February 2020 Newsletter

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Our Mission…

…is to equip and encourage followers of Christ to share the love of Jesus with people in our community and in the world so that all may have eternal life.

February Memory Verse

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

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Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, February 4th ~ Northwoods Share Community Dinner
4:30 Appetizers 5:30 Dinner

Wednesday, February 26th ~ Ash Wednesday
4:30 & 6:30 Worship with Holy Communion

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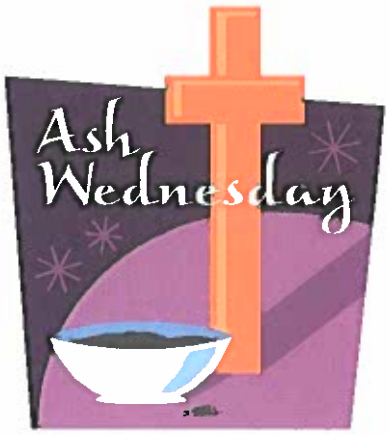
With Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's behind us, we have come to that great dry spell of the calendar year where there are no major holidays. Sure, in the church we have holidays left and right, and our nation recognizes days like Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and St. Patrick's Day, but they do not really hold the same weight as the others. So in the midst of this dry spell we've been given Valentine's Day to give a break to the bleak winter and hold us over until the time for corned beef and cabbage.

Throughout our lives we come across dry spells as well. These are the times of our life that seem to be just another day to mark off the calendar. They may be another day at school, at work, or alone at home. These are days that seem to just suck the life right out of us!

Yet for the Christian, to break out of the mundane rut of life, every day is a Valentine's Day! Not necessarily with all the flowers, chocolates, and mushy stuff, but every day is filled with God's love for all people. This love begins with the forgiveness that is ours in Christ Jesus. A dear friend once taught me that you cannot spell Valentine without John 3:16. You know: "For God so loVed the world thAt He gave his onLy begottEn SoN, thaT whoever believes iN Him shall not perish but havE everlasting life." It is a great gift that is ours each and every day. And once we begin to see THAT forgiveness as a sign of His love for us, we also see how that flows into everything we have as a gift from God for our use in our daily life. He gives us our home and food, family and friends, talents, possessions, and health. You name it, everything comes from Him! from this we begin to see that God gives us these things in order that we can show His love to others; so that others can see that God loves them too.

Through 505 verses, the world "love" can be found 551 times in the Bible. You could say that it overflows with God's love. There is more than enough to get us through 365 days of the year. Although we may feel like it is just another day, take heart. God's love is more than enough to get us through the hum-drum of everyday life and beyond.



Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26th.** Lent is a 40-day period of repentance and renewal to prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter. Our theme for Lent is **"Eyes on Jesus".**

Our midweek Lenten services are offered at 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Children's messages are part of each midweek service.
Suppers will begin at 5:15 p.m.
Blessings on your Lenten preparations!

Ash Wednesday, February 14 – Misjudging Eyes; Mark 14:1-9
March 4 – Betraying Eyes; Mark 14:10-21, 32, 41-46
March 11 – Sleepy Eyes; Mark 14:32-42
March 18 – Denying Eyes; Mark 14:26-31, 66-72
March 25 – Murderous Eyes; Mark 14:1-2, 53-65
April 1 – Worldly Eyes; Mark 15:1-20
Maundy Thursday, April 9 – More Than Meets the Eye; Mark 14:22-25
Good Friday, April 10 – God's Eyes; Mark 15:21-39
Easter Sunday, April 12 – Angel Eyes; Mark 16:1-8

Lenten Offerings –

As we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us during this Lenten season, we have the opportunity to love others as He loved us. This year our Lenten offerings will be given to Mission Central, whose purpose is to support LCMS missionaries throughout the world. Since 1994, Mission Central has offered support to missionaries in various ways, including financial support and prayer. In May, someone from Mission Central will come to visit to teach us more about their ministry. Go to www.missioncentral.us for more information.

This Lenten season we will also have the opportunity provide Easter meals to families in need in our community. With your help, we hope to provide about 50 meals during Holy Week.

Please use designated offering envelopes and label "Mission Central" or "Easter Baskets". Lent mission offering envelopes will be available at the welcome center and a basket for the Easter basket offerings. Please keep these ministries in your prayers. Thank you for your gifts of love!

"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you…Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. "John 13:14-17

Have a Heart

February: the month devoted to love. Stores are filled with heat-shaped boxes of candy and heart-shaped cards and vases of flowers with heart-shaped gift tags. All this is available for the consumer so that he can find the appropriate expression of his devotion to his loved one. If that expression of love has been preceded by a year of thoughtful and loving words and deeds, it is welcomed and cherished by the recipient. If not, it is just an empty ritual, done out of duty rather than true devotion.

