Holy Week and Easter at Our Saviour’s:

March 24-25 - Palm/Passion Weekend
Worship Services with Holy Communion
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00, *9:15 & *10:35 a.m.

March 25 - Palm Sunday Breakfast sponsored by CYF Ministries Serving
from 8:30 a.m to 12 Noon - Tickets ($3) sold at the door

March 28 - Holy Wednesday
7:00 p.m. “Barabbas” led by Ray Menard

March 29 - Maundy Thursday
* 7:00 p.m. Worship with celebration of First Communion

March 30 - Good Friday
7:00 p.m. Service of Darkness and Light at Our Saviour’s

March 31 - Holy Saturday
5:30 p.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion

April 1 - Easter Sunday
Holy Communion at all services
8:00, * 9:00 & *10:00 a.m.
Easter Festival Celebrations
*11:00 a.m. Contemporary Easter Festival Celebration
No Church School Today

April 17 - Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.
Special Spring Afternoon Ecumenical
Worship Service hosted by Lay Ministry

* - indicates: Child Care Provided
We have entered Lent, a time traditionally set aside as a time of spiritual reflection and repentance. But, repentance often doesn’t have the best connotation in our culture. How do you hear Jesus’ call to “repent and believe in the good news?” Repentance for many has become a negative word prompting images of wallowing in self-recrimination and burdened under feelings of humiliation and shame. Over the years, calls for repentance have been used at times in unhealthy and punitive ways. But, repentance simply means to change direction.

Yet, even the suggestion that we be open to changing direction is viewed negatively these days. Social media companies are employing neuroscientists to develop techniques to not only get us to interact with their sites and apps more frequently, but also to tailor their images and content to what we like for the purpose of potential sales.

If anything that challenges us or presents an alternative perspective is removed from our experience, isn’t our openness, ability and toleration for anything that calls for a change of direction also eroded? Kevin Enochs, writing in an article for Voa, cites some interesting Gallop survey results. Enochs writes:

“When it comes to Americans who identify strongly as Democrat or Republican, the divide is even wider. In 1958, 33 percent of Democrats wanted their daughters to marry a Democrat, and 25 percent of Republicans wanted their daughters to marry a Republican,’ Vavreck writes. ‘But by 2016, 60 percent of Democrats and 63 percent of Republicans felt that way.’

It points to the idea that Americans are increasingly living among like-minded people, in their own “ideological bubble,” as it’s been called. This trend now applies to romance.” (Voa, “In US, ‘Interpolitical’ Marriage Increasingly Frowned Upon,” by Kevin Enochs, February 3, 2017, https://www.voa.com/a/mixed-political-marriages-an-issue-on-rise/3705468.html)

In addition to the “ideological bubble” being fed by only receiving information designed to affirm what we already think, this practice is creating another effect. Pastor Brian A.F. Beckstrom, is an ELCA campus pastor at Wartburg College in Waverly Iowa. Writing in Living Lutheran he shares:

“...I know from our students that they face incredible pressure to manage others’ perceptions of them but have few places where they can really be who they are without feeling completely exposed. As one student said to me recently, “Almost everything you see on Facebook or Instagram is happy and positive. It’s what we want people to see about us.”

This is a generation that has had it drilled into their heads that everything you put on the Internet is permanent. That’s not a bad message because sharing all of your vulnerabilities and mistakes on Facebook isn’t healthy either. The problem is that deep down we know what other people see online, and in-person isn’t who we truly are.

I don’t think it’s any surprise that two of the most popular apps of the last few years, Snapchat and Yik Yak, are social media platforms that are more private. We need to be able to give voice to the shadow self that lurks under the surface.

Unfortunately, there isn’t an app that allows people to give voice to their brokenness in front of others without being completely vulnerable. And there certainly isn’t one that confers forgiveness.” (Living Lutheran, “Needing confession, repentance,” by Brian A.F. Beckstrom February 11, 2016 https://www.livinglutheran.org/2016/02/needing-confession-repentance/)

In this season of Lent, Jesus invites us to self-examination and repentance, but also offers us the opportunity to be honest about our brokenness – to be who we truly are – and then to hear Jesus’ wonderful words of forgiveness and acceptance.

Pastor Lloyd Menke
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!

Personal and Family Devotionals 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.

