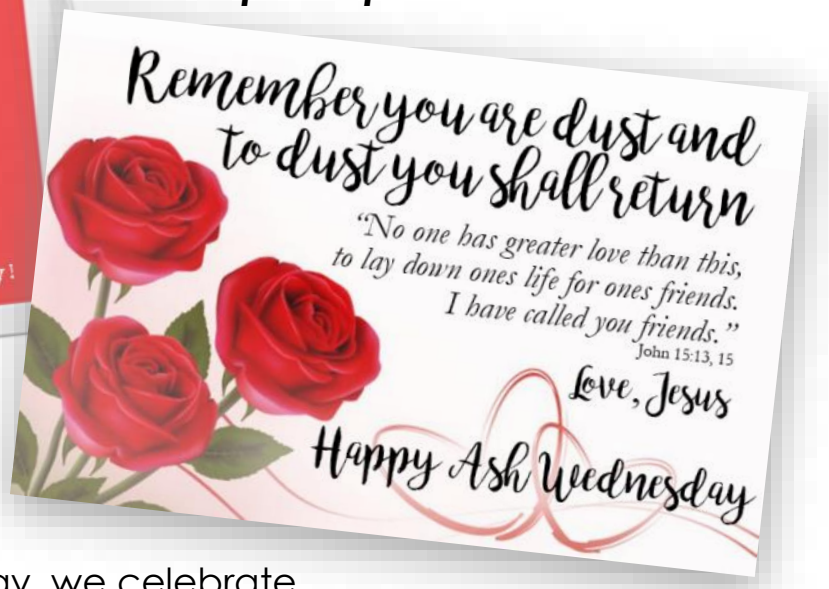


What a great Valentine's Card!!



or perhaps this one is better...



This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. On Valentine's Day, we celebrate the people we love and the people that love us. On Ash Wednesday, we look at ourselves and see who we are and where we are going. We see how we fall short of the Glory of God. We see that we are finite. We see that we are powerless to change the outcome of our life. We see our life is moving towards death. We see the truth that before creation, we were dust and after death, we will return to dust.

"Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return."

This is where we begin our Lenten journey, looking at ourselves and seeing that we are heading to dust. We raise eyes and look down the road to Good Friday and we see the cross. The cross that changes it all. The cross, a horrible instrument of torture becomes a symbol of love. Not our love, but God's love. A love so deep for us that Jesus called us friends and gave his life for us so we could have life abundant and eternal.

We are getting ahead of ourselves as we are not to Good Friday and Easter yet. We are just coming up on Ash Wednesday. For this year, it is a good thing that Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day. For as we see ourselves as dust, we hear that we are a loved lump of dust. Loved so much that we are raised to new life in and with God.

Thanks be to God that loves all of us lumps of dust.

God Bless,
Pastor Paul

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday



Thursday

Friday

Saturday



FEBRUARY

				<p>1 7:30am Men Reading Scripture at Season's Restaurant 9:30am Lydia Circle 10:30am Bulletin Folders Brigade</p>	<p>2 8:00pm Middle School Lock-In</p> 	<p>3 8:30am Northstar Quilters Guild Meeting 10:00am Miriam Circle</p>
<p>4 9:00am Worship with Communion 10:00am Coffee & Fellowship 10:10am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Communion 1:00pm National Youth Gathering Meeting</p>	<p>5 9:00am Quilting 6:00pm Tiger Cubs Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee Meeting 6:00pm Tiger Cubs Meeting</p>	<p>7 9:00am Quilters "too" 1:30pm Naomi Circle 3:45pm Middle School Youth Group 5:15pm Wednesday Supper 6:00pm Worship & WET (Wednesday Education Time) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Confirmation 8:00pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p>8 7:30am Men Reading Scripture at Season's Restaurant 10:30am Bulletin Folders Brigade 2:30pm Worship at Good Sam 5:30pm Property & Management Committee Meeting 6:30pm Tabitha Circle at Stacy Schlieman's 7:00pm Education Committee Meeting</p>	<p>9 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 3:00pm Tony Hart & Katie Hruby Wedding</p>
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Please join us for Worship in February!

Sunday Worship

- Join us for worship on Sundays at 9am and 11am. Coffee & Fellowship, as well as Sunday School, will be held between services at 10:00am.

Wednesday Worship, through February 7, 2018

- Join us for educational programming and worship on Wednesdays. Free-will suppers will be served from 5:15-6:00pm, Worship and Wednesday Education Time (WET) begins at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary/Worship Center, followed by Confirmation at 7:00pm.

