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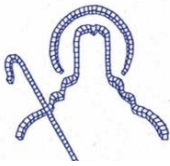
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5:30 Soup Supper

6:30 Lenten Service

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# OUR SAVIOR'S VOICE MARCH 2023

A COMMUNITY TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST TO BE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

## WORSHIP WITH US

Join us on Sundays at 9:00am  
Wednesdays of Lent at 5:30 for  
Soup Supper and 6:30 for Lenten  
service

Our services are live-streamed on  
Facebook and available for replay at  
any time on YouTube

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Opportunities: Temple Choir,  
Worship Band, Handbells, Quilting,  
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Confirmation, Assist with Worship,  
VLM Bible Camp, Vacation Bible  
School White Elephant Sale, &  
MORE!

OSLC Children's Clothes Closet:  
By Appointment

OSLC Food Shelf: Wednesdays &  
Fridays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND PASTORAL CARE

Please contact the church office to  
schedule a Baptism or Wedding in  
advance. If you are seeking pastoral  
care for yourself or a loved one,  
please contact the church office to  
set up an appointment.



## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

### ONCE UPON A TIME IN JERUSALEM

This Lenten season, back by popular demand, our Confirmation Youth will once again lead us in Wednesday evening, mid-week Lenten worship through skits in a dramatic retelling of our Lord's Passion leading to the cross.

*Lights, Camera, Action... Once Upon a Time in Jerusalem*, the "Holy-Wood Stage" will be set each week as "Holy-Wood Director", *Smiles Brightly* (played by Pastor Kevin) directs and sets the scene of our Lord's Passion with an incredible group of actors! Join Holy-Wood Director, *Smiles Brightly*, as he directs each scene in *Once Upon a Time in Jerusalem*, getting us to the glories of Holy Week!

The "filming/production" of this masterpiece will take place on Wednesday evenings (with the exception of the last one on Thursday, April 6th) beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Marty Haugen's "Holden Evening Prayer" will be the musical and worship accompaniment for *Once Upon a Time in Jerusalem*. Scheduling of each scene is as follows:

March 1	Scene One	<i>The Triumphal Entry</i>	Mark 11:1-11
March 8	Scene Two	<i>Parable of the Tenets</i>	Mark 11:27-12:12
March 15	Scene Three	<i>The Greatest Commandment</i>	Mark 12:28-44
March 22	Scene Four	<i>Jesus Anointing</i>	Mark 13:32-14:11
March 29	Scene Five	<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	Mark 14:12-31
April 6 (Maundy Thursday)	Scene Six	<i>Jesus Prays.</i>	Mark 14:32-14

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# LENTEN SOUP INVITATIONAL



Do you have a family recipe for chicken noodle soup? Do you know a secret ingredient for white chicken chili? Does simmering split pea and ham bring you joy??

**Volunteer chefs are needed** to prepare a secondary soup option for each Wednesday of Lent. We look forward to one weekly selection graciously offered by Lisa Pastika.

Contact the church office at 218-263-7422 for more information, to select a date and add your soup to the menu!

Date	Lisa's Soup	Volunteer Chef & Selection	Serving
3/1	Italian Tortellini	Nadine Berg - <i>Bacon Potato Chowder</i>	Temple Choir
3/8	Chicken Wild Rice	Pam Rundell                      TBD	_____
3/15	Beef Vegetable	_____	_____
3/22	Broccoli Cheese	_____	_____
3/29	Chicken Noodle	Jennifer & Al Lipke - <i>Potato Soup</i>	Rundell & Hobbs

## Lenten Soup Servers

Volunteers are needed to serve soups each Wednesday. Please contact Sue Stanisich at 218-262-3644 or email [suestanisich@yahoo.com](mailto:suestanisich@yahoo.com) if you or a group are able to serve.

# PASTORAL ACTS

2/11 Celebration of Life for Jaylen Kade Coward

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/4 Ralph Hocking
- 3/5 Rick Maki, Charlene Norman
- 3/7 Shirley Angen
- 3/17 Ada Hobbs
- 3/25 Audrey Hammar
- 3/25 Os Schock
- 3/26 Bonnie Mangseth
- 3/30 Jim Haupt, Marlene Anderson

## ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to Fred and Linda Kangas who will be celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 21<sup>st</sup>

LET'S  
*celebrate*

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE** - Hope you are enjoying reading your Bible.

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** - Anyone interested in straightening the pew racks please leave Cindy a message at the church office, 218-263-7422. Your service is appreciated.

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** - Time for First Communion is fast approaching, mark your calendars: A three session class will be held Sunday, March 19, 26 and April 2 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (please see adjoining article) First Communion will be Maundy Thursday, April 6th at our 6:30 p.m. worship. Please call the office to let us know your intent.

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** - If you have had Communion instruction and would like to serve as an acolyte during Sunday service please let Cindy, 218-263-7422. If you haven't had Communion instruction and wish to attend classes please let Cindy know and we'll get you the details.

**7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADES** - Wednesday classes meet at 7 p.m. Lent is a great time to complete sermon notes and service to others. All confirmands are expected to attend Midweek Lenten Worship Wednesdays during March at 6:30 and meet with Pastor Kevin after service for discussion and rehearsal.