God Pause - Sign up today to receive your FREE daily email devotion: www.luthersem.edu/godpause God Pause e-mail devotions are short, meaningful reflections on the following Sunday’s lessons and gospel delivered directly to your e-mail box. By Sunday, you’ll be ready for an extra meaningful worship experience.

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.

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to:
Nancy Amble - death of brother
Marilyn Murtaugh - death of brother
Family of Jeanie McCabe at her death
Keith Benson - death of mother
Janet Ambright - death of husband
Lin Warren - death of sister-in-law
Tammy McMenomy - death of father
Deb Saunders - death of mother

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

PLEASE, call the church office with news of a birth, hospitalization, or bereavement.

Privacy Laws - Hospitals are not able to give patient admission notification to churches. If you are aware of anyone in the hospital who would like a pastoral visit or be included in prayers, please call the church office.
Serving Ministries

People helping people!

Congregational Contacts...
Hastings Family Service
Board - Carrie Jo Short, Mike Woog
Meals on Wheels - Maxine Wkich
Narthex Food Wagon - Carol Rupp
Fixers for Christ - Greg Mikel
Food With Friends - Sharon Langenfeld, Cathy Shores
Servant Road - Cary Nygaard
Sharing and Caring Hands - Jana Serres
Tanzania Partnership - Christy Baum

Opportunities for Service

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

The services and ministries of the Center For Changing Lives are all inclusive. They exist to enhance the practical and spiritual well-being of any individual regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability or age. This is done through services and partnerships that touch all aspects of life: financial, personal counseling, childcare, housing, employment and health.
Contact: 651-642-5990 or visit their website: www.lssmn.org
You'll find many great resources, interesting stories of changed lives and ways you can donate or volunteer.

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.

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 February and March. The next meal will be on Thursday, April 5 at 6:00 PM. Sign up at the Information Center at church to provide food and/or help with setup, serving, and cleanup.
Contacts:
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.

Did you know that Hastings Family Service can turn a $10 donation into 83 pounds of food for our neighbors in Hastings? Monetary donations allow us to purchase food from Second Harvest Heartland. Because our purchase price is 13-cents per pound of food, we can truly stretch your dollar to feed many.

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Every dollar and every pound of food donated in March receives a PROPORTIONATE MATCH from MN FoodShare
Designate your gift to Hastings Family Service in March.

HASTINGS TASTINGS 2018
April 3 | 5:30 p.m. | SEAS
Join us on Tuesday, April 3 for Hastings Tastings. Hastings area restaurants provide samples of their specialty menu items to 400+ guests. There is a silent auction, raffles, and entertainment. Your $35 ticket purchase helps feed a family of five for a week!
Tickets available in the OSEL church office. ($40 at the door)

Meal and a Prayer
Do you know of someone struggling with a health issue or recovering from surgery? Do you know someone dealing with a death or celebrating a new baby? We have people willing to offer support by bringing a meal to their home. Please let the church office know of the need.
Financial Update

We have a good start to 2018 giving to the general fund with an increase over January, 2017 giving of about 19%. Some of this is due to tax law changes going into effect in 2018 and more people prepaying their giving commitment than we usually see. Even with this increase over 2017, we are still short of our budget and short of our actual expenses. January and February also bring added expenses such as increased utility bills, snow plowing, etc. and we ended January with a deficit of $13,155.

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Special Appeal
OSEL Loan with Vermillion State Bank

On June 1, 2016, Our Saviour’s entered into a loan with Vermillion State Bank so we could pay off the previous loan and fund the projects attached to the capital appeal (parking lot, elevator & refurbishment of the upstairs education area). The principal amount of the loan is $210,000 with payments due annually on the anniversary date over a 5 year period (6/1/17 – 6/1/21). The loan is interest free for the first two years, then interest accrues at 4.00%, 4.15% & 4.35% in the subsequent years.

The current balance of this loan is approximately $175,000 with the next payment due June 1, 2018 (less than 3 months from now). To pay this loan off by the due date of 6/1/21, we will need to make four annual payments of approximately $46,500.

Currently, $18,300 has been given for the next payment due to the bank on 6/1/18. To reach $46,500, we require $28,200 in giving over the next three months. We are asking for your support and commitment. Can we count on you?

