



**Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church**

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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

Custodian:

Tim Ruprecht

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

Musings from the Pastor

In returning and rest you shall be saved. In quietness and trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30:15

The word "tithe" comes from an ancient custom of giving a tenth of one's yearly income to some holy use. The tithe doesn't come from what's left over after all the bills have been paid, but is taken right off the top, before anything else. We return to God what God has first given us.

Lent is 40 days, roughly one tenth of a year. In Lent, we offer to God a tithe of our time, remembering that all time belongs to the One who created time in the beginning. To follow tradition means to give God quality time, not just what's left over after we've attended to the many things that have demands on the hours and minutes of our day. However, Covid restrictions have placed new burdens on our time and patterns of living. Stress and anxiety levels have increased dramatically and it may seem like any time we have for God in prayer, meditation, worship, is not our "best" time because we are not at our best.

God sees and knows our struggles, our grief at the many losses we've experienced, our weariness. Especially now God keeps nudging us toward God, keeps reminding us to give ourselves grace and that God will make more of our prayers and laments and yes, praise, than we ourselves can. We are called to seek God's wisdom and direction to change our hearts and guide our lives so that we make ethical decisions for justice and peace, bring about change in ourselves and society so that the needs of the poor are served. Some days we're going to be able to do that better than others.

The Holy Spirit helps us to keep on keeping on, and to know when to rest. Only have 5 minutes for prayer today? God will take it! Is all you have for God "why" questions? God will take them! Are you too tired for any time or words at all? God hears the silent concerns and cries of your heart and will refresh you.

Hang on, dear ones. The One who raised Jesus from the dead, does not leave us in our brokenness, but re-turns us to God's self, revives us with the Spirit of the crucified and risen Christ, turns us around, and sends us out to love our hurting world. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Shalom, Pastor Pat

Financial Report 2021

<u>Month of January 2021</u>		<u>TOTAL Jan – January 2021</u>	
INCOME	\$ 20,092.00	INCOME	\$ 253,200.02
Scrip Use	\$	Scrip Use	\$ 1,535.48
TRANSFER		TRANSFERS	
EXPENSES	<u>\$ 15,877.59</u>	EXPENSES	<u>\$ 182,352.15</u>
NET	\$ 4,214.41	NET	\$ 72,483.35

Turning

I want
to remember
to kneel on damp earth
in the early morning,
tarry long enough
for repentance
to take hold in the dust
of my flesh,
where broken words and ways
have wounded others,
myself, and you, O Jesus.
Here in this pause, merciful
Holy One,
pierce
my arrogance,
bleed
humility
free.

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Regathering for Worship

The church council has set a target date of April 10 & 11 to regather inside the church for worship with all Covid precautions in place. Lincoln County has had steadily declining Covid cases and we are optimistic that this trend will continue. Council will review this decision at their March meeting. More details will be in the next newsletter that will be mailed out before Holy Week at the end of March. While we're excited about resuming in person worship and feel relief that Covid numbers are low, now is not the time to ease up on wearing a mask, social distancing, avoiding time spent with people we don't live with, unnecessary travel and the like. Let's do all we can to keep the numbers dropping and our spirits lifting!

Easter Flowers

Even though we will not worship in person for Easter worship, it would be wonderful to have a variety of flowers to decorate the altar area for our livestream. The worship committee invites all who are interested to purchase flowers locally and bring them to the church on Saturday, April 3, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. You can also order flowers and asked to have them delivered, same date and time.

Wednesday Lenten Worship

Don't forget! Vespers will be livestreamed on Facebook at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday, March 3-24. Our Lenten theme is *Perfect Love Casts Out Fear*. Services are about 30 min. All are invited to this time of prayer, scripture reading, meditation and song.

Holy Week and Easter

We will have livestream worship Maundy Thursday (April 1), Good Friday (April 2) and Easter morning (April 4). Exact details will be in the next newsletter that will be sent before Holy Week.

Holy Communion to-go

For those not able to access our online worship services, pre-packaged Holy Communion will be available for pick-up during office hours on March 8, 10, 12 and March 22, 24, 26. If you need it delivered to your home, we're happy to do that! Just call the office or Pr. Pat and we'll arrange for delivery.

Thank You Marlene Graap!

Marlene Graap, long time church Treasurer, retired on January 31, 2021. We are so very grateful for her dedication and faithful service to OSLC in this position and will celebrate her retirement when we are safely able to gather. Church Council has hired Carla Weisenfeld to fill this part-time position as Treasurer. We offer prayers of thanksgiving for Marlene and prayers for Carla as she learns her new responsibilities.

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 point

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), ring the doorbell, and Carla will take it from there. The collection will run until Easter. Collection target: 50 of each item! Thank you for your generosity!



Quilters Update

They have packed 40 quilts and have donated three to the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach for local use.

Please donate used blankets, sheets, mattress pads, and fabrics to our mission.

