



**Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church**

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**Staff**

**Pastor:**

**Director of Youth &  
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Katy Bailey

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Carla Weisenfeld

**Custodian:**

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*Network articles are due  
on or before the 20<sup>th</sup>  
of the month*

**Pastor's Musings**

Good byes in my family are never easy. Often, we stand by the door or by the car and continue talking long after first moves have been made to depart. My leaving you is bittersweet as you have yet to call a settled Pastor. You are still 'at sea', although the shoreline is visible. I've said it before, and I'll say it again. God has someone in mind for this congregation. Pray for that individual and that God provides a shepherd who will lead you into your future.

As the apostle Paul often closed his letters, I leave you with this: My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you. Not what the world gives but a peace from Christ that passes all understanding. Stand firm in faith, open your hearts and minds to what is good, right and true, and remember, God's got this! Trust in our Lord in all things.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Kathy*

**Financial Report 2023**

**Month of Jan 2023**

Income	\$ 23,660.44
Expenses	\$ 26,064.88
Net Loss	(\$ 2,404.44)

**TOTAL Jan – Jan 2023**

Income	\$ 23,660.44
Expenses	\$ 26,064.88
Net Loss	(\$ 2,404.44)

**In case of Emergency:**

Pastor Kathy's last day at Our Saviour's is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Following this day, any questions or emergencies should be directed to Greg Latzig, Angela Bailey, or by calling the church office 715-536-5813 and leaving a message on the answering machine.

## **YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS**

### **Confirmation & Lenten Services**

During the season of Lent, there will be no 3:30 classes after school. Students and parents are encouraged to attend all Lent services at 6pm! Confirmation students should be working on their lent journals. They will meet after the services for 10-15 minutes to discuss the service and their journal assignment with Katy.

### **Family Worship**

Join us for Family Worship on Sunday March 5th at 9am! All ages of children can participate in the service. The children's message is elongated and more in depth on family worship services as the service is especially for families. Children and youth can participate as acolytes, ushers, readers and more.

### **Our Saviour's Kids**

Join us for Our Savior's Kids during the 9am Sunday worship services on March 12th, 19th and 26th.

### **Sunday Youth Group**

We will have youth group on Sundays from 3:30-5:30pm! Youth group students are also encouraged to attend Lenten services with their parents during lent.

### **Easter Breakfast Sign Up's**

Easter is earlier this year Sunday April 9th, please look out for the Easter Breakfast sign-up sheets, they will be on the large table on the way to the sanctuary! We will need several donations to make our Easter Breakfast possible! Adults in the congregation are invited to help by donating food items such as ham, eggs, coffee cakes and more! We need these items to be brought to the church by noon on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>. That evening the youth will be setting up and preparing for the cooking that will happen on Easter Sunday Morning. The confirmation students get to dye hard boiled eggs that will be used as center pieces and can be eaten as well! What a wonderful way to be able to come together in fellowship with one another to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Please also note that there will be a free will donation to support the youth. We are inviting you to come to Easter Breakfast on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> to meet our youth, for them to meet you and to enjoy a delicious meal together! There will be breakfast between the services on Easter Morning! We hope to see you there and we can't wait!

### **Where can I find more upcoming happenings for youth and families at OSLC?**

Please look to the weekly word, that is sent out via mail chimp each week as well as it is available by paper copy for more activities that are going on!

### Overflow Panels

We would like to offer the former overflow wall panels for free through the church office to be picked up by March 31, 2023. Interested persons are responsible for moving and transport.

### Scrip

We have **exciting news**; Scrip will be available for purchase on the first Sunday of the month.

We will do more Sundays if the demand is there. We want to thank Shirley E. for stepping up to sell. She has a couple people who have agreed to help her, but there is still room for more helpers, let Shirley or the office know, and we will add you to the list.

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Members of Thrivent did you know that you can have your Thrivent Choice Dollars designated to Our Saviour's? We have a number of members who already help by designating to the Church. In 2023 so far, we received \$323.00. This is a great start to the new year as a way to help with the finances for our church.

### Worship for Lent

Beginning the weekend of March 4/5, Holy Communion with a rostered leader presiding will take place at one service per weekend. Non-communion worship will be abbreviated. Many thanks to lay leadership for stepping up and leading for non-communion worship and for Lenten Wednesday.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The time for Good Friday services are different this year to accommodate the schedule of our visiting Pastor. Please check the weekly Word to know what service will include Holy Communion on a given weekend.

Wednesday worship will take place 11am and 6pm weekly and will be lay led.

Maundy Thursday worship 6pm  
Good Friday worship 3pm and 6pm  
Easter Sunday worship 9am and 10:30am

### The Life of a Faithful Steward

As faithful Christians, at some point we have heard the term *stewardship* and have some idea what it means. Typically, the first thought we have is that it means tithing (an Old Testament term for giving 10% of our first fruits back to God for God's use) or relates to our finances. This is definitely part of the definition, but it's not the entire story. Good stewards are those who carefully manage what God gives us as we serve God, serve others, provide for those in need either financially or with your time and skill. Faithful stewards are living out their godly purpose in life. Recognizing all God has done for us, we *delight* in giving. It is a natural even joyous outcome of God's grace. A steward is someone who manages a property that is owned by another. A good lesson on stewardship is found in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25: 14-46).

