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THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Six Windows on the South Side of the Nave

BIRTH

The beams of the Star of Bethlehem direct our attention to the manger, where the Light of the World began His three year ministry among us.

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BAPTISM



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At Jesus' Baptism the Gospel writers tell us the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a Dove, while He was still in the water. Here we see the Spirit descending, and the waters below.

MIRACLES



MAUNDY THURSDAY



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EASTER



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Dear Fellow Redeemed in Christ,

Looking at the calendar for the month of August, I see that there aren't many church holidays featured. Maybe that's why many people pick this month to have their last "hurrahs" of Summer, and get away from home for a time. The "dog days" of summer just might be the best time to get away to the lake, spend some time trying to land the elusive fish, or just work on that suntan!

Don't think that the "green" season, or the Sundays after Trinity, is/are forgettable or minor. Green is the color of growth (although my front yard is getting rather dry due to the lack of rain). However, it's amazing just how quickly they green up after we get a substantial dose of moisture, at least for a couple of days. It's similar to the life of the Christian, where we need the nourishment of the Word of God to feed us, to stop us from dying from a lack of the blessed water of Holy Baptism, to keep us in body and soul hale and healthy in the Lord. The Trinity season focuses on the teachings of Jesus, such as His parables, His miracles, and His healings. Each Sunday can stand alone, or fits with the general narrative of our dear Lord Jesus caring for us His people. But, even though it's vacation season, don't forget, we still need the spiritual nourishment that only the gifts of God can provide in His house. If you're going to be away from home on a Sunday, don't hesitate to give me a call – I can easily find a church of our confession near where you're going to be on that particular weekend as a replacement. And, save a bulletin to show me – I'm always curious as to what other congregations are up to!

As we near the Fall season of renewed study of Scripture and the Confessions, I'm always looking for ideas of what topic(s) to cover next, especially when it comes to the Sunday Morning Bible Class. We will finish our "woke culture" Bible Class during the month of August, clearing the decks for a new subject in September. I'm leaning toward going back to a direct study of a book of the Bible this time; however, if you have other suggestions, please don't be shy! I'm open to delving into other types of Bible Classes than we've done before; however, I don't know what's on your mind until you let me know. Please do so, by the way!

My family and I are planning to be away on vacation during part of this period of time, as well. We will be gone for a total of three Sundays, including August 28th, September 4th, and September 11th. But have no fear – you will be in good hands in my absence! Pastors David Splett, Jeff Siegel and David Kottowski will be here on these successive Sundays to feed you with the Word and the Sacrament here in Christ's Church. You should be familiar with them, as each of them, at one time or another, has substituted for me in the past. If you are in need of personal pastoral care, or if any emergencies arise, feel free to reach out to Pr. Joel Koepp over in Grinnell, or one of the Elders here at OSL. If you need contact information for any of these men, don't hesitate to reach out to Marsha in the church office for their phone numbers or email addresses. Extended time away is good for the soul; each of us is in need of it, and should take advantage of it if we are able.

I hope to see you in church, in Bible Class, and around the community.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Daniel M. Provost

A Look Back...."An OSL Original Series" *This month we are taking a look at the story behind the beautiful stained glass windows at Our Savior Lutheran Church.*

Our Stained Glass Windows

Jesus With The Children

This is the largest of our windows, measuring ten feet by four and a half feet. It was given as a living memorial, in memory of Kevin Martin (8/29/74 to 1/1/93). This original window was designed by Kevin's parents and the Hauser Stained Glass Studio of Winona, MN. It represents Jesus with children of all nations and all times. The young man with the ball glove in his hand was designed from an actual photo of Kevin.



To proclaim that Jesus continues to come to His children of all ages, we see the Dove, a symbol from Baptism, at the top of the window, and at the bottom of the window the wheat, grapes, and chalice, symbolizing Holy Communion.

This window was dedicated to the Lord's Glory in September of 1993.

