The Messenger

Newsletter of Our Saviour’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
Hastings, Minnesota
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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WORSHIP WITH US

Saturday
5:30 p.m.
Informal Worship
Communion each week

Sunday
8:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship
9:15 a.m.
Blended Worship
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
10:35 a.m.
Contemporary Worship
with New Creation Worship Band
Communion each week

Education Opportunities
Sunday
9:15 & 10:35 a.m.
Church School

Wednesday
Children’s Choirs (4:45-5:30)
Church School (5:30-6:15)

GARAGE SALE and BAKE SALE

Friday, May 1, 9am - 5:30 pm and
Saturday, May 2, 9 am - 12 noon

OSEL Spring garage sale is right around the corner. (May 1-2)
Please start saving your donations.
The youth of OSEL will be hosting a garage sale and bake sale to help offset the cost of upcoming mission trips and summer camp.
Start your spring cleaning early and save items in very good to excellent condition for the sale. Items may be brought to the youth center now through April 29.

Set up for the sale will be Wednesday evening on April 29, with pricing from 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30. Volunteers to help during those times will be appreciated.

Questions, please contact Gretchen Studenski (651-437-9217) or Sheri Fox (651-437-8359). Sign up in the fundraising binder at the Ministry Center if you would like to work the garage sale or help sell bakery goods.

Bake sale items should be wrapped and priced. Questions regarding the bake sale, contact: Joyce Zenner (651-437-3154).

BAKE SALE

Save the Date...

Congregational Picnic
Sunday, May 17
Spring Lake Park (West Shelter)
11:45 am-2 pm; eating at 12:15 pm

(see back page for details)
Easter Secret

Have you ever noticed that there is a strangeness to the Easter story? There is a strangeness here, even apart from the incredible news that Jesus is risen. Fredrick Buechner says it well when he writes in “The Secret in the Dark” found in The Longing for Home and reprinted in the book Secrets in the Dark:

The way the Gospel writers tell it, in other words, Jesus came back from death not in a blaze of glory, but more like a candle flame in the dark, flickering first in this place, then in that place, then in no place at all. If they had been making the whole thing up for the purpose of converting the world, presumably they would have described it more the way the book of Revelation describes how he will come back again at the end of time with “the armies of heaven arrayed in fine linen, white and pure” and his eyes “like a flame of fire, and on his head many diadems” (19:14, 12). But that is not the way the Gospels tell it. They are not trying to describe it as convincingly as they can. They are trying to describe it as truthfully as they can. It was the most extraordinary thing they believed had ever happened, and yet they tell it so quietly that you have to lean close to be sure what they are telling. They tell it as softly as a secret, as something so precious, and holy, and fragile, and unbelievable, and true, that to tell it any other way would be somehow to dishonor it. To proclaim the resurrection the way they do, you would have to say it in whispers: “Christ has risen.” Like that.

The Easter story is told in a whisper, not in a blaze of glory. It is not with an emphasis on piling up enough evidence as possible to convert somebody, but rather, with an emphasis on being as truthful as possible. If the goal had been evidence the first witnesses would have been men, only because women were not considered reliable witnesses in court, (their culture, thankfully not ours!). If evidence had been the goal, we would have concrete proof, not an empty tomb and linen cloths.

Is it any wonder that Mark ends his gospel by saying they say nothing to anyone because they were afraid? Their experience was so outside the norm who would believe it? Haven’t you had experiences you kept to yourself because you have felt others just won’t understand? Haven’t you had experiences too hard to put in words – you just had to be there?

Is it all that surprising that they didn’t say anything about it? Consider how airline pilots who report UFO’s are treated. There are some things better kept to one’s self. What about us? Don’t we consider our faith a private matter? When is the last time you spoke about the resurrection to someone – even the members of your own family?

“…and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”

We are afraid too, I think. Afraid others won’t understand. Afraid of how others might react. Afraid we can’t prove our beliefs. Afraid others will trample on something precious and deeply intimate to us. There are all kinds of things of which to be afraid. It is not really that hard to understand the women’s reaction, which on one level gives even more credibility to the message they kept secret.