Please feel free to contact myself or Joyce Nelson with any questions that you may have regarding giving to the capital appeal.

Rob Judge
Treasurer

Thank you for your partnership in ministry and for your continued financial support of the work we do together as we seek to live the mission statement of Our Saviour’s, “Living as the hands, feet and heart of Christ.”

Loaves and Fishes Internship Opportunity:
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Paid Internships: Loaves & Fishes is receiving intern resumes for our Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). These are paid ($1200 monthly) internship positions at 30 hours per week from June to August, 2018. The SFSP Intern supervises site activities involving people who are hungry and generally from neighborhoods with socio-economic issues, along with community volunteers and staff who are acting on the agency’s mission. The SFPS Intern works with other interns and volunteers to create and serve guests nutritious summer lunches (one intern will be an evening dinner). The intern is in charge of running the site from start to finish. We are looking for college students and/or recent graduates. Must have reliable transportation. Email cover letter and resume to rfriesen@loavesandfishesmn.org.

One of the internships would be for the summer program at Our Saviour’s. Please apply at the above email address.
Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Jim VerBout
Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry
651-437-9052, ext. 30
651-263-6129
jimverbout@gmail.com

Theresa Chatelle
Director of Faith Formation
651-437-9052, ext. 27
theresa.chatelle@osel.org

Church School
March 11 - No Sunday School (Spring Break)
March 14 - No Wednesday School (Spring Break)
March 28 - No Wednesday School / Confirmation / Overtime (Holy Week)
April 1 - No Sunday School (Easter)
April 29 - Teacher Appreciation

Sunday, March 25
Eggstravaganza!
Children’s Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10:35 service. (11:45-12:15)

March 25
8:30-12 Noon
Tickets ($3) sold at the door

Great way to support the youth as they fundraise for camps and mission trips and you get a yummy breakfast too!!

Youth and Parents—sign up in the fundraising binder at the Information Center to work at the breakfast

Celebration of First Communion will be Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7pm. Grandparents, godparents, friends, and siblings are most welcome to be present for this very special event in the spiritual life of your child.

Senior High Overnight Lock-In
Who: Any and all youth grades 9-12
What: Overnight at OSEL
When: March 23 to March 24
Cost: Bring something sweet to eat
Sign up at the information desk

Don’t Forget!!!!
Our Saviour’s priority camp deadline is March 15! A few spots are still open; be sure to sign up sooner than later! You can sign up after that but our “reserved” spots will be available to other communities.
http://lwlbci.com/os-hastings

Confirmation
7th Grade
On Wednesday, April 18 we will have our second youth & parent night. Marilyn Sharpe will be speaking to youth and parents. Marilyn is dedicated to helping congregations equip households to nurture faith in all of the generations, all of the time, wherever they are.

8th Grade
March 25 - A Seder will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 4-6pm for our 8th graders and their parents.

April 13 - Our 8th graders will tour and worship at the Temple of Aaron Friday, April 13 from 5:45-10pm.

All Grades
March 14 - NO Confirmation (Spring Break)
WoW Service is still happening

Moonlight Madness
Who: Grades 6-9;
Peer leaders 10-12 grade
What: We are partnering with St. Philip’s and will be taking a bus to several different locations throughout the Twin Cities all through the night!
When: Friday, April 13, all night from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Cost: $45 covers admission to all events
Sign up at the information desk

http://lwlbci.com/os-hastings
**Lenten Supper**

**Youth fundraiser**

March 21, 5:00-6:30 pm.

We’ll be serving chicken & rice with Chef Johnny. Your free will offering supports those attending mission trips and camp.

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**Garage and Bake Sale**

It’s back!!! The garage sale is back and in full swing! This is a great way to raise a lot of money for camp, mission trips, Servant Road, and Our Saviour’s community! We will need help on the following days in April:

- **4/25** Setting up the garage sale (youth/adults after confirmation)
- **4/26** Pricing (adults only; parents can raise funds for their kids!)
- **4/27** Garage Sale
- **4/28** Sale and Clean up

You can sign up to bring baked goods as well for the two days of the sale on 4/27 and 4/28. Sign up at the Information Center!

