

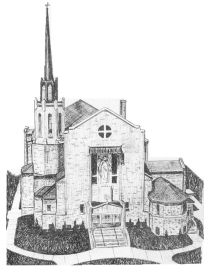
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Our Savior's Lutheran Church



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"A Church Where God's Diversity Works"

Dear Friends in Christ:

The season of Lent begins February 22. On that day, Ash Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. we begin our Lenten journey with a penitential service of reflection, self-examination, confession and Holy Communion. On that day we reflect more deeply on our reliance on God for our life and well-being remembering that "we are dust and to dust we shall return." Without God's graciousness we would not exist.

The Lenten season then provides us with forty days in which we are asked to contemplate how we might turn our life around in order to reflect our recognition of God as creator, redeemer and comforter. We take time to think more clearly about our actions toward one another and toward God. We make a daily sacrificial act such as putting a dollar aside for the benefit of people living in poverty. We worship more often to help us in our journey.

This Lenten season is also a time to become more involved in studying the Scriptures, in simplifying our lifestyle, in advocating for the marginalized and oppressed, in peacemaking, and other deeds of love and mercy.

Please consider setting aside extra time during these forty days to worship and reflect on the lifestyle you wish to present before God.

**The Season
of Lent begins**



**Ash Wednesday
February 22**

**Spaghetti Supper
begins**

at 5:30 p.m.

Worship

at 7:00 p.m.

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**Mid-week Lenten
Services begin
February 29 at
Central United
Methodist**

**25th & Wisconsin
Soup Supper at**

6:00 p.m.

followed by

Service

at 6:45 p.m.

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Our Savior's is a

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and is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A church where God's diversity works

Church Council

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Paul Brynildson - Personnel

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Our Savior's Mission Statement

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a diverse community of loved sinners gathered in the central city of Milwaukee:

created by God the Father Almighty;
redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ;
united in celebrating God's act of salvation in Word and Sacrament;
called to be the body of Christ;
and empowered by the Spirit with a variety of gifts for ministry.

Our purpose/ as a congregation and as individuals/ is to:

be a visible and tangible sign of the body of Christ in metropolitan Milwaukee;
acknowledge the reign of God by living out God's forgiveness, love and justice with all creation
and use the diversity of gifts given us by the Spirit for proclaiming anew the healing and liberating Good News of Jesus Christ.

As the body of Christ in this city we:

celebrate the presence of the living God in our lives/ congregation/ community and world;

proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ

administer the sacraments of Baptism and Communion;

welcome as sisters and brothers, persons of any age/ gender, racial/ or ethnic heritage/economic status, mental or physical ability or sexual orientation;

act as a messenger of hope in the redemption of the city;

empower people to live as children of God;

respect the witness/ insight and gifts of one another;

support ministries of service to people in need locally and globally;

advocate on behalf of those who are oppressed;

and establish partnerships with the Global Christian Community.

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Beginning Wednesday, February 29, the mid-week services will once again be held at Central United Methodist Church, 25th and Wisconsin Avenue. The theme will be Making Sense of the Cross, based on David Lose's new book of that title. At 6:00 p.m. come and enjoy a soup supper with members of the other congregations on the Avenue. The service begins at 6:45.

Bring your family, bring a friend, or just bring yourself for these services of reflection and renewal.

May God Graciously Touch Your Life This Lenten Season,

Pastor Barbara



Ash Wednesday

February 22

Spaghetti Supper 5:30 p.m.

Our Savior's Youth Group will host the annual Ash Wednesday Supper. The menu is spaghetti and a free will offering for the meal will benefit the youth group.

Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in the Ash Wednesday readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.



Funding Ministries with the Poor

DOLLAR A DAY FOR POVERTY

An opportunity for personal growth in Lenten devotion and discipline!