Ash Wednesday Worship, February 14, 2018

- The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Join us for our Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:00pm. We will not have supper, Wednesday Education Time, or Confirmation on Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Suppers and Worship, Wednesdays throughout Lent

- We will begin our Lenten suppers on Wednesday, February 21. Serving begins at 5:00pm. Come share a meal with your family and friends and stay for Lenten Worship beginning at 6:00pm. Wednesday Education Time and Confirmation will not meet during Lent; however Confirmation students are expected to attend worship each week.



Mardi Gras
**HYMN
SING**

Sunday, February 11
6:30pm
Up North Pizza Pub
(downtown East Grand Forks)

All are welcome!


This is a family-friendly restaurant, so bring the whole family to join the fun! Come early, have pizza, stay and sing your heart out!



**FAT
TUESDAY**
Pancake Supper

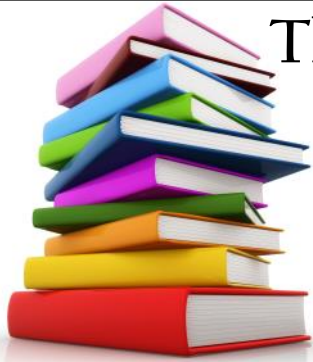
Tuesday, February 13 serving from 5:00-6:30pm

Feast on pancakes, sausage, fruit and something sweet as we prepare for the six weeks of Lent!



Our Wednesdays during Lent look different than any other time of the year. Confirmation will not be meeting (students will be attending worship either on Sunday or Wednesday), WET will not be meeting, supper will be served, and there will be faith-forming activities available for people of all ages. We look forward to this time of year and the opportunity for us to come together.

If you're looking for something special to do yourself or with your family during this Lenten season, a few resource ideas will be available for you to look at on a table in the fellowship hall beginning Sunday, February 7.



The Our Savior's Library has NEW Books!

Have you stopped in the church library recently? We have added more books and want to highlight a few of those for you each month!

Do you ever wonder what prayers to say with your children? Or how prayer fits into your life as a family? *Scrambled Starts* (by Jenny Youngman, Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2015) is a short and easy book to read to give you lots of ideas and prayers to pray. It includes prayers for mealtimes and bedtimes, prayers for specific occasions, prayers for parents and for kids, and ideas for incorporating prayer into your home and family life.

Sensible Shoes, Two Steps Forward, and Barefoot are the first three books in a four-book series (the fourth is being released soon) by Sharon Garlough Brown that tells the story of four strangers as they embark together on a journey of spiritual formation. These four women, all in different circumstances and church experiences, arrive at a retreat center and find one another and journey together in spiritual practice, mutual support, and personal revelation. In these works of fiction, we can find ourselves reflected and invited to explore prayer and time with God that is unique to who we are and how God has created each of us.

Sponsor a Radio Broadcast

OSLC's 9:00am Sunday Worship is broadcast each week on KNOX 1310 and all are welcome to sponsor a broadcast in memory or honor of loved ones. The cost of each radio broadcast is \$170. The sign-up sheet for sponsoring 2017 broadcasts is in the church office. **Sponsor a radio broadcast today!! The following upcoming dates are open...**

February 18: In honor or memory of...

February 25: In honor or memory of...

March 4: In honor or memory of...

March 11: In honor or memory of...

March 18: In honor or memory of...

Plus many Sundays throughout 2018!

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February 2018 Work Group

Randy & Tracy Anderson	773-2380
Raeann Beauchamp	773-1870
Sylvia Bilden	773-1562
Elaine Brown	773-8653
Troy Cariveau	773-3158
Tom Dahl	773-0288
Daryl & Cindy Evavold	773-2769
Ron & Robbie Galstad	
Joe Grenier	773-2600
Lee & Rachael Hansen	773-2518
Jacob & Angie Johnson	218-791-3300
Scott & Connie Kliner	
Denae Larson	773-9427
Dave & Judi Loer	773-9558
Brent & Nicole Massmann	773-2412
Allan & Barbara Moe	773-0572
James & Genevee Nelson	
Matthew & Rhonda Norton	218-779-4489
Debbie Palmiscno	773-3197
Heidi Peterka	701-741-3701
Bradley & Diana Ranten	773-1917
Sheila Roisum	773-9767
Sharon Schmidt	773-9649
Joe & Kelly Sobolik	715-307-0012
Virginia Stauss	218-779-5529
Mike & Tammy Swang	701-740-1972
Mark Thompson	773-3291
Jeff & Bev Voigt	773-0257
Duane & Janet Wheeler	701-772-0023
Sherry Zeman	



Our Savior's Christian Education

No WET during Lent

Our Wednesday Education Time kids will not meet as a class during Lent. There will be some fun faith-enhancing activities available each week during Lenten Supper, so come eat, have some fun as a family, and enjoy worship together!