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**Gerten’s Flower Sale**

Order forms for selling are available now! See Jan at the information desk to pick up your copy of the order form. This is a great way to get your spring flowers and plants and to support the youth for their mission trips and camp outings. Last day to sell is March 18th and the day to pick up the flowers will be May 9th from 3 to 6 pm.

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**Join us for Supper**

**Wednesdays**

5:00-6:30 PM

Chef John Wakeen will plan and prepare the meals with the help of the groups listed below.

**March 14** - Pasta Buffet, tossed Italian salad, garlic breadsticks
*(Food with Friends)*

**March 21** - Seared Chicken Breast with wild rice pilaf, roasted vegetables
*(Youth fundraiser)*

**March 28** - NO Meal

**April 4** - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad

**April 11** - All you can eat beer battered fish fry with coleslaw, potato;
Donations of your best cornbread recipe greatly appreciated.

**April 18** - Svenska köttbullar (Swedish meatballs) boiled potato and carrots

Suggested donation: $3 plus an opportunity to support the March groups above during Lent.

**Dessert donations and help serving** always accepted/needed.

**Sign-up Sheets** at the Information Center.

Join us Wednesday evenings for great food and fellowship.

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**PSALM OF PRAISE**

Created by the OSEL Thursday “Good News” Men’s Group

Always remember to praise the Lord for His mercy and wisdom.
Believe in the power of belief in the Lord.
Center your faith on the works of the Lord.
Delightful are the wonders of our world.
Everlasting are the works of the Lord.
From you Lord all blessings flow.
Grand and glorious are your plans for us in eternity, after we finish your work in this time.
Holy Spirit, you are a wondrous blessing.
In our hearts is the presence of the Holy Spirit.
Jesus, I give you thanks with my whole heart.
Knowledge of your word will always be a blessing for me.
Love is the foundation of your teaching.
May each day of my life be filled with praise for your wondrous works.
Now is the time to give thanks and praise to God.
Open my heart to your loving kindness, my Lord and Savior.
Praise the power of the Lord as we please Him.
We pray for all people, both poor and proud.
Quiet are my moments when I hear your voice.
Reverently we gather to know and praise you.
Saints and Sinners praise the Lord forever.
Thanks to the Lord for all that you have done for us sinners.
Understand the works of the Lord in all of our surroundings.
Voices proclaim vocally and silently as we give thanks and praise.
Wonderful deeds you perform for your people.
X-rays and MRI’s are wonders of science and are amazing in our sight.
Yellowstone and Yosemite, sand and sea, mountains and meadows, plateaus and plains, lakes and landscapes.
We praise you for the gift and beauty of creation throughout the World.
ZZZZ…Let’s not find ourselves asleep when you call on us. We praise you!
**Worship & Music Ministries**

**Special Spring Afternoon Ecumenical Worship Service**
Tuesday, April 17, 2:00 PM  
*Here at Our Saviour’s Lutheran*

Enjoy warm fellowship with other seniors, shut-ins, family and friends. The public is invited. Transportation available; call Paula at 651-438-3738 or the church office, 651-437-9052, if you need a ride.  
*Planned and hosted by Lay Ministry Committee.*

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**Diane Pearson**  
Director of Sacred Music  
651-437-9052, ext. 21

**Jason Craft**  
Contemporary Band Leader  
jasoncraft2000@yahoo.com

**Kevin Gagnon**  
Media Coordinator

**Choir Directors:**  
Kathy Hardy - Jubilee Ringers  
Lin Warren - Chancel Choir  
Tammy McMenomy - God’s Little Angels (Preschool-Kindergarten choir)  
Alison Smith - Good News Gang (1st through 6th grade choir)

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**Recently Baptized at Our Saviour’s**

**Mackenzie Ann Hartman**  
Born: March 13, 2007  
Baptized: February 25, 2018  
Guardian: Nichole Reinardy  
Mother: Kathryn Ducharme  
Sponsors: Andrea Reinardy, Nathan & Lennea Marxhausen, Eric Baertsch

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The next **Baptism Seminar** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 24 at 4:00 pm** in the office conference room. If you wish to have a child baptized, you must first attend a seminar. Please call Ann Traeder at 651.437.9052, x10 if you wish to register for the next seminar, to schedule a baptism, or if you have questions.