**10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** - Participation: sermon notes and service hours (10 each per year for 7th - 10th gr.) Consider who you would like to ask to be your mentor.

## FIFTH GRADE FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

**SUNDAYS MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 26<sup>TH</sup>, AND APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> 4 TO 6 P.M**

As is a part of the rhythm and traditions of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, we reaffirm the practice of scheduling First Communion Instruction for our Fifth Graders, leading up to inviting fifth graders to have their First Communion experience on the Maundy Thursday Service during Holy Week. This year the Maundy Thursday Worship Service is scheduled Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The textbook we will all use will be Come to God's Table: Preparing for Holy Communion (Augsburg Fortress, 1989). Having a two-hour instruction session late on a Sunday afternoon (4 to 6 p.m.) can be kind of daunting on the attention span! But trust that there will be "recess type" breaks scheduled into the instruction time, as well as pizza that will be served towards the close of the instruction time.

All fifth-grade families participating in First Communion Instruction will receive the email invitation a week before March 19th. If we do not have a current email address of your family, please let us know at the church office. Questions? Contact the church office at (218) 263-7422.

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 7, 2023

- We welcomed the following new Council members: Don Brunette, Sher Cuffe, Heather Lubben, and Luke Pocquette (Youth Representative). Council Installation will be held during the March 5th worship service.
- Officers that were elected include: John Law (President), Kathy Anderson (Vice President) and Heather Lubben (Secretary)
- The General Fund as of January 31, 2023 was at **(\$17,020.86)**. (in the red)
- There was a discussion on stewardship outreach for this new year.
- The next Council meeting is March 14th at 6:30 p.m.

### **Heartfelt thanks to our outgoing members of the Church Council:**

A handwritten-style graphic that says "Thank you" in a cursive font. A small heart symbol is placed between the words "Thank" and "you".

Al Lipke  
Melissa Schwarze  
Renee Warwas  
Ryan Rice, Youth Representative.

They have put in countless hours serving our congregation in so many that are unseen. We are so incredibly appreciative of their time and talents. Thank You!

## MISSIONARY FOR A DAY

During February gifts were received:

In honor of Ruby Betters

In celebration of Suzanne Clark's February birthday

From Sharon & Mitch Cook in celebration of the Birthdays of granddaughters, Paige & Kirsten and sisters, Cindy N. & Nancy G.

In memory of Sharon's daddy, Albert Wollin and Mitch's mom, Ruth Cook

In memory of Lona Evenson

In memory of Ann Mastell

Thank you for your generous support of our missionary, Dr. Friberg in Tanzania. Any time is a great time to sign up and contribute to the Missionary for a Day Calendar. A gift of \$10 in memory or honor of a special friend or loved one will help support our missionary for one day. Dr. Friberg's work in Tanzania is very important, be a part of it!



## MUSICAL NOTES

I just completed getting all my music organized through Easter. That is no small feat because between Ash Wednesday and Easter we will be preparing seven anthems! I usually like to get about four or so rehearsals in with each selection. This is always the most challenging season that a church choir director faces. It is both an exhilarating and exhausting experience. I am not looking for sympathy, but I do want you to understand the commitment that my singers have.

To start us off in March, on the 5th we will present "Where There is Love" arranged by Douglas Nolan with words and music by Karen Crane. It seems like the theme of 'light' seems to come up in almost every anthem I have been choosing. In this instance, we sing "Where there is love, the path is clear. Oh, let the light of love live in me." We are given a message of all that happens when love exists.

On March 19th, we look more to the season of Lent as we sing a very effective arrangement of the familiar "Lonesome Valley." Jesus surely knew what He would be facing and felt that He had so much more the disciples needed to know to continue ministering to His followers. He was also being abandoned in a way, so the idea of a 'lonesome' valley is very suitable. The arrangement by Gilbert Martin creates almost a haunting effect by layering the voices and creating moments of dissonance in the process.

Please start to make plans to participate in as many of the services that we offer as you can. The more we can turn our attention to the lessons of the Lenten season the richer our experiences will be.

Roy

## ORGAN LETTER FROM HAMILTON

Dear Friends in Christ,

January 16, 2023

It is a pleasure for me to write in support of the organ improvement project at Our Savior's. I write this from the perspective of having used the instrument in my younger years as well as having been invited back to play worship services, weddings, funerals, and as part of the Organs in Revue summer recital series. Since graduating from high school, I earned my Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance, my Master of Sacred Music degree with a concentration in organ, and my Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance and literature. I am eternally grateful to the solid foundation in music I received while growing up in Hibbing and most especially the opportunities I had at Our Savior's. Hearing hymns led by Norma Brandt with gusto and singing in choirs under Marilyn Ellefson, Clyde Hill, and Jan Peterson helped shape me into the well-rounded church musician I am. I currently serve as Minister of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Duluth where I plan and

lead worship with the organ and piano and direct the choirs. Every Sunday's work is the result of the solid foundation I received in music and nurturing in the Lutheran faith growing up at OSLC.

