

Weekly Word

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CIRCUIT-TO-CONFERENCE VISIT

Members of our companion churches in South Africa will be visiting us for three weeks this summer, from June 25-July 13! Here are some things for us to consider:

5. We need pictures on our bulletin boards. Our guests will want to see what our church looks like at Christmas and Easter and other special events. Pictures of Sunday School, meetings of any kind, choir rehearsal, coffee hour, Lent soup suppers, etc. Would you please share your pictures? Can you take pictures for us?
6. Our guests will want to experience our everyday life; the grocery store, 4th of July events, the shopping mall, your garden, a dairy farm, etc. Most will not be swimmers, but they would enjoy a boat ride (wearing a life preserver).
7. We will need financial support for this wonderful venture. The conference is providing for airfares for a pastor and spouse. There will also be insurance and registration fees for some who will be attending the Global Village Camp.

WE NEED YOU!

Christian Education is currently seeking individuals to do the co-superintendent position for the 2012 - 2013 school years. Christian Ed is also looking for individuals to join the Christian Education committee. They can contact Shannon Cortright or Barb Gremler or leave name and number with the church office.

MISSION SEWING

There will be no Mission Sewing during the month of March. However, Mission Sewing will be taking place starting April 19 and running every Wednesday through the end of May.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

I would like to invite you to join in a new community ministry from Ascension Episcopal Church on 3rd & Pier. It will compliment the Merrill Food Pantry Ministry and it is something everyone can participate in! As you may know, people who receive food stamps can only buy food with those stamps. Yet we all use so much more than food in our daily lives. Much of our grocery store basket contains other things such as soap, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste or tooth brushes, baby diapers, Kleenex, paper towels, personal hygiene products, dishwashing liquid—the list goes on and on. We call these things essentials. We would like to see if, as a community, we could provide some of these things for those who do not have the extra money to buy them. Ascension's young people have decorated some boxes for this project with a list of suggested items attached. You will find the box in the back of the Church. The food pantry has agreed to be responsible for the distribution of these necessities. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity and God bless you!

Deacon Linda Schmidt

CHAIR YOGA

Charmaine Hill is continuing to offer Chair Yoga on Thursdays, starting at 5:30 PM. The cost is a free will offering, a portion of which will be given to Our Saviour's. Stop in and give it a try!

PLANNING MEETING

The next planning meeting for the Companion Visit Planning Team is scheduled for Saturday, February 25,

from 10 am—Noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. We are hoping to set committees for Publicity, Transportation, Raffle, Gatherings and other. Join us and help with the planning as we welcome our sister congregation this summer.

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

(If you have any new information about those whom we include on our prayer list, especially if they are doing better and are no longer in need of a specific prayer for health and healing or anything else, please let the church office know. Thank you!)

Joel Ruprecht

Angie & Katrina Grambort

Delores Blake

Joanne Opsahl

William Burgener

Marian Wegener

Brookelynn

Kathy Szulczewski

Laura Seidlitz Minoldo & Family



IN THE HOSPITAL

As of Friday:

Marshfield—Marian Wegener

WEDDING

We rejoice in the marriage of Jason Johnas & Kacie Booth. Jason & Kacie were joined in marriage on Saturday, February 18, 2012. May the Lord bless their life together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See bulletin board for more details.

Elegant Italian Dinner, 2/25, Bethany Lutheran Church, Aniwa

Lenten Organ Meditations, Wednesdays 3/2-3/30, St. Stephen's, Wausau

Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22
8:00a--Sanctuary (Worship (HC)) 9:15a--Basement (Sunday School) 9:15a--Council Room (Adult Class) 9:15a--Choir Room (Choir) 10:30a--Sanctuary (Worship (HC))	Washington's B-day 8:00a--Basement (TOPS) 10:00a--Office (Staff Meeting) 12:00p--Lounge (Lunch & Learn) 2:00p--Lounge (Worship & Music) 4:30p--Classroom - Hall 2 (Batterer's Group) 5:15p--Classroom-Hall 1 (TOPS-2) 6:30p--Youth Room (Outreach) 7:00p--Lounge (Adult Bible Study) 7:00p--Basement 2 (Dartball)	6:45p--Basement (TEAM) 7:30p--Lounge (Discipleship Group)	7:00a--Offsite (LMM) 11:00a--Sanctuary (Ash Wednesday Worship) 3:15p--Sanctuary (Confirmation) 6:30p--Sanctuary (Ash Wednesday Worship) 7:00p--Youth Room (FOCUS)
Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25	
5:30p--Basement (Yoga)		10:00a--Basement (Planning Meeting-Visiting From Africa) 4:30p--Sanctuary (Worship)	

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Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3	
5:30p--Basement (Yoga)		8:00a--Office (WMTA Auditions) 4:30p--Sanctuary (Worship (HC))	

WELCOME to Our Saviour's. We are glad you have come to join us to give praise and thanks to God, to hear God's word to guide us in love and to receive the Lord's Supper to strengthen us in faith. May you be blessed to be a blessing.