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**WoW**

*MUSIC + MESSAGE + MEANING*  
**Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m.**

**WoW** is off to a great start. If you haven’t yet tried it out, please join us for this new worship experience. Relatable, meaningful, and succinct, the **WoW (Worship on Wednesdays)** evening service is perfect for a weekly worship opportunity or as a supplement to your Saturday or Sunday routine. There is time after the service for further discussion of the topic or for fellowship. Watch for a variety of series, topics and speakers as we continue this worship opportunity throughout the year.

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**Welcome to the following New Members who attended the Feb. 25, 2018 New Member Session and have become a part of Our Saviour’s family:**

-Jacob Denn & Georgeann Freeman, Maverick Brahmer  
Amy Joy Grimes, Jacob & Madison  
Karin Grossman  
Kathleen Holler  
Derek & Alisa Huebsch, Briella, Jocelyn & Merissa  
Cyndi & Scott Jakel  
Kyle & Katherine Schafer, Margot  
Julie Swanson  
Vivyann

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**Mark Your Calendar**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Our Saviour’s family? Do you have some questions? Want to find out more about us?

Our next New Member Session will be held **Sunday, April 29 at 11:35 a.m.**

Watch for more information in the coming weeks or call the church office to register, 651.437.9052.

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**Mark Your Calendar**

NEEDED for Holy Week Services

**Maundy Thursday - March 29**  
7:00 - 4-6 Ushers  
2 communion assistants

**Good Friday - March 30**  
7:00 - 4-6 Ushers  
2 Acolytes

**Easter - April 1**  
8:00 AM - 2 Acolytes  
10:00 AM - 1 Acolyte

Confirmation students and families of all ages welcome to serve. If you are available to help, please contact Linda at 651.437.9052, x12 or linda.gathright@osel.org.
In recent weeks in worship we have celebrated...

...our youth and adults sharing time and fun with residents of Oak Ridge Manor by playing Bingo in January and delivering valentines and cookies in February.

...Our Saviour’s as a place for groups to gather in our facility: Red Cross Blood Drives hosted by Regina Hospital Auxiliary, Loaves and Fishes, SPARK, Scout groups, Sons of Norway, Hastings Concert Association, Concerts, Life Line Screening, T.O.P.S., Primary and General Elections, High School graduation line-up, Community Bible Study. We are blessed to be able to share our facility with our Hastings Community who find us “open and welcoming.”

... the Our Saviour’s Endowment Foundation and their ability to extend our mission beyond what we can accomplish with the operating fund. This year at the annual meeting the vote was overwhelmingly in favor to support the Homeless Project of Dakota County with $1,000 from the Endowment funds. Another $1,000 is typically used to fund a college scholarship for an Our Saviour’s student in the spring.

...the gift of fellowship at the Wiederholt’s Valentine dinner as 78 friends gathered to celebrate love, enjoy great food and play a few games.

... the generosity of the congregation in collecting over $600 for Hastings Family Service on Souper Bowl Sunday as well as $687 from the Ash Wednesday Supper to help students earn funds for mission trips and camp.

... 15 youth and adults taking in the splendor of God’s beautiful creation at the Lutsen weekend ski trip. A refreshing time to step out of the day to day busyness of life and take in each other’s company and the hills!

“Moms, Books and Conversation”

Moms coming together using books to guide conversations about navigating motherhood, family and faith. Currently, the book being read is “Only Love Today” by Rachel Macy Stafford. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month in Faith Chapel at church from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Members are welcome to join anytime throughout the year.

New Group: Chronic Pain Support Group

Begins March 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sign up at the Information Center to indicate your interest or call Lora Abraham at 763.232.1772 with questions. Group will be held at Our Saviour’s, Room 209, on the 2nd Thursday of each month unless members would like to go weekly or bi-weekly as the group grows.

Thank you so much for including Servant Road in your Growing In Grace campaign and for the amazing donation to us! It’s an answer to our prayers for setting up a scholarship fund.

Servant Road Board

Thank you very much for the donation of new and gently used coats! We, along with those who receive the coats, are so grateful. Thank you for thinking of us!

Neighbors, Inc. of South St. Paul

Shared Ministry Through Small Groups

Continuing Groups...
First timers are always welcome.