The primary function of any church organ is to lead God's gathered people in song. There is popular rhetoric around that says people who play the organ are becoming more and more rare is largely popular rhetoric. I presently have eight organ students ranging in age from 14 to 70, and most of them serve the church in some fashion. Churches who treat their musicians well have no problem finding folks to lead the music in them. Churches who care enough to ensure the church organ is in top working order also have no trouble finding musicians to serve. Because of this, the organ remains the best choice for leading congregational song because it creates a large amount of sound with one person in control. A symphony could also lead a large group, but what church can afford that?

The organ at Our Savior's has a wonderful heritage. Having been designed, built and installed when the church was built in the 1950s, it is showing signs of age. Parts wear out; leather gets stiff; electrical connections get dirty. While it's true that there are organs in Europe that have survived for centuries, even they have required regular maintenance along with an occasional renewal project in order to keep the organ sounding. Such is the state of the organ at OSLC. Great strides have been made in organ mechanics and technology in the last seventy years. The organ would benefit from such updates.

Improvements in the organ's voicing would also make the instrument more usable in worship. The organ was designed for a room that had much more reverberation than the present circumstances at Our Savior's. I can remember when I first started playing, there was reverberation in the church which is now gone due to the installation of carpet and pew cushions. This makes it difficult for the worshiper to sing because it is impossible to hear others singing. The various sounds on the organ need attention in order to speak best in this different acoustical environment than it was when the organ was originally designed.

I strongly recommend the congregation approve this project. The organ has served you well for 70+ years. Doing this work now will make it certain to continue in service for another 70 years and beyond. If you have questions, I welcome further conversation.

Yours in Christ's service,  
Rev. Deacon (ELCA) Thomas K. Hamilton, DMA

## ORGAN FUND

Donations can be made toward this initiative by indicating "Organ Fund" on your contribution envelope.



## CAMP NEWS



OSLC will pay for your camp experience!  
Register online at [VLMcamps.org](http://VLMcamps.org)  
Use transfer code: **OSLC501**  
Register by April 1st to get the "Early Bird" rate

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry is **HIRING!!!** Summer 2023  
Multiple available positions open. Contact VLM Program Director Katie Maurer at [katie@vlmcamps.org](mailto:katie@vlmcamps.org) or call/text 218-780-4116.

## EASTER LILY & MISSION ACTION PROJECT

As is the tradition at Our Savior's, we will be decorating the chancel with lilies for Easter. Lilies are \$20 each and envelopes may be found in the office or narthex. This year's Lenten Mission Action project is collecting funds for wells and you may contribute to either/or both projects in the same envelope or by noting your wishes on the memo line of your check. If you wish to place a lily in honor or memory of someone and wish to have it listed in the Easter bulletin, please have your donation to the office by March 31. Thanking you in advance for thinking of others during Lent.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>

Women's Gather Bible study will meet at 10 on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. Copies of the study are on the table by the OSLC office, if you have not received the Gather magazine yet. All are welcome!

## BABY SHOWER DONATIONS



Deepest thanks to all those who have joined us in making and purchasing gifts for the newborns at Range Medical Center! Gift collection will continue through March 11<sup>th</sup> and will be displayed on the chancel March 12<sup>th</sup> before donation to Range Medical Center in Hibbing. - OSLCW

## NOTE FROM SYLVIA PENN

Collecting "frequent flier" miles to the E.R. via ambulance isn't what I've had in mind. Thus my move TO Rochester with family (unknown date, but very soon). Years and years of Sylvia are going out the door in all 4 directions, and it HURTS!! These "things" are who and what I have been, and though gifting many items is good, tears are very plentiful at my house.

I am so humbled to be blessed by words and cards of encouragement, and prayers. My life has surely been enriched by the OSLC family. You are all held close to my heart and my prayers for God's blessings extend to all of you. Hugs all around.

Shalom, Sylvia Penn

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, SARAH GARNES, DEPARTS

It has been such a blessing to get to know the OSLC congregation as your Administrative Assistant! In such a short time, you all have become like family; which makes it so difficult to share my departure from this position and announce that my husband, Spencer, and I have been moved to serve another calling. Following the Lenten season (April 15<sup>th</sup>), our family will be relocating to live and work at Wilderness Canoe Base. WCB is located at the end of the Gunflint Trail, on Seagull Lake, which is about an hour northwest of Grand Marais, MN.

Wilderness Canoe Base is a Lutheran bible camp situated on the edge of the Boundary Waters and offers year-round wilderness experiences for all ages. Our shared experiences guiding in the Boundary Waters, and our wedding in the Wilderness Canoe Base chapel make this a beloved place. Truly a dream job for both of us, we are overjoyed to play integral roles helping operations run smoothly at a place that has so dramatically impacted our lives.

I will be assisting with Program & Retreat Management as the Office Manager. Spencer will take on the enormous responsibility as the Camp Manager, overseeing the care of the property and legacy of WCB. I am so excited for this next chapter that God is planning for our family. -Sarah Garnes

The personnel committee is now accepting applications for Administrative Assistant at OSLC. Interested parties should submit their resume by e-mail to [oslchibb@mchsi.com](mailto:oslchibb@mchsi.com)