Our relationship to the Lord is similar. He, too, desires our sincere devotion, not empty lip service. *"The Lord says: 'These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me' "* (Isaiah 29:13).

Stewardship is serving, helping, giving, but love is the basis for stewardship. Without love, our good deeds are empty and without merit. The first act of true stewardship is to *"love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength"* (Deuteronomy 6:5). Jesus called this the most important commandment (Mark 12:29, 30). With that love for the Lord in us, we are enabled to be good stewards. Then we can do acts of good stewardship, acts of true devotion. We are enabled to . . .

- *"Give generously to Him and do so without a grudging heart"* (Deuteronomy 15:10).
- *"Carefully observe [His decrees and laws] with all your heart and with all your soul"* (Deuteronomy 26:16).
- *"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality"* (Romans 12:13).
- *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men"* (Colossians 3:23).

God, through Ezekiel, promised, *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws"* (Ezekiel 36:26-27). This promise He has fulfilled in His Son, Jesus, Who has followed His Father's decrees and kept His laws for us. As we strive to live fruitful lives of stewardship, at the same time, we rest in Christ Who has been the perfect steward for us.

Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Update

Grant Proposal Time!!

As a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Eagle River, can you think of a project, improvement, or a mission that could benefit from grant money? Stop for a minute and ponder the following....

It is that time of year again when individual congregational members and/or organizations of Our Savior Lutheran of Eagle River can complete a grant proposal for an Endowment Fund grant. This grant money is meant to be used for projects that would not normally be funded by the church's operating budget. An informational letter was emailed to all members who are on the email list, as well as posted to the church website, as to the guidelines of this process. A copy of the letter may also be picked up in the church office.

To apply, please request an application from the office or download it from the church website. Endowment Fund information can be found on the website www.oursavioreagleriver.org under the menu "Support" tab.

Please note that all applications must be turned in to the church office no later than March 31, 2020.

Please prayerfully consider your application request and know that up to $3400.00 is available for grant disbursements this year.

Yours in Christ,

The Endowment Committee of Our Savior

Becky Pokrandt – chairperson

Al Barden, Jack Toivonen, Barb Patterson, Rick Steinke, and Pastor Kufahl

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

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The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12. The board meeting will start at 10:30, followed by a luncheon at 11:30. The general membership meeting will start at 12:00. Hostesses are Diana Sell and Kathy Greif. Christian Life will be given by Sue Kurth.

At our February meeting we will be finalizing the missions we donate to. We're always interested in new ideas.

Fundraisers were discussed at the January meeting. It was decided to have Mission Possible again. Jan Toivonen is checking into dates in May with Denny Geiseman at the VFW. She is also checking into what kind of menu we could get for $10. This is the price we sold tickets for last year and we would like to keep it the same. The Harvest Dinner turned out very well last November so we may do it again. A chili dinner and rummage sale were also brought up.

The Spring Rally will be a discussion point. We have a theme and a speaker. Donna Liedtke has agreed to be our speaker. She will be talking about "Carrying the torch for God". We also need to decide on music for the Rally and the food that will be served for the breakfast and the luncheon. The Gift of the Heart will be also chosen. All women of our church are invited to this event. You don't have to be a member of Martha.

We extend an invitation to all women to come to one of our meetings to see what Martha is all about. We are a group of Christian sisters who work for the Lord wherever and whenever we are needed. We also take care of each other. All the money we raise enables us to support more missions. If you have any questions about the missions we support, they are listed on the Martha board in the hallway. Please feel free to ask myself or any other Martha member if you have questions about any mission or about Martha

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Kressin

President

February Birthdays

4	Allison Pearce
6	Betty Angell
	Karla Lokker
7	Daryl Nikolaus
	Naomi Kadlec
	Robin Nikolaus
9	Caroline Anderson
	Rebecca Shifra
10	Nancy Atwater
	Roger Johnston
11	Jonah Walker
12	Tyler Young
14	Abel Lifschutz
	Christian Forss
	Pamela Jackson
	Roger Godleske
15	John Swenson
	Katelynn Ritzer
16	Roger Pluedeman
17	Michelle Klotz
19	Fritz Campbell
	Lois Pietz
	Steven Rieck
21	Kaylynn Klein
22	Makenna Duval
23	Kimberlie Eggleston
24	Tammy Levan
28	Samuel Gensler
29	Bonnie Jozwowski