Over the past weeks we have discussed:

- Serve God (Feb 3)
- Serve Others (Feb 10)
- Provide for those in need financially (Feb 17)
- Provide for those in need with your time or skill (Feb 24)

The following is the final component of our stewardship series.



### To Serve Your Purpose

Most of us want to find our purpose and know why we're here on this planet and I think the best way to find your purpose is by serving with intention. Good stewardship can lead to benefits in all areas of your life. It helps those around you, strengthens your relationship with God and helps us along the way.

### **Monday Evening Bible Study**

The Bible study will continue the discussion of Proverb's. You can join the group at any time, no prior attendance is required. They meet every Monday evening at 7:15 in the Lounge.

### **Miriam Circle**

The Miriam Circle will meet at the Church for Bible study and Fellowship. The next session is March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the lounge. We welcome YOU!

### **MFD Basic Lifesaving Skills Demonstration**

Saturday, March 11

9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

The Merrill Fire Department will be offering a Basic Lifesaving Skills demonstration for the Merrill community on Saturday, March 11, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 300 Logan Street across from Prairie River Middle School. There will be a demonstration of CPR, Automated External Defibrillator (AED), Heimlich Maneuver, and Stop the Bleed, as time allows. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. No registration is required. Come join us for a demonstration of basic skills that could save a life!

### ***Did You Know.....***

- *Daylight Saving time starts Sunday March 12*
- *Kathleen Nutter has moved near Milwaukee.*
- *Jerry and Anne Wick have moved to Wausau.*
- *The MSP (Ministry Site Profile) is written and was sent to the Synod for review.*
- *Church committees are supplying treats and coffee in the lounge each week after Sunday services.*
- *Outreach is planning a Diaper Closet at Our Saviour's to help new mothers in need. They are looking for people interested in helping.*
- *Laurie Smith has joined Council.*
- *Council officers are:*
  - o *President-Greg Latzig;*
  - o *Vice-President-Angela Bailey;*
  - o *Secretary-Aimee Pederson*

If you have information to share with your church family, please contact the office.

## Mar 2023 – Birthday

Isabele Latzig	Mar 1
Carol Bork	Mar 2
Lorri Weix	Mar 2
Josh Ford	Mar 2
Daniel Kleinschmidt	Mar 2
Kristin Van Der Geest	Mar 2
Rosalie Allen	Mar 3
Cherish Brown	Mar 3
Tyler Maschke	Mar 3
Ron Ward	Mar 3
Lee Ann Lindquist	Mar 5
Eli Lofink	Mar 5
Elayne Ollmann	Mar 5
Kaiden Ratzlaff	Mar 5
Jeanette Krause	Mar 5
Jake Marvin	Mar 5
Ryan Noland	Mar 6
Jennifer Blum	Mar 7
Dave Johnson	Mar 7
Eleya Peterson	Mar 7
Nicola Buck	Mar 7
Justin Osness	Mar 7
Savannah Severt	Mar 8
Owen Thomas	Mar 8
Shannon Murray	Mar 9
Judy Pagel	Mar 10
Diane Peterson	Mar 10
Andy Tomaszewski	Mar 10
James Leskey	Mar 11
Brookelynn McCumber	Mar 12
William Ollhoff	Mar 13
Lakeyn Rhode	Mar 14
Kaylee Rajek	Mar 15

Linda Hattlestad	Mar 15
Derek Lemerande	Mar 15
Julie Williams	Mar 15
Gracey Busterud	Mar 16
Emily Dinges	Mar 16
Jackson Severt	Mar 16
Julie Baumann	Mar 16
Krista Hinz	Mar 16
Karen Schleif	Mar 17
Laurel Stine	Mar 17
Cheri Hornischer	Mar 17
Paige Luedtke	Mar 17
Mary Fischer	Mar 18
Raymond Lau	Mar 18
Austin Smith	Mar 18
Dennis Fox	Mar 19
Jacquelyn Estrada	Mar 19
Kristina Lofink	Mar 19
Victoria Ollhoff	Mar 19
Stacy Leyk	Mar 20
Reggie Smith	Mar 20
Melissa Butler	Mar 21
Karen Olson	Mar 21
Gary Osness	Mar 21
Amalia Wegner	Mar 21
Brooklyn Johnas	Mar 22
Joe Haring	Mar 23
Kelci Peterson	Mar 23
Brennon Trumblay	Mar 23
Janet Beyer	Mar 24
Brayton Brown	Mar 24
Mike Jirovec	Mar 24
DuWayne Hanneman	Mar 24
Morgen Severt	Mar 25
Renee Johnson	Mar 26

