

Remember in your Prayers

Concerns: Maxine Thoreson; Tim Kunert; Arlysse MacGillivray; Shawn Mahoney (son in law of John & Darlene Kelley); Merle Houdek; Karen Schein; Magnus Svenningsen (Thoreson's great-grandson); David Eberhart; Bob Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Byron Stads vold; Lois Rink; Mark (Pat Heath's son); Jeanette Erickson, Bonnie Storlie, Marsha Dick; Connie DeLorme, Mike & Sandy Miller

Military Concerns: Andrew McCumber; Chris Sikich; Margaret & Catherine Maher; Clark Rose; Scot Heathman; Ryan Nordstrom; Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and all of our veterans who have served.

Missionary Partner: Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania

Seminary Student: Martha Bec



WELCOME VISITORS & WELCOME TO WORSHIP! MARCH 6, 2022

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God." Romans 15:7

We welcome new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here. You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sorrow, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

Lent 2022

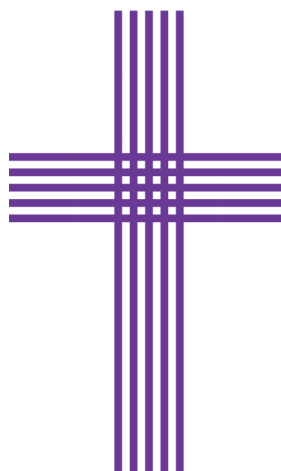
OPENING HYMN *"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"* ELW 319

GOSPEL STORY Luke 10:25-37

EXPLORING THE STORY Pastor Nikki Rockne

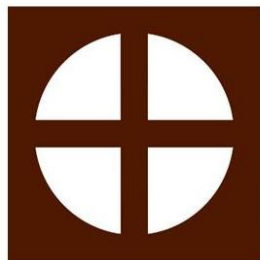
SONG OF THE DAY *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"* ELW 712

SENDING SONG *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"* ELW 335



Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and preparation as we build up to our celebration of The Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We are invited to examine our lives and to commit to acting in ways that will make the world a better place. We do this by focusing on following Jesus, knowing that we cannot follow him perfectly, but that God is still calling us to this path, a path that takes Jesus to the cross, where he will shock the world with how far he is willing to go in forgiveness and love.

Sunday, March 6 9am Virtual Worship 9am Worship at OSLC 10:30am GIFT Worship Monday, March 7 P. Ben Day Off 10-12pm P. Nikki Open Door Tuesday, March 8 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Pastor's at Conference Meeting 2pm Office Staff Meeting 6:30pm Business/Finance Wednesday, March 9 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Priscilla Circle 10-12pm P. Nikki Open Door 1-3pm P. Ben Open Door 7pm Leadership Thursday, March 10 P. Nikki Day Off 9am-3pm Office Open 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir Friday, March 11 P. Nikki Day Off 10-11am P. Ben Open Door Saturday, March 12	Sunday, March 13 9am Virtual Worship 9am Worship at OSLC 10am Fellowship 10:30am Virtual GIFT Monday, March 14 P. Ben Day Off 9am Naomi Circle 10-12pm P. Nikki Open Door Tuesday, March 15 9am-3pm Office Open 9am Quilting 10-11am P. Ben Open Door 2pm Office Staff Meeting Wednesday, March 16 9am-3pm Office Open 1-3pm P. Ben Open Door 4-6pm P. Nikki Open Door 6:15pm Lent Worship Go to www.rochesterosl.org and click the calendar tab for all building activities.
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OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am to 3pm
Joanne is working from home on Mondays and Fridays.