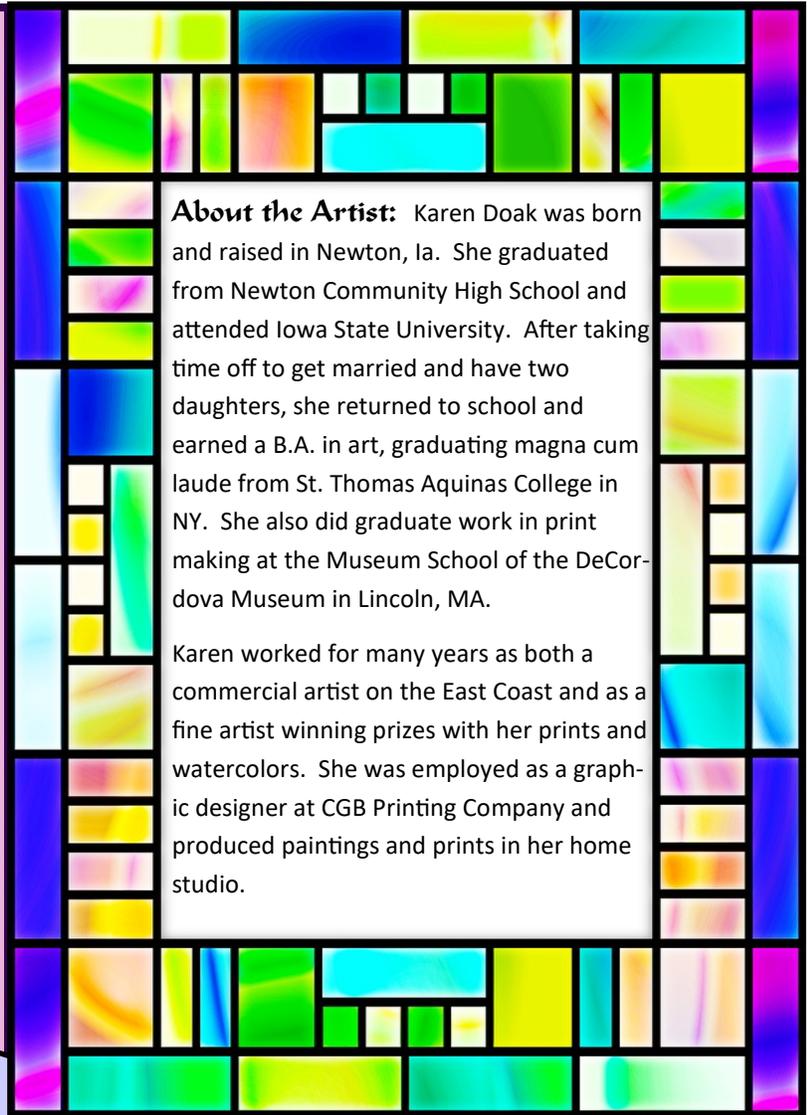
IT IS BEAUTIFUL!

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With today's dedication of the six windows on the South side of the church we bring to completion a project that began in April of 1994. At that time, resulting from the suggestion of several members, the long range committee met to consider the project of stained glass windows along the South Side of the nave. With approval and direction from the voters in October of that year an art committee consisting of Gail Rinderknecht, Gail Hartz, and Karen Doak was established. The final designs flow from the creative hand of Karen Doak, with suggestions and guidance from the complete committee.

The six windows depict the life of our Lord, including Our Lord's Birth, His Baptism, Jesus' Miracles, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and finally Easter. The layout is structured so that one has to physically approach the Lord's Altar in order to experience the full impact of Easter!



About the Artist: Karen Doak was born and raised in Newton, Ia. She graduated from Newton Community High School and attended Iowa State University. After taking time off to get married and have two daughters, she returned to school and earned a B.A. in art, graduating magna cum laude from St. Thomas Aquinas College in NY. She also did graduate work in print making at the Museum School of the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, MA.

Karen worked for many years as both a commercial artist on the East Coast and as a fine artist winning prizes with her prints and watercolors. She was employed as a graphic designer at CGB Printing Company and produced paintings and prints in her home studio.

MIRACLES

John reminds us: **JOHN 20:30 JESUS DID MANY OTHER MIRACULOUS SIGNS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT RECORDED IN THIS BOOK. 31 BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BY BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.** We depict Jesus' first miracle, performed at the wedding at Cana, where He turned water into wine. Through the use of special glass (water glass) we see the clean water turn to wine as it is poured out. The interlocking rings around the flames are the traditional symbol for a Christian Marriage.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Cross and the crown of thorns remind us of our hell which Christ experienced, in our place. Yet this is "Good" Friday, it was our Hell. He suffered for us! Thus the triumphant rays flowing from the cross. The Easter Lily at the bottom of the picture reminds us that even on the blackest day we continue to live in assuring hope of Easter.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Our theology teaches that God's Love comes to His people through certain vehicles, namely the Word and the Sacraments. Here Holy Communion is depicted. We see the loving hand of God reaching down to His people through elements of nature, wheat of the fields and wine from the vine. Through these elements believers experience God's love in a most personal way.

EASTER

The stone steps lead up to the brilliant glow from the tomb. "He is not here. He has risen", the Angel proclaimed. The rejoicing rays from the tomb are similar in structure to the rays of the Bethlehem Star, symbolizing the joy, warmth, and peace flowing from God's completed plan of salvation. The Butterfly represents new life, which Christ shares with all believers. This life is stronger than death.