



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church March, 2023 Newsletter

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Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
"Knowing Jesus, Growing in Jesus, Sharing Jesus"

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EASTER BREAKFAST

If you are interested in helping in any way with Easter Breakfast on April 9th, please contact Raydene Mathisen or the church office.

LENTEN SUPPERS

Lenten suppers will be March 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th from 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Join in for this time of fellowship, everyone is welcome! Thank you to the groups/individuals who will cook and serve the meals!

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

February 22nd

Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes

February 26th

Church Music Sunday with Guest Rod Quanbeck from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

March 1st

5:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Aebleskiver Supper & 7:00 p.m. Lent Wednesday Worship

March 8th, March 15th, March 22nd, March 29th

6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Lent Suppers & 7:00 p.m. Lent Wednesday Worship

March 19th 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with celebration of First Communion

April 2nd

9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday/Children's Palm Processional

The Rock Youth Group "This Blood" presentation (*volunteers needed to organize*)

April 6th 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion

April 7th 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship

April 9th

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship

Easter Breakfast (following sunrise service serving until 8:30 a.m.)

9:00 a.m. Easter Worship

April 30th—9:00 a.m. Worship with celebration of Confirmation

May 7th—9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with Recognition of Graduating Seniors

IGNITE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FOR 7TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

March 10th & 11th at Grace Church in Des Moines

Reserve a ticket through Pam in the church office or by contacting Dan Bierbrodt (319-929-1290).

Music...Worship...Break out sessions...Fellowship...Illusionist/Magician.

Grow in your faith & become a more effective and productive leader in your community and church!

March Madness

God has routine divine appointments for disciples of Jesus. First he invites everyone to spend time with him. I assure you; He has you on his calendar. Sadly, many miss their appointments. I encourage you to check in with God and see what time and dates he has listed so you can put it on your calendar. Please, sit quietly before him with your calendar. Ask, “Lord, I want to spend more time (regular time) with you. When do you think it would be a good time for me to put that into my schedule?” Thoughts will come to mind. Write them in your calendar. Keep your appointment. Some times you will have spiritual mountaintop appointments. Other times not much seems to happen. When that’s the case content yourself with this fact- you showed up, and God is delighted with the effort.

The second type of divine appointment God has for disciples involves other people. When you spend time with God, reflect on what you have received. Thank God for what you have received. This could be an encouraging word from a friend, a well cooked meal from a loved one, or an insight from God through his word, or a calm disposition in a troubling situation. This list is endless. Now, having brought to mind and thanked God for what you have received, you are in a position to share what you have received. God will arrange for your path to cross with others – via an email, a phone call, in person, a text message. In such divine appointments you will have something to share from what you’ve received – joy, encouragement, thankfulness, insight, wisdom, something material, etc.

“But how will I know when I am having a divine appointment?” some will ask, greatly concerned to ‘get it right.’ Does it really matter if you recognize in the moment that you are having a divine appointment? It does not. Isn’t it more important to just spend your life being present to those around you and available to the Lord throughout your day? It is. There will be occasions when it is plainly obvious God has given you a divine appointment with someone. Enjoy. Most of the time you will only realize you just had a divine appointment once it has come and gone. And for those interested in being available for divine appointments, many will occur and go completely unnoticed by you. But not by God. He smiles when a plan comes together.

May your March be a time of mad availability to the Lord. He has scheduled appointments for you.

Pastor Dan

CHURCH LIBRARY BOOKS OF THE MONTH

Check out the books of the month on table by coat area. We will rotate books monthly. Check out the many other Christian books in the church library. Questions, talk to church librarian Joan Mortensen or the church office. If you have a request for a Christian book for the library, contact the church office!

MARRIAGE

Congratulations and God’s Blessings to Tony Barclay & Dawn Price who were married at OSLC on February 18th!



**Wednesday, Feb. 22nd
at 7:00 p.m.**

**Ash Wednesday
Worship with
Holy Communion &
Imposition of Ashes**

CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26th

Please join us for a music filled worship service with music by OSLC Choir, Kids Choir, Sunday School children and “Behind the Cross” Praise Band!! Rod Quanbeck from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp will also join us during worship and Sunday School!