Only they couldn’t. Whether in a whisper or in the bold proclamation of Peter as told in Acts, the message got out. The Pew Research Center indicates that as of 2010 there were approximately 2.18 billion Christians in the world. 2.18 billion! It turns out that when the reality of Easter breaks in, it is just too good of a secret to keep. May you find hope, joy, and wonder in the Easter message this year. Then watch out, you might even find yourself sharing it!

Pastor Lloyd Menke
**SEACHING FOR ANSWERS... WHY?**

**Why church?** Can’t I have God with out the religiosity of church?

**Why Faith?** Aren’t I okay just the way I am? Do I need this organized faith life?

**Why God?** With all the questions of how it all began, what is real? Is God?

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**Meet together and discuss:**

April 19th, 4:06 pm
OSEL Fellowship Hall

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Join with others who are seeking, searching for answers. Let’s have an open discussion of the questions to explore where God is in this world?

Invite family members that have felt left out, estranged from the church to have a place to talk freely.

Invite people who are struggling to have meaning at church. This is open to members/non-members and as always, food will be served! Questions, please call Dorothy Sandahl 651-442-6770.

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**Financial Update**

by Pastor Lloyd Menke

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**Ministry Needs/Operating Fund**

March was a difficult month for giving. We ended the month (-1%) BEHIND giving for last year. Expenses in March were $76,495.63. Please remember our congregation’s financial needs in your prayers.

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**Loan Reduction**

There is good news regarding the loan reduction fund. In March we received $3,406.88 toward the loan. So far in 2015 we have received $7,847.18 toward the loan. We currently have the $15,000 we need to meet our loan repayment in June. We have a 5 year loan of $75,000.00. The first two years of this loan are interest free, so if we pay it off in 2 years that is zero interest. After the first two years the interest jumps to 4.75% on whatever remains. But, if there are limited overall funds, we need to balance meeting our operating expenses with paying off the loan early.

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**Scholarship Available**

Our Saviour’s Endowment Committee has decided to offer a $1,000.00 scholarship to an active Our Saviour’s senior this year. Applications for the scholarship are available in the church office. The deadline for applications is May 10th. The scholarship will be presented at the Baccalaureate lunch on May 31st.

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**CALLING ALL WITH GREEN THUMBS!**

April is here! Spring has sprung! Easter rejoicing abounds! Yes, it’s time to think Spring again. Are you one of those gifted folks who has already been raking your lawn, buying fertilizer, and checking for the first tulip bulb to break free? We can use your gifts! We’re looking for a few good folks to help periodically change the flower pots at our church entry doors. Thanks to Joanne Peterson and Julie Lund for their faithful dedication to this endeavor. If you can help, if this is a gift of yours, please contact the church office. Thanks!

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**Donate from your smartphone**

Our Saviour’s Evangelical Lutheran Church now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smartphone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone’s Quick Response (QR) code reader!
Caring Ministries

Serving our need to care and our need for care.
Jeanie McCabe, Council Rep. 651.437.7935

Team Leaders:
- Grief Support - Pastor Doug Duin
- Care Cards - Audrey Adolphson
- Prayer Chain Anchor - Rosanne Otto
- Lay Ministry - Paula Davick, Tricia Agen, Maxine Wiewc
- Communion Ministry - see Pastor Doug Duin

Our Saviour’s Evangelical Lutheran Church Prayer Chain is composed of church members who pray daily for those requesting prayers for themselves and others. They need not be members of our church or community. Requests are kept confidential unless otherwise specified. Prayer requests may be submitted to:
- OSELPrayerChain@gmail.com
or to the Prayer Chain Anchor, Rosanne Otto 651-226-8299, (voice mail is available if no one answers) or you may call the church office.
If you would like to become a member of the email prayer chain or the phone prayer chain, please call Rosanne 651-226-8299.

We pray that God will bless you with peace!

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to:

Duane Steele - death of uncle
Dannelle Kurtz - death of father
Del Thue - death of sister
Jeanette Wolner - death of daughter
Dar Myers - death of husband
Scott Myers - death of father
Rob Ruedy - death of mother
Carol Rischtette - death of husband
Sarah Wasvick - death of mother
Keith Cavis - death of brother

Please remember these and others you may know of in your prayers.

