

Our Savior's Reaching Out

April 2011



Holy Week Schedule

April 17 Palm Sunday Worship Services

8:30, 9:45 and 10:45

April 21 Maundy Thursday Worship

with Holy Communion

7:00pm

April 22 Good Friday Ecumenical Worship

12:00 noon at 4th Avenue United Methodist Church

April 22 Good Friday Evening Worship

7:00pm

with Our Savior's Singers,

April 23 Easter Vigil Worship,

7:00pm

at Episcopal Cathedral,

April 24 Easter Sunday Worship Services

8:30—Traditional (Our Savior's Singers)

10:45—Contemporary (Proclaim!!!)



Children's Ministry Survey Results!

First of all, Kira and I want to say thank you to so many of you who took time to talk to us about your family's schedules and hopes for our Children's Ministry program. The results of our survey were not very surprising- we learned all of you have different needs and that truly there is no perfect schedule. That being said, the Staff and Church Council have spent time in conversation and in prayer trying to assess what is best for our ministry in the future.

Our fall schedule will be as follows:

Sunday School Education Hour (approximately 9:30-10:30am)

3 year olds through 5th Grade: Church School Curriculum

Wednesday School (approximately 6:15-7:30pm)

1st-4th Grade: Church School Curriculum

5th Grade: Grapple

The changes that have been made are that we no longer offer preschool education on Wednesday evening. We love our preschoolers and want them to have the very best and we have realized over the past few years that Wednesday evenings get very late for these little ones making it a difficult time for them to learn. Our Wednesday evening program has tremendous energy and consistent attendance.

Our Sunday schedule also has changed. We will be having 8:30 am traditional worship, 9:30 am education hour and 10:30am contemporary worship. We are very excited about this new schedule because we believe it will give families the opportunity to worship at the time that works best for them, and in the style that they prefer. During the education hour there will be classes offered for people of all ages. It also will give parents the chance to teach Sunday School and still attend worship. We will also have a fellowship time in the All-Purpose room for people who want to come and connect with friends.

Our mission statement at Our Savior's is to Reach Out and Grow up in relationship with Christ. We seek to do this in a number of ways through meaningful worship, through Christian Education for children, youth and adults. We believe this schedule will best help families accomplish these goals giving them the opportunities for education on both Wednesday and Sunday and also giving them the opportunity to worship together.

I realize that worshipping with little kids can sometimes be stressful and difficult. Having two little kids myself, I have read books, given cheerios and more during worship on Sunday. I noticed that after a period of time my kids have adjusted to going and sitting through worship. They know the songs, they even will mention parts of the sermon to me later on. While they still get squirmy, for the most part we enjoy worshipping together. In order to help families bring their kids to worship I will begin writing suggestions and ideas for worshipping with kids. Please look for these ideas in upcoming newsletters and also feel free to send me (joannaoslc@hotmail.com) your own tricks and techniques.

Blessings,

Pastor Joanna

SOUP SUPPER - April Menu

Serving is from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

April 6 - Chili and Baked Potato Chowder

April 13 - Chili and Chicken Wild Rice

April 20 - No meal (Holy Week)

Cost: Adults \$5.00 Children (under 10) \$2.00
Children (under 3) Free Family Maximum: \$15.00

Soup Suppers are served by the youth participating
in this summer's mission trips.

CAFÉ MIDWEEK - April Menu

April 27 - BBQ Pork Sandwiches

Serving is from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Cost is \$3.00/person with a family maximum of \$15.00.

Facts and Figures for February 2011

	(Actual)	(Budget)
Feb. Offering	\$45,048	\$49,000
Feb. Expenses	\$51,747	\$53,860
YTD Offering	\$92,845	\$98,500
YTD Expenses	\$107,898	\$106,470

Offerings for February were \$4714.00 below budget, and February Expenses were \$2113.00 over budget. 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.

Lamplighter's March Meeting
Tuesday, April 5
1:00pm

Guest speakers will be
Brad Hutchison, Our Savior's Youth Director and Lynn Miller,
Director of Senior Living.

Visitors are always welcome.

