

# Network

## OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## A PLACE FOR “U”

Well, it's now official. I'm a member here. I have requested the transfer of my membership from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Oshkosh to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Merrill. It may seem like a little thing, a simple matter of paperwork, but for our family, it was a big deal.

You see, Our Savior's in Oshkosh welcomed us with open arms, supporting and caring for us, at a time in our lives when we really needed them. Even though we only worshipped with them for a short time, we were blessed by their hospitality, and we thank God for their witness of faith.

And then I was called to Our Saviour's! I came into your midst, working and living among you. My family and I have once again felt welcomed and embraced with God's loving hands. As I've gotten to know many of you, I have come to see God's gifts at work in you, and I am honored to be serving as your pastor. Each day I am excited to see what God has in store for us, as we move together into another year of service in this place, in Jesus' name.

I often find it amusing that our move was from Our Savior's to Our Saviour's. There's the issue about that little “U.” Traditional spelling, contemporary spelling. Norwegian or Germanic spelling. That little “U” makes a big difference in the life of our congregation. But there's more.

That little “U” is you. There's a place for “U,” you, in Our Saviour's. Whether you have been a lifelong member here, or have only been attending a short while, there's a place for you. Whether you worship here weekly, occasionally, or almost never, this is a place for you. Whether you are young, old, or somewhere in between, there's a place for “U.” Your presence and efforts in the family of faith called Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is vital for who we are. Without the “U” in Our Saviour's, we aren't the same.

As we begin this New Year, may God bless you as you live out your faith in Jesus.

Blessings!

Pastor Maurice

## NOW'S THE TIME!

Now is the perfect time to get in on all the fun! The Adult Sunday School class will be beginning an exploration of the Gospel of Mark! Come hear Mark's story of Jesus, and learn more about our Savior's love for us. The class meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the council room. No experience is necessary, and you are welcome to join at any time during the study! Let's get into the Word!

## LUNCH AND LEARN TO BEGIN!

Do you find it hard to make time to study God's Word? Are the weekends too full? Don't drive at night? Then Pastor's new study is for YOU!!! Plan to attend “Lunch and Learn” Mondays at noon. Bring a sack lunch, a Bible, and your questions, as we study Scripture, the world, and life! Take

your lunch break and chew on the Word! We'll be done within the hour, so you can get back to business. Sessions will begin January 9.

## PASTORS TO HOST OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 6

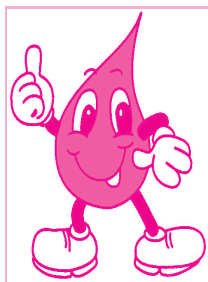
Pastor Maurice and Pastor Kelly cordially invite you to an Open House to celebrate this holy season, Friday, January 6, from 4—8 PM. As we celebrate the visit of the Magi, we also celebrate your presence in our hearts and lives, and want to share in this joyous time with you.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Join us on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 for Our Saviour's Annual Meeting. Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM with the annual meeting starting at 6:30 PM.

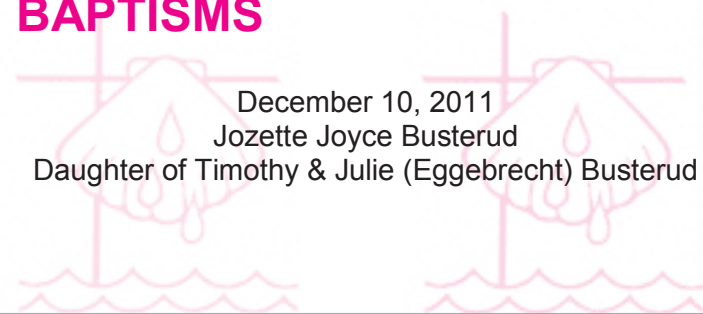
## BLOOD BANK DONORS

November 28, 2011  
Jackie Ackley  
Ruth Nelson-Lau  
Nate Weisenfeld



## BAPTISMS

December 10, 2011  
Jozette Joyce Busterud  
Daughter of Timothy & Julie (Eggebrecht) Busterud



## FUNERALS

December 8, 2011  
Bertha Hehling

## MEMORIALS

**12-5-2011**

In memory of Allen Osness from Rich & Elayne Ollmann & Family for Projection System

In memory of Allen Osness from Ron & Cindy Wilson for Youth Group

In memory of Allen Osness from Shirley Henkelman for New Basement Flooring

In memory of Linda Osness from Linda Osness Memorial Account for Projection System



# Dessert Feast!!

*When: January 14<sup>th</sup> – 6PM*

*Where: Our Saviour's Basement*

*Who: Members, Friends and the Community*

*Program: Identity Theft Protection to be presented by Thrivent Financial*

*Bring a dessert to share. Free will offering to be collected to support St Vincent DePaul Outreach Program.*

