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# The ECHOES

July 2009

Our Savior's Lutheran Church



## Tailgating Party

Enjoy a night of free entertainment by joining the OSLC middle schooler's on July 11 for a tailgating party at church before going to the Honker's game. There will be brats and hotdogs on the grill, corn on the cob and watermelon in the fellowship hall at 5:30pm. The game starts at 7:05pm.

Please pray for our youth/chaperones attending the 2009 Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 21-26



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### Mission Statement

We are called to proclaim God's love and grace through Christ as we relate to each other and the world.

# Worship With Us

During the summer months, three distinctly different worship services will be offered:

**Wednesdays at 6:30pm** – the service is more relaxed and conversational.

(Light dinner served at 5:30)

**Sundays at 9:00am** – the regular Sunday morning worship will be traditional in format.

**Sundays at 5:30am** – the room is darkened for candle lighting and worship in a reflective style.

## Wednesday, July 2

### Sunday, July 5

***The Twelve Disciples are sent out.***

For this Fourth of July weekend, the Sunday morning worship will use distinctly American tunes for the traditional liturgy pieces and songs. Communion will be by bread and cup during the summer months.

## Wednesday, July 8

### Sunday, July 12

***The death of John the Baptist***

The ABC ("A Believer's Celebration) service will be used for the morning worship.

## Wednesday, July 15

### Sunday, July 19

***Jesus has compassion for the crowds.***

Eric Rohde will be sharing the message with us this Sunday, both during the worship service and during the Coffee and Conversation, when members of the congregation will have opportunity to ask about Eric's mission work in France.

Setting One from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* will be used for worship.

## Wednesday, July 26

### Sunday, July 26

***Jesus feeds 5000 people.***

This Sunday begins a series of five Sundays devoted to Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life in the gospel of John.

Setting One from *ELW* will again be used for worship.

## Wednesday, July 29

### Sunday, August 2

***"I am the Bread of Life"***

The group will have returned from the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Some of the music for the morning worship will reflect the joy of that experience. The morning service will be traditional in format, using music from the Gathering.



We are saddened by the recent loss of two of our members. Please remember their families in your prayers.



**Donald J. MacGillivray**  
February 17, 1933—June 9, 2009

### **Harry Gillson**

November 1, 1919—June 11, 2009

A memorial service will be at a later date. Interment of his cremated remains was in Two Harbors, MN

# Messages



## Pastor Fred Speaks Frankly...

Looking ahead, I see that I will be gone for some of the weeks of July, either on vacation or at the National Youth Gathering. Like many of you, I often have ambivalent feelings about taking off. I

look forward to the time away and the opportunity to rest and play. Taking time off, however, doesn't mean that ministry here at Our Savior's stops, and so I often spend extra time planning ahead to make sure things are covered while I'm gone. Then when I return, it seems that the work has piled up, and I have to make up for lost time. This year it is different, though. It's the first summer with an intern who has been here for almost a year. I feel more confident about letting things go. Seyward will be here, and I leave confident that she can handle the pastoral ministries of the congregation. It is one of the great benefits of having a colleague on staff.

I look forward to vacations for lots of reasons, but one of them is having a chance to worship at different communities of faith. During the year, the closest I come to visiting other congregations is, vicariously, when you bring me bulletins from places where you have worshiped while on vacation or snow-birding. I enjoy looking through those worship bulletins, but it is no substitute for sitting in the pew and being fed in music, word, and sacrament. I am always on the lookout for new ideas or better ways of doing things, even if they seem minor.

Vacations are all about recreation, or re-creation. When vacations are at their best, they do the work of sabbath. God instructs us in keeping this holy rest. We need one day a week where we spend time resting, reminding ourselves that God is in control, and giving God opportunity to re-create us. Sometimes we need a little extra time for re-creation. We won't be seeing each other as often during the summer. You'll be on your vacation some of the time. I'll be gone some of the time. I hope you remember to take holy rest while on vacation. And bring me back your ideas from where you have worshipped.