Noisy Offering Continues Each Wednesday during Lent

The WET (Wednesday Education Time) kids have been collecting Noisy Offering each week for the School Back-Pack Lunch program. They REALLY enjoy this part of worship and we will continue it during Lent! Please remember to bring your spare change each week. The kids will decide which charity they'll donate their Lenten collections to soon!

Teachers are Needed for Wednesday Education Time

Our busy and bustling Wednesday Education Time is in need of teachers and helpers for the upcoming months. If you can volunteer for a four-week slot please contact the church office or email Karin Bergstrom (karinbergstrom218@gmail.com) for sign-up information. The lesson is already prepared and it is the same for each four-week rotation. The kids need your help! Thank you!

**OSLC
YOUTH
2017-18**



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

MATTHEW 7:24-25

Youth News & Upcoming Events

Ken Dessellier, Youth Director

oscegyouth@gmail.com; (218)773-8449 or (701)330-1725

There's something for every age group and all are welcome so bring your friends!

Youth Groups

The Middle School Youth Group will meet each Wed. from 3:45-4:45pm.

The Senior High Youth Group will meet each Wed. from 8:00-9:30pm (7:30 during Lent)

Middle School Lock-In, Friday & Saturday, Feb. 2-3 from 8pm-8am

If you're a Middle School student looking for something fun to do on a Friday night, then come and check out this event! This will be one amazing night as we go bowling and play some amazing games and have a great time all night long! Bring a pillow and blanket in case you get tired, socks for bowling, some running shoes for games, and \$20 (or \$15 plus a couple canned goods for the food shelf). The cost helps cover bowling and food.

2018 Ski Trip, Monday, February 19

Come and enjoy the day off of school by going skiing or snowboarding! We will head to Andes Tower Hills near Alexandria, MN. We will leave the church early in the morning to give you more time on the slopes. For information and prices, please pick up a ski trip packet from the youth office. This opportunity is open to all 6-12th graders. **All ski trip registration forms are due on Wednesday, February 7 by 8pm.** Please contact Ken with questions!

Elementary Fun Day! – Friday February 16, from 7:30am-3:30pm

We would like to invite any elementary aged youth to come for a fun day at the church. We will have games, songs, activities, and lunch! What a great way to spend a day off of School! We just ask that you bring \$5 to help offset the costs of lunch and snack. If your child has any dietary restrictions or you have any questions, please contact Ken.

Congregational Council Summary - January 16, 2018

- The Call Committee had their first meeting with Reverend Laurie Natwick from the ELCA NW Synod office. They continue to meet every Sunday with David Murphy, chairperson; Jill Thompson, vice-chairperson; and Kaley Johnson, Secretary.
- Church council wrote a proposal regarding behavior and participation compliance that was presented to confirmation students and their parents at a meeting on January 3, 2018.
- Installation has started for Wi-Fi which is part of the technology proposal approved by church council at the December 20, 2017 meeting.
- Dan Reger from HB Sound, Fargo, ND came and met with David Thompson and Ken Dessillier regarding the new projector/throw lens and cable. A proposal with estimates will be brought to the annual meeting for a congregational vote.
- A wireless microphone proposal from HB Sound with estimates will be brought to the annual meeting for a congregational vote.
- Motion carried to approve the proposed 2018 annual budget as presented and to share it at the annual meeting.
- The parsonage committee met and visited the parsonage/grounds. Motion carried to set up a parsonage repair fund and also accepted the first donation from the Peabody Family Trust. The committee recommends that a property management group take over this property and will address it further at the annual meeting.

Congregational Council Minutes - December 19, 2017

Mission Statement: To Know Jesus Christ and to Make Him Known

Present: Stephanie Larson, president; David Thompson, vice president; Jane Norman, secretary; Roy Lillfors, treasurer/ex officio; Tim Rehn, RaeAnn Beauchamp, Dale Thompson, Al Lind, Karin Bergstrom, preacher/ex officio; and Pastor Paul Trenne, ex officio.