*Please join the Stewardship Team for food, fun, and fellowship.*

# January 2012 Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Angela Bailey Brian Freund Ward Gremler Faye Maschke Amanda Meyer Devin Schuchart Gale Verpoorten	2 Jay Block Joan Brandner Jose Countryman Helen Jaeger Dakota Krzanowski Verdaine Mattson Santana Strand Hollie Thompson Kristin Van Der Geest Parker Welch Dave Welk Sr.	3 Karleen Bebel Kirby Peterson Phyllis Rahif Debbie Schleif	4 Alyssa Buyatt William Dinges Jim Mitchell Charlotte Peters Trey Stevenson III	5 Todd Annis Savanna Harmon Dustin Oslage	6 Donna Baumgart Ted Ley Keith Meyer Evelyn Woodward	7
8 Betty Latzig	9 Abby Frazier Skyler Schotz	10 Joyce Hommerding Dusty Rampart Kerri Wolff	11 Sebastian Boyd Johanna Hoerstmann Logan Knospe Virginia Severt Emmanuel Sitton-Ollmann	12 Elias Hebert Shauna Pasholk	13 Joshua Berton Kristine Woelner	14 Judy Evans Shirley Henkelman Patrick O'Malley
15 Julie Johnas Debra Wagner	16 Michael Schmidt	17 Jeff Benedict Eivera Detert Kurt Eggersgluess David Gervais Nathan Johnson Cindy Leskey Lucas Olson	18 Charmaine Hill	19 Amanda Cipra	20 Kariann Hanneman Ross Heller Kelsey Pintens Ryan Teske Alyssa Yorde	21 Kailey Bender Kristina Mueller Orville Verpoorten
22 Marjorie English Laurie Smith Betty Wardall	23 Latrell Cooper Marcie Jannusch Alice Krueger Brendon Kufahl	24 Ruth Benson Nathan Pehlke	25 Austin Jaeger Benjamin Lee	26 Marion Anderson John Baumann	27 Carson Woelner	28 Jim Wolff
29 Lois Patton Dirk Peterson Kristen Verdoorn	30 Judy Elliott Morgan Escherich Irene Guerin Benjamin Osness Keagan Schoone	31 Gloria Bondioli John Erickson Zachary Kubichek				

## THANK YOU

Thank-you Our Saviour's bell-ringers! You and Calvary Lutheran Congregation's members raised \$1,655.57 (just about on par with last Year). One of your parishioner's also donated a check in the amount of \$500.00 during your week at the kettles! A big thank-you goes out to all of you.

Thank you to all who helped decorate our church for Christmas. You did a wonderful job.

Thank you to all who donated cookies, treats and wrapping paper for the youth fundraiser the weekend before Christmas.

Thank you, also, to those who brought items to wrap, those who entered our raffles and those who bought treats. The Youth of Our Saviour's would like to offer a humongous THANK YOU to all who support our programs. You make an unbelievable difference in our lives.

Our Saviour's Youth

Thank you very much for your donation of food to the Community Food Pantry.

We appreciate your support of our mission to assist our neighbors

with the basic essentials of life.

With the help of our area wide community we want to make sure that food will always be available for those requiring help.

Every year, half of those we serve are children under the age of 18; we have a special concern for them.

Please be assured that anything you do to help is deeply appreciated and a valued service for the good of the people in our area.

Once again, please accept our gratitude.

Sincerely,

Nancy Streich

Food Pantry Volunteer

Thank you for your generous donation to St. Vincent de Paul. It will be put to good use in Merrill and our surrounding area. You can be assured that it is much appreciated by us and will be by the people we serve.

Again, thank you for your support of the work we do.

Sincerely,

Michael Nolan, President

St. Vincent de Paul-St

Francis Xavier Conference

Thank you for your recent generous donation of \$47.65 for the Homme programs at Homme

Home of Wittenberg to be used for the residents programs here at Homme.

Your interest and support to this ministry of service to the aging is a source of support for our residents and staff. Your gifts help make the difference in the ability of the facility to positively impact the quality of life of our residents and staff.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and consideration in donating to Homme. Your prayers and gifts will bring satisfaction and blessings to the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Arlene Hanus

Department of Development

### Full-Time Staff

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**Pastor Maurice Schaus**

**Youth & Family Director**

**Jamie Diestelhorst**

**Editor/Office Secretary**

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***NETWORK articles are due on or before the 15th of each month.***

**Our Saviour's Scrip Order Form**

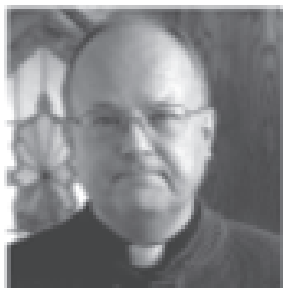
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3's Company - 5%	\$10			Applebee's - 8%	\$25		
Champs - 10%	\$10			Cracker Barrel - 9%	\$10		
Chips - 10%	\$5			Domino's - 5%	\$5		
Club 64 - 5%	\$10			Tex Roadhouse - 8%	\$25		
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Murphy's - 5%	\$20			Younker's - 8%	\$25		
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Barnes & Noble - 9%	\$10			Bed/Bath/Beyond - 7%	\$25		
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				Pier One Imports - 9%	\$25		
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The following stores offer a check to Our Saviour's:				*Other stores may also be available - ask your			
Courtside Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)				seller for details			
Miller Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)							
Central Carpet - 5% up to \$2000 (No installation or other special discounts)							
Hargrave Appliances - 3%							

