

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**Caribbean Worship Service**

**8:30 and 10:30 Services**

**Music provided by Our Savior's Singers.**

**Caribbean Congregational Meal at 11:45  
In the All Purpose Room**

**Our Savior's Lutheran  
Annual Meeting  
at 12:30  
in the Sanctuary**

**Nominations for Church Council**

**The people listed below have been nominated for the Church Council and the Nominating Committee. Church Council Nominee Statements are included on the next page of the Newsletter.**

**President -Elect (elect 1):**

**Rita Wunderlich**

**At Large Member (elect 2):**

**Brendan Cox**

**Herb Hickey**

**Nominating Committee (elect 8):**

**Don Benson, Mary Ellen Bondhus, Karen Burger, Troy Dunn, Lisa Engbrecht,  
Karen Huberty, Brian Stockland and Jim Thon.**

**Nominations for Voting Members at the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly:**

**Dan and Karen Rasmussen and Erica Staab**

**Our thanks to this year's Nominating Committee members:**

**Mitch Anderson, Lori Boyle, Joyce Elsen, Gail Kaderlik, Dawn Peanasky and Erica Staab.**

**Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on**

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**at 12:30.**

# **CAFÉ MIDWEEK**

## **January Menu**

**January 4 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce**

**January 11 - BBQ Pork Sandwiches**

**January 18 - Sloppy Joes**

**January 25 - Pizza**

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

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

**Punch cards are now available.**

**20 punches for \$60.00 (can be used by individual or family)**

**Invite your friends and family to join us at Café Midweek  
each Wednesday Night for great food and fellowship!**

### **A Message from Pastor Steve Delzer regarding our Financial Report**

First of all, thank you for the ways in which you support the ministries of Our Savior☩.

Also, I wanted you to be aware that we are facing a shortfall of \$30,288 for this year, 2011. Here are the numbers as of the end of November:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Expenses	594,175	611,559	-17,384
Income	563,877	589,000	-34,113
Net Income	-30,288	-13,559	-16,729

Realizing the financial challenges that are faced by all of us, I simply ask that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment for 2012. And again, thank you for your support of the ministries of Our Savior☩.

### **Fall Stewardship Program Update**

As of December 19, 2011, **232 Financial Commitment Cards have been returned**, totaling \$439,181.00. If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card, we invite you to return it as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your Commitment Card please contact the church office at 331-2276 or email [geo@oursaviorsfbo.org](mailto:geo@oursaviorsfbo.org). Thank you for all you do in support of the ministries of Our Savior☩.

**2012 Offering Envelopes  
are still available in the narthex.**

On January 9 we will be mailing those that are not picked up. If you know someone who is unable to pick their envelopes up and are willing to deliver them we would appreciate it. It is quite expensive to mail them out.

If you would like to participate in ~~an~~ electronic giving+please contact Georganne in the church office. Also, if you currently participate in ~~an~~ electronic giving+and would like envelopes to use for special donations, you may use the envelopes located at the Welcome Counter.

**Lamplighter's January Meeting  
January 3  
1:00pm  
in the All Purpose Room.  
Erica Staab from the Hope Center  
will be the guest speaker.**

## **December Baptism**

**December 4, 2011  
Jacoby Allen Ballstadt  
son of Heather and Daniel Ballstadt.**

**Welcome to the family little ones!**

**Our Sympathy to:**  
The friends and family of  
Leverne Vangsness.

Mathew and Gwen Werner family  
in the death of Mat's mother,  
Karen.

Mark and Kim Hedenstrom family  
in the death of Kim's brother,  
Mark Dee.

Dean, Cody and Brooke Hetletvedt  
in the death of Marcia Hetletvedt.

Jeff Jarvis and Dorothy DeJong  
in the death of Jeff's mother,  
Rita Jarvis.

Tom and Amy Stadler family  
and  
Jason and Julie Anderson family  
in the death of Amy and Julie's father,  
Gordon Jandro.

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

## **Church Council** **Nominee Statements**

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(Nominees to the Church Council were asked to respond to the following two-part statement.)

