

Our Savior's Reaching Out

March 2011

Lent 2011: Journey with Jesus to the Cross



The Passion Narrative tells the story of the final days of Jesus' life ending with his death on the cross. This is God's pivotal saving event for us. We invite you to journey with Jesus to the cross. Each step along the way will give us time to reflect on the incredible sacrifice Jesus made for us. Please join along and read through the Passion Story in the Gospel of Matthew, join in discussion at Lenten Soup Suppers and worship with us on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm in the Sanctuary. Each week we will preach on the various events and moments leading up to Jesus' crucifixion.

March 9th Ash Wednesday^o Matthew 26:1-13, 17-30-

The beginning of Jesus' betrayal and the Lord's Supper.

March 16th-- Matthew 26:32-26-

Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

March 23rd- Matthew 26:14-16, 26:47-56.

Judas' betrayal of Jesus.

March 30th- Matthew 26:57-68.

Jesus is arrested and put on trial.

April 6th- Matthew 26:69-75-

Peter and the others turn their backs on Jesus.

April 13th- Matthew 27:32-55

Jesus is crucified for the sake of the world.

CAFÉ MIDWEEK - March Menu

March 2 - Spaghetti and Meat Sauce

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

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

SOUP SUPPER - March Menu

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

March 9 - Chili and Chicken Wild Rice

March 16 - Chili and Baked Potato Chowder

March 23 - No Meal (Spring Break)

March 30 - Chili and Chicken Wild Rice

Cost: Adults \$5.00 Children (under10) \$2.00
 Children (under 3) Free Family Maximum: \$15.00

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

Facts and Figures for January 2011

	(Actual)	(Budget)	
Jan. Offering	\$47,560	\$48,500	\$47,560
Jan. Expenses	\$55,952	\$52,610	

Offerings for January were \$940.00 below budget, and January Expenses were \$3342.00 over budget mostly due to the cost of snow removal and X-cel energy. 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, March 1
1:00pm**

Visitors are always welcome.

Crossways Bible Study

Continues in March

Study of Section 6 (The New Testament Letters and Revelation) ends in March. The class is led by Pastors Steve Delzer and Joanna Mitchell, and meets on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30pm, in Classroom D-4 (across from the Children's Ministry office).

March 2 Unit 60: Revelation

Celebrating 100 Years of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

A group is forming from the congregations of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod to join our partners in the Central Diocese of Tanzania for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the beginning of the Lutheran Church. Approximate dates of the trip are December 1-16, 2011, pending air travel arrangements. The estimated cost is \$3,000-\$3,500. A \$500 deposit is due by April 30, 2011 to the synod office. Participants will need a current US Passport, entry visa, and medical immunizations prior to the trip. For more information, contact Rev. Craig Breimhorst clc@christonthehill.org or Facebook:search %Craig Breimhorst+

Turkey & Greece in 2012:

In Biblical Times, they were known as Asia Minor and Greece; today we know them as Turkey and Greece. They were destinations of the Apostle Paul in the first century of the Christian era. The letters to the Galatians and Ephesians were directed to Christians in Asia Minor. The seven churches named in Chapters 1-2 of the Book of Revelation were in Asia Minor. In Greece, Paul played a significant role in establishing churches in a number of places, including Corinth. In late April 2012, Pastor Steve Delzer and Pastor Craig Breimhorst will co-lead a teaching tour to Turkey and Greece. This is a unique opportunity to travel with others from our community to these countries rich in the history of the early Christian church. Contact Pastor Steve Delzer at 507-331-2276 or Pastor Craig Breimhorst at 507-334-882.

Our Sympathy to:

**Paul and Deb Quandt Family
in the death of Paul's father,
Donald Quandt.**

**Ken and Linda Butzow Family
in the death of Ken's father,
Ed Butzow.**

**Dan and Sandi Roush Family
in the death of Dan's mother,
Carol Roush.**

**Peter and Kandi Roberts Family,
in the death of Kandi's sister,
Kristi Peal.**

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

Service Sunday:

Last August, Our Saviors 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 Saviors 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

Childrens' Ministry

Church School Changes

Thank you to everyone that attended or voiced their opinion at the February 23rd meeting. Every year we attempt to evaluate the effectiveness of our programming asking the question- "what is working," and "what could be improved." We are continually working to have the best Childrens' Ministry Program we can have in order to serve the needs of families in our congregation. As a staff we have been discussing and praying about where our Childrens' Ministry program is headed and how to get families more involved in the church. We look forward to the continued discussions and pray that God will help guide us in the right direction. We hope to make an announcement in the April Newsletter as to what next year will bring.

March Rainbow Connection Event

All kindergarten through 2nd grade students are invited to join Kira for bowling at the Bowling Center on Sunday, March 13^h from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Please sign-up by March 8th on the sign-up sheet outside of Kira's office or email me at kira@oursaviorsfbo.org so that we know how many lanes to reserve. Cost is \$5 per student.