If you are **visiting** us, please sign one of the **Visitor Cards** in the pews and our **guest book**. We invite you to make yourself known to the ushers or Pastor Schaus as we have a **gift of welcome** we would like to share with you. If you are looking for a church family,

we invite you to consider Our Saviour's as your church home. Feel free to talk to the pastor.

"WILLIAMS SOUND SYSTEM" is available from the ushers for those who have hearing impairments.

AUDIO TAPES of last week's service can be found in the narthex after the service or from Pastor Schaus.

Last weeks **FLOWER GIFT** was given by Rudy & Emily Schleif in honor of their 58th Anniversary on February 6.

THE FLOWER GIFT is given by Mary Urban in memory of Eddie Urban. A second gift was given by the family of Allen Osness in memory of his birthday.

Last weeks **Attendance** was 176.

LAST WEEKS OFFERING:

General Offering \$4,968.00

Designated Funds \$1,247.00

SCRIP INFORMATION:

Buyers 23

Sales \$3,530.00

Profits \$146.00

ADULTS

So many events and so little space to describe them! If you have any questions about upcoming events please call, text, e-mail, IM, or visit me! I am happy to help!

Email: youth@oslca.org

Cell: 715-347-3074 (please don't call at 3am just to say hello!)

Find me on Facebook!

Ideas for a fund raiser? Let Jamie know or, even better, volunteer to lead a group for such an event! We have a great group of kids who LOVE to serve and who need to raise a LOT of money for this year's events! We are always up for new ideas and love seeing new faces (of all ages) at youth group!

I am looking for some volunteers to prepare meals for about 15-20 youth Wednesday nights. You do not have to be here to serve the meal, simply drop it off and we will take care of the rest.

Meal ideas: Hot dogs, buns, chips/ Spaghetti/ Sloppy Joes

Please contact Jamie if you are able to assist! Thanks!

We are so grateful for your love and support to the youth program. This program is growing in so many amazing ways because of YOU! Please keep us, as well as OSLC in general, in your continued prayers. You are wonderful examples and role models to these youth.

Youth & Family News

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FROGS will not be meeting during Lent.

Mystery Night Lock in will take place March 9 from 7pm-7am IF AND ONLY IF I have enough volunteers lined up. Ask your parents to take a shift!

Help out with Ash Wednesday services. Usher, Greet, Read, Sing, Play an instrument, Acolyte...be there!

FOCUS meets every Wednesday from 7-9pm

WEBSITE! www.oslca.org: click on the link that says "youth & family" then on the link that says "FOCUS"!

FOCUS will meet after church each Wednesday during Lent.

Join us for dinner at 5 and service at 6:30! Even better, PARTICIPATE in the service! Be the leaders you were called to be. (and even if you don't feel called to be a leader, find someone who is and follow them!)

WHO AM I?

Bob?

Definition in a name book?

Sister, Brother, Mother, Daughter, Son, leader, listener, liar, hypocrite, dancer, singer, artist, student, survivor, friend, helper, employee...

YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD. EMBRACE IT.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS:



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	The transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Exodus 19:7-25	Moses meets God
Tuesday	Job 19:23-27	Job will see God
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	The practice of faith
Thursday	Isaiah 58:1-12	True fasting
Friday	2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:10	Living as Christ's ambassadors
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-17	Have mercy on me, God
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	The temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!" **Mark 9:7 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, Son of God, open our ears and our hearts so that we listen to you. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For every cup and every plateful, to you, O God, we're very grateful. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's light shine in your heart so that you know and listen to Jesus. Amen.



CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were scared. What did you do?
- In Mark 9:2-9 we hear about an amazing experience that Peter, James and John had one day. How do you think you would have reacted?
- God spoke from the cloud and told Jesus' disciples to listen to Jesus. How does listening to Jesus help us when we are scared or fearful?

DEVOTIONS:

If your congregation does not have a worship service, you can observe Ash Wednesday (February 22) in your home. Mark one another with ashes made by burning some paper and crushing it into fine ashes. Then, mix the ashes with a small amount of olive oil. Make the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads as you say these words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn back to God and believe in Jesus, your Savior.

SERVICE:

Make this week "secret service" week in your home. Put your household member's names in a hat and have each person draw out someone else's name. They are to do some form of "secret service" for that person during the week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

This week, Lent begins! Begin your household preparations by observing Shrove Tuesday (February 21). The name "shrove" comes from the practice of being "shriven" – going to church, confessing your sins and being forgiven – before the start of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also sometimes known as Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Here are some ideas for Shrove Tuesday:

- Have a pancake breakfast or dinner. As you eat, talk about what Jesus gave up for our sake, and what you might wish to give up for Lent to help you prepare spiritually for Holy Week.
- Have a household party with special dessert foods, party hats and an "Alleluia" sign. Prepare a box, covered with purple paper and a foil cross on top. Eat your meal, sing a party song, and welcome in Lent with noisemakers. At the end of the meal, "bury" the noisemakers and the "Alleluia" sign in the box. Open the box again on Easter Sunday.