Baptisms

March 20, 2011

Grayden Stephen Wilson

son of

Grant Wilson and Lisa Humfeld-Wilson.
(Rescheduled from February 20 due to snowstorm)

Welcome to the family little one!

Our Sympathy to:

Rick and Lynn Schafer
in the death of their Sister-in-Law,
Janice Schafer.

Vicki Swanson
in the death of her Uncle,
Donald.

Gary and Cindy Hoganson
in the death of their Grandson,
Blake Wilson.

Shirley and Glenn Norgaard
and
Cheryl Norgaard and John Lane
in the death of their Grandson and Nephew,
Bjorn Norgaard.

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

Wal Reat and Pastor Steve Delzer will travel to Ethiopia and South Sudan in June.

For the past two years members of Our Savior's have been providing financial support for the pastoral training of six leaders of the churches in South Sudan. These six students have been attending the Jak Jordan Bible School in Gambella, Ethiopia. The school is operated by the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia. The six students will graduate on June 19th. Wal Reat and Pastor Steve Delzer will be traveling to Gambella for their Graduation Ceremony, and then to Nasir, South Sudan for their Ordination as Pastors of the churches they serve.

The names of these six men and the churches they serve are:

- **James Bipen Kong serving Pulroa Lutheran Church**
- **Simon Tor Puk serving Kierwan Lutheran Church**
- **David Mach Pal serving Nyagol Lutheran Church**
- **John Chuol Kong serving Nasir Town Lutheran Church**
- **Michael Dak Top serving Denghoth Lutheran Church**
- **John Chuol Ruach serving Ngoanykel Lutheran Church**

Fundraising to support Wal and Pastor Steve for this mission trip will begin in April. The preliminary estimate of costs for air and travel expenses is approximately \$10,000. Please keep the six students, the people of South Sudan, Wal, and Pastor Steve in your prayers during the coming months.

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly May 6 & 7 in Rochester.

Voting Members from Our Savior's are: Troy Dunn, Bruce Schreckenber, Pastor Joanna Mitchell, and Pastor Steve Delzer. Intern Don Kloster will also be attending the Synod Assembly. The Assembly begins on Friday, May 6 at 8:30am with Opening Worship and concludes on Saturday, May 7 at 4:00pm. This year's Assembly theme is **%God's Work, Our Lutheran Hands.** In addition to the regular business there will be five short Bible Studies led by members of the Synod Book of Faith Task Force and seven elective workshops to show how our Lutheran Hands carry on God's Work. Preachers at the Assembly Worship Services will be Bishop Harold Usgaard and Rev. Peg Chamberlin, Executive Director of the Minnesota Council of Churches. Please keep all of the Synod Assembly participants in your prayers. **We are still looking for three (3) more voting members from Our Savior's to attend. Please contact Pastor Steve Delzer if you are interested in attending the Assembly.**

Summer Worship Schedule Begins on Sunday, May 22

One Service at 9:00 A.M.

The style of worship will alternate between Traditional and Contemporary. The exact schedule for worship style has not been completed yet but should be finalized in a few weeks. Watch for announcements in the bulletin, the May Newsletter and the church website for more details once the schedule is finalized.

Don Kloster

So, you might be wondering: Who is this %intern+that has just dropped into our midst. Where did he come from? What is he doing here and who is that woman sitting alone, in the second pew? The last question is the easiest to answer. Her name is Diane and we have been hanging around together since her 16th birthday. She is a wonderful, loving and very patient spouse who finds herself swept along in a major life change . sort of an internship of her own. Shortly after we came here, we listened to an excellent message from Pastor Joanna that included a reference to the anxiety associated with being in the wilderness. Later that day, Diane said %wheh doggy+(I never heard her say that before!), Pastor Joanna sure hit the mark with that sermon.