- 1) **After prayerful consideration, I sense that God is calling me to serve as a member of the Church Council for the following reasons:**
- 2) **As a member of the Church Council, I will be able to make the following contributions to the ministry of the congregation:**

#### **President - Elect: Rita Wunderlich**

1) Having been blessed by being brought up as a Lutheran, surrounded by family that was very involved in the church and attending a parochial school through 8th grade I was witness to many people that gave of their time and talents in order for me to have a solid foundation. I have been the recipient of these blessings for many years. During our New Member Classes with Pastor Steve, my greatest take away was the importance of getting involved; shortly thereafter the opportunity to volunteer at the newly established soup kitchen (Community Cathedral Café) came out, we signed up and this has been such a fulfilling experience. So when I received the phone call to serve on the Church Council I felt this was an opportunity for me to give back to my church family. I am also a relatively new member of Our Savior☩ and I see this as a wonderful opportunity to grow in the church and faith as well.

2) I've had the opportunity through my career of working with many different types of people/personalities, being a part of, as well as leading, various task forces and training programs. Then on the financial side, budgeting, goal setting, and executing initiatives at hand. My husband and I have a 22 year old daughter who taught us full circle parenting+(and we are still learning) as well as how important a strong youth program is and what that can mean for our kids. Our Savior☩ is a wonderful, warm and welcoming church and I am enthusiastic to be able to use some of the talents that God has given me to help with the growth and behind the scenes maintenance of Our Savior☩!

#### **Member at Large: Herb Hickey**

1) Our Savior☩ has given me many opportunities to grow in my faith. Adult Bible Study, Youth and Sudanese ministries and Sunday Services, to name a few, give us a strong faith community to be a part of. Serving on the Church Council allows me to give back and to be a part of Our Savior☩ mission.

2) Willing to learn more about the needs of the congregation and actively work with the Council and Church leaders to further Our Savior☩ mission.

#### **Member at Large: Brendan Cox**

1) My children are now at an age where they are more involved in church activities, and I would like to get more involved in the church and contribute to the mission of Our Savior☩.

2) I bring a new perspective with no preconceptions and a goal to continue the great things that Our Savior☩ is doing and build on them toward the future. I am confident that I can put my time and talents to very good use in support of various ministries we have.

## **Our Savior's Staff Anniversary Celebration**

On Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> during the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services we will be celebrating the anniversaries of the following staff members:

**15 years:**

Georganne Danielson:  
Office Manager/Music Coordinator

**15 years:**

Donn Johnson:  
Our Savior's Singer Director

**15 years:**

A. DeWayne Wee:  
Organist/Pianist and Our Savior's Singers Accompanist.

**10 years:**

Pastor Steve Delzer

**Nominations are now being accepted for membership on the following tables (committees) of the  
Southeastern Minnesota Synod:**

**Synod Council Congregational  
Renewal Table**

**Synod Council Mission Support Table**

**Synod Council New Ministries Table**

**Synod Council Youth & Young Adult Representation Augsburg College Corporation**

Job descriptions and Nomination Forms are available in the church office. The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2012. Elections will be held at the Synod Assembly in May, 2012. If you have questions please contact Pastor Steve or Pastor Joanna.

**A Journey to Turkey and Greece with  
Pastors Steve Delzer and Craig Breimhorst  
April 14-25, 2012.**

There are still four spaces available. To register, complete the registration form inside the travel brochure available from Pastor Delzer or Pastor Breimhorst. Mail the registration form along with a \$500.00 per person deposit to Crossing Borders. Cost is \$4399 per person.

## ***My Mission Trip to Haiti***

by Sandy Rost

I had always wanted to go on a mission trip, but I don't think I really knew what that would be. Someone asked me to go to Haiti and I thought about it. There were things that kept telling me to go. I guess the Holy Spirit was telling me "this is your chance." I was scared because although I like adventure, I was doing this with a group that I only knew one person slightly. Despite all of these reservations I decided to risk it and go.

My mission trip to Haiti was a wonderful experience that I am thankful for. We lived right in the orphanage of 600 kids. These kids had the bare necessities but they had a roof, food, people that cared, and education. They were safe!! Some may have had parents but they were unable to care for them so they sent them to the orphanage. This group, Free the Kids, feeds 3000 meals every day. The kids get 3 meals a day, the workers and families get one meal and towns people that couldn't otherwise eat can be fed once a day. That is probably their only meal. We did visit two other orphanages in the area that were slightly different. One was only girls, and the other was for the developmental delayed. We helped with pictures for a program, 'Army of Angels, that was trying to get sponsors for the kids so they could better afford to feed and educate them. The other thing we did was ESL program after school. The kids came to us and we helped them read English books that we brought. They have a tailor shop, and a mason shop to try to teach them a trade. I saw NO fighting or disputes even though they lived so close to each other. The older children definitely looked out for the younger. The whole experience was an eye opener and something I will never forget. They need help but they have never had much more so safety and food seem like the best answers.