'THE ROCK' YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Watch Facebook/texts for youth group activities! Facebook: The Rock OSLC

High School Youth Group

March 12th & 26th, 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. @ OSLC

Fellowship of Christian Wheelers

March 5th & 19th 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. @ Rec Center

March Junior High "The Rock" Youth Group

Sunday, March 12th from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Supper will be served for 7th-12th Grade at 6:30 p.m.

IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE—March 10th-11th in Des Moines

Speakers...Music...Worship...Breakout sessions...Illusionist/Magician

This conference sold out last year, so reserve your ticket now by contacting the church office!

Questions on The Rock youth events, contact Youth Group Leaders Nate V. (712-304-0548), Dan B. (319-929-1290), Jacob S. (712-304-4400) or church office!

OSLC AEBELSKIVER SUPPER

Wednesday, March 1st

5:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

(Free will offering to Ingham
Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp)

READERS/COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Would you prayerfully consider being a reader in worship or being a communion assistant? If you have not served in either of these ministries before or have not for a while, please contact volunteer coordinator Elayne Sinow or church office.

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND IS COMING BACK TO AUDUBON!

You are invited to a regional mobile Meals from the Heartland food packing event this coming March 25, 2023 held at the Audubon Recreation Center. This is a win-win gathering of children, youth, adults, and families, to help fight hunger here in Iowa, in the U.S. and throughout the world. We will have the opportunity to work together, bringing teams of up to 10 people of any age grouping to pack for 60-minute shifts, or come to help as an army of one joining with others fighting hunger as a team.

Thousands of people have helped to fight hunger each year during mobile hunger fights and at the signature event, the Annual Hunger Fight, held each fall in Des Moines, at Hy-Vee Hall. Over 26,035,992 meals were packed in 2022, 4 million of these packed at the Annual Hunger Fight. Each nutritious meal contains rice, textured soy protein, dried vegetable and vitamins and accepted by most cultures throughout the world. Meals from the Heartland mission partners include the Des Moines Area Religious Council, the Food Bank of Iowa, Convoy of Hope based in Missouri and Blessman Ministries in South Africa. In 2020 alone, 1,674,000 meals were distributed across the state of Iowa.

Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$7,500. The more monies raised, the greater the number of volunteer hunger fighters that will be able to participate. Businesses, individual businessmen and women, church groups, interested individuals, are all invited to consider offering a tax-deductible donation. You may pass along a monetary gift to any of the sponsoring groups, who will then pass them along to Meals from the Heartland for this 2023 food packing event. Additional sponsoring groups are welcome to join with us in this important local, national, and international mission. Please make checks payable to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and put Meals from the Heartland in the memo. **Thank you to all who supported Meals from the Heartland at the Baked Potato Bar!**

To sign up, see the google link on the church facebook page or contact the church office.

Questions, please contact Allie Brooks (641-757-0676) or Katie Bierbrodt (712-304-4033).

For more information about Meals from the Heartland, visit their website: mealsfromtheheartland.org



EASTER EGG MUM

Would you like to sponsor an Easter Egg mum to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning? Each Easter Egg Mum is \$17.50. You may take your sponsored mum home after the 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday worship service. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board above the water fountain or contact the church office.

March

ACOLYTES

- 1- Macey Bauer
Karson Hansen
- 5- Kodi Lansman
Adelyn Bladt
- 8- Mason Kasperbauer
Karter Obermeier
- 12- Kayden Otten
Lucas Stroeher
- 15- Cooper Anderson
Jesse Stroeher
- 19- Karli Burger
Maya King
- 22- Aiden Kjergaard
Garret Vorm
- 26- Macey Bauer
Karter Obermeier
- 29- Kodi Lansman
Leyton Elmquist

SOUND

- 1- *Volunteer needed*
- 5- Logan Nielsen
- 8- *Volunteer needed*
- 12- *Volunteer needed*
- 15- *Volunteer needed*
- 19- Chris Bylund
- 22- *Volunteer needed*
- 26- Allie Brooks
- 29- Madi Steckler

PROJECTION

- 1- Raydene Mathisen
- 5- Curtis Derry
- 8- Raydene Mathisen
- 12- Allie Brooks
- 15- *Volunteer needed*
- 19- Traci Irlmeier
- 22- *Volunteer needed*
- 26- Sara Vorm
- 29- Pam Steckler

