



**Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church**

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Merrill, WI 54452

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Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday -
Friday, 9:00-4:00.

Scrip is available during
these times.

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Staff

Pastor:

Reverend Patricia Schutz

Office Secretary:

Carla Weisenfeld

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Tim Ruprecht

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

Musings from the Pastor

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!
(Refrain from "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen, ELW 377)*

Resurrection. Regathering in-person for worship. Resurrection.

There will be time to talk about the ways God has been with us the last 12 months and the direction God might be leading us next. For now, though, may we simply rejoice that Jesus is alive and makes us more alive than ever before, with him, in the power and mystery of the Resurrection.

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Shalom, Pastor Pat

Regathering For Worship

In-person worship will resume the weekend of March 27 & 28 at the regular worship times; Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. WooHoo!

Sunday morning services will continue to be livestreamed and later posted on the church YouTube channel and our website.

The following precautions will be followed for in-person worship:

- Maximum of 50 people in attendance. Seating will observe safe distancing.
- Call the office in advance to sign up for worship or fill out the sign-up form on our website, oscelca.org.
- Masks required.
- No congregational singing at this time.
- After worship, take conversations outside or downstairs.
- Length of service will be around 45 min.

As the vaccination rate for Lincoln County increases and if the number of Covid cases stays low, we can gradually increase the number of people we can seat. Hopefully congregational singing is not too far off.

Financial Report 2021

<u>Month of February 2021</u>		<u>TOTAL Jan – February 2021</u>	
INCOME	\$ 19,202.48	INCOME	\$ 42,150.35
EXPENSES	\$ 18,413.02	EXPENSES	\$ 34,565.29
NET	\$ 789.46	NET	\$ 7,585.06

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 27 & 28, Palm Sunday weekend: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.

April 1, Maundy Thursday: 6:15 p.m.

April 2, Good Friday: 11:00 a.m., 6:16 p.m.

April 4, Easter Gospel and Holy Communion: 7:30 a.m. (In person only)

April 4, Easter: 9 a.m.

****Please remember to call the church in advance, or sign up on our website, if you plan to attend in person. The 9:00 Sunday morning and 6:15 services will also be Live streamed and on the YouTube channel.**

Early Morning Easter Worship at the Tomb

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, the women went to the tomb. The first Easter morning began in the quietness of dawn. This year there will be a 7:30 a.m. Easter morning worship, simple, brimming with the good news of the Resurrection. It will be in person only, no livestream. Because of limited seating, please sign up for one Easter service.

Annual Meeting Notice

The annual congregational meeting for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. This will be a business meeting only; no meal will be served.

Flowers For Worship

Easter: This year we invite you to purchase Easter flowers locally on your own and bring them to the church on Good Friday during office hours or on Saturday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. You can also order flowers and asked to have them delivered same dates and times.

Weekends: If you would like to donate flowers for a specific weekend, please call the office. The cost per weekend is \$35.

Network - Paper or Email or Website

We are offering the option to have this Network emailed instead of receiving a paper copy.

Please email Office@OSLCELCA.org, include your name and the email address you would like it sent to and we will change your copy to an email version. If you prefer both, let us know and we can send you both. If you prefer to read it on the website, let us know that as well.

Highway Cleanup

It's good for your heart! It's good for your lungs! It's good for the earth! And when it's done, It's a feast for the eyes!

It's the Spring Highway Cleanup along Highway Q. Mark your calendars and plan to join us on **April 17** starting at 10:00 until we are done, (rain date of May 1). If anyone wants to help with the cleanup let the office know. Vests and garbage bags provided, meet on the corner of Q and Joe Snow Road. Many hands make light work.

Sharpies, Masks and Snacks!

It's an Our Saviour's tradition! Every Lenten season, the Outreach Team asks you to give up a little pocket change to make a significant change in the Merrill community. This year the request is for you to unpocket whatever change you can to purchase items in constant need at MAC Home, Merrill's Homeless Center:

Black Sharpie pens, fine or ultrafine Disposable masks Nonperishable, single-serving snacks, such as granola bars, fruit cups, or pudding cups

Please bring donations to church (M, W, F from 9-4). The collection will run through Easter. Collection target: 50 of each item! Thank you for your generosity!

Church Softball

If you are interested in joining the Our Saviour's / First Presbyterian Church softball team, contact Donna Matthiae 715-218-3240 and she can give you all the information.