*Sandy is a member of Our Savior's who has been active in the Our Savior Singers, Bible Studies and more. She went on this mission trip to Haiti in November and will be sharing more of her story at a Lamplighters meeting later in 2012.*

## **Children's Program Thank-you!**

**A huge thank you to all who participated in the Children's Christmas program! A special thanks to everyone that helped out;**

- **Cece Neumann who helped work with the actors every week to help them prepare for their big performance.**
- **Georganne & Curt Danielson for your work with sound, lights, and media shout. The Actors- For coming to practice each week and working hard on your lines**
- **The Singers- For practicing the songs and actions each week, and for making the program fun for me**
- **The Volunteers- That provided food, beverages and service in between the services so the kids can have a snack (Rachelle Caldwell, Scott & Kathy Klecker, Carol Fahrenholtz, Joyce Elsen, Candice Gray, Glenn & Shirley Norgaard, Bob & Shermayne Cross, Sandra Dorr, Kathy Tighe, Linda Mueller, Bruce & Gail Kaderlik, Krista & Brendan Cox, Barb & Terry Condit, Todd & Kaysie Pakiz)**
- **The Teachers- That helped the kids learn their music each week, and helping lead them this morning!**
- **Tim Becker- For setting up and taking down the staging**
- **The Kids that helped out during communion- The kids really do look up to you!**

**Lastly, thanks to all the families who supported the program by working with your kids at home and encouraging them to participate in the program. We were so very proud of all of them!**

# Youth Ministry

## **Confirmation Movie Night and Lock-In**

January 14th at 7:00 – Movie and 6th grade Bibles. Confirmation students are invited to a movie night, with the 6th graders also receiving a new Bible. Last year's 6th graders were given the "Letters to God" NIV Bible when they started Confirmation. We have the same Bible to give to this year's 6th graders. We will be watching a very inspirational movie called "Letters to God." The movie tells the story of an eight-year old boy, his battle with cancer, and especially his letters to a God that he trusts.

January 14th at 10PM – LOCK-IN

Following the movie, students who want to go home may do so. At 10:00 we lock the doors and will spend the whole night at church. We will have a number of planned activities, lots of food, as well as time to just hang out and play some games or watch another movie. Plan on going home at 8AM.

## **Thank You to Confirmation Mentors and Teachers!**

Confirmation has looked very different this year. Rather than having small groups we have had mentors coming in and working alongside students one-on-one. I have really appreciated having so many adults and High School students involved. Thank you for your commitment, and for allowing God to use you to work in the lives of these young people.

A special thank you to those who helped lead a Confirmation Elective class the last six weeks. Bruce Schreckenber, Erica Staab, Pastor Joanna, and Pastor Steve each took a group of students, allowing them to choose a subject for learning and discussion. Tim Slinger, Tim Becker, Mark Hedenstrom, Alissa Peanasky, and others also helped out in many ways to help make this work. Thank you all!



## **SUMMER MISSION TRIPS**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Summer mission trips have been scheduled, and registrations for those interested are due by mid-January. Fill out a registration form and get a deposit in to guarantee your spot. You do not need to be a member of

**Our Savior's to go on a trip, so invite a friend and sign up together!**

The Middle School mission trip this year is once again arranged through YouthWorks (YouthWorks.com). This is an organization located in Minneapolis, MN that helps coordinate great youth events that are focused on serving others in the name of Jesus Christ. Groups from a number of churches are brought together each week to serve, learn, grow, deepen relationships, and worship the King of Kings.

The Senior High Mission Trip is being coordinated this year with a group called TEAMeffort (TEAMeffort.org). Not only will this give us a new and different experience, it also gives us the opportunity to concentrate our efforts on helping a community in desperate need of help. The whole week is designated towards disaster relief, rather

than being split up among various ministry organizations. This organization is not new, but it will be new to all of us participating.

If you've never been on a mission trip before, talk to someone who has. These trips are a great experience. You are certain to develop some strong friendships, make a difference in the lives of others, and maybe even be pushed to step out of your comfort zone at times.

Forms are available in the church Narthex and outside the Youth Room, and can also be downloaded from the church website: [oursaviorsfbo.org](http://oursaviorsfbo.org) – just go to “Youth Activities,” then “Mission Trips.”