Men’s Study Group
Sundays, 6:30 PM
Contact Dennis Nygaard, 437-7943

Women’s Bible Study
Tuesdays, 9:00 AM
Contact Jan Peterson, 437-9531

Men’s Wednesday Morning Group
Wednesdays, 7:00 AM
Contact Tim Mellesmoen, 437-5221

Adult Study
Wednesdays, 7:15 PM
Contact Leigh Nelson, 651-222-6065

Good News Men’s Group
Thursdays, 9:00 AM
Contact Pastor Doug, 437-9052

Fill My Cup, Lord!

This retreat encourages individuals to reflect on their own personal and spiritual well-being. Using a cup as a metaphor for our lives, participants will reflect on times when they have felt “filled” and energized, as well as when they have felt “drained” and spiritually empty. Time will be spent in large and small group discussion, personal reflection and meditation. Marian Eisenmann will be the guest speaker.

Women’s Retreat is being planned for May 4 and May 5 at Camp Wapo. Included in the retreat is a meal on Friday with Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday and staying overnight in Anderson Hall at Camp Wapo. The cost for this event is $95.00. Please register with Tricia Agen or Jan Woog. The retreat is a sponsored event of Lay Ministry.

March-April 2018
**Thursday, March 8**
- 9:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 9:30 AM  Rebekah Circle at Darlene Myers’
- 5:30 PM  New Creation Band Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM  Servant Road Team Meeting
- 6:30 PM  Chronic Pain Support Group
- 9:00 AM  Quilting
- 4:30 PM  Intercessory Prayer
- 5:00 PM  Wednesday Evening Meal-Youth
- 5:30 AM  Wednesday School
- 6:15 PM  God’s Little Angels
- 6:15 PM  Good News Gang
- 6:30 PM  WoW Worship

**Friday, March 9**
- 9:30 AM  Bulletin Stuffers
- 1:00 PM  Finance Meeting

**Saturday, March 10**
- 5:30 PM  Worship Service

**Sunday, March 11**
- Daylight Savings Time - clocks forward 1 hour
- NO Church School
- 7:30 AM  Weekly Prayer
- 8:00 AM  Adult Study
- 9:15 AM  Blended Worship
- 10:15 AM  Contemporary Worship Service
- 3:00 PM  Sons of Norway

**Monday, March 12**
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts 503
- 7:00 PM  Jubilee Ringers

**Tuesday, March 13**
- 9:00 AM  Women’s Study

**Wednesday, March 14**
- 7:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 9:30 AM  Lay Ministry
- 4:30 PM  Intercessory Prayer
- 5:00 PM  Evening Meal-Food with Friends
- 6:30 PM  WoW Worship - Ray Menard
- 7:10 PM  Adult Small Group
  - NO Children’s Choirs
  - NO Wednesday School
  - NO Confirmation, Overtime
  - NO Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 15**
- Camp Wapo Early Registration Deadline
- 9:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 5:30 PM  New Creation Band Rehearsal

**Friday, March 16**
- 9:30 AM  Bulletin Stuffers

**Saturday, March 17**
- 8:00 AM  Creative Memories
- 5:30 PM  Worship Service

**Sunday, March 18**
- Deadline for Gertens Flower Sale Forms
  - 7:30 AM  Weekly Prayer
  - 8:00 AM  Adult Study
  - 9:15 AM  Blended Worship
  - 9:15 & 10:35 AM  Church School
  - 10:35 AM  Contemporary Worship Service

**Monday, March 19**
- 6:00 PM  President’s Committee
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts 503
- 7:00 PM  Jubilee Ringers

**Tuesday, March 20**
- 9:00 AM  Women’s Study
- 6:00 PM  Church Council
- 6:30 PM  Moms, Books and Conversation “MBC”

**Wednesday, March 21**
- 7:00 AM  Men’s Study

**Thursday, March 22**
- 9:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 5:30 PM  New Creation Band Rehearsal

**Friday, March 23**
- 9:30 AM  Bulletin Stuffers

**Saturday, March 24**
- 4:00 PM  Baptism Seminar
- 5:30 PM  Worship Service

**Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday**
- 7:30 AM  Weekly Prayer
- 8:00 AM  Worship Service
- 8:30 AM  Pancake Breakfast
- 9:15 AM  Blended Worship
- 9:15 & 10:35 AM  Church School
- 10:35 AM  Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:35 AM  Easter Eggstravaganza
- 4:00 PM  Seder - Confirmation