Alyssa Kufahl	Mar 26
Jeremiah Boehm	Mar 26
Deborah Boyce	Mar 26
Kristina Gabler	Mar 26
Alyvia Grawien	Mar 26
Heather Hooch	Mar 27
Amy Kuhn	Mar 27
Jim Lokemoen	Mar 27
Sara Seubert	Mar 27
Joan Niede	Mar 28
Darcy Lemke	Mar 28
Don Olson	Mar 28
Ransey Osness	Mar 28
Ryan Coates	Mar 29
Felicity Tessmer	Mar 29
Eric Williams	Mar 29
Loni Osness	Mar 30
Michelle Osness	Mar 30
Corey Fox	Mar 30
Crystal Pinard	Mar 30
Dave Tordsen	Mar 30

*If the names or dates are incorrect, or if we are missing information let the office know.*



## Mar 2023 – Anniversary

Mary Koss and Sean Binkerton	Mar 1
Eugene and Gloria Bondioli	Mar 3
Dan and Jean Bowen	Mar 7
Darlene and Arnold Mathis, Jr	Mar 8
Greg and Julie Thorson	Mar 16
Keith and Kim Woellner	Mar 17
Dale and Carolyn Meyers	Mar 18
Carol and Robert Kienbaum	Mar 19
Glen and Elle Patterson	Mar 26
Joshua and Rebecca Burgener	Mar 27

# Our Saviour's Scrip Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ON HAND

Qty    Total

### GROCERIES

County Market - 3%	\$25		
County Market - 3%	\$50		
County Market - 3%	\$100		

### RESTAURANTS

Arby's - 8%	\$10		
Chips - 10%	\$5		
Clark's Cup N Cone- 10%	\$10		
Culver's - 5%	\$10		
Culver's - 5%	\$25		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$10		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$20		
1st St. Coffee - 5%	\$5		
1st St. Coffee - 5%	\$10		
Hardee's - 5%	\$10		
Los Mezcales - 15%	\$10		
McDonald's - 5%	\$5		
McDonald's - 5%	\$10		
Pizza Hut - 8%	\$10		
Taco Bell - 5%	\$10		

### FUEL

Kwik Trip - 4%	\$25		
Kwik Trip - 4%	\$50		
Kwik Trip - 4%	\$100		

### MISCELLANEOUS

Cosmo Child/Sr- 10%	\$5		
Cosmo Adult - 10%	\$8		
Fleet Farm - 3.5%	\$25		
Kohl's - 4%	\$25		
Menards - 3%	\$25		
Walgreens - 5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$50		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$100		

## SPECIAL ORDER LIST    \$ Amt    Qty    Total

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


*Most popular special orders - many others also*

### RESTAURANTS

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		
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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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**March 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 11:00a Lenten Worship 6:00p Lenten Worship 7:00p Confirmation 6-8 Grade	<b>2</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing	<b>3</b> 9:00a WMTA Piano Auditions Setup	<b>4</b> 6:15a WMTA Piano Auditions 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship
<b>5</b> 9:00a Family Worship (HC) 3:30p Youth Group	<b>6</b> 8:00a TOPs 1:00p Miriam Circle 6:00p Busy Bees 4-H 6:00p Property & Maintenance 7:15p Bible Study	<b>7</b> 1:00p Staff Meeting 4:30p Worship & Music 5:00p Outreach	<b>8</b> 11:00a Lenten Worship 6:00p Lenten Worship 7:00p Confirmation 6-8 Grade	<b>9</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 11:00a Bell Tower Worship 1:00p Ruth Circle 6:30p Christian Ed	<b>10</b> 9:00a Church Mutual Building Use	<b>11</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 9:30a CPR - AED Demo 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>12</b> 9:00a Worship 9:20a Our Saviour's Kid's 10:45a Pinecrest Worship 3:30p Youth Group	<b>13</b> 8:00a TOPs 10:15a Esther Circle 6:00p Youth & Family 7:15p Bible Study	<b>14</b> 1:00p Staff Meeting 6:00p Finance	<b>15</b> 11:00a Lenten Worship 6:00p Lenten Worship 7:00p Confirmation 6-8 Grade	<b>16</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship
<b>19</b> 9:00a Worship (HC) 9:20a Our Saviour's Kid's 3:30p Youth Group	<b>20</b> 8:00a TOPs 7:15p Bible Study	<b>21</b> 1:00p Staff Meeting 6:00p Council	<b>22</b> 11:00a Lenten Worship 6:00p Lenten Worship 7:00p Confirmation 6-8 Grade	<b>23</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>26</b> 9:00a Worship 9:20a Our Saviour's Kid's 3:30p Youth Group	<b>27</b> 8:00a TOPs 7:15p Bible Study	<b>28</b> 1:00p Staff Meeting	<b>29</b> 11:00a Lenten Worship 6:00p Lenten Worship 7:00p Confirmation 6-8 Grade	<b>30</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing	<b>31</b>	

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