Lent Schedule

Please take a moment to review the church school schedule during lent

Wednesdays:

ALL CLASSES will run from 6:15-7:10pm

Pre K- No Change, start in Fire Works room and end in your small group class rooms

1st-5th Grade: You and your parents/guardians meet in the Chapel and sit by grade level. We will remain in the chapel the whole time and end each gathering with an activity. If your parents or guardians are unable to attend with you, you will do your activity with the grade level.

Sunday: NO CHANGE IN CLASS TIME

Pre K-

No Change, start in FireWorks room and end in your small group classrooms

1st-5th Grade:

We hope that you and your family will join us on Wednesday evenings for the curriculum that Pastor Joanna has put together. However if your Wednesday's do not work for you, please join Kira in the Chapel for a smaller version of what we did on Wednesday evening

SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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 Kira's 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). 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 worker, music leader, help supply snack items, craft coordinator, and story teller. ANYONE is welcome to help out!!!! We will also be looking for donations of anything Jungle or Asian inspired.

4th Graders
1st Communion on Sunday,
February 20th

Kyle Bauer	Anna Forslund
Erin Grinde	Jacie Jasinski
Eliot Krogh	Joshua Manahan
Zachariah Manahan	Olivia Morelan
Jared Moriarity	Julia Moriarity
Mitchell Nelson	Sarah Pierce
Currie Putrah	Abigael Stroup
Alexis Velandar	Cullen Vinar
Kelsey Walock	Elle Whitney

March Madness: Food Drive Challenge

Last year, Our Saviorø extended an invitation to First English Lutheran to see which congregation could gather the most food for our local food shelf. Food piled high in both of our churches and each week the number of pounds and dollars grew. In a sprint to the finish First English managed to pull out a win being named the Superhero of hunger for 2010. But a new year has arrived and a new challenge. Once again I stopped by First English and threw down the gauntlet asking for a rematch. With a bit of hesitation, Pastor Mike readily agreed that together we would battle it out in an effort to feed the hungry. **Beginning Marcy 1st and ending March 31st we will be collecting food for our Food Drive Challenge. We hope you will join us in this effort.**

Favorite Bible Stories:

Thank you for sharing your favorite bible stories with us. Below are some of the answers we received. There is still time to submit your favorite Bible story. Please stop by the main office and pick up a sheet or send me an email.

Thanks! Pastor Joanna

What's your favorite Bible story? *One of my favorite bible stories is from John 4:7-30. In this story Jesus purposely walked through Samaria (Not a friendly place for Jews.) Jesus stopped at a well and initiated contact with a Samaritan Woman. Jesus speaks to her of the "gift of God" and "living water." The result of the conversation is her proclamation to come and see this man who knows everything. He cannot be the Messiah, can he?*

Why? *It reminds me that Jesus came to minister to all people. Jews and Samaritans went out of their way to avoid contact and had major disagreements. Additionally men of the day would not normally initiate contact with a woman. Jesus did both.*

Who shared it with you? *I can't remember when I first heard it- possibly Sunday school? It has become increasingly meaningful as my understanding of Jesus expands.*

What's your favorite Bible Story? *In the beginning... God created the heavens and the earth. I love the story of creation. God worked hard that week.*

Why?

I love the creativity that God showed us. The birds in the sky, the fish in the seas and all of the creatures on earth. There truly must be life out there in the universe.

Who shared it with you? *St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School—Edina Minnesota*

What's your favorite Bible Story? *One of my favorite Bible Stories is found in Matthew 19:13-15. When Jesus was preaching the disciples tried to turn the little children away, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." It isn't a very long story, but still one of my favorites.*

Why? *As a child in Sunday School listening to this story helped me to not be "afraid" of Jesus. The fact that Jesus loves little children made him a friend. As an adult it helps me realize that children have a special place in the kingdom of God and that we need to love and cherish them.*

Who shared it with you? *My preschool Sunday School teacher Mrs. Art Schaefer.*

What's your favorite Bible story?

Abraham ready to sacrifice his only precious son.

Why?

The most personal reminder echoing the inner guts it takes for us to follow God (leave everything, even your children) behind. If that's God's will and suddenly you see heaven everywhere (incredible!) We don't really want what God does not want for us. Be willing to die right now, if that's God's will.

Who shared it with you?

—No one but God himself (This is testimony!)