**Monday, March 26**
- 10:00 AM  Church Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts 503
- 7:00 PM  Jubilee Ringers

**Tuesday, March 27**
- 9:00 AM  Women’s Study

**Wednesday, March 28**
- 7:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 4:30 PM  Intercessory Prayer
  - NO Children’s Choirs
  - NO Wednesday Evening Meal
  - NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 AM  Maundy Thursday Worship and 1st Communion
- 8:00 PM  Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday**
- 9:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 5:30 PM  New Creation Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM  Holy Wednesday - Ray Menard

**Friday, March 30 - Good Friday**
- 9:30 AM  Bulletin Stuffers
- 7:00 PM  Good Friday Service

**Saturday, March 31 - Holy Saturday**
- 5:30 PM  Worship Service

**Sunday, April 1 - Easter**
- 7:30 AM  Weekly Prayer
- 8:00 AM  Eater Worship
- 9:00 AM  Easter Worship
- 10:00 AM  Easter Worship
- 11:00 AM  Contemporary Easter Worship
  - NO Church School

**Monday, April 2**
- Church Office Closed
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts 503
- 7:00 PM  Jubilee Ringers

**Tuesday, April 3**
- 9:00 AM  Women’s Study
- 5:00 PM  Hastings Tastings for Hastings Family Service
- 6:00 PM  CYF Leadership Team
- 6:30 PM  Good Neighbors 4-H

**Wednesday, April 4**
- 7:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 9:00 AM  Quilting
- 4:30 PM  Intercessory Prayer
- 5:00 PM  Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 PM  Wednesday School
- 6:15 PM  God’s Little Angels
- 6:15 PM  Good News Gang
- 6:30 PM  WoW Worship
- 7:10 PM  Adult Small Group
- 7:10 PM  Confirmation 7, 8, 9 Small Groups
- 7:30 PM  Overtime

**Thursday, April 5**
- 9:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 5:00 PM  Food with Friends
- 5:30 PM  New Creation Band Rehearsal

**Friday, April 6**
- 9:30 AM  Bulletin Stuffers

**Saturday, April 7**
- 5:30 PM  Worship Service

**Sunday, April 8**
- 7:30 AM  Weekly Prayer
- 8:00 AM  Worship Service
- 9:15 AM  Blended Worship
- 9:15 & 10:35 AM  Church School
- 10:35 AM  Contemporary Worship Service with Good News Gang
- 3:00 PM  Sons of Norway

**Monday, April 9**
- 10:00 AM  Church Staff Meeting
- 11:30 AM  Red Cross Blood Drive
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts 503
- 7:00 PM  Jubilee Ringers

**Tuesday, April 10**
- 9:00 AM  Women’s Study
- 1:00 PM  Red Cross Blood Drive
- 4:00 PM  Messenger deadline
- 6:00 PM  Church Council

**Wednesday, April 11**
- 7:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 4:30 PM  Intercessory Prayer
- 5:00 PM  Wednesday Evening Meal
- 5:30 PM  Wednesday School
- 6:15 PM  God’s Little Angels
- 6:15 PM  Good News Gang
- 6:30 PM  WoW Worship
- 7:10 PM  Adult Small Group
- 7:10 PM  Confirmation 7, 8, 9 Small Groups
- 7:30 PM  Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM  Overtime

**Thursday, April 12**
- 9:00 AM  Men’s Study
- 5:30 PM  New Creation Band Rehearsal

**Friday, April 13**
- 9:30 AM  Bulletin Stuffers
- 5:45 PM  Temple of Aaron

**Saturday, April 14**
- 8:30 AM  Sharing & Caring Hands prep
- 5:30 PM  Worship Service
Don’t forget SCRIP Gift Cards Year-round Fundraising

Put money in your fundraising accounts for simply getting gift cards here. Available at the Information 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: www.ShopWithScrip.com

Many cards are available for the places you shop regularly. Working on a big project? Order Scrip cards ahead of time and watch your account grow. Need gifts for Mother’s Day, Graduations, Weddings? Plan ahead!