A Time of Prayer
We are praying every Sunday in the Chapel from 7:30 AM to 7:55 AM. All are welcome to join us. Come with your prayer requests, come to sit quietly, come to observe prayer or come to voice your own prayer. Open to all, whether a beginner at prayer or a seasoned person of prayer. Come just once or come every Sunday.

STILL PRAYING!
Intercessory Prayer Ministry meets at 5:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Join this wonderful group as they diligently meet and pray for the staff and life of our church. Contact Jan Peterson with any questions - (651) 437-9531 jpete0709@embarqmail.com

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes... --Romans 8:26

The Hastings Area Grief Support Group provides a caring environment of mutual support and education for those grieving the death of a significant person. In a respectful Christian atmosphere, this group welcomes all people with opportunities to understand and express their own grief experience. We provide an educational component and then have small group time with others experiencing a similar loss.

Meeting place - Tilden Community Center, 310 River St. Hastings
New meeting time - Grief Group meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm and are open to the public.
Contact - Dick and Donna Mathiowetz @ 651.983.0135

Our personal family devotional and care notes
Provided by the Pastoral Care Team are available free in the rack outside the office. You are welcome to take one for yourself or offer one to a friend.

Spark Family is a devotional resource that will help families explore Bible stories together! Every issue includes Bible stories, pictures, questions, and activities. If you are looking for ways to talk about God with your child or with a child in your life then we invite you to bring home the current issue of the new Spark Family devotion! Copies are available by the office door.
People helping people!
grammasharon7@gmail.com
651.437.8128

Hastings Family Service
301 Second Street East
in Downtown Hastings
651-437-7134

ACCEPTS ONLINE DONATIONS:
www.hastingsfamilyservice.org

Hastings Family Service provides emergency food, clothing, financial assistance, and other support for those experiencing a crisis in their lives, HFS works to give them a hand-up rather than a hand-out.

Food Shelf
Provides groceries to people in need of emergency, short-term assistance. In addition to a five to seven day supply of groceries, persons receive a voucher to a local grocery store for perishables. Items such as pancake mix and syrup, bottled juices, diapers, personal hygiene items, including toothbrushes, laundry soap are always needed. Your contributions may be brought to HFS or dropped off in the blue wagon in the church gathering area. Thank you for reaching out to our community.

Meals On Wheels
In partnership with Regina Medical Center, this program provides hot meals and a safety check for the elderly and people living with a disability.

Do you like to drive?
OSEL delivers meals to residents of Hastings every other Monday through Meals on Wheels program. Call Maxine Wiech (437-4356) for more info.

Just Friends can always use drivers! Residents of our community need rides to medical appointments within Hastings and/or the metro area. Receive mileage reimbursement. Call Mick Humbert, 437-7134, if you would like to be a driver.

Rivertown Treasures ... Your Hometown Thrift Store ... an affiliate program of Hastings Family Service.

We sell clean, seasonable items that are carefully inspected and in next-to-new condition. Great prices and great sales.

Feeding Hungry

Food With Friends Ministry
This ministry on the first Thursday of the month serves a meal to people unable to provide a meal for themselves or their family or those just looking for someone to talk to.

Thanks to all who helped with food and/or serving in March and April.
The next two meals will be on Thursdays, May 7 and June 4 at 6:00 PM. Sign up at the Welcome Center to provide food and/or help with setup, serving, and cleanup.

Contact:
Cathy Shores, 651-208-6244
Sharon Langenfeld, 437-8128

Sharing & Caring Hands
Sharing and Caring Hands is an outreach ministry of Our Saviour’s. Every other month we deliver meals at the Sharing and Caring Hands facility in Minneapolis.

Thanks to all who helped with food and/or serving in April. Our next date to serve will be Saturday, June 13.

Watch for sign-ups in the gathering area at church to help provide food and/or to go along to serve.

Contact:
Jana Serres, 651-707-7241
Heidi Siebenaler, 651-343-5840

Fixers for Christ
Do not hesitate to call the church office - 437-9052 if you need help with a leaky faucet, a squeaky door, removal of a dead shrub, replacing burned out ceiling light bulbs, hanging a picture, etc...