Most of you know we grew up in eastern Wisconsin, moved around some, for job reasons and ended up in Minnesota. We lived in LaCrosse for three years while I finished my degree. While attending college, my interest in aviation led to a job working for a start up, all freight airline and a 35 year career in airfreight transportation. Most of those years were in the ground transportation aspects of the business. Diane and I are blessed with 4 wonderful daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren. Two of our daughters live locally and two are in other states. It eventually came to the time that my business partner's children should take over. I was free to explore a call from God; a gentle tapping on my shoulder that has been with me since I was a very young man. During the process of beginning my studies at Luther Seminary, I was introduced to an alternate leadership training program called TEEM. My entrance was approved, I began my studies and I met your Pastor Steve at a conference. He has been very supportive and helpful in my educational progress. Recently your Church Council approved me as your intern.

My seminary studies continue to be exciting and I have had the incredible good fortune to have been allowed to serve as an intern here at Our Savior's. I am privileged to learn from your excellent staff and church leaders, and especially from you. Thanks for your patience and the great welcome.

Don

Service Sunday:

Last August, Our Savior's took the community of Faribault by storm by sending out our members in service. Over 100 people participated in our Service Sunday. We would like to try this again. I would like to propose that on May 22nd, we once again go out into the community and spread the love of God through the work of our hands. If you are interested in being a part of this planning team please contact Pastor Joanna at the church office. Thank you!

Women's Retreat:

I would like to lead a women's retreat in the spring or summer. If you are interested in being a part of this event or have ideas for a topic, please contact Pastor Joanna at joannaoslc@hotmail.com
Thank you!

Outlaw Ranch

Our Savior's had a tradition of traveling together to Family Camp at Outlaw Ranch in the Black Hills of South Dakota. I am considering going this year the week of July 3rd through the 8th. If you would like more details and would like to join me and my family please let me know as soon as possible.

Check out this website for more details: http://www.losd.org/outlaw/family_camp.html

Pastor Joanna

“Sharing Hands/Caring Hearts” Clothing Give Away

Since May of 2000 Our Savior’s has collected and distributed clothing twice a year (Spring and Fall) to give to those in the community who are in need. Sharing Hands/Caring Hearts has been an incredible outreach program to residents of Faribault and the surrounding area. Over the past 10 years we have touched the lives of those who came for clothing and also the volunteers who came to help sort, organize and help those who were here to shop for their families needs. The rewards have been great as we watched our customers shop. From mothers with small children, to elderly people, and people of many different ethnic background.

In the past several years we have noticed a decrease in the amount of clothing that is donated and also a decrease in the numbers of people coming in to shop. We feel this is partly due to more resources available in the community year round. Due to these circumstances we have decided to discontinue “**Sharing Hands/Caring Hearts**” and encourage members of Our Savior’s to donate both their items and their time to two organizations that have since opened in Faribault.

St. Vincent de Paul (located at the former Sacred Heart School) 617 3rd Ave. NW and The Salvation Army Store (located at the Faribo West Mall). For more information about St. Vincent de Paul you can contact 334-2100. The Salvation Army may be contacted by calling 333-1336.

Our sincere thanks to all those who have donated items and also the wonderful volunteers who have helped out over the past 10 years. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

Georganne Danielson

Our Savior’s Carnival Friday, May 13 5:30-8:30pm Carnival games, silent auction, bingo and great food!

Don’t miss this night of fun and fellowship, as the students going on mission trips this summer host our fifth annual carnival. We hope all of you will come and have a great time. Come for supper- food will be served all night- stay for the games. Bring your family and friends, have some fun and support a great cause at the same time.

Even if you don’t have children, come for the food (we’ll have plenty), to play some Bingo, or to simply celebrate youth by trying to keep up with some of the kids.

Students, chaperones, and parents from our mission trip groups will staff the carnival, but we also need your help in making this a success. If you are able to help by donating cash for prizes and food, an item (worth \$10.00 or more) for the silent auction, or baked goods for the Cakewalk. Please contact the church office or Brad Hutchison.

Children's Ministry

*****REGISTRATION*****

All families are asked to sign up for the Children's Ministries programs on these days.