I look forward to coming back refreshed and ready to plan out the falls programming. And I look forward to September when we all have returned and we can all be together again for worship.

See you at worship (if not this Sunday, hopefully soon),

*Pastor Fred*

## OSLC President Message

On June 16, I opened a letter addressed to the President of the Congregation at Our Savior's Lutheran Church from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. As I read the first paragraph, this is what it said: **"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one person for the faith of the gospel..."**

Philippians 1:27

Then the text of the letter went on to thank us, as a congregation, for giving \$28,500.00 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America!! And this was just in 2008...think of all of our years as a congregation and what that would add up to! I set the letter down on the kitchen counter and thought for a moment, and then realized that I was smiling as I was thinking of all of the wonderful people that make up Our Savior's Lutheran Church. I hope each and everyone of you will allow a smile to cross your face as you think about the dedication we have as a church family to share our resources, prayers and gifts with not only our congregation, community, and synod but also throughout the world! The closing line of the Synod letter really sums everything up....."May we continue to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ with our shared generosity."

Enjoy summer! **Joyce Bagne, Cong. President**

## Final Greetings from France

*Bonjour, mes chers amis!* I am nearing the very end of my time here in France, in fact, by the time you receive this edition of the Echoes, I will probably be back in Minnesota! The time has passed incredibly quickly, and while I am looking forward to being home again, I will miss this new country that I have come to call home.

I wanted to write to all of you to let you know that I'll be back at OSLC on July 19, and that I'll be sharing about my experience in France during the service, and will be talking more and answering questions afterward. I would love to see you there, so I can have a chance to tell you about this significant year in my life and also to see you! As a church, I have been very blessed and supported by you throughout the year, and I'm excited to return to share stories and have a chance to express my gratitude in person.

I hope to see you on the 19th!, **Erik**

# Happenings

## OSLC July Birthdays

1st	Wyatt Elliott	13th	Sandra Meyer	22nd	Ruth Eickhoff
2nd	Jane Gronvold		Robert Westland		Lois Johnson
	Jill Bagne	14th	Annika Weber		Wayne Dunemann
	Grant Todd		Jane Nicklay	23rd	George Wilson
5th	Kap Kastner		Glenn Leckband	24th	Charles Silvernagle
	Gordon Greenwaldt	15th	Joan Loos		Anne MacGillivray
7th	Marvin Rose		Lois Schweitzer		Kyra Miller
	John Kelley		Rosie Seegmiller	25th	Joan Rose
	Dawn Christenson		Scott Thorvilson		Kaitlin Trenerry
	Jonathan Gross	16th	Katharine Kasperski		Isabelle Bump
	Emily Williams		Sureyla Yang	26th	Nanci Bernard
8th	Daniel Norgard	17th	Megan Nash		Mark Hansen
9th	Byron Stadsvold		Larry Norby		Josh Christenson
	Kimberly Lambrecht	19th	Thomas Humke	29th	Benjamin Menning
10th	Wayne Douglas		Marlyn Peterson		Brett Blattner
	Terry Mikulecky		Wanda Hagquist		Allyson Mikulecky
11th	Kathi Tenner		Ruby Florine	30th	Brandon Schultz
	Mike Coenen	20th	Robert Rink	31st	Dorothy Satre
	Erik Thorvilson		Dolores Moore		Bill Nicklay
12th	Joanne Heathman	21st	Heidi Chase		James Storlie
	Deb Moran		Keena Schryver		Brock Bush
			Abigail Shidler		

### Altar Flowers for July 09

**July 5**—Bev Gronvold & Pam Shulze

**July 12**—Hilton & Jan Vilen

**July 19**—Larry & Marti Howe

**July 26**—Paul & Ruth Suby

**Volunteer Team B** will be signing up for August volunteering opportunities starting on July 5 in the Narthex. Please sign up for 2 worship opportunities. You can also call the church office at 289-3021 to sign up.