Our volunteers are eager to help you!

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota for changing lives

LSS Counseling and Family Resources offers a full range of mental health services which integrate sound professional practices with individual planning by a multi-disciplinary team, including psychiatric consultation. Services are available to individuals, couples and families. Children, adults and families come to us with a variety of issues: depression, anxiety, stress, behavior problems, abuse, suicide, divorce and marriage problems.

Contact: 651-642-5990 or visit their web site: www.lssmn.org
You’ll find many great resources, interesting stories of changed lives and ways you can donate or volunteer.

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Upcoming small group events…

Introducing a new series of small group discussions called ‘Faith+’

How does your Faith affect you and the way you live each day, your self-talk, discussions with others, the connections you create, your goals? This is what Faith+YOU helps you explore. Taken a nontraditional approach to exploring how you use your faith on a daily basis, we will be discussing the work of Brene Brown. Dr. Brown is not a Christian leader and her work is not necessarily faith-forward, but many people that she has interviewed for her research credit faith as being a driver to leading a more ‘wholehearted’ life. While discussing her work, beginning with her book, “The Gifts of Imperfection, Let Go of Who You Think You’re Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are”, we will be considering where your faith fits in with her research and you. We will begin on Sunday, April 12th at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center ‘living room’. You will need to bring your own book (Amazon, Target, Barnes & Noble).

Other Faith+ themes will be introduced. Through these themes we will explore what Faith looks like in your work, family, and community. How does/can Faith help you get more out of those areas of your life? The next series being developed is Faith+WORK: What does this mean? What does this look like? What do you do? Who do you do it for? These are just some of the questions we will be exploring. More details to come--watch your email. Want to help lead this discussion? Let Jody know.

Please contact Jody (above) if you are interested in any of the Shared Ministry events listed on this page. Additionally, please check the website, www.osel.org and Facebook, www.facebook.com/oursaviours for the most updated details.

Do we have your EMAIL?
If you have not already done so, please email Jody with your most up-to-date contact information. This way you won’t miss out on the new connection opportunities being created. As we create new connections tailored to your interests and your area of profession, we hope to connect your skills & gifts to opportunities that will bring you the greatest enjoyment and fulfillment in your life. A short survey will be coming soon, so please be sure we have your email.

Sharing Our Creative Gifts is a new small group series that will focus on individuals sharing their talents with others.

Crocheting & Knitting: We will begin with learning how to crochet/knit. Crocheting and knitting is for all ages and here at OSEL we have many gifted individuals who are looking forward to helping others make such trendy items as the scarves you see in the boutiques, magazines, and on Pinterest! Due to the success of our pilot event in March, we are going to make this a regular event on Wednesdays, (began April 8th), from 4-5:30 pm in the Gathering Area. Everyone is welcome…Please join us!

Introducing our new Fellowship Team…

Charlie & Melissa Black
Andrew & Anna Motzko
Dan & Kas Woodward
Jen Bonness
Theresa Chatelle
Jason & Cathy Shores
Mike & Jody Geib

The Fellowship Team is planning the Congregational Picnic. See the back page of this Messenger for more details. Plan now to attend and sign up at the Ministry Center.
Christian Education Leadership Team meets the 4th Tuesday of every month in the church office conference room.

Next meeting is May 26, 2015: 6:00 PM

Dates to Remember

**Church School**

**LAST** Wednesday School and Children’s Choirs: May 13

**LAST** Sunday School: May 17

June 8-12, 9:30 AM - 12 Noon Vacation Bible School

September 13 - Heifer Breakfast Church School Open House Teacher Installation

September 10 - Teacher Training Workshops

September 20 - Sunday School begins

September 23 - Wednesday School & Children’s Choirs begin

September 19 & 20 - Third Grade Bible Presentation

September 27 - Together in Faith - 3rd Graders and Parents

Vacation Bible School
Open to 3yr. olds through 5th grade
Registration opens in April
Embark on an icy expedition!
Kids will experience God’s word in surprising ways through games, crafts, videos, and snacks!
Each day, one simple Bible truth is reinforced, making it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life.
Don’t miss out on all the fun!!