Submitted by Paul Brynildson

One of the great themes of the Book of Revelation is that one day God will create a new heaven and a new earth. All those throughout every age who believe in the saving love and grace bestowed as a gift through Jesus' death and resurrection for God's beloved creation will live with God forever in perfect peace, security, and endless joy. Our great hope then for the rest of our earthly lives is that what Christ promises will be true. We are now free to follow Christ's example in living and serving God as faithful stewards of his bountiful gifts given for the care and sustenance of all our brothers and sisters as we are able.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, you are cordially invited, within the upcoming season of Lent, to join me in participating in the Synod's Outreach for Hope program "Dollar a Day for Poverty" as part of your personal meditation and discipline while on your Lenten faith journey culminating in the celebration of God's triumphant victory at Easter on our behalf. This year's program, which begins on Ash Wednesday Feb 22, includes a reflective devotion for each day of Lent coinciding with the discipline of giving a Dollar a Day for Poverty. The continuing fundraising goal of this program is to recruit 40 congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod who in turn will enlist 40 households to use the Lenten devotions and contribute a dollar a day for the 40 days of Lent (40x40x40). Of course, any personal faith contribution that one can give will be gratefully accepted and used to support 21 congregations and ministries of the Greater Milwaukee Synod that work diligently to be the present and active sign of Christ in the poorest communities within our Synod.

Our Savior's here on Wisconsin Avenue continues to be one of the recipients of an annual Outreach for Hope grant that helps support our weekly Wednesday Prayer lunch/worship/outreach opportunity to the neighboring community around us. This is our chance to say thank you again for the financial support we receive for this outreach ministry to the poor by contributing forward additional dollars for other mission opportunities in another poor community within our own Synod.

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This year's Lenten devotions have been written by Pastor Sandy Jacobs, former campus pastor at UWM, interim pastor resource for the synod, and one of my mentors in the dia-konia™ program this year. His devotions will focus on the Book of Revelation as a message of Hope for the challenges we face today in our world and in our personal lives.

<p>\$1 a day for poverty 40 congregations x 40 households x 40 days of Lent = \$ for Hope for the Poor</p>

Please look for further information regarding this Lenten opportunity in the days to come. Any questions along the way can be directed to Paul Brynildson and/or the church office.

Stewardship February 2012

God Calls us to:

LIVE *Simply* SPEAK *Kindly* LOVE *Generously*

No Super PAC supporters, No Hollywood Super Star supporters, No Super multimillionaire supporters, just a community of very ordinary people. However these very ordinary people have been baptized into a community of faithful followers of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit of God to accomplish great things to the glory of God.

And so it is that we as members of Our Savior's Lutheran do a range of great and glorious things as faithful disciples of the Christ.

Traditionally Christian Stewardship focuses on the stewardship of our financial resources as do many of Jesus' teachings, but ultimately it has to do with lovingly and in a just manner managing and caring for all that God has provided us, as Paul's writings suggest. With that understanding in mind, we freely share our time, our talents, along with our financial resources.

Thanksgiving and Praise be to our God,

Pastor Bob, Chair Stewardship Ministry Team

February 2020



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Lent begins...

Ash Wednesday is February 22. Youth-sponsored Spaghetti Supper begins at 5:30 and Worship is at 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's

1 12:00 noon Prayer & Lunch
5:30 p.m. Man to Man
6:00 p.m. 3AM rehearsal
Study & Stewardship

5 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Sunday School

Church Council Installation

6
3:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Kaleidoscope Team Meeting & Hi Hopes

7 9:30 a.m. L&M Payee*
10:00 a.m. Fatherhood Group*
2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. diakonia™

8 12:00 noon Prayer & Lunch
5:30 p.m. Man to Man
6:00 p.m. 3AM, & E

12 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Sunday School
12:30 Youth Bible Study

13 Pr Barbara on vacation 2/13/-2/16
3:00 p.m. Bible Study

14
9:30 a.m. L&M Payee*
10:00 a.m. Fatherhood Group*
6:30 p.m. diakonia™

15 9:30 a.m. Leah C
12:00 noon Prayer & Lunch
1:00 p.m. West End
5:30 p.m. Man to Man
6:00 p.m. 3AM & E

19 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee & WAVE Informational Meeting

4:00 WAVE Committee at St. Paul's

20
3:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Peace Vigil

21 Spring Election Day
9:30 a.m. L&M Payee*
10:00 a.m. Fatherhood Group*
2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. OSLC Foundation Meeting

22 12:00 noon Prayer & Lunch
5:30 p.m. Man to Man
Wed Spaghetti Supper
6:00 p.m. 3AM
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

26 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Sunday School
12:30 Youth Bible Study

27
3:00 p.m. Bible Study

28 9:30 a.m. L&M Payee*
10:00 a.m. Fatherhood Group*
2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. RIC Meeting and diakonia™