VIDEO/STREAMING

- 1- *Volunteer needed*
- 5- Tim Andersen
- 8- Tim Andersen
- 12- *Volunteer needed*
- 15- *Volunteer needed*
- 19- *Volunteer needed*
- 22- *Volunteer needed*
- 26- Tim Andersen
- 29- *Volunteer needed*

ALTAR GUILD

Janell Lowe & Shellie Madsen

USHERS

Cliff Nelson, Captain
Bill Moore, Dean Lauritsen,
Randy Nelsen, Myles Nielsen,
Kurt Nelson

COFFEE SERVERS

- 5- Allie Brooks
- 12- Joan Mortensen
Bessie Owen
- 19- Nancy Sand
Marlene Englin
- 26- Vickie & Dave Albers

JUNIOR HIGH SS PARENT

- 5- Chris/Laurie Anderson
- 12- Jenny Henningsen
- 19- Kris/Ashley Obermeier
- 26- Terrill/Mary Jo Burger

GREETERS

- 1- Karli Burger & Mentor
Raydene Mathisen
Adelyn Bladt & Mentor
Diana Deist
Maya King & Mentor
Elayne Sinow
- 5- Melissa & Tyler Thygesen
- 8- Aiden Kjergaard &
Mentors Nick & Jenny
Smith
Kodi Lansman & Mentors
Greg & Lois Baier
- 12- Lisa Frederiksen
Sharon Frederiksen
- 15- Macey Bauer & Mentors
Michael, Jennifer, Collin
& Carson Bauer
Bryli Petersen & Mentor
Norma Nielsen
Garret Vorm & Mentors
Steve & Raydene
Mathisen
- 19- Sam & Kathy Graeve
- 22- Karter Obermeier &
Mentor Lorri Thygesen
Leyton Elmquist &
Mentor Mary Wede
Kayden Otten & Mentor
Dan Bierbrodt
- 26- Dave & Vickie Albers
- 29- Mason Kasperbauer &
Mentor Katie Bierbrodt
Lucas Stroeher & Mentor
Allie Brooks
Jesse Stroeher & Mentors
Toby & Pam Steckler

FEBRUARY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- OSLC income for January is \$7,500 above the projected income for the month of January. Expenses were right on the mark for budgeted January expenses.
- A motion was made to donate the Aebelskiver Supper proceeds to Okoboji Bible Camp. Motion to approve. Motion carried.
- The new Bunn coffee pot has been installed in the downstairs dishwasher room.
- The Rock had 4 youth plus chaperones attend Winterjam on February 10th.
- OSLC Council is in the process of purchasing a mini bus with wheel chair lift. This is a mission project purchased with the Mission Outreach Fund monies. The van will be donated to the Friendship Home. They will use it to transport residents to community events, church worship services, Etc.



MEALS ON WHEELS

OSLC is responsible for “Meals on Wheels” for the month of April!

This is a program through Congregate Meals, located in the Audubon Memorial Building. Meals are delivered Monday – Friday to individuals who are homebound or in need of a prepared noon meal. Teams of two volunteers are needed for each day, consisting of a driver and a person to take the meal into homes. Meet at Memorial Building at 10:30 a.m. and report to kitchen staff. Delivery of meals takes 45 minutes to 1 hour.

The reward of smiles of appreciation from those receiving meals is heartwarming! Please sign up on the bulletin board (sign up sheet will be out the beginning of March).
Questions? Contact OSLC coordinators Shellie Madsen (563-4012) or Judy Baker (563-2726).

Stewardship Square

Regular offerings	01/22	\$1,988.74
	01/29	\$16,854.37
	02/05	\$5,960.00
	02/12	\$3,024.48
Weekly Worship Attendance	01/22	98
	01/29	83
	02/05	128
	02/12	103

If you have any questions regarding the OSLC financial report, you are welcome to contact Office Manager Pam Steckler or Council Treasurer Tammy Sauers.
Needed Weekly to meet budget—\$6,798.19

ONLINE GIVING

Go to
<http://oslcauduboniowa.org>
and click on online giving tab located at the upper right hand corner of the webpage.

GIVEPLUS+MOBILE

Go to the App store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” to download for free.

GIVE PLUS+TEXT

Text 833-973-0220, and enter the amount you wish to donate, and press send.