Sunday April 17th
(8:00am-12:00pm*)

or

Wednesday April 27th
(5:30pm-8:30pm*)

*Please note that while Large group is in session you will not be able to register, you may register before and after. You will be able to register and pay for the following activities on those days;

Day Camp 2011; June 13th-16th
(Kindergarten through completed 4th Grade)

Vacation Bible School 2011; June 20th-24th
(3 yrs old through completed Kindergarten)

Sunday School 2011-2012;
(3 years old through 5th Grade)

Wednesday School 2011-2012;
(1st Grade through 5th Grade)

Day Camp 2011

Good Earth Village On the Road is a 5 day program June 12th-16th for children who have completed Kindergarten through 4th Grade. It brings the fun of camp right into our church. It provides a fun, Christ-centered week filled with games, worship, crafts, Bible study and singing. It starts on Sunday Evening with a 2 hour worship with families, registration and games. Then Monday through Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm (campers can be dropped off anytime between 8:00-9:00 and picked up between 4:00-5:00pm). There will be a closing worship/program for all of the families on Thursday (time TBD). Pick up your registrations today by the bulletin board right outside of Kiras office.



VBS 2011- PandaMania

This summer kids 3 years old to just graduated Kindergarten are invited to join us for a week of PandaMania. June 20th ó 24th 8:30am ó 11:00 am the cost is \$25 per child (Scholarships are available, see Kira). **ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 1ST DUE TO ORDERING SUPPLIES.** Registration forms are by the bulletin board outside of Kira's office.

We will be looking for volunteers to help on the following areas;

- small group helper
- game coordinator
- snack coordinator
- nursery volunteer for the volunteers with small children
- music leader
- help supply snack items
- craft coordinator

EVERYONE is welcome to help out!!!! We will also be looking for donations of anything Jungle or Asian inspired, especially Pandas!!!!

April Volunteers

Ushers

Team 6

8:30

Pat Otis ©
Dave Henry
Stewart & Cindy Schuenke
Michael Schuenke
Bernie & Diane Feidt

10:45

Rick Bartness ©
Jan & Shirley Luikens
Lori Tuff
Duane & Janice Reichl
Linda Mueller
Jason Petricka

Readers

No Readers Needed

Brew Master Ministry

April 3	Bonnie Bongers
April 10	Ron & Mariann Gogtseh
April 17	Rita & Dennis Wunderlich
April 24	Ruth & Lyle Olson

Nursery

	8:30	10:45
April 3	Hannah Bokelman & Morgan Hanggraaf	Becki Bender & Lab Leng
April 10	Greg Boyd & Anne Pientka	The Jensen Family
April 17	Krista & Brendan Cox	The Osborne Family
April 24	Alyssa Grinde & The Weng Family	Melissa Zellmer & Ryan Borka

Welcome Center Greeters

April 3	8:30 Ginger Myers	10:45 Lori & Barry Davies
April 10	Martin Ahlman	Ron & Barb Brown
April 17	Lyle & Ruth Olson	Ted & Corinne Thompson
April 24	Andy & Viv Anderson	Deb & Andy Broughton

Attention Welcome Center Greeters: We would like to place the greeters in the new narthex behind or by the Welcome Counter. This will give the greeters a central place for new people to find them for information and to welcome them to Our Savior's as they enter the church building. Please be at the Welcome Counter 15 min. before service and right after service for about 15 min. Thank you.

Communion April 3, 17 & 24

Comm. Prep Servers	8:30 Irv & Kaye Novak Ray & Linda Wood (3) Dick & Phyllis Berge Wade & Barb Karli Cindy Schuenke Eddie & John Mattson (17 & 24)	10:45 Steve & Desta Ecker Troy & Tara Dunn Mark & Tracy Hunt Jan & Shirley Luikens
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Cantor

April 3	Brad Haugen
April 10	None Needed
April 17	Kris Hoysler
April 24	Our Savior's Singers

Tech & Sound Team

	Sound & Lights / Media Shout	Sound & Lights / Media Shout
	8:30	10:45
April 3	Dick Johnson / Dick Lawson	Jeff Mitchell / Dick Lawson
April 10	Roger Meyer / Steve Jamson	Roger Meyer / Steve Jamson
April 17	Dick Johnson / Ken Butzow	Dick Johnson / Ken Butzow
April 24	Steve Jamson / Roger Meyer	Steve Jamson / Roger Meyer