**Middle School Mission Trip  
(Students in grades 6-8)**

**July 8 – July 14  
Green Bay, WI**

While in Green Bay we will be providing support for a number of already existing social service organizations. The ministry focus is to four general groups of people; the homeless, children, the disabled, and the elderly. Work may involve cleanup and painting, helping at a summer camp, serving meals, visiting the elderly, and working with the disabled. Individual cost for the trip is \$339.

**High School Mission Trip  
(Students in grades 9-12)**

**July 21 – July 28  
Joplin, MO**

The residents of Joplin Missouri, along with much of the infrastructure, were severely hurt by a tornado this past summer. Our group will be going down to do whatever we can to aid in the rebuilding in the area. Most likely that will involve some hard labor, but it could also involve other services such as serving meals and providing other aid to volunteers, paid professionals, and the local residents who have been most hurt. If you are willing to be flexible and go serve others in whatever way you can this trip is for you. Cost for the trip is \$399.

**Confirmation Camp Registration  
June 3-8**

**Interstate Park – Taylors Falls, MN**

Confirmation Camp is an opportunity to spend five nights camping in tents, participating in a number of fun activities, building friendships, and being stretched and challenged to grow in your faith in Christ. All Confirmation students are expected to attend camp at least once during their Confirmation years – but DON'T WAIT until your final year! Those who do tend to ask themselves why they didn't go earlier so they could do it again. Registration forms are in the Narthex and near the Youth Room or can also be found on the church website. Your total cost for a week of camp is only \$150.

High School Juniors and Seniors interested in being a Camp counsellor should talk to Brad or Timmy soon and fill out an application form.

# January Volunteers

## Ushers

### Team 4

#### January 1( 9:00) 8:30

Steve Bongers ©  
 Larry Hafemeyer  
 Wade Karli  
 Ginger Myers  
 Roger Erickson  
 Diana & Dave Hering  
 Martin Ahlmann

#### 10:30

Dwight Elthon ©  
 Roger & Tammy Meyer  
 Fred Grote  
 Mark & Jodi Miller  
 Dennis & Rita Wunderlich

## Welcome Center Greeters

	8:30	10:30
January 1 (9:00)	Scott & Jill Finstuen	
January 8	Buzz & Nancy Kormann	Jena & Brad Lombard
January 15	Randi & Mark Lindenberg	Lori Davics
January 22	Lyle & Ruth Olson	Ron & Barb Brown
January 29	Ginger Myers	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 January 1 & 15

	January 1 (9:00) & 15 (8:30)	January 15 (10:30)
<b>Comm. Prep Servers</b>	Dave & Shari Augustin Cheri Sterling Cindy Schuenke Pat Otis Dennis and Rita Wunderlich	Beth Moore Jan & Shirley Luikens Beth Moore Lori Boyle Dan & Karen Rasmussen

## Sound & Tech Team

	Sound / Media Shout & Lights	
	8:30	10:30
<b>January 1 (9:00)</b>	Dick Johnson/Bruce Schreckenber	
<b>January 8</b>	Dick Johnson / Dick Lawson	Roger Meyer / Dick Lawson
<b>January 15</b>	Curt and Georganne Danielson	Dick Johnson / Ken Butzow
<b>January 22</b>	Bruce Schreckenber /Carl Malecha	Roger Meyer / Dick Lawson
<b>January 29</b>	Curt and Georganne Danielson	Curt Danielson and Kerri Tune

## Cantor

<b>January 1 (9:00)</b>	Volunteer Needed
<b>January 8</b>	Kris Hoysler
<b>January 15</b>	None Needed
<b>January 22</b>	Youth Sunday Service
<b>January 29</b>	Caribbean Service - Our Savior's Singers

## Brew Master Ministry

	Set Up	Clean Up
<b>January 1 (9:00)</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	
<b>January 8</b>	Jon & Karla Weng	Dan & Karen Rasmussen
<b>January 15</b>	Bonnie Bongers	Ginger Myers
<b>January 22</b>	Jill Finstuen	Ellen Bisping
<b>January 29</b>	Ron & Marian Goettsch	Georganne Danielson

## Nursery

	8:30	10:30
January 1 (9:00)	Hannah Bokelmann & Morgan Hanggraaf	
January 8	Pat & Farryl Kluis	The Pakiz Family
January 15	The Cox Family	The Grinde Family
January 22	Lisa & Eric Bauer	The Hedgenstrom Family
January 29	Penny Bauer & Rachelle Caldwell	The Osborne Family