Hastings Community Blood Drive

Hosted by Regina Medical Center Auxiliary

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church

Monday, April 9
11:30 AM to 5:30 PM
Tuesday, April 10
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

For more information or to make an appointment, please call Gail at 651-248-1173 or 1-800-RED CROSS
visit: www.redcrossblood.org
Enter Sponsor code: Our Saviours

Sunday, April 15
7:30 AM Weekly Prayer
8:00 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM Blended Worship
9:15 & 10:35 AM Church School
10:35 AM Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, April 16
10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Boy Scouts 503
7:00 PM Jubilee Ringers

Tuesday, April 17
9:00 AM Women’s Study
10:00 AM Messenger Mailing
1:00 PM Special Communion Service
6:30 PM Moms, Books and Conversation “MBC”

Wednesday, April 18
7:00 AM Men’s Study
9:00 AM Quilting
4:30 PM Intercessory Prayer
5:00 PM Wednesday Evening Meal
5:30 PM Wednesday School
6:15 PM God’s Little Angels
6:15 PM Good News Gang
6:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation & Parent Night
6:30 PM WoW Worship
7:10 PM Adult Small Group
7:30 PM Overtime

Thursday, April 19
9:00 AM Men’s Study
5:30 PM New Creation Band Rehearsal

Weekly Community Groups at Our Saviour’s

Thursdays
5:45 PM T.O.P.S.
6:30 PM Community Bible Study

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

OSEL Spring garage sale is right around the corner. (April 27-28)
Please start saving your treasures in very good to excellent condition for the sale. Items may be brought to the youth center beginning, Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Proceeds from the fundraiser will give financial help to students who will be on Summer Mission trips and attending Camp Wapo.

Set up for the sale will be Wednesday evening on April 25, with pricing from 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26. The sale will be held Friday, April 27 from 9-5:00 and Saturday, April 28 from 9-12:00. Volunteers to help during those times will be appreciated.

Suggested Items for the Garage Sale (in very good to excellent condition only, please):
Books: adult, children, fiction, popular non-fiction
Videos, DVDs, CDs
Puzzles, games, toys; Children’s clothing
New, unopened items; Antique Items Stationary, school supplies, paper goods
Bed and bath items: linens, towels, blankets, sheet sets
Jewelry
Tools
Sewing items, yard goods, craft items. Glassware, dishes, vases, baskets
Sports Equipment (gently used)
Small Electronics, mixers, popcorn poppers, radios, microwaves
Pictures, Frames, Area rugs

Items that are broken, cracked, soiled, stained, torn and missing parts or pieces do not sell, and cost the church money to discard.

Items NOT WANTED for the sale:
Encyclopedias, text books
Reader’s Digest condensed books
Cassette tapes
Items with missing pieces, chips or cracks Mugs with advertising or logos.
Linens with spots or stains or tears Electronics – computers, typewriters, TV’s etc; Exercise equipment
Large appliances: stove, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.

If you have large furniture items such as sofas or dressers they must be in very good to excellent condition.

Questions on the bake sale may be directed to Jan Steele, 651.587.7357

Adult & Student Workers - remember to sign up for the fundraiser at the Information Center in the pink fundraising binder!

Questions? Contact Betty or Cary Nygaard, 651.302.5209
or Gretchen Studenski, 612.269.4950

The next Messenger deadline is Tuesday, April 10 at 4:00 PM

Newsletter Deadline

March-April 2018
Our Saviour’s Easter Garden

Each year during the Easter season, our worship services are highlighted by our beautiful Easter flower garden.

If you wish to give a gift toward the purchase of an Easter plant, please complete the form below and return the information and your check to the church office no later than Wednesday, March 21. If you would rather “lend” us your plant, that will be equally helpful. (Please drop off plants on March 30.) An insert will be placed in the Easter worship bulletins recognizing in whose memory or honor you are presenting or lending this gift. The flowers will decorate the church for our Easter services and may be taken home after the 11:00 Easter service on April 1 or on Tuesday, April 3. (Building will be closed April 2.) Plants not picked up soon after the 2nd will be enjoyed for subsequent days and weeks in worship.

2018 Easter Garden

Your Name ______________________________________

In memory of ________________________________

or

In honor of ________________________________

___ I’d like to give $_______ toward a fund to purchase plants.

___ I will lend my plant for the Easter season.

Return completed form to: Our Saviour’s Ev. Lutheran Church, 400 Ninth Street West, Hastings, MN  55033.