.

Taken from amazon.com

Small Group Opportunity

Fall is often a good time to join new activities. There are a number of small groups that are happening at Our Savior's. Some groups meet weekly while others meet once a month. If you are interested in being a part of a small group we welcome you! Or if you have an idea for a new small group please talk with Pastor Joanna. I'd love to help you get things started.

Some small groups already happening:

Weekly Small Groups

Sunday Men's Bible Study at 8am in the library

Pastor Al's Bible Study 9:30 am Mondays

Crossways Bible Study and 2 Corinthians Bible Study (new)- 6:15 on Wednesdays

Friday Morning Bible Study at 7:30am (Perkins.)

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study 9am

Monthly Groups

Women of Today 9:30 am First Thursday

Faith Circle 9am Third Thursday

Grace Circle 8pm Fourth Tuesday

“Sharing Hands, Caring Hearts”

Clothing Drive

You may begin bringing in your gently used fall and winter clothing. We will accept donations through Sunday, October 17. Please sort and label your donations according to gender. This makes the organizing much easier for our volunteers. Call Georganne in the church office 331-2276 if you would like to volunteer to help sort or during distribution hours.

Sorting/Set -up Dates:

Monday, October 18, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 19, 9:00 a.m. - noon.

Clothing Distribution dates:

Wednesday, October 20, 9:00a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

“Thrivent Choice”

Many of you may already know that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is launching a new charitable grant program called “Thrivent Choice.” This new “Thrivent Choice” program gives a certain amount of money to everyone who has a Thrivent Financial product or who is a Thrivent Financial volunteer, and allows you to direct that money to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.

If you are a Thrivent Financial Member you should have received a letter informing you that you will be eligible to direct “Thrivent Choice Dollars.” I ask you to prayerfully consider Our Savior’s as you direct Thrivent Financial charitable funds.

How Do I Direct My Designated Choice Dollars?

It’s Easy!

- 1. Go to: www.thrivent.com/choicedollars and select Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Faribault, MN from the list of organizations.**
- 2. Or call 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and select Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Faribault, MN.**

Thank you. And if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 331-2276, ext. 107

In Christ Our Savior and Lord,

Pastor Steve Delzer

A La Carte Performance:

Help us raise money for Community Cathedral Café! On October 10, at 2:00 pm at the Faribault High School, Michael J. Hanson Auditorium. Join us for a fun Community Variety show featuring family, friends and neighbors showing their talents on stage. Adults: \$10.00, Kids (10 & under): \$3.00. Community Cathedral Café’s Mission is to feed the hungry, provide companionship for the lonely, celebrate the work of volunteers from all faiths and make available healthy networking of services for those in need. For services or to volunteer, call 507-334-7732. 100% of the proceeds support CCC in our community.

Stucco Repair:

The Stucco exterior on the south and east walls is in need of repair. The Council approved that repair at the cost of \$3,680 and the work will be done in October. Contributions toward that project are welcomed. Please mark your contribution check or envelope %stucco repair.+ Thank you for your help in maintaining our building.

Children's Ministry

3rd Graders Will Receive Bibles on Sunday, October 17th!

We as a congregation continue in our Baptismal promises to you to support and to encourage you on your journey of Faith. We are excited to present you with your own Bible! With this gift, you will be able to read God's Word every day and learn all about God's love, forgiveness, and grace. There is so much for you to explore in this powerful book!

Here is what we have planned:

Wednesday School Class:

Wednesday, October 6th and 13th

Bible classes for 3rd graders AND their parents

6:15-7:30 P.M. All-Purpose Room

Sunday School Class:

Sunday, October 3rd from 8:40-9:40 in All-Purpose Room

Session 1 is for 3rd Graders AND their parents

Session 2 and 3- October 10th and 17th from 9-9:40am during small group time in your classroom. Parents are welcome to attend all three sessions.

The class will receive instruction about the Bible through handouts, games, and activities, which will help guide them through the Bible. You will be asked which service you will attend for the presentation.

Sunday, October 17th, 2010

Bible Presentation

8:30, 9:45 or 10:45 worship service

Christmas Program- Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior

This year's Christmas program is a musical about one of the most familiar parts of the Christmas Story featuring a drama along with new songs and familiar carols your children will love to sing. It will be performed during the 8:30 & 10:45 services on December 12th. Your children will be getting a CD of the music. Please play the CD in the car and at home to get the children familiar with the music and excited about their performance.

No Sunday & Wednesday School

Just as a reminder there will be no Sunday or Wednesday School during MEA break (October 20th and 24th).

Rainbow Connection Pumpkin Decorating Party!

Students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to a pumpkin decorating party on Sunday, October 10th at 3 PM in the Fireworks Room. Join us for an afternoon of great fun! Pumpkins will be provided. Be sure to wear clothing that you don't mind possibly getting paint on ☺ Please sign-up on the Children's Ministry Kiosk by October 6th. You must sign-up to reserve your pumpkin. Cost is \$2/child. Please contact Kira Anderson with any questions.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. It's simple to pack a shoe box. 1) Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most important, pray for the child who will receive your gift. 2) Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use the appropriate boy/girl label. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box. 3) Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. 4) Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. 5) **Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box** and drop them off in the church Narthex under the Christmas tree. All boxes must be received no later than Sunday, November 14th .

Youth Blast

Students in grades 3-6 are invited to attend a 24- hour retreat at Good Earth Village. Students spend their time learning about God, playing games, going on hikes and having tons of fun! **The retreat runs from 7 pm on Friday, October 15th to 4:30 pm on Saturday, October 16th. Cost is \$40 per student. Adult Chaperones are FREE. Registration due by September 24th. Please contact Kira Anderson if you are interested.**

Youth Ministry

On Sunday, September 26th
these 9th graders confirmed their faith at Our Savior~~s~~!

Danielle Behrens	Isaiah Brogden
Nathan Emge	Nicholas Fette
Emily Fitcher	Alyssa Gray
Amy Hedenstrom	Austin Houge
Abby Hunt	Evan Jensen
Noah Kasper	Marla McDonough
Paige Myrick	Jordan Nusbaum
Cullen Paulson	Jennifer Schmars
Nathan Schmidt	McKenna Stendel
Serena Tatge	Kelsey Thomas
Emily Toering	Kayla Verdick
Dakota Vininski	Ashley Wagner
Jessica Wiggins	Frances Ziegler

Congratulations to them and God's Blessings as they continue their faith journey!