Sunday School's A-Comin'

The Sunday School staff is delighted to announce that Sunday School will begin in person — HOORAY! — on **Sunday, APRIL 11**. Don't stop reading yet! There's a time change! Because worship will be over at 9:45, we will have class from **10:00 - 10:45** for the remainder of this school year. OH! One more thing: We will meet **in the basement**, which will allow for social distancing. Don't miss a weekend—we've missed you way too long!

Pictured is Ava Arseneau working on her Easter Sunday School project.



Finance Committee Report

Our congregational finances continue to be in good condition. THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed in support of our ministry. Income and expenses have been nearly identical to last year, through February. We have stayed “in the black” and have a healthy checkbook balance. We have submitted the paperwork to have our PPP loan forgiven and expect that to be approved. (The loan was to cover payroll and utility expenses as provided under the pandemic relief legislation in 2020.) We have recommended expenditures to upgrade our computers and the security system including adding entry keypads to select doors.

We received a payment from Church Mutual Insurance to settle our claim for losses from the Scrip program. Our limit for such loss is \$25,000 and that is what we received.

The committee has reviewed and adjusted procedures for handling Scrip cards and our oversight of the program. Cards are inventoried by 2 people monthly and signed off as accurate. We have revised the reports we receive from the treasurer and they will be done monthly. We have also changed procedures for committee use of cards for church expenses.

Scrip card sales were understandably down last year because of the pandemic. We had 56 members who purchased scrip in 2020 before the pandemic started. Throughout the pandemic, 20 members continued to purchase Scrip. The total sales in 2020 generated a profit of \$3,607.93 for the church. Your use of Scrip cards for everyday purchases or for gifts will help us meet our financial needs. Please consider buying Scrip cards regularly. We have reduced the number and variety of cards kept in inventory, but many additional store cards are available for special order. We received \$92.98 from 3 local businesses (Courtside Furniture, Miller's and Central Carpet) who donate a portion of your purchases at their stores. Just tell them to credit Our Saviour's. Contact the church office for more information.

We are pleased to announce that we now have online giving available on the church's website OSLCELCA.ORG. Look for the **GIVE** tab. You will find several categories to designate how your contribution is to be applied. You can make ongoing contributions or a one-time gift. We plan to add credit/debit card payment options in the near future. These options are in addition to the Simply Giving program we have used for years, which is also administered by Vanco. We have been holding our meetings on Zoom for the past year and like all of you, we look forward to gathering in person very soon. Stay safe and thank GOD for effective vaccines!

Authorization Form - Automated Giving

Name of the organization: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Address: 300 Logan Merrill, WI 54452

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE						
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____ Type of authorization: <table style="width: 100%; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> New authorization</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			<input type="checkbox"/> New authorization	<input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount	<input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date	<input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information	<input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation	
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If using a checking account, please attach a voided check here:

April 2021 – Birthday

Rebecca Koss	Apr 1
Tianna Moessner	Apr 3
Debbie Laak	Apr 4
Jared Semling	Apr 4
Bryce Jirovec	Apr 6
Catherine Murray	Apr 6
Bob Oestreich	Apr 6
Mitchell Jaeger	Apr 8
Larissa Ollmann	Apr 8
Tom Lindquist	Apr 9
Miranda Kopetzky	Apr 12
Todd Steffen	Apr 12
Nicole Krause	Apr 14
Lindy Lindquist	Apr 15
Scott Buttke	Apr 16
Kristine Bebel	Apr 17
Logan Gibson	Apr 17
Levon Van Der Geest	Apr 17
Arlene Bagley	Apr 18
Zachary Lusher	Apr 18
Steve Strasman	Apr 18
Connor Cortright	Apr 21
Amari Patton	Apr 22
Domnic Zattera	Apr 22
Helen Schlinkert	Apr 23
Lana Strasman	Apr 23
Maxine Tlusty	Apr 23
Taleigh Fox	Apr 24
Dorwin Harris	Apr 24
Dona Leitzke	Apr 24
Kathi Peterson	Apr 24
Carol Hanson	Apr 25

Ruth Lindstrom	Apr 26
Hunter Rhode	Apr 26
Kristopher Becker	Apr 27
Alfred Elliott	Apr 27
Barry Schleif	Apr 27
Tyson Evans-Beyer	Apr 29
Aaron Jaeger	Apr 29
Mason Smith	Apr 29
Eric Koss	Apr 30

April 2021 – Anniversary

Larry & Mardell Johnson	Apr 20
Pete and Karla Lokemoen	Apr 24
Ryan and Heather Niede	Apr 26
Sierra and Floyd Smith	Apr 27
Gary and Donna Dietrich	Apr 28
Tom and Sheryl Knospe	Apr 29



This list contains all members of Our Saviour's that we have Birthday and Anniversary information.