February Anniversaries

4	Robert & Karen Winterkorn
14	Ronald & Vickie Schoessow
17	Jay & Marianne Braun

Our Savior **Feb 2020 (Central Time - Chicago)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 7:30am - Worship 8:45am - SS, HSBS, 10am - Worship	27 10am - Staff Meeting 7pm - Praise & Worship	28 9am - Bible Study 6pm - JuBELLation 7pm - Choir	29 9:30am - Quilters 5:30pm - Confirmation	30 7pm - Council Meeting	31 Office Closed	1 7am - Men's Bible Study
2 7:30am - Worship 8:45am - SS, HSBS, 10am - Worship	3 10am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Evangelism Meeting 7pm - Praise & Worship	4 9am - Bible Study 5pm - Northwoods Share 6pm - JuBELLation 7pm - Choir	5 9:30am - Quilters 4pm - WOW 5:30pm - Confirmation	6 7pm - Board of Ed Meeting	7 Office Closed	8 7am - Men's Bible Study
9 7:30am - Worship 8:45am - SS, HSBS, 10am - Worship	10 10am - Staff Meeting	11 6pm - JuBELLation 7pm - Choir	12 9:30am - Quilters 10:30am - Martha Board 11:30am - Martha Meeting 5:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - Elders Meeting	13 9am - Bible Study	14 Office Closed	15 7am - Men's Bible Study
16 7:30am - Worship 8:45am - SS, HSBS, 10am - Worship	17 9am - Newsletter Articles 10am - Staff Meeting 6pm - HCPA Meeting	18 9am - Bible Study 6pm - JuBELLation 7pm - Choir	19 9:30am - Quilters 4pm - WOW 5:30pm - Confirmation	20	21 Office Closed	22 7am - Men's Bible Study
23 7:30am - Worship 8:45am - SS, HSBS, 10am - Worship	24 10am - Staff Meeting	25 9am - Bible Study 6pm - JuBELLation 7pm - Choir	26 9:30am - Quilters 4:30pm - Lenten Service 5:15pm - Lenten Dinner 5:30pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Lenten Service	27	28 Office Closed	29 7am - Men's Bible Study

Date/Service	Elders	Ushers	Greeters	Readers	Media Operators
February 2 7:30 AM	Don Secord	Dick Cherney	Kris Secord	Vicki Holewinski	Carol Pluedeman
Communion	Dick Cherney	Debbie Holewinski	Debbie Holewinski		
		Dave Goddard			
Acolyte: Cameron Birchbauer		Mark Olson			
February 2 10:00 AM	Gary Fawcett	Jack Toivonen	Lynn Parker	Rick Behrens	Need Volunteer
		Dave Liedtke			
Acolyte: Nicholas Boxrucker		Dave Parker			
Nursery: (education hour)		Lynn Parker			
Nursery: Brenda Husing (worship)					
February 9 7:30 AM	Dan Scafaro	Jim Walker	Debbie Holewinski	Mary Malinsky	Need Volunteer
		Jean Walker			
		Todd Otto			
Acolyte: Elaina Duval		Brenda Otto			
February 9 10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Jerry Baerenwald	Joan Holdmann	Cindy Gauger	Need Volunteer
Communion	Glenn Finger	Ray Hutts	Holly Nier		
Acolyte: Sam Gensler		Pat Grosse			
Nursery: Mandy Kersten (education hour)		Jan Grosse			
Nursery: Amy Kufahl (worship)					
February 16 7:30 AM	Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis		Mark Olson	Need Volunteer
Communion	Jim Bonson	Sue Frank			
		Mark Olson			
Acolyte: Addison Rottier		Bob Merz			
February 16 10:00 AM	Gary Fawcett	Andy Ellenberger	Hilde Becker	Sue Kurth	Shele Fawcett
		Gerhard Becker			
Acolyte: Emily Rottier-Douangmala		Bill Reckling			
Nursery: Mandy Kersten (education hour)		Gerald Yetter			
Nursery: Mandy Kersten (worship)					
February 23 7:30 AM	Don Secord	Don Secord	Don & Kris Secord	Vicki Holewinski	Need Volunteer
		Kris Secord	Karla Healy		
		Del Keup			
Acolyte: Jonah Walker		Jim Bonson			
February 23 10:00 AM	Jacob Husing	Grant Meyer	Dawn Shantz	Rick Behrens	Sharon Gifford
Communion	Ron Ritzer	Jerry Gifford			
Acolyte: Evan Wanta		Paul Kurth			
Nursery: Katrina Kadlec (education hour)		Glenn Finger			
Nursery: Katrina Kadlec (worship)					

IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!

February 26 4:30 PM	Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis			
Ash Wednesday	Dan Scafaro	Glenn Finger			
Communion		Jim Bonson			
		Bill Reckling			
February 26 6:30 PM	Glenn Finger	Pat Grosse			
Ash Wednesday	Tim Kadlec	Jan Grosse			
Communion		Del Keup			
		Glenn Finger			