Drop items off at church or call Kathi P (536-9324) for pickup.



Memorials Received in January and February

In Memory of Fred Pester from:
Carol Pester

In Memory of David Lee from:
John & Joyce Lee

In Memory of Marion Anderson from:
Betty Latzig

In Memory of Al Elliott from:
Rich & Elayne Ollmann
Joe & Marlene Thomaschefskey

In Memory of Arlette Gruetzmacher from:
Betty Latzig

Marie Rein
Dave & Carol Finanger
Shirley Engel

In Memory of Roger Schmidt from:
Rich & Elayne Ollmann
John & Sharon Burgener
Marie Rein
Carol Engebretson
Stephen & Linda Blake
Betty Latzig
Larry & Bea Lebal
Greg, Julie & Vanya Thorson

Dennis & Doloris Blake
Larry & Bea Lebal
Betty Latzig
Carol Pester

In Memory of Gerrit Van der Geest from:
Betty Latzig

In memory of parents Dave & Jean Osness from:
Greg, Julie & Vanya Thorson



New Online Giving

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support Our Saviour's. By giving electronically, you can give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.

Get started today! Visit our Give page to set up your online contribution at oslcelca.org. Contact Carla in the office if you have any questions. If you do not have internet and want to set up Automated Giving, call the office, and Carla will help you get set up or fill out the Automated Giving form and drop it off at church or send it in and we will get it set up for you.

Thank you for all you do to support our mission throughout the year.

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						
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If using a checking account, please attach a voided check here:

March 2021 – Birthday

Isabele Latzig	1-Mar
Carol Bork	2-Mar
Lorri Weix	2-Mar
Rosalie Allen	3-Mar
Lee Ann Lindquist	5-Mar
Eli Lofink	5-Mar
Elayne Ollmann	5-Mar
Kaiden Ratzlaff	5-Mar
Jennifer Blum	7-Mar
Dave Johnson	7-Mar
Eleya Peterson	7-Mar
Owen Thomas	8-Mar
Shannon Murray	9-Mar
Judy Pagel	10-Mar
Diane Peterson	10-Mar
Lakeyn Rhode	14-Mar
Kaylee Rajek	15-Mar
Julie Williams	15-Mar
Gracey Busterud	16-Mar
Emily Dinges	16-Mar
Jackson Severt	16-Mar
Karen Schleif	17-Mar
Laurel Stine	17-Mar
Mary Fischer	18-Mar
Dennis Fox	19-Mar
Brooklyn Johnas	22-Mar
Kelci Peterson	23-Mar
Brennon Trumblay	23-Mar
Janet Beyer	24-Mar
Brayton Brown	24-Mar
Mike Jirovec	24-Mar
Alyvia Grawien	26-Mar

Renee Johnson	26-Mar
Alyssa Kufahl	26-Mar
Heather Hooch	27-Mar
Joan Niede	28-Mar
Ryan Coates	29-Mar
Felicity Tessmer	29-Mar
Liana Diestelhorst	30-Mar
Loni Osness	30-Mar
Michelle Osness	30-Mar
Dan Szulczewski	31-Mar



March 2021 – Anniversary

Dan and Jean Bowen	7-Mar
Darlene and Arnold Mathis Jr	8-Mar
Greg and Julie Thorson	16-Mar

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.

Our Saviour`s Lutheran Church

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00p Miriam Circle 6:00p Property & Maintenance	2 6:00p Worship & Music	3 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade @ Church 6:15p Lenten Worship - Online 7:00p Confirmation 9th Grade	4 8:30a Mission Sewing 6:30p NA Meeting	5	6 9:00a AA Meeting
7 9:00a Worship Online 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	8 9:00a Communion Pickup 6:00p Boy Scouts 599	9 6:00p Finance	10 9:00a Communion Pickup 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade @ Church 6:15p Lenten Worship - Online 7:00p Confirmation 9th Grade	11 8:30a Mission Sewing 1:00p Ruth Circle 6:30p Christian Ed 6:30p NA Meeting	12 9:00a Communion Pickup	13 9:00a AA Meeting
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28 9:00a Worship Online 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	29	30	31			

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	<i>Not Available</i>	
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)

Check # _____

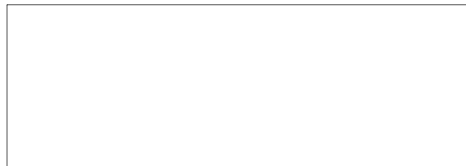
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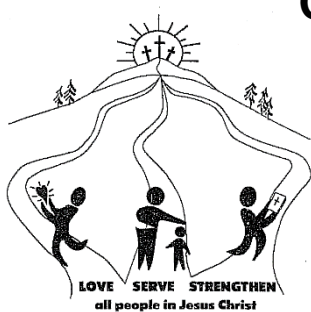
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