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RESERVATION CALENDAR

If you'd like to reserve a room here at OSL for an occasion, please contact Amanda in the office. You must be a member to reserve a room and must be present at the event.

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A Message from Pastor Daniel Provost

Dear fellow redeemed in Christ,
DWell, winter is upon us. Sadly, as I write to you, the **ice and snow** prevented us from receiving the gifts of God this last Sunday (Jan. 19th). I think this is probably only the **fourth or fifth** time in my 15 years of ministry that we've had to call off Sunday services. However, sometimes, it takes being away from Word and Sacrament for a week to make it seem more valuable – sleeping in on Sunday morning doesn't just seem awkward, it's downright disappointing! **May God grant us better weather and conditions the rest of the winter so that we don't have to do this again.**

If you haven't had the chance yet, please consider joining our **two new Bible classes** here at Our Savior Lutheran. On Sunday mornings, we're journeying through Luther's Large Catechism, which is really a study of Luther's sermons about the Small Catechism. In so doing, we touch on the major articles of the faith, which might seem to some to be redundant, but Luther reminds us is necessary. If we think we've "mastered" these six Chief Parts, we are sadly mistaken – he tells us in the introduction that even he daily would reflect upon and study these doctrines – and if Luther, learned as he was, needed this review and commitment to the basics, so do we!

Additionally, on Wednesday evenings at 7:00, we're continuing to study the readings for the upcoming Sunday. With a working title of **The Preparation**, we've been delving into some pretty deep theological topics, but all done in a way that's relatable and accessible. If you haven't had a chance to join us, please do! We've been meeting in Room 8 (the chairs are better!), but there's always room for more people.

As always, **if you have ideas for future topics** to study in a Bible study setting, please let me know. I'm always open to suggestions! Building upon the Divine Service, the group Bible studies are an opportunity to delve into more detail on a particular topic or subject – they are invaluable to becoming more and more catechized, or taught, the details of the Lutheran Christian faith. And, teaching is one of the main reasons, along with preaching and administering the sacraments, that I'm called here to Our Savior Lutheran Church. That's why I put so much emphasis on it!

Near the end of this month, and continuing through March and early April, we start our Lenten journey once again, as we prepare for the events of Passion Week and the Resurrection of our Lord. It's only when we remind ourselves why it was that Jesus came (our sin and our sinful nature), that we can truly appreciate the magnitude of what He has done for us and for our salvation (dying and rising again). This year, we're going to have the traditional **Lenten midweek services on Wednesdays at 7:00**, but with a bit of a twist. Four area pastors and I have gotten together, and we're going to do a "round robin" of preaching at these services. So, the time and place will be the same, but there will be a different pastor leading the worship service and preaching each week. I think it will be "good, right and salutary" for us to expose the congregation to different preachers, because even though we are presenting on the same texts of Scripture, each pastor has a different style and focuses on different elements of a given text.

As for the topic for this midweek services, we've decided to **focus on the days of creation from the book of Genesis, and how it relates to Passion Week and Easter.** So, each Wednesday service will focus on a different day of creation, and each pastor will research and preach a sermon based on one of these days. Hopefully, by doing this, the pastor will be able to devote more time to writing one sermon instead of five, and will be able to delve deeper into the text. For example, the pastor that preaches on the third day of creation will focus on the creation of plants and other vines on the earth, but also on the Tree of Life, present in the Garden of Eden, present again in heaven, and transformed by the Tree of the Cross for our salvation. Each of the other days of creation will have similar analogies and connections pointed out. Please plan to join us – I'm confident that Pastors Post, Koepp, Knaus and Beltz will probably be more interesting than I can ever hope to be!

As always, there are LOTS of things going on here at Our Savior Lutheran – more than I can include in this brief tome. But, I hope to see you in church (weather permitting), in Bible study (there's two new ones to choose from), and around the community.

*In Christ's Service,
Pastor Daniel M. Provost*

QUILTING

The dates have been set for February quilting. Please plan on joining us for a fun day of sewing, tying quilts, ironing or whatever else your talent may be. We start at **9:00am** and most of us bring a sack lunch so we can work thru the day. Our dates are: **Friday, Feb. 7th, Thursday, Feb. 13th and Tuesday, February 18th.** We hope you can join us and feel free to bring a friend. We have been blessed to have several ladies from other congregations join us for this productive mission work.

FAITH SOCIETY

The February meeting will be held on Monday, the 17th at 6:30 pm in fellowship hall. All women of the congregation are invited to attend!