**Confirmation**

**LAST** Confirmation: May 17

September 1 - Confirmation Teacher Training Workshop

September 2 - 10th grade Closure/make stoles

September 16 - Kick-off Celebration Confirmation begins 7th grade Student and Parent Orientation with Acolyte Training

September 23 - 10th grade Picture and Rehearsal

Mark Your Calendar for the fall Confirmation Services:
Saturday, Sept. 26, 5:30 PM
Sunday, Sept. 27, 2:00 PM

8th Grade
You will be receiving information for choosing a mentor for this fall. Please be thinking about whom you would like to ask! Please have a mentor chosen by September, 2015.

9th Grade
Don’t forget to schedule your pastor session, PLEASE book your session NOW!!! Just call the church office to schedule.

Need Service Hours?

Summer Opportunities

Vacation Bible School (June 8-12)
Clean / reorganize classrooms
Usher at Worship Services

Revelation Study

There have been requests for a repeat of the study on the book of Revelation. Pastor Lloyd will be facilitating a 7 week look at the book of Revelation starting Monday, April 13, at 7:00 pm using a video presentation, entitled “Is This The Time” by Dr. Craig Koester, a professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. One past participant has said, “Dr. Koester does the best job of presenting Revelation that I have ever heard.”

Great Bible Study

Fall Registration

All families currently enrolled in either church school or confirmation will receive their 2015-16 registration forms in the mail. Additional forms are available at the Welcome Center or upstairs outside the education office. Please consider the many different volunteer opportunities for sharing your gifts. Excellent ministry CANNOT happen without you!!
This summer we will be teaming up with several congregations in Hastings for Summer Stretch.
If you are unfamiliar with Summer Stretch, it is a program designed for middle school youth to participate in various service opportunities, fellowship, fun activities and bible study…and for our senior high youth to be leaders and participants, too! We will meet 6 Wednesdays of the summer, and the last Wednesday will be a trip to Valleyfair! Pick up your registration on the youth ministry board in the gathering area (narthex).

Cost: $30/day or $150 for the summer
Registrations due May 31.
No refunds after June 1, 2014.
Dates: June 10 (parent meeting and peer leader training), June 17, June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, and July 22 (Valleyfair day)

NOTE TO PARENTS: One parent from each family (or a trusted friend/family member can be a substitute in their stead) is expected to volunteer for one day of the summer. Please note that with our partnership with our Roman Catholic friends, all adults volunteering must complete (or have already completed a previous year) a mandatory safeguarding children training (Virtus) that will be offered on Wednesday, June 10 at the parent meeting at SEAS and other dates throughout the summer all over the Twin Cities metro.

Sunday, May 31
10:35 am Worship Service
Attention all graduating seniors! This service is especially for you. This is a way that we can recognize your achievements at school, bless you in the new chapter in your life, and remember God’s presence in all parts of your education journey. There will be a light lunch served afterwards, put on by the juniors and their parents. You will receive information about the service and the lunch in the mail. We will be announcing the college scholarship recipient at the lunch.

ATTENTION all parents & friends of graduating seniors and volunteers!
It has been a long tradition to give our graduation seniors a fleece blanket at their Baccalaureate as a way of reminding them of Our Saviour’s love and care. Sign up at the Ministry Center to make a fleece blanket for one of our graduating seniors.

Baccalaureate Service & Lunch
Sunday, May 31

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TIM Team Meeting
Our next meeting is Sunday, April 19 at Noon.
Bring if last name ends in A-H: main dish; I-R: dessert; S-Z: side item/snack.
Attention:
High School & Middle School Mission Trip Participants

Participant Retreats:
Saturday, April 25 at Pastor Kelli Weiss’ house. Please look for an email from Terry Storholm with directions and more information. This is a mandatory retreat.

Middle School - 9:00 am - 12 Noon
High School - 2:00-5:00 pm

S E R V E T H E L O R D - S u n d a y s
All youth and families welcome!