Excused: Alice Goschen (metatarsal fracture)

Absent: Lauris Svendson

Other's present: Clarence Vetter, book keeper

1. Call to order (Stephanie) 6 PM
2. Devotion and prayer (Pastor Paul)
3. Approve agenda – motion to approve agenda with flexibility by David, second by Al. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's minutes 11/21/2017 – motion to approve by David, second by RaeAnn. Motion carried.
5. Stephanie and Jane's meeting in Fosston, ND – handouts were distributed regarding guidelines and principles for interpreting OSLC and the whole church's mission. Write a one-minute elevator speech telling OSLC's story. There is good material here for further exploration with council members at a future meeting or retreat.
6. Call Process
 - a. Council Retreat – meeting was held in Chapel Hall on December 3, 2017.
 - b. Call Committee – The first meeting will be Wednesday, January 3 with Reverend Laurie Natwick from the ELCA NW Synod office.
7. Confirmation - Pastor Paul and Karin initiated discussion on behavior problems with some students who are disrupting learning and discussion opportunities for other students during confirmation classes. Other students feel intimidated and

uncomfortable sharing and learning with mentors, parents and students who are in attendance. With council support, all cell phones will now be collected at the beginning of confirmation. If a student(s) misbehaves, their parents will be call to come and get them immediately. A parent will also be required to accompany their child to confirmation in the future.

8. Technology proposal – motion by David, second by Dale, to approve network rehabilitation project from OSLC member, Mike Schlieman, for approximately \$2400. An electrician will be needed for a small portion of the project. This project's goal is to provide church staff with new wired network equipment installed to connect all church computers in key areas of the church. Mike will do the installation on a volunteer basis. OSLC member, Mark Jenson, will get a bid on costs to get a broadband connection from Midcontinent. Motion carried.
9. The Maze – a handout was distributed and a picture of who we (OSCL) want to be was presented by Pastor Paul.
10. Budget – The 2018 proposed budget was reviewed and will be presented at the annual congregational meeting in January.
11. Nominating Committee – will be meeting and will have a slate of nominees for church council ready for the annual meeting. Members include: Stephanie Larson, Tim Rehn, Alice Goschen and Jerome Iverson.
12. Synod visit on November 30, 2017 – Stephanie and Dale attended.
13. Baby Grand Piano – motion to donate it to the Sunshine House by Jane, second by Tim. Motion carried.
14. CLO committee project and funding: Motion by David, second by Al to put the \$15,000 grant money in a project fund separate from general CLO budget. Motion carried.
15. Advertising – tabled.
16. Christmas Day worship will be at 9 AM only with radio broadcast.
17. Parsonage committee – a copy of the current rental lease is needed for committee review.
18. Reports:
 - a. Financial – treasurer's report (Roy and Clarence) – motion to close out and move to general fund any line items/funds that no longer serve a purpose by David, second by RaeAnn. Motion carried. Motion by Dale to approve treasurer's report, second by Tim. Motion carried.
 - b. Committee reports & next meetings
 - i. Compassion in Action (Alice) – no report
 - ii. Congregational Life and Outreach (Jane) – the grant check for \$15,000 has been received. New light fixtures and sconces for the Narthex area have been ordered and should be installed later January. A TV has been installed across from the office area and across from the youth director's office. These will be set up to share information, announcements and OSLC activities. Report attached.
 - iii. Constitution – has not met.
 - iv. Education (RaeAnn) – committee will meet in January.
 - v. Endowment – will need to meet prior to annual meeting. Members include: Steve Jenson, Myron Barnes and Jim Warmack.
 - vi. Personnel – has met with Pr. Paul, Betsey, Ken, Myron and Elsa as an informal discussion on how they feel they are doing, what could be improved and what is going well in their positions at OSLC. Resulting recommendations from the committee are listed in meeting handout.

- vii. Property & Management (David, Dale) – report attached.
 - viii. Stewardship (Al, Lauris) – committee has not met
 - ix. Vibrant Faith – Pastor Paul will meet with Carol S about getting committee members together to discuss the future.
 - x. Worship (Stephanie) – no report
 - xi. Youth (Tim) – report attached.
 - c. Pastors reports – Pastor Paul has officiated 2 baptisms and 2 funerals. Advent is a busy time for both Pastor Paul and Karin. Pastor Paul will be gone December 26-28th.
19. Ongoing business
- a. Wedding policy – no updates
 - b. New members - no updates
20. Other business
- a. Healthy Congregations – a new class will be started in January
 - b. Congregational annual meeting times – Wednesday January 24th in the sanctuary after short worship service (no communion) beginning at 6:30. A meal will be served prior to worship.
21. Technology/sound – David will have HB Sound in Fargo come and look at the sound board. All information regarding the projector/sound board will be presented at the annual meeting.
22. Next council meeting – Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6 PM.
23. Motion to adjourn with The Lord's Prayer by Jane, Al second. Motion carried – 8:31 adjournment.