**ECHOES/Calendar Deadline** is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Articles submitted after that time will only be published if room permits. Please limit articles to 200 words or less.

**Weekly Announcements** are due Wednesday noon prior to the Sunday you wish it to be published.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available each Sunday.

### Where in the World...



Phil Shriner checking out the ECHOES while on vacation in San Diego, CA. Phil is visiting the USS Midway (a retired Navy Aircraft carrier) and Shamu Stadium at Sea World.

\*\*\*Please keep submitting pictures for this fun feature of the ECHOES.

### New Phone Number for Paul & Ruth Suby

For everyone who does not have their new number it is 535-2155.

**July Baptismal Birthday**  
McKenna Mikulecky—07-31-05

### Internet Resources

Pastor Fred's e-mail  
[pf@rochesterosl.org](mailto:pf@rochesterosl.org)  
Joanne's e-mail  
[office@rochesterosl.org](mailto:office@rochesterosl.org)  
Intern Seyward Mattson  
[intern@rochesterosl.org](mailto:intern@rochesterosl.org)  
Our Savior's Web Site  
[www.rochesterosl.org](http://www.rochesterosl.org)  
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[www.goodearthvillage.org](http://www.goodearthvillage.org)  
SE MN Synod  
[www.semnsynod.org](http://www.semnsynod.org)  
ELCA  
[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

## Search and Find

**Kerm Bitz did locate his** name in last month's issue and won a free meal at John Hardy's BBQ. Could your name be the one this month? If you find your name, call the church office by the 20th of the issue month to claim your prize. This month win a free loaf of Honey Wheat Bread from the Great Harvest Bread Company on Broadway.. There's only one rule, you cannot tell the person their name is in the ECHOES. No cheating!!!

**To clarify,** the search and find name will be listed the following way in a random article. Example:,search and find name, joanne hamilton.

## NOTICE...

All items in the lost and found will be put on the Mission Rummage sale in August if not claimed before that date. Please take time to check it out.



## Canoeing Anyone???

Pastor Fred wants to go canoeing with some young people, but adults are welcome.

Here's what he is proposing :

A 4 day/3 night canoe trip on the Namakagon and St. Croix Rivers on August 10-13. Outfitting done by members of the

group. Leave as early as possible on Monday and come back Thursday evening. Chaperones/drivers needed.

If interested, let him know by July 15.

## Intern Needs...

### Apartment Furnishings

The new intern arriving in August of 2009, Caralyn Holmquist, will be coming from California and will need furnishings for an apartment. If you are able to donate any of the following, please contact the church office and sign up on the sheet in the entry to the church. The furnishings should be in reasonably good condition.

#### Bedroom:

Dresser, Bed (twin, preferable, or full), Night stand, Lamp(s)

#### Kitchen:

Small kitchen table & 2-4 chairs, Small set of pots & pans, Small set of tableware & silverware, teapot and misc. kitchenware.

#### Living Room:

Combination of: small couch and chairs or 2 - 3 easy chairs, end tables, small book case, small desk & chair and floor lamps.

#### And Car

She also is looking for creative options for the use of a car. One of those options, of course, is to buy a used car. Any good ideas? Another option would be to lease a car for a year from someone who may have an extra car that they haven't gotten around to selling. And there may be more options. Do you have a creative idea?

## Mission Rummage Sale

Are you gathering your donations for the churchwide missions rummage sale? Monies collected from the sale will go for mission projects sponsored by Women of Our Savior's and the Social Ministry Team. Donated items can be dropped off anytime in the "beginners" classroom. WE are accepting most goods that are in good, useable condition, but not adult clothing. Be sure to come back and shop the day of sale.



## Special Invitation...

### To Our Savior's Lutheran Church Members:

You are invited to **Nicholas Rohde's Senior Recital** on Sunday, July 19th at 4:30pm. The recital is here in the OSLC Sanctuary. Nicholas will be performing on his viola, singing and playing the piano.

# Ministry Team News/Youth Gathering

## Thrivent Builds

Thank You to the volunteers who worked on our two June workdays. Our two Saturday July workdays are July 18th and July 25th. The hours are 9-4. Lunch will be furnished. You only bring work gloves and your enthusiasm. There are always experienced people on the worksite to give direction and teach new skills. Contact Joan Rose at 289-2038 if either or both of these Saturdays will work in your schedule. See Cheri or Bruce Struve with questions about financial gifts. (Yes they are tax deductible) For any questions about this wonderful mission opportunity, see Joan, Cheri, Bruce or Connie Leckband.

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

### Calling All Musicians and Artists

The Stewardship Team is searching for a logo and theme song for our new campaign this fall. The committee is sponsoring a contest open to all congregation members to submit either a song or a logo. Each winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Perkins. Our new theme is "**Let God's Love Move Us**". We would like a logo which depicts movement and God's love. The theme song can be an original score and lyrics or lyrics set to a score which has already been written. The song should be catchy, easy to learn, snappy and really "move". All submissions should be given to the Stewardship Team by September 1. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Dunemann at 507-261-9772.

## IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network)

We just completed a host week with 3 families, including 7 kids from 2 months to 16 years old. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped to make them feel at home at Our Savior's.

### Training/Orientation schedule for new volunteers:

Mon. 6/22 at Pine Island United Methodist, 6:30pm  
Wed.-8/19 at St. Luke's Episcopal, 9:30am  
Sat.- 9/19 - Congregational UCC, 9:30am

**Our next host week** will be September 20-27.

### IHN is also looking for volunteers for **Board Committees:**

Events - plan Cardboard Box City, Choir Concert, etc.

Building & Grounds - keep up the yard and day center house

If interested, call Joanne at IHN - 281-3122.

## Join us for...**Congregational Conversations!!**

On Sunday, July 12th, please join your Executive Board to discuss our church. We are open to whatever you would like to discuss.....one thing we have for you is how you would like to proceed with the proposals that the Properties Board have gathered regarding our 25 year old boilers (furnaces) that will not last forever, roofing and parking lot issues. We will have dollar amounts for you and would like your guidance on how to proceed.

Hope to see you all around 10:00a.m. on July 12th!!

## Youth Gathering

On July 20th the youth and 5 adults will be heading South. We will be traveling by bus with a group from Wells. We will stop at the IHOP (International House of Prayer) in St. Louis before continuing on to New Orleans. We plan to stay at a church on Tuesday and arriving to the Gathering on Wednesday. The theme is "Jesus, Justice, Jazz". Our excitement begins Wednesday evening. We will, throughout the long weekend, hear from a variety of speakers such as: Viola Vaughn-founder, search an find name, sue servais, and executive director of the Women's Health Education and Prevention Strategies Alliance (WHEPSA) and Marc



Kielburger with Free the Children. We will get to see concerts from a variety of Christian rock bands like: The Katinas and Skillet. On Friday, our service project will be working on the levees. This will be an all day event. On Friday evening we will meet with the Synod Bishop. One evening, we plan to have a nice dinner together. The Gathering is going to be an AMAZING experience for all in attendance. We ask that you keep the group in your prayers as we prepare and as we travel.

The Gathering is right now encouraging the support of the in-kind donation at [http://archive.elca.org/scriptlib/DS/giving/youthgiving\\_gift.asp](http://archive.elca.org/scriptlib/DS/giving/youthgiving_gift.asp). They are counting on this way of giving to provide all the supplies we need for the service project. Right now they have \$35,000 and the goal is \$250,000. They are especially hoping to provide school supplies for children this fall!



## Help Complete AIDS/ Hospice Kits

Pick a Petal or a Pebble and help complete the AIDS/Hospice Kits. Check out the display in the Narthex where you can "pick a petal" and contribute the item to help complete a kit, or "pick a pebble" and contribute \$5 to help ship one kit overseas. Please do so by July 19 so the kits can be taken to Global Health Ministries with the Bus Trip July 23. Anyone wishing to donate complete kits are still welcome to do so. More information on the kits and Global Health Ministries are at the display and on the bulletin board by the office.

## Book Study Set for 2009-2010

Dawn Christensen and Ruby Florine have mapped out the 2009 -- 2010 Book Discussion list. Our first read, **Marley and Me** by John Grogan, may be picked up the church office after September 15. We'll be discussing this book on Tuesday, October 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 in the narthex. If you'd like more information on this small group, please call Ruby (evenings) at 288-0138. Below is the rest of the list--we look forward to you joining us!

November 17—**Three Cups of Tea**

by Greg Mortenson

December 15—**A Christmas Carol**

by Charles Dicken

January 19—**Eve**

by Elissa Elliott

February 16—**The Life of Pi**

by Yann Martel

March 16—**Out Stealing Horses**

by Per Petterson

April 20—**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time**

by Mark Haddon

May 18—**Pride and Prejudice**

by Jane Austen

June 15—**The Nanny Diaries**

by Emma McLaughlin

## Saturday Noon Meals

Four times a year, Our Savior's provides volunteers to prepare and serve a meal at Christ United Methodist Church for people in need. Our next time is Saturday, July 11. Please sign up in the narthex to help prepare food, beginning at 9:15am, or to help serve and clean up, from 11:30am to 1:00pm.



## Walking across Wisconsin- Heading to Chicago!

By the time this goes to 'print'- walkers will almost be to Chicago! We've been through a state park and Wisconsin Dells. Our first three weeks in June, we logged 170 miles! Great job, and remember to drink lots of water with our warm days ahead. Count all those steps you take when you're hiking on vacation, walking through parks, or on the bike trails! (Hint: 1 mile = @2000 steps, or 15/20 minutes)

As we walk for our health, we remind you to keep others in mind...For the month of July, we encourage you to bring canned goods/ packaged foods for Channel One food bank. There will be a gray tub in the Narthex labeled 'Channel One'.

# Women's News

## July Bible Study

The study of "Mary: A woman for All Seasons" will focus on Kinships, Friendships, and Holy Encounters this session.

Several Bible scriptures will introduce us to relationships. What relationship does Proverbs rate the highest? What can be learned from the relationship between Mary and Elizabeth? What gifts and challenges does age difference bring to a relationship? Where do we see God? Do we see God in our busy lives everyday?

We must recognize God's grace and presence as it comes to be apart of our everyday lives. Have you had "grace moments"?

Practice recognizing the holy in kindness and in the unexpected.

Know that God's presence is not in a box; but everywhere and Maybe just around the corner.

Welcome to Bible Study!

## Combined Summer Circle

**Naomi Circle, Sarah Circle**

**Martha Circle, Priscilla Circle**

Date: July 8 at 9:00am

Location: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Bible Study Leader: Janet Tantow

Hostesses: Martha & Priscilla Circles

## Adult Education

See the flip side of the OSLC calendar for educational opportunities.



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**Sunday Worship:**

**9:00am/5:30pm**

**Wednesday Worship: 6:30pm**

**Wednesday Meal: 5:30pm**

**Office Hours**

Monday —Friday  
 7:30am—4:00pm

**July 1-13**

**July 3**

**July 10-13**

**July 11**

**July 17**

**July 18**

**July 19**

**July 21-27**

**July 23**

**July 25**

**Pastor on Vacation**

**Office Closed**

**Mike (custodian) on Vacation**

**Noon Meals at Christ United**

**Middle School Tailgating Party**

**Thrivent's Rochester Honker's Game**

**Child/Fuchs Wedding Rehearsal**

**Child/Fuchs Wedding**

**Thrivent Build Day**

**Nicholas Rohde's Senior Recital**

**Youth Gathering-Pastor & Seyward at Gathering**

**Bus Trip-Global Health & Plymouth Play House**

**Thrivent Build Day**

**God  
 Bless  
 America**

**Note for August Calendar:** Church office will be closed on Monday, August 3.