April 26: Volunteer at Oak Ridge Manor (11:45 AM - 3 PM)
May 7: Help at the Congregational Picnic (11:45 AM - 2 PM)

Serve the LORD
Go in peace, serve the Lord! Let’s serve God by serving our neighbors, community, and people around the world. About twice a month all youth (middle school and high school) and adult leaders are invited to participate in service right after worship on Sunday morning (unless otherwise noted). All youth and families welcome!

Practicing Discipleship
Training for Youth Leaders and Parents

A “train the trainer” event for Pastors, Children, Youth and Ministry staff, volunteers and parents, in the new Practice Discipleship Curriculum presented/sponsored by the ELCA. This training presents the latest research on the religious landscape in America; as well as provides insight into some new skills to learn/teach. To attend, please contact Pastor Kelli Weiss or register on the website: elcaymnet.org/twincitiesPD
Cost is $5 for lunch.

Thursday, April 30, 8:30 am—2:30 pm
Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park

Thursday, May 21 from 8:30 am—2:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Saint Paul, MN

Camp Wapo - our priority registration deadline has passed and any remaining spots are open to the public. Register online at:

www.campwapo.org

SEEDS (Grades 2-3): July 25-27
Youth Camp (Grades 4-9) & TIM TEAM: July 27-Aug. 1
If these dates are full you may be put on a waiting list or can choose a different week to attend.

Save the Date for Family Camp Weekend
Friday to Sunday, August 14-16

We are putting on our own family camp this year. We are still in the planning stages, but wanted to get the dates on your calendars. The cost and location are yet to be determined, but we are hoping that costs will not exceed $300 per family and distance will not be further than three hours away.

2015 Mission Trip Information

Participant & Parent Meetings at Our Saviour’s:

Middle School:
Sunday, June 7, 12 Noon

High School:
Monday, June 29, 8:00 pm

For this meeting, please bring your INSURANCE CARDS. We will be going over all of the trip information, complete required paperwork, and answer any questions that come up. This is a mandatory meeting.

Fundraisers

Youth & Family fund-raising opportunities coming soon to earn money for mission trips and camps.

Scrap Cards - Ongoing
Spring Garage Sale & Bake Sale - May 1 & 2 (Start cleaning/saving now!)
’50s Drive-In and Carnival - June 8

Remember to sign up for each fund-raiser in the fundraising binder at the Ministry Center.

SCRIP Gift Cards
Year-round Fundraising
Put money in your fundraising accounts for simply getting gift cards at church. Available at the Welcome Center on Sundays or the Church Office during business hours, M-F. You can also set up an account to place your order online at your convenience:

Worship & Music Ministries

Diane Pearson
Organist
651-437-9052, ext. 21

Kevin Gagnon
Media Coordinator

Choir Directors:
Kathy Hardy - Jubilee Ringers
Lin Warren - Chancel Choir
Tammy McMenony - God’s Little Angels (Preschool-Kindergarten choir)
Diane Pearson - Good News Gang (1st through 5th grade choir)

jerriepittenger@comcast.net,
651.437.4659

Recently Baptized at Our Saviour’s

Austin Leon Cavness
Born: March 14, 2014
Parents: Brandon & Amanda Cavness
Sponsors: Amanda & Luke Fuechtmann, Brittny Cavness, Andy Thein

Ainslee Kathryn Steele
Born: December 11, 2014
Parents: Jaeson & Jennifer Steele
Sponsors: Herbert Wilson, Eric Tobias, Kathryn Brown

The next Baptism Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. If you wish to have a child baptized, you must first attend a seminar. Please call the church office, if you wish to register for the next seminar, to schedule a baptism, or if you have questions.

Baptized children receive their very own Spark Story Bible. This bible brings God’s Word to life through colorful art and rich retelling of 150 of the most popular bible stories. The first three years of life are a most remarkable opportunity to introduce children to the amazing love of God through stories, songs, parental support, fellowship, artwork, rituals, prayers, and other means of faith formation!

Congratulations!

Logan Ryan Hafey, born February 12, 2015 to Debra and Ryan Hafey of Selby, SD. Logan is welcomed by big brother, Cole. Grandparents are Jim and Candy Weller of Hastings, Debra Hafey of Mobridge, SD and Keith Hafey of Bismark, ND. Great-grandmother is Helen Hansen of Hastings, MN.