Office—289-3021; Website: www.rochesteroslsc.org

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Greg Henderson, Director of Music—music@rochesteroslsc.org

Carole Joyce, Family Ministry Consultant—carole35@charter.net

Katie Zahasky, Prayer Chain—254-7894 or ktzahasky4@gmail.com

Sound Board Engineer: 9:00am Worship—Dean Frank

Accompanist: Greg Henderson **Special Music:** Vocal Choir

"Create in Me" by Kimberly Hill

Offering Counters: Tim & Jean Hornseth

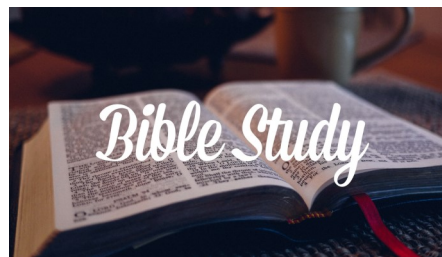
Pastor Ben's Open Door Hours: Tue. 10-11am, Wed. 1-3pm, Fri. 10-11am

Pastor Nikki's Open Door Hours: Mon. 10am-12pm, Wed. 4pm-6pm

We have set aside these times to specifically be in the office and available for conversation, but please note that meetings, visits, vacation time or pastoral emergencies may pull us away from our scheduled office hours.



Thank you for your generosity! Thank you so much for your continued generous financial giving to our congregation's ministry! During the pandemic, your generosity has enabled our congregation to continue witnessing to Christ's love, a message that is desperately needed in our world. We invite you to continue living into this faith-practice; you may give by placing your gift in the offering plate during in-person worship, by mailing your gift to the church building, by signing up for the automated Simply Giving program, or by going to our website. This QR code will take you directly there! Again, thank you for your generosity!



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BEN

Thursdays at 10:30am in person at OSLC.



MUSIC AT OSLC

Rehearsals on Thursdays

Bell Choir—6:00pm

Vocal Choir—7:00pm



SAMARITAN BETHANY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

April 7, 2022—Mayo Civic Center

5:15pm Reception

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Divas of the Decades

\$100/person

Register online at

samaritanbethany.com or

email Rita at

rhawkins@samaritanbethany.com



Southeastern Minnesota Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



VOTING MEMBERS

Joanne Heathman and Jennie Loven volunteered and were appointed as Voting Members to our Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly, which will be held on May 7th.



LENT "40 TOGETHER" WITH THE SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD

For Lent this year, we are joining with other congregations in our synod to lift up our global ministry partners. Resources, including devotionals and other worship materials, will be shared and incorporated into our worship. We will also be joining these other congregations in raising funds to benefit our global partners. Go to <https://semnsynod.org/events/40-together/2022-03-02> for more information



Wednesdays in Lent

On Wednesdays in Lent this year (not including Ash Wednesday) we will be holding midweek services. These services will begin at 6:15 PM with a hymn sing in our sanctuary.

However, *unlike* we have done in the past, these services are not going to be *only* in-building; at 6:30PM **we will go live on YouTube!**

The services themselves will be an online and in-person conversation! Each Sunday, we will post a topic or a question. From then until Wednesday, we encourage you to think about the topic/question, and then address it in some way. It could be that you're scrolling on Facebook and you see a post that you think addresses it really well – send the post to us! Or it could be that you're out on a walk and you see a beautiful sunset, and that sunset helps you make sense of the topic/question – snap a picture and send it to us with a little explanation! The sky is the limit for your inspiration! The pastors will curate those posts and lead us in a discussion, both online and in-person.

Again, the online portion will be on YouTube, ***not on Facebook!*** Please remember to like and subscribe to our church's YouTube channel; simply search on YouTube for "Our Savior's Lutheran Church – Rochester, MN" so that you can join in the conversation!

WEDNESDAY LENT WORSHIP QUESTION FOR THIS WEEK

Seeking to follow Jesus, we explore this big question:

March 9

If there is only one God, why are there so many different religions?

Living In Faith Together (LIFT)

On Sunday March 6th, we will be launching a new branch of GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) that we are calling LIFT (Living In Faith Together).

LIFT is for our middle and high school youth, their parents, and other caring adults in our congregation. The whole point of this is to build community while cultivating our curiosity about - and exploring the questions