29 12:00 noon Prayer & Lunch
5:30 p.m. Man to Man
6:00 p.m. 3AM
Lenten supper and
by worship at 6:00

You may contact the church office or consult the website for up-to-date meeting and event information. Tel: 4

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Wed **Thu****Fri****Sat**

Service and Man* arsal, Bible p Team	2 10:00 a.m. Fatherhood Group* 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir	3	4 9:00 a.m. NA Group* 12:00 - 9:00 p.m. NA Speak-a-thon*
Service and Man* Bible Study	9 Pastor Barbara at World Hunger Gathering 2/9-2/12 9:30 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. Fatherhood Group* 5:30 p.m. Arts Team Meeting	10 10:00 a.m. CCC OM Advisory Team Meeting	11 9:00 a.m. NA Group* 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wisconsin Injured Workers Valentine Fund-raising Dinner*
Circle Service d Landlords* Man* Bible Study	16 10:00 a.m. Fatherhood Group* 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir	17	18 9:00 a.m. NA Group* & Council Meeting
ver Svc & Lunch o Man* & Ash Supper & Bible Study Wednesday	23 10:00 a.m. Fatherhood Group* 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir	24	25 9:00 a.m. NA Group* 12:00 p.m. NA Speak-a-thon and Star Search*
ver Svc & Lunch o Man* & Midweek at CUM followed 45 p.m.	Mid-week Lenten Suppers and Services begin February 29 at Central United Methodist (CUM) 25th and Wisconsin Av. Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by worship at 6:45 p.m.		

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*Guests

Kaleidoscope Bible Studies Continue in February

You are invited Mondays at 3:00 p.m. or Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.



Kaleidoscope Bible Study

The Bible study focuses on one of the appointed texts for the upcoming Sunday, usually the Gospel lesson. Each person comes as an expert since we bring our own experiences to the group as we study and learn together. This model of Bible Study provides opportunities for sharing, for listening and reflection and self-discovery. What is the Word calling YOU to do, be or change? ALL are invited to come!

Direct your questions to members of the Kaleidoscope Team: Mike Festge, Bill Wood, Wendy & Phil Enockson, Gail Jacobsen, Pastor Barbara Rasmussen, Penny Schwid, Paul Brynildson, Cyndi Benner, Miguel de Jesus

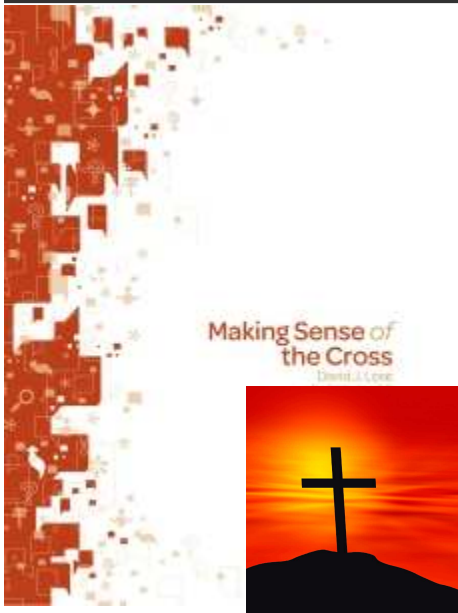
We will...

We will learn the Kaleidoscope Institute skills of Respectful Communication Guidelines and Mutual Invitation and practice them in our KBS meetings.

We will learn the KBS steps and practice them together each week by exploring one of the Biblical texts that is assigned for the coming Sunday.

We will invite each participant to lead the KBS.

We will ask for a commitment from each participant to attend at least 6 of the 8 KBS meetings.



Midweek Lent Making Sense of the Cross

The heart of the cross is an element of mystery that can't be resolved either easily or entirely.

Our mid-week Lenten series will focus on the questions we have about the cross:

So what's with the cross?
 What does the cross say about God?
 What's the big deal?
 Did Jesus have to die?

Come to mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:00 p.m. followed by Worship at 6:45 p.m. starting Wednesday, February 29. We will gather with our WAVE neighboring congregations at Central United Methodist Church on 25 and Wisconsin Av

for these Lenten services. Watch for a sign-up sheet for your donations to the soup suppers and your opportunity to volunteer. On Wednesday, February 29 Our Savior's is asked to bring the bread and butter.

We are thankful...

- ◆ **Next Door Foundation** thanks the congregation for a year end contribution from OSLC members.
- ◆ Our Savior's is thankful for **Thrivent members** who designated contributions for the church through the Thrivent Choice program. In 2011 a total of \$2801 was received from these contributors.
- ◆ We celebrate that the **Siebert Foundation** has granted monies to the Central City Churches Outreach Ministry located here at Our Savior's and also to the Fatherhood Program of Next Door Foundation that is holding classes here. We are partners in ministry for these efforts that serve people in our neighborhood.
- ◆ **The Central City Churches** organization is thankful for people who have come forward to lead in a new Board of Directors and several standing committees. This is the latest step in fulfilling a strategic plan.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS February, 2012

<i>Schedule</i>	Sunday, February 5	Sunday, February 12	Sunday, February 19	Sunday, February 26
Assisting Minister	Paul Brynildson	Penny Schwid	8:30 Paula Holman 11:00 Jeffrey Montoya	Jane Bosman-Clark
Reader	8:30 Rebecca Lawrence 11:00 Karin Zieminski	8:30 Dorothy Kittleson 11:00 Tammy Arvelo Sebesta	8:30 Cyndi Benner 11:00 Michelle Riggins	8:30 John Schneble 11:00 Marquitta Wells
Communion Server	8:30 Jerry & LaVonne Williams 11:00 Paul Brynildson	8:30 Paula Holman & Paul Brynildson 11:00 Tammy Arvelo Sebesta	8:30 Mike & Doreen Festge 11:00 Jeffrey Montoya	8:30 Steve Oakland, Paul Brynildson 11:00 Jane Bosman- Clark
Acolyte	8:30 & 11:00 Paul Brynildson	8:30 Penny Schwid 11:00 Tammy Arvelo Sebesta	8:30 Paula Holman 11:00 Jeffrey Montoya	8:30 & 11:00 Jane Bosman-Clark
Sacristy	8:30 LaVonne and Jerry Williams 11:00 Paul Brynildson	8:30 Lenore Blasier & Marie Brynildson 11:00 Tammy & Jena Arvelo Sebesta	8:30 Bill Wood & Virginia Koch 11:00 Nancy & Rich Young	8:30 John & Karen Schneble 11:00 Jane Bosman-Clark
Gift Bearers	8:30 Casons 11:00 Wells	8:30 Westcott 11:00 Mary Taylor	8:30 McLean 11:00 Tranean Cade & Oji Moore	8:30 Russ & Barb Jacobsen 11:00 Debra Nelson
Sound Room 8:30	Mike Festge	Paul Schneble	Paul Schneble	Paul Schneble



February Birthdays

Clark, Cale	02/01	Wieneri, Carolyn	02/21	<i>Happy Birthday!</i>
Goeckerman, Charlotte	02/02	Flatten, Tiffany	02/22	
Klumb, Paul	02/02	Holman, Paula	02/22	<i>May God bless you!</i>
Casey, Catherine	02/03	Jorgensen, Herman Jr.	02/22	
Bliesner, Margo	02/05	Davis, Joseph	02/24	
Baumann, Corey	02/07	Shaver, J Clayton	02/24	
Heinemann, Gladys	02/09	Brown, Linda	02/25	
Heyer, Charlotte	02/09	Flatten, Linda	02/25	
Trudel, Jashawn	02/09	Tweet, Curtis	02/25	
Strommen, Robert	02/10	Deer, Sheryl	02/26	
Schmidt, Lindsey	02/11	Giese, Peter	02/26	
Westcott, Sophia	02/11	Greengrass, Rikki	02/26	
Rasmussen, Barbara	02/12	Blasier, Lenore	02/28	
Pinger, Judith	02/14	Nelson, Debra	02/28	
Moore, Chakula	02/17	Marsenich, Nicole	02/29	
Bliesner, Colleen	02/21			



Please send your updated addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers to the church office.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Alicia Ellis
 Bob Tilley
 Jon Hugdahl
 Marilyn Dusold
 Sharon Christianson
 Steve Fogle
 Tammy & Jena Arvelo Sebesta on the death of Tammy's mother, Billie Clark

New Member

Mark Morrell was received on January 29 as a new member of the congregation.

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J. Mark Baker, Senior Choir Director

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