New Schedules will be prepared soon for Ushers and Acolytes.
If you would like to be added to one of the lists or if your service time has changed, etc., please contact Linda at 651-437-9052, ext. 12 or linda.gathright@osel.org.

We are always looking for ways to get people involved in worship and share their musical gifts. If you are interested in providing special music at the 10:35 service, please contact Jason at jason.craft@osel.org and/or introduce yourself to him on a Sunday morning. Please contact Diane Pearson at diane.pearson@osel.org for all other services.

New Member Orientation
Are you interested in becoming a member of Our Saviour’s family? Do you have some questions? Want to find out more about us? Join us for our New Member Orientation on:

- Sunday, May 3 at 11:45 (following the 10:35 service) in the chapel…
- Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30, also in the chapel.

During the session you have a chance to meet the Pastors and Staff, the staff has an opportunity to get to know you, and you’ll hear about opportunities to become actively involved in our ministries. Welcome to Our Saviour’s!

We are grateful to receive the following memorials and gifts given by family and friends in honor or in memory of those listed for Christ’s work through our congregation.

In honor of...
Del & Esther Thue’s wedding anniversary

In memory of...
Mike Woxland
Sam Hertogs
Joan Link
Andrew Pollard
Wally & Penny Pettit
Kermit Nygaard
Gene Almiquist
Myrtle Nelson
Ruth Kyan
Gloria Anderson
Ellsworth Johnson
Cindy Johnson Farber
Don Gustafson
Lowell Daley
Walt Schroeder
### Regular Weekly Meetings at Our Saviour’s

Unless noted otherwise, these groups meet every week:

**Sunday:**
- 7:30 AM  Weekly Prayer

**Monday:**
- 12:00 Noon  Church Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM  Jubilee Ringers

**Tuesday:**
- 9:00 AM  Women’s Study

**Wednesday:**
- 5:45 AM  Men’s Study
- 2:45 PM  Homework & Hangout *
- 4:00 PM  Sharing God’s Little Angels Choir *
- 4:45 PM  Good News Gang Choir *
- 5:00 PM  Intercessory Prayer
- 5:00 PM  Supper *
- 5:30 PM  Wednesday School *
- 6:15 PM  Confirmation *
- 6:15 PM  High School Worship *
- 6:30 PM  Adult Study
- 7:30 PM  Chancel Choir*
- 7:30 PM  Coffeeshop *
- * - Last meeting - May 13

**Thursday:**
- 9:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 5:00 PM  New Creation Band rehearsal

**Friday:**
- 9:30 AM  Bulletin Stuffers

**Friday, April 17**
- 5:00 PM  Creative Memories

**Saturday, April 18**
- 8:45 AM  7th Grade Confirmation Retreat
- 5:30 PM  Saturday Worship Service

**Sunday, April 19**
- 8:00 AM  Teen Ensemble Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM  Traditional Worship
- 9:15 AM  Blended Worship
- 9:15 & 10:35 AM  Church School
- 10:35 AM  Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:00 PM  TIM Team
- 4:06 PM  Gathering - Searching for Answers
- 6:30 PM  Book Club - Dr Brene Brown

**Monday, April 20**
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts 503
- 7:00 PM  Jubilee Ringers
- 7:00 PM  Revelation Study

**Tuesday, April 21**
- 7:00 PM  Book Club
- 7:00 PM  Stewardship Ministry Team

**Wednesday, April 22**
- 6:15 PM  7th Grade Confirmation Parent Night

**Friday, April 24**
- Synod Assembly

**Saturday, April 25**
- Synod Assembly
- 9:00 AM  Mission Trip Retreat (Middle School)
- 2:00 PM  Mission Trip Retreat (Senior High)
- 5:30 PM  Saturday Worship Service

### Coming Weeks at Our Saviour’s

**Sunday, April 26**
- Teacher Appreciation
- 7:30 AM  Weekly Prayer
- 8:00 AM  Traditional Worship
- 9:15 AM  Blended Worship
- 9:15 & 10:35 AM  Church School
- 10:35 AM  Contemporary Worship Service
- 6:30 PM  Book Club - Dr Brene Brown