Omelet Breakfast Buffet for Christ Through Hands Ministry

Sons of the American Legion are sponsoring an Omelet Breakfast Buffet for Christ Through Hands Ministry on Sunday, March 13th from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. This breakfast includes breakfast potatoes, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice and milk and will be held at the American Legion, 112 NE Fifth St. in Faribault. Christ Through Hands Ministry (formerly known as Ephphatha) is an ecumenical Ministry that serves the Deaf and Blind community of the Faribault area and provides religious education for the students at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind, and outreach ministry to deaf adults and blind adults in the community. Cost: Adults (age 12 and over): \$7.00, Children under 12: \$4.00 (adult tickets pre-sold and sold at the door. Children's tickets available at the door only)

For advance tickets email: joyce@christthroughhandsministry.org (Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent Financial)

Youth Service Club

Hi,

My name is Emily. My friends Alison, Marybeth, Haley, Taryn and I are starting a club to give back to the community. We have started at Ruth's House by giving them cards during the Holidays. We all have big ideas to help out in the community but we thought Ruth's House would be a good place to start. If you would like to help us give back to the community and could donate some money please call Noelle Miller at 507-323-5178 or 507-334-4763.

Thank you!

Steve and Bethany Friberg

Missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa

Points for Prayer and Praise

January 2011

- 1.** Work Teams: Pray for a positive impact and safety for four mission work teams coming in 2011 from Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, and Florida. A college group from Iowa was here in January. These teams of youth and adults connect with the local community, church, and our work by doing simple renovations in various clinics. It is an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of American young people.
- 2.** Income generation project for Maasai women continues as an important means of support for 56 families. This year's goal is to provide each woman with a permanent metal roof to replace the inadequate thatch.
- 3.** Forty-foot container of medical supplies packed by Trinity friends and others has reached the port of Tanga.
- 4.** Unlike the drought of 2009, the past year has been a year of adequate rain and grass for livestock. Women and children's nutrition has been sufficient.
- 5.** We are thankful that our teenage boys enjoy friends, sports, and activities at their school in Kenya. Shalai has many friends in the neighborhood and continues home schooling in 3rd grade.
- 6.** As a medical Doctor, Steve coordinates 8 medical clinics which serve Maasai people in remote areas. The clinics are located near permanent water sources. They provide free immunizations and birth control. Tropical diseases such as malaria, TB, trachoma, STIs, malnutrition and vitamin deficiencies are treated. The largest clinic provides free HIV testing and anti-retroviral therapy for AIDS patients. Thank God for committed Tanzanian doctors and nurses working in isolated areas where salaries are low and benefits are few.
- 7.** Our parish is growing because of the commitment of volunteer evangelists leading 21 little congregations. Many of the evangelists are recent converts and already they are leading others to Jesus.
- 8.** South Sudan is moving toward independence after 50 years of civil war. We thank God for this and ask for a peaceful transition.

March Volunteers

Welcome Center Greeters

	8:30	10:45
February 6	Roger Erickson	Dave & Sarah Stensrud
February 13	Bernie & Diane Feidt	Lori & Barry Davies
February 20	Lyle & Ruth Olson	Ted & Corinne Thompson
February 27	Arvid & Pat Mensing	Jena & Brad Lombard

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 Saviors 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 **March 6 & 20**

	8:30	10:45
Comm. Prep Servers	Ruth & Lyle Olson Keith & Karen Larson (20) Jim & Thelma Nelson Larry & Linda Bahr Cheri Sterling Volunteer Needed (6)	Mary L. Osborne & Beth Moore Mary L. Osborne Harry & Sharon Dell Fred & Barb Grote Gail Sheridan

Cantor

March 6	Brad Haugen
March 13	Steve Delzer
March 20	None Needed
March 27	Kris Hoysler

Tech & Sound Team

	Sound & Lights / Media Shout	Sound & Lights / Media Shout
	8:30	10:45
March 6	Dick Johnson / Dick Lawson	Jeff Mitchell / Dick Lawson
March 13	Roger Meyer / Steve Jameson	Roger Meyer / Steve Jameson
March 20	Dick Johnson / Ken Butzow	Dick Johnson / Ken Butzow
March 27	Steve Jameson / Roger Meyer	Steve Jameson / Roger Meyer

Ushers

Team 5

8:30

Scott Finstuen ©
Colin Johnson
Al & Vicki Matzke
Loren & Marlene Balken
Ken Hubert
Cheryl Sterling
Gary Peterson

10:45

Don Ward ©
Paul Quandt
Stephen & Desta Ecker
Harry & Sharon Dell
Dan & Karen Rasmussen

Readers

March 6
March 13
March 20
March 27

8:30

Farryl Kluis
Dick Berge
Volunteer Needed
Vicky Hubert

10:45

Barb Brown
Ron Brown
Linda Mueller
Sue Jameson

Brew Master Ministry

March 6
March 13
March 20
March 27

Ruth and Lyle Olson
Prep Jill Finstuen - Clean Up Ellen Bisping
Ginger Myers
John & Phyllis Battles

Nursery

8:30

March 6
March 13
March 20
March 27

Krista & Brendan Cox
Alyssa Grinde & The Weng Family
Pat & Farryl Kluis
Penny Bauer & Rachelle Caldwell

10:45

The Jensen Family
The Osborne Family
The Heddenstrom Family
Melissa Zellmer & Ryan Borka