a message from  
**THE BISHOP**

May 2011



## A Glass 'Half Full'

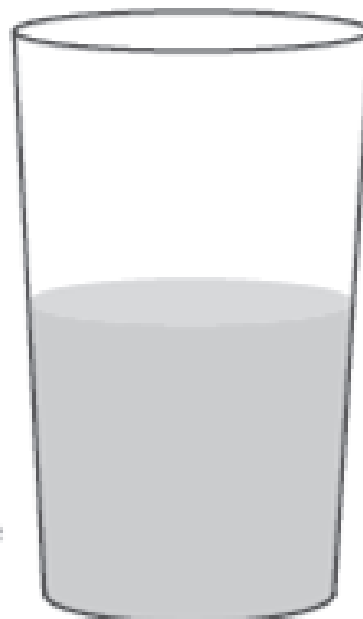


I'm sure you've heard the old saying:

*"A pessimist is one who sees a glass with water at its mid point as half-empty. The optimist sees the same glass as half-full."*

You can have a huge impact in your congregation by looking to sustain a 'Half-Full' approach to life. Here are some examples...

- *Give thanks to God* for the extra noise caused by all the youngsters in church. Celebrate that they feel welcomed in the house of the Lord.
- *Give thanks to God* when it's hard to find a meeting room because so many people are involved in the ministry of your congregation.
- *Give thanks to God* when the church isn't always neat and tidy. Celebrate the fact that your building is being put to use beyond the Sunday morning schedule.
- *Give thanks to God* for the new music you hear in church. Remember, even 'Silent Night' was a 'wacky, new-fangled' song once-upon-a-time.
- *Give thanks to God* when someone sits in your favorite spot. It will give you a new perspective and a chance to welcome a friend in Jesus.



Jim Justman

# a message from THE BISHOP

December 2011



## “Communication”

In Real Estate, it is often said, there are only three things that make a property valuable: “Location ... Location ... Location!”

In congregations the three things that I would advise are these: “Communication ... Communication ... Communication!”

At the heart of conflicts that develop, plans that go awry and relationships that break down, you will find poor to non-existent communication every time. The basic flaw I see is that people assume communication is a simple 2-Step thing.

#1- I Speak. #2-You hear. Voila! Communication happens.

If you and I are serious about communicating in a way that builds for mission, we need to expand our communications to the 10 steps listed below:

### STEP # 1: I THINK AND PRAY

... Personal reflection and conversation with God are the seeds of sound communication.

**STEP #2: I BOUNCE MY IDEAS OFF OTHERS ...** Input from others often strengthens what is good and corrects what is faulty.

**STEP #3: I SPEAK ...** With clarity, patience, love and graciousness.

### STEP #4: YOU HEAR

... Don't argue or plan your response. Listen. Try hard to hear exactly what the other person is saying.

**STEP #5: YOU CLARIFY ...** This is very important. Ask a question or two along the line of: “So you would like for us to begin a Monday night worship service next year?” or “If I heard you correctly, you are upset with me, because I didn't come to the meeting. Is that right?”

**STEP #6: YOU THINK AND PRAY ...** Especially when the information is new, important, difficult to hear, asking for change or offering up a chal-

lenge.

**STEP #7: YOU BOUNCE YOUR RESPONSE OFF OTHERS..** Input from another unbiased person may help you avoid an unnecessary overreaction to the information you have received.

**STEP #8: YOU RESPOND ...** With clarity, patience, love and graciousness.

**STEP #9: WE TALK, .** Being sure to honor one another with our full attention, we are now ready to make things happen. (HINT: Sometime we'll need one or two others to help us talk with one another fairly and peacefully.)

**STEP #10: COMMUNICATION!!!** Maybe 10 steps aren't necessary for every communication in the life of your congregation. I would hope that there would always be more than the 2-Step Method I spoke of in my introduction.

And for big events, broad new missions, tough times and big changes you'd be better off making sure to follow these 10 Steps to the letter every time.



-Jim Justman

# January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 8 am Worship (HC)</b> 9:15 am NO Sunday School & Adult Class <b>10:30 am Worship (HC)</b>	2 8 am TOPS—B 10 am Staff Mtg—L 4:30 pm Batterer's Grp—HR 5:15 pm TOPS—CR 6:15 pm Merrill Busy Bees 4-H—B 6:30 pm Property & Maintenance—L 7 pm Adult Bible Study—L	3 3 pm Karate—B 6:45 TEAM—B 7:30 pm Discipleship—L	4 8:30 am Mission Sewing—B 3:15 pm FROGS—B 4:15 pm Confirmation 7 pm FOCUS—YR	5 3 pm Karate—B 5:30 pm Yoga Class—B	6 No Events Scheduled	7 4:30 pm Worship (HC)
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