**Monday, April 27**
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts 503
- 7:00 PM  Revelation Study

**Tuesday, April 28**
- 9:00 AM  Women’s Study

**Wednesday, April 29**
- 7:30 PM  Garage Sale setup

**Thursday, April 30**
- 9:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 10:30 AM  Garage sale setup and marking
- 5:00 PM  New Creation Band Rehearsal

**Friday, May 1**
- Middle School Mission Trip Final Payment
- 9:00 AM-5:30 PM  Garage Sale
- 9:30 AM  Bulletin Stuffers

**Saturday, May 2**
- 9:00 AM - 12 Noon  Garage Sale
- 5:30 PM  Saturday Worship Service

**Sunday, May 3**
- 8:00 AM  Traditional Worship
- 9:15 AM  Blended Worship
- 9:15 & 10:35 AM  Church School
- 10:35 AM  Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:45 AM  New Member Orientation
- 6:30 PM  Book Club - Dr Brene Brown

**Monday, May 4**
- 2:00-6:00 PM  Flower Sale Pickup/Delivery
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts 503
- 7:00 PM  Revelation Study

**Tuesday, May 5**
- 7:00 PM  Good Neighbors 4-H

**Wednesday, May 6**
- 9:00 AM  Quilting
- 5:30 PM  New Member Orientation

**Thursday, May 7**
- 5:00 PM  Wedding Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM  Food with Friends

**Saturday, May 9**
- 2:00 PM  Wedding
- 5:30 PM  Saturday Worship Service

**Sunday, May 10**
- 8:00 AM  Traditional Worship
- 9:15 AM  Blended Worship
- 9:15 & 10:35 AM  Church School
- 10:35 AM  Contemporary Worship Service
- 6:30 PM  Book Club - Dr Brene Brown

**Monday, May 11**
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts 503
- 7:00 PM  Revelation Study

**Tuesday, May 12**
- 6:00 PM  Church Council

**Wednesday, May 13**
- 9:00 AM  Lay Ministry

**Thursday, May 14**
- 5:00 PM  Wedding Rehearsal

**Friday, May 15**
- 4:00 PM  Wedding

**Saturday, May 16**
- 8:00 AM  Exchange Student Orientation
- 4:00 PM  Baptism Seminar
- 5:30 PM  Saturday Worship Service

**Sunday, May 17**
- 8:00 AM  Teen Ensemble Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM  Traditional Worship
- 9:15 AM  Blended Worship
- 9:15 & 10:35 AM  Church School
- 10:35 AM  Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:45 AM  Congregational Picnic Gathering & Activities - Spring Lake Park
- 12:15 PM  Picnic Lunch Serving
- 6:30 PM  Book Club - Dr Brene Brown

**Monday, May 18**
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts 503
- 7:00 PM  Revelation Study

**Tuesday, May 19**
- 4:00 PM  Messenger Deadline
- 7:00 PM  Stewardship Ministry Team

**Wednesday, May 20**
- 9:00 AM  Quilting

**Thursday, May 21**
- 9:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 5:00 PM  New Creation Band Rehearsal

**Saturday, May 23**
- 5:30 PM  Saturday Worship Service

**Sunday, May 24**
- 8:00 AM  Traditional Worship
- 9:15 AM  Blended Worship
- 10:35 AM  Contemporary Worship Service

**Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day**
- Church Office Closed

### Weekly Community Groups at Our Saviour’s

**Tuesdays**
- 7:00 PM  Black Dirt Theater

**Thursdays**
- 5:45 PM  T.O.P.S
- 7:00 PM  Community Bible Study

**Fridays**
- 8:30 AM  T.O.P.S

The next Messenger deadline is Tuesday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m.
The Fellowship Team will be providing the hotdogs, buns and fixings and asks those who are able, to bring something to share (snack, appetizer, salad, side, dessert.) There is a sign-up sheet at the Ministry Center at church. Feel free to bring lawn chairs, blankets and a yard game, such as ‘bags’, bocce ball, soccer/footballs, or frisbees.