If the names or dates are incorrect, or if we are missing information about someone's special day, please let Carla in the office know and we will update our records.

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April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday 8:30a Mission Sewing 6:15p Maundy Thursday Worship (HC) 6:30p NA Meeting	2 Good Friday 11:00a Good Friday Worship 1:00p Good Friday Worship - First Presbyterian 6:15p Good Friday Worship	3 9:00a AA Meeting
4 Easter 9:00a Worship (HC) 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	5 1:00p Miriam Circle 6:00p Property & Maintenance 6:00p Boy Scouts 599	6 6:00p Worship & Music	7 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade 7:00p Confirmation 9th Grade	8 8:30a Mission Sewing 1:00p Ruth Circle 6:30p Christian Ed 6:30p NA Meeting	9	10 9:00a AA Meeting 4:00p Worship (HC)
11 9:00a Worship (HC) 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	12 10:15a Esther Circle 6:00p Boy Scouts 599	13 6:00p Finance	14 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade 7:00p Confirmation 9th Grade	15 8:30a Mission Sewing 9:30a Fill the Gazebo Planning Meeting 6:30p NA Meeting	16	17 9:00a AA Meeting 10:00a Highway Cleanup 4:00p Worship (HC)
18 9:00a Worship (HC) 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	19 6:00p Boy Scouts 599 6:15p Outreach	20	21 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade 7:00p Confirmation 9th Grade	22 8:30a Mission Sewing 6:30p NA Meeting	23	24 9:00a AA Meeting 4:00p Worship (HC)
25 9:00a Worship (HC) 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	26 6:30a Meeting	27 6:00p Council	28 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade 7:00p Confirmation 9th Grade	29 8:30a Mission Sewing 6:30p NA Meeting	30	

Our Saviour's Scrip Order Form

Name _____

Date _____

ON HAND

Qty Total

GROCERIES

Cty Market - 5%	\$25		
Cty Market - 5%	\$50		
Cty Market - 5%	\$100		

RESTAURANTS

2510 - 7%	\$15		
Arby's - 8%	\$10		
Chips - 10%	\$5		
Clark's Cup N Cone- 10%	\$10		
Club 64 - 5%	\$10		
Culver's - 5%	\$10		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$10		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$20		
1st St. Coffee - 5%	\$5		
Friendship House - 10%	\$10		
Hardees - 5%	\$10		
Los Mezcales - 15%	\$10		
McDonald's - 5%	\$5		
McDonald's - 5%	\$10		
Pizza Hut - 8%	\$10		
Studio 808 - 10%	\$5		
Taco Bell - 5%	\$10		

FUEL

Kwik Trip - 9%	\$25		
Kwik Trip - 9%	\$50		
Kwik Trip - 9%	\$100		

MISCELLANEOUS

Cosmo Child/Sr- 10%	\$5		
Cosmo Adult - 10%	\$8		
Fleet Farm - 5%	\$25		
Fleet Farm - 5%	\$50	<i>Not Available</i>	
Hallmark - 4%	\$25		
Kohl's - 4%	\$25		
Walgreens - 5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$50		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$100		

SPECIAL ORDER LIST

Qty Total

**Other stores also be available - ask seller for details*

Most popular special orders - many others also

RESTAURANTS

Applebee's - 8%	\$25		
Chipotle - 10%	\$10		
Tex Roadhouse - 8%	\$25		

CLOTHING

Am. Eagle - 9%	\$25		
Gap/Old Navy - 14%	\$25		
Macy's - 10%	\$25		
TJ Maxx - 7%	\$25		

MISCELLANEOUS

Barnes & Noble - 8%	\$10/25		
Bath N' Body Works- 12%	\$25		
Bed/Bath/Beyond - 7%	\$25		
Best Buy - 4%	\$25/100		
Joanne Fabrics - 6%	\$25		
Home Depot - 4%	\$25/100		
Menard's - 3%	\$25/100		
Michael's - 4%	\$25		
Office Max - 5%	\$25		
Target - 2.5%	\$25		

The following stores offer a check to Our Saviour's:

Courtside Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Miller Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Central Carpet - 5% up to \$2000 (No installation or other discounts)

Hargrave Appliances - 3% (No Credit Card Purchases)

VIP & Merrill Radio Shack - 3% (No Credit Card Purchase)

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Check Amount _____

Cash Amount _____

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Regathering March 27 & 28!
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Newsletter

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