2018 Our Savior's Council

RaeAnn Beauchamp
 Sue Larson
 Al Lind
 Jane Norman
 Emily Ruemmele
 Chris Ryan
 Lauris Svendson
 Dale Thompson
 David Thompson, Pres.
 Pastor Paul Trenne (*ex officio*)
 Roy Lillfors, Treasurer (*ex officio*)
 Karin Bergstrom, Director of Faith Formation (*ex officio*)

Committee Chairpersons

Sara Kleinvachter & Amy Ryan - *Education*
 Aaron Brekke- *P&M*
 Liz Brekke - *CIA*
 Mike Schlieman - *Youth*
 Robin Thompson - *Congregational Life & Outreach*
 Shari Johnson - *Worship*
 Lauris Svendson - *Stewardship*

YTD Income and Expenses

(through December 2017)
 Income = \$365,844.64
 Expenses = \$377,173.47

Radio Fund Balance

\$1,214.28

January Memorials & Gifts

To the General Fund

- In memory of Anna Amundson by Beth Nelson, Carol & Lauris Svendson
- In memory of Larry Matcha by Dale & Sheryl Pesch

To the Radio Fund

- In memory of Philip Lowe by JoAnn Rhen
- In memory of Esther Doble by Sharon & Tom Budge, Carolyn Gilbertson & Jane Symington
- In memory of Phyllis Pulkrabek (mother of Amy Peabody) by JoAnn Rhen
- In memory of Anna Amundson by Mark & Char Holy

To the Music Fund

- In memory of Ethel Sondreal by Grace Aker
- In memory of Esther Doble by Leona Bakken, Norm & Marti Vanderpan, Wayne & Jan Sykes, Lester Amundson, Del & Jane Norman, Grace Aker, JoAnn Rhen

To the Education Fund

- In memory of Anna Amundson by Nancy Paulson
- In memory of Esther Doble by Michael & Trudy Soli

To the Bus Fund

- In memory of Larry Malcha by Leona Bakken
- In memory of Larry Matcha and Esther Dobel by Jeannine Flaa

To the Quilters

- In honor of Alyce Mae Christiansen by Dennis & Marlys Ristau

To the Youth Fund

- In memory of Cindi Anderson by Jerry & Peggy Holte

February Birthdays

2/1... Roy Lillfors

2/2... Dan Boyce, Tessa Hanson, Norah Hillier, Jerry Holte, Keith Johnson, John Kinzler, James Nelson, Hannah Olson

2/3... Brayden Jeffrey, Samuel Larson, Justin Lien, Kristen Marcott, Avery Pederson, Haley Stinar

2/4... Heather Egstad, Rachel Kringlen, Karen Thorfinnson

2/5... Isaac Helland, Annette Pederson

2/6... Robert Bydal, Pat Gleason, Crew Moulds

2/7... Neil Thompson

2/8... Kyle Nelson, Amy Ryan, Mike Schlieman

2/9... Alexis Pulkrabek, Jillian Pulkrabek, Cole Riddle, Colin Riddle

2/10... Rachel Jenson

2/11... Cody Rasmussen

2/12... Noah Holter, Zachery Wilson

2/13... Mark Jenson, Erika Roufs

2/14... Charles Peterson, Meghan Weber

2/15... Janet Wheeler

2/16... Emily Barta, Melissa Pederson, James Warrmack, Brinley Williams

2/17... James Amundson, Shari Johnson, Brenda McDonald, Del Norman

2/19... Nina Lovell, Hunter Olson

2/20... Sharon Jenson, Rylee Johnson, Rhonda Mosher

2/21... Donald Anderson, Braelyn Berg, Adrianna Gregoire, Alayna Holkesvig

2/22... Linda Emery, Cynthia Loven, Seth Merkins

2/23... Angela Holkesvig, Tait Kleinvachter, Kelsey Spilde

2/24... Lester Amundson, Nicole Massmann, Susan Olson

2/25... Heather Valley, Sherry Zeman

2/26... Carli Boushee, Marjorie Debertain, Joni McEnroe

2/27... Kent Gunderson, Mariah Lien, Louanna Reopelle, Richard Stallmo

2/28... Wayne Goshen, Kenneth Rolandson

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Interim Director of Faith Formation & Growth... Karin Bergstrom

Youth Director... Ken Dessellier

Office Manager... Betsey Aasen

Custodians... Myron Barnes, Elsa Flores

Choir Director... Shelley Bares

Organist/Pianist... Charlene Berg and Liz Eggers

Sound & Screen Technicians... Kayla Schlieman, Bev Voigt

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