LIBRARY NEWS

Please see if any of these titles are something you might want to check out. Put your name on the check out card with the month and year in the date area. Put the card in the card box. Please try to return the item(s) within a month or so.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Title and call number

Confirmed in Christ	248.8 Gre
Growing pains	248.8 Har
Tune into a modern girl's Bible study	248.8 Hat
Pick up your bloomers in a great big box	248.8 Jen
Splashes of joy in the cesspool of life	248.8 Joh
Stick a geranium in your hat & be happy	248.8 Joh
Time to enjoy your blessings	248.8 Mil
Disciples of the beautiful woman	248.8 Ort
Disciples of the heart.	248.8 Ort
Falling off cloud 9 & other high places	248.8 Pet
Miracles in the middle	248.8 Sen
Encouraging me	248.8 Swi
Moving into a new now	248.8 Ten
The purpose driven life	248.8 War

BOOK FAIR

Through February 9th, LWML is hosting the annual book fair that features books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, video and cassette tapes. Stop in after church to find all kind of bargains.

Why go to Church?

If you're spiritually alive,
you're going to love this!

If you're spiritually dead,
you won't want to read it.

If you're spiritually curious,
there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time. The preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are **DOWN** to nothing,
God is **UP** to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

**IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL,
YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!**

B. I. B. L. E. simply means:

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!
When you are about to share this to others,
the devil will discourage you.

So go on! Share this to people who are
DEAR to you and **TRUST** GOD.

Submitted by Raylene Tisdale

Thank you for volunteering this month!

ELDER

Dr. Darryl Johnson

ALTAR GUILD

Peggy Gerds

LAY READER

Marilyn Jessen

GREETERS

Doc & Marilyn Jessen

USHERS

Steve Shelton & Bob Bringolf

MEDIA TEAM

Julie Dlouhy & Amanda

MUSICANS

Joy McGinley
Miranda Ervin

HOMEWARD BOUND

will meet Sun, Feb 2,
1:00pm at the Lowell
Zimmermann home.
We will be studying the
book of Hosea. There
is always room for
more, come join us.

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THE RECIPE BOX

ORANGE JUICE COOKIES

From: Patsy Weddell

Note: This is a 70+ year old recipe that my non-baking aunt sent my mom when I was a kid. It became a "Christmas special". For some reason it was made only that time of year. Aunt Flo sent only a list of ingredients assuming that Mom, as an experienced baker would know what to do – and she did. The directions are what Mom developed when I began baking. The "secret" is in the only piece of directions there was – the last of the list of ingredients). PW

Ingredients

- 1 C. sugar (we use 1/2 granulated sugar, 1/2 baking substitute)
- 1 C. shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1 C. orange juice
- 3 C. flour
- 1 Tsp. baking powder
- 1 Tsp. baking soda
- Salt (we use a "healthy pinch")
- Frost with powdered sugar mixed with orange juice



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°. In a large bowl cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix well.
2. Sift dry ingredients together.
3. Alternately add 1/3 dry ingredients with 1/3 orange juice, mixing well with each addition.

Place by teaspoonful on greased or parchment lined baking sheet and bake for 10-12 minutes and edges are lightly brown.

For icing, use about half a cup of powdered sugar and enough orange juice to make spreading constancy. Add more sugar and juice as needed. (sorry no substitutes used here)

CRANBERRY OATMEAL COOKIES

From: Patsy Weddell

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, softened *
- 1 1/2 cups sugar **
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup coarsely chopped fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 1 package (10-12 oz. white baking chips)



Directions

1. In a large bowl cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda; add to the creamed mixture. Stir in oats, raisins, cranberries and orange zest. Stir in baking chips.
2. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 375° until the edges are lightly browned, 10-12 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

NOTES:

- *The batter will be thick so important that butter is **soft** for ease of mixing.
- ** I usually use a combination of granulated sugar and Splenda baking sweetener when I prepare desserts as there is a family tendency for diabetes.

We'd love to have your recipe!

If you'd like to share your recipe or recipes with the OSF Family, please submit a copy to Amanda in the office or e-mail it to oursavr@windstream.net.

Upcoming Events in February

FEBRUARY 2ND

1:00PM HOMEWARD BOUND @ ZIMMERMANN'S
MITEBOX SUNDAY
LWML BOOK FAIR (2ND & 9TH)



FEBRUARY 14TH VALENTINE'S DAY



FEBRUARY 17TH

6:30PM LWML FAITH SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 18TH

6:30PM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
7:00PM COUNCIL MEETING



FEBRUARY 21ST
Chronicler Deadline

FEBRUARY 26TH

7:00PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY'S IN FEBRUARY

9:00AM WORSHIP
10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS

TUESDAY'S IN FEBRUARY BULLETIN DEADLINE - AM

WEDNESDAY'S IN FEBRUARY

1:00PM FAITH 101
4:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
7:00PM BIBLE STUDY (EXCEPT 2/26)



QUILTING IN FEBRUARY
2/7, 2/13 & 2/18



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