

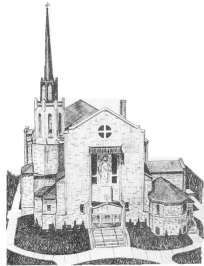
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"A Church Where God's Diversity Works"

FROM PASTOR BETTY

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

It will be a year since the Multicultural Ministry Team went to receive the training in Los Angeles. Since then we have been working and using the tools we learned during that time. We are trying to apply the Respectful communication guidelines, and the mutual invitation during our meetings. We used them also every time we get together for Kaleidoscope bible Study. The main goal in practicing these tools is to really live out the theology of inclusion not only to read or learn the theoretical part of it.

In his book "Sacred Acts, Holy Changes," Eric H. F. Law, helps us to understand how important is to use these tools in our daily life. He reminds us that living out the gospel is the catalyst power that will help us to be transformed.

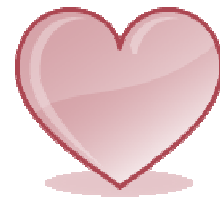
In this book he also introduces us to the Process for Planned Change which, according to him will, help us to be the church we need to be in this time and place. The whole world is changing at a very fast speed. These changes affect not only our secular life but also our spiritual life as well. According to him, nowadays going to church is not as important as it was in the past. People have more options where to take their children on Sundays. This affects churches a great deal and that's why he says that the church needs to be prepared to change some of our ways to do ministry. Changes, however, are scary. Nevertheless, he says

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YOUTH BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, FEB 13

BUY SOME SWEETS FOR
YOUR SWEETIE!



Plan to attend
Gospel Fest!
Sunday, February 13
3:00 p.m.
Trinity
Presbyterian Church
3302 N. Sherman Blvd.





Our Savior's is a

member of Central City Churches, Inc.

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OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A church where God's diversity works

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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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that the Process for Planned Change is an invitation to embody the gospel that gives us the courage to change which in turn empowers us to invite others to enter this process by embodying the gospel in the community.

We are inviting the whole congregation to come to the Kaleidoscope Bible Study to learn more about these tools, how to use them and apply them in our daily life.

The Multicultural Ministry Team is preparing a workshop during Lent season for all of you who want to know more in detail how this theology of inclusion works.

Let's come together to learn how to live Christ's life in our lives. Let's not just come to worship but to live the worship in everything we do. Let's not just partake of the communion but to be the body and blood of Christ in every action we take. Let the Word of God become flesh and dwell among and in and through us, full of grace and truth.

In our mission statement we say we are a church where Diversity works. Let's live out that mission statement with God's help. Amen

FROM PASTOR BARBARA:

Running on a grey 22 degree day – feels like 15 – surprisingly, my spirits rose and the depression I had been feeling left. I was praying and thinking and listening for a word about where we are as a church – the whole church – as well as our congregation and the people of Christ's body here at Our Savior's. I had just attended yet another seminar on how to do ministry in the city. While we probably will not enroll in the program at this time – since we have other initiatives going right now -- some of the tenets laid out inspired a new round of hope in me.

The insights are not entirely new, but renewed and expanded. They begin with change. Change happens, as we well know, whether we want it to or not. There are things we can do to make the changes we don't like less painful. For one, we can adopt and adapt to the change. We can also initiate the changes we'd like to see – the ones toward which we feel the Spirit is moving us.

My objective is not to analyze change, but to move us toward meaningful change. We are already working on one piece that was central to the recent presentation. The presenters told of building a church and leaders by "creating a climate where open heart surgery is done every day." They suggest that people have a need cont. page 4...

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to feel safe enough to share their pain, their failings, their guilt and even their shame. That can and will only happen where there is trust. That trust, in part, means what is shared in a group is received and held gently, non-judgmentally, and is not shared anywhere else outside of the group.

In the congregation of the presenters, a cell network has been formed where people meet for Bible study and prayer. The particular pattern or organization is not as important as having an atmosphere created where people feel emotionally and physically safe. When that exists people will return, and they will ask what life in Christ is all about. Eventually they come to realize it is about caring for one another and sharing God's love.

The Kaleidoscope Bible Study is intended to do much the same thing. It will succeed, however, only if we are willing to open up and be vulnerable. It will be more successful, if more time is spent on the third question where we ask: "In this passage, what is God calling **me** to be, do, or change?" If we reflect on the message to ourselves and seriously consider how we might change – our behavior, our attitude, our view of the world, our understanding of ourselves as a community of faith placed in this location by God – all the while trusting that God is undergirding us, we cannot fall. We might fail in a task or program, but we will not fall from God's grace.



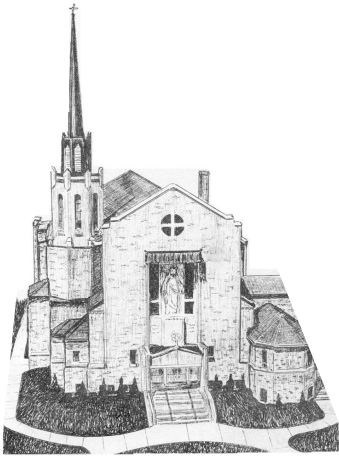
This is all based on a sense of equality of personhood. If we truly believe we are equal, not superior or inferior by amount of wealth or race or education or anything else, but equally loved by God, then we will be well grounded, and community can be built.

God calls us to the transformation of our hearts. It can happen on a sunny day or a grey day. Whenever it happens, it will lead us to become the congregation we are to be.

In God's Grace,

Pastor Barbara

Sacred Places Team



From Old Testament times and even further back when men and women experience the presence of the Divine, they marked that place in a special way. It could have been a cluster of rocks, the erection of a tent, or a grand and marvelous structure.

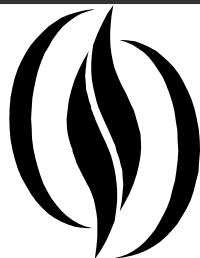
Our Savior's Lutheran Church stands in that tradition. There has always been a felt need to have a special place to honor and praise God, a place to receive God's blessing and in response be inspired to serve and thereby be a blessing to others.

Our Savior's was one of only ten synod congregations invited to take part in a structural building assessment process. This synod ministry/program is called "Sacred Places New Dollars/New Partners." To encourage participation our synod offered a small grant to each congregation for the purpose of engaging a local architectural firm to perform such an assessment. Our synod also provided five days of training for a small group of congregational leaders to follow-up on any suggested recommendations, to identify how the church building is currently used with an eye toward additional possible ministry uses, and finally how to identify and form partnerships with neighborhood and community entities that might see the value of financially supporting the ministry of OSLC.

In January of 2011 our Congregation Council, Building and Grounds, and the Sacred Places New Dollars/New Partners congregational team received a preliminary report from Quorum Architects. All three of these ministry teams, as well as the congregation, will now enter into a process of prioritizing next steps. Replacement of all flat roofs has already been determined to be of utmost importance.

Our Sacred Places Ministry Team currently includes: Jane Bosman-Clark, Miguel de Jesus, Frank Schultz, LaVonne Williams, Russ Jacobsen, David Totten, Mike Festge, Bob Scheuermann, and Pastor Barbara.

This is an exciting time in the history of OSLC. Let us continue to pray for God's continual blessing and guidance on this process.



Lutheran World Relief introduces a new logo

While you won't see it on our website yet, LWR has a new look. The launch of this new look is starting with a new logo and tagline on LWR's printed materials and electronic communications. In the coming months, we also will roll out a new website.

Why the change?

In conversations with many LWR supporters like you, we've heard that LWR looked a little "behind the times," and that a new look — one that could appeal to a wide variety of audiences — would help us spread our message and engage more people in our important work. We want to share LWR's ministry with more people like you, and this new look will help us do just that.

You'll notice a new tagline as well: *Sustainable Development. Lasting Promise.* While we're still the same LWR, this new tagline better tells our story in today's world. Since our founding in 1945, LWR has worked to end poverty, injustice and human suffering in a sustainable way that brings the lasting promise of a better future. This new tagline emphasizes the hand-up, not hand out, which we offer to so many communities. At the same time, it also brings to mind the promise of Christ's love and mercy that underlies our mission and blesses our work. After all, it is not our hands but Christ's who feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and empower the downtrodden.



Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), individuals and parish groups in international relief, development, advocacy and social responsibility.

Beat the Winter Blahs

Come on out for the annual Chili Dump and Games Day!

Sunday, February 27 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Put this on your calendar and plan to come and bring your friends. Also bring your cards, board games, and be prepared to join in the game of your choice. And also start thinking about your chili recipe! Speak with the Fellowship Team members, Doris Sorvick, Linda Flatten, Tiffany Flatten, Linda Wright, John and Rachel Evanow, with your questions or suggestions. This event is being sponsored by the Fellowship Team.

Coming Up...

Looking toward Lent -

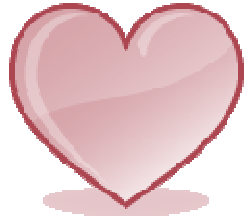
Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 9th at 7:00 p.m. The service will be preceded by the annual Ash Wednesday supper, which will be prepared and served by the youth group. Proceeds from the supper will benefit the youth group fund for leadership training.



Midweek Lenten Suppers and Services will be held again this year at Central United Methodist Church on 25th and Wisconsin Avenue. Watch for details in the next issue of The Messenger

During Lent - Sunday Morning Adult Forum

There will be a Sunday Adult Education offering during Lent called "Living the Gospel of Peace". We will use a workbook resource from Eric H. F. Law by the same name. There will be 6 Sunday morning adult forums March 13 – April 17. We expect these to be 1 hour sessions, so we will have to begin at 9:50 a.m. The sessions will be led by the pastors, Kaleidoscope Team members and others. This will be an opportunity for a deeper exploration of some of the foundational ideas and tools used in the Kaleidoscope Institute trainings for building multi-cultural leadership; it will be a good introduction for those planning to attend the March training (see page 10).




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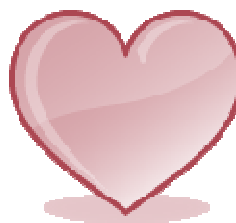
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27 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 3:00 p.m. Chili Dump and Games	28 11:30 a.m. Sisters Project* 2:30 p.m. KBS	KBS is Kaleidoscope Bible Study - All groups are meeting at the church	

You may contact the church office or consult the website for up-to-date meeting and event information. Tel: 414-342-5252 www

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Wed Thu Fri Sat

Prayer Svc/Lunch Wisc Injured Workers 3AM KBS	3 8:30 a.m. CCC Board 9:30 a.m. L&M Payee* 11:30 a.m. Sisters Project* 6:00 p.m. KBS 6:30 Diakonia* 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir	4	5 9:00 a.m. NA Group* 3:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
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Pastor Barbara on vacation February 17-23			
Prayer Service & Lunch Wisc Inj. Workers* 3AM rehearsal KBS	24 11:30 a.m. Sisters Project* 6:00 p.m. - KBS 7:15 Senior Choir	25 Tripoli using parking lot Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the annual Tripoli Shrine Circus Feb. 25-	26 9:30 a.m. Greater Milw. Synod Town Hall Meeting

You are invited to join in on Mondays at 2:30 p.m., Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., or Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

n. Contact Pastor Barbara or Pastor Betty or the Church Office if you have questions.

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*Guests



The Kaleidoscope Institute is coming ...

**March 25-27, 2011
to the Siena Retreat Center in Racine**

Kaleidoscope Institute Milwaukee (Racine) WI

Siena Retreat Center, Racine WI (on the shores of Lake Michigan)
Sponsored by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Milwaukee

Course I: Fundamental Skill for Building Inclusive Community

In a fast-changing and diverse world, what skills do leaders need to practice in order to create a more inclusive environment in which people of diverse backgrounds and experiences are welcome and no one person or group is disadvantaged? In this foundational workshop, the Rev. Eric H. F. Law will guide participants through a practical and spiritual journey toward becoming competent leaders in a diverse changing world.

Topics to explore:

- What is Culture and why are there cultural differences?
- Cultural Differences and their Impacts on our leadership
- Theological Reflection on multicultural leadership
- Skill, models and processes for building inclusive community
- Developing a spirituality for leadership in a diverse, changing world
- Training Modules I-VII of the Kaleidoscope Institute basic training

Who should attend?

- People involved in small group ministries – bible study, youth ministry, adult forums, discussion groups.
- Chairs of committees and commissions
- Religious educators
- People who have read Eric Law's books and want to get a hands-on, in-depth experience in putting the theory, method, and spirituality to practice.

March 25 – 27 Friday at 9:00am through Sunday at noon
(lunch provided before departure)

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REGISTRATION FORM

Kaleidoscope Institute Milwaukee (Racine) Wisconsin

Registration is also available online at www.kscopeinstitute.org

NAME _____ MY CHURCH/COMMUNITY _____

MY MINISTRY _____ E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

I would like to register for the Kaleidoscope Institute Milwaukee, March 24-27, 2011

____ Course I: Fundamental Skills for Building Inclusive Community \$500*

____ Course I: Commuter (includes meals but no overnight lodging) \$450*

Enclosed is the registration fee in the amount of _____ Payable to
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Return to church office or mail completed registration form to:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church 3022 W Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee WI 53208

For additional information contact bill.cruse@kscopeinstitute.org

* Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA members receive a significant discount and scholarships are available - inquire at the church office 414-342-5252 for the details.

Youth Fund-raising



*re-useable shopping bags



The Youth Group preparing to send youth leaders to Texas in March to the annual Camp Hope Leader Training. Your support is welcome to help cover the costs of the training and bus transportation.

Sale Dates: January 4 - March 4

Products: Nuts, Snacks, Dodo Bags*

Order Sundays in the Narthex or at the church office

Pre-Valentine Bake Sale

February 13

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

In the Narthex

Cakes, cupcakes and heart-shaped goodies.

Your donations are welcome!



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Opportunities in other places

The **Greater Milwaukee Synod Anti-racism Team** will offer on-going work in 2011 for us to continue looking at White Privilege and Internalized Racial Oppression and how it affects our lives within and outside of the Church. For those who have attended either the Crossroads or Lutheran Human Relations Association Anti-Racism trainings or another series such as the YWCA trainings or other Anti-racism Immersions: **TROUBLING THE WATERS FOR THE HEALING OF THE CHURCH AND BREAKING THE BONDS: ADDRESSING WHITE PRIVILEGE AND INTERNALIZED RACIAL OPPRESSION IN OUR LIVES**, Two Weekends: March 4-5 and May 6-7 (Both required) Friday 5:15-9 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Lutheran, 84th and Center, Cost: \$150 (Scholarships available if needed). The Greater Milwaukee Synod Anti-Racism Team: Contact Marilyn Miller 414-536-0585 or the Greater Milwaukee Synod 414-671-1212.

The **73rd Annual Tripoli Shrine Circus** is coming to Milwaukee February 23-27. There will be ten shows. See the details and purchase tickets at www.milwaukeeecircus.com.

Donations are being sought to sponsor tickets for thousands of children coming from more than 100 area organizations. You can send your contribution to:

Tripoli Shrine Circus
P. O. Box 1445
Milwaukee WI 53201



Gospel Fest 2011 will be held on **February 13 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3302 N Sherman Blvd. at 3:00 p.m.** Gospel Fest 2010, at Pentecost Lutheran Church was a joyful, spirit-filled ecumenical event involving over 5 choirs, representing Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic traditions. This year the event will feature several choirs and an ecumenical mass choir. The mass choir will sing three selections from the Robert Ray masterpiece, "The Gospel Mass": the Kyrie, Acclamation, and the Sanctus. Also featured will be an original composition by Dr. Abe Cáceres.

If you would like to participate in the mass choir, please do the following: 1) Contact Divine Word/Pentecost Lutheran Church divineword@sbcglobal.net or call: 414-414-476-3189 2) Come to at least one of the following rehearsals: Saturday, February 12, 2 - 4 PM, and Sunday, February 13, 2 PM for a run through. 3) Come ready to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, be supported by a large ensemble of singers, and be inspired by God's awesome Spirit! And even if you do not sing, plan to attend Gospel Fest!

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY, 2011

<i>Schedule</i>	Sunday, FEBRUARY 6	Sunday, FEBRUARY 13	Sunday, FEBRUARY 20	Sunday, FEBRUARY 27
Assisting Minister	Paul Brynildson	Penny Schwid	Jane Bosman-Clark	Gail Jacobsen
Reader	8:30 Paula Holman 11:00 Nancy Young	8:30 Dorothy Kittleson 11:00 Marquitta Wells	8:30 Hannah McLean 11:00 William Martin	8:30 Karen Schneble 11:00 Jeff Montoya
Communion Server	8:30 Paula Holman 11:00 Paul Brynildson	8:30 Jerry & LaVonne Williams 11:00 Bill Wood	8:30 Hannah McLean 11:00 Jane Bosman-Clark	11:00 Eric Seymour 11:00 Jeff Montoya
Acolyte	8:30 Steve Oakland 11:00 Rich Young	8:30 LaVonne Williams 11:00 Bill Wood	8:30 Hannah McLean 11:00 Tranean Cade	8:30 Eric Seymour 11:00 Marquitta Wells
Sacristy	8:30 Doris Sorvik and Judy Pinger 11:00 Rich & Nancy Young	8:30 Jerry & LaVonne Williams 11:00 Bill Wood	Jane Bosman-Clark	8:30 Lenore Blasier, Marie Brynildson 11:00 Penny Schwid
Gift Bearer families	8:30 Tom & Judy Pinger 11:00 Bob & Mary Foley	8:30 McLean 11:00 Tranean Cade, Kerri Kaczor	8:30 a.m. James 11:00 William Martin	8:30 Russ Jacobsen family 11:00 Oji and Tendency Moore
Sound Room 8:30	Mike Festge	Paul Schneble	Mike Festge	Paul Schneble
Usher 11:00	Mary Foley	Kerri Kaczor	Tranean Cade	Marquitta Wells

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February Birthdays

Goeckerman, Charlotte	02/02	Wieneri, Carolyn	02/21
Klumb, Paul	02/02	Flatten, Tiffany	02/22
Casey, Catherine	02/03	Holman, Paula	02/22
Baumann, Corey	02/07	Jorgensen, Herman Jr.	02/22
Heinemann, Gladys	02/09	Roe, Rachel	02/23
Heyer, Charlotte	02/09	Davis, Joseph	02/24
Trudel, Jashawn	02/09	Shaver, J Clayton	02/24
Strommen, Robert	02/10	Brown, Linda	02/25
Schmidt, Lindsey	02/11	Flatten, Linda	02/25
Westcott, Sophia	02/11	Tweet, Curtis	02/25
Dusold, Walt	02/12	Deer, Sheryl	02/26
Rasmussen, Barbara	02/12	Giese, Peter	02/26
Nowicki, Rebecca	02/13	Greengrass, Rikki	02/26
Pinger, Judith	02/14	Blasier, Lenore	02/28
Bliesner, Colleen	02/21	Nelson, Debra	02/28

*Happy
Birthday!*

*May God
bless you!*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR

Ardith Strommen

Jean Cason

Jahan Amini

Clarine Bergemann



Doreen Festge, on the death of her mother
Marge Grundman, on the death of her daughter

Thanks!

- From Marge Grundman for the prayers and kindnesses shown her during her daughter, Kathryn's illness and death.
- From Clarine Bergemann, John & Virginia Howard and others for the Christmas visits and poinsettias.
- From Next Door Foundation for a financial gift and for Pastor Barbara Rasmussen's support and guidance. [Pastor Barbara is a member of the NDF Board.]

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J. Mark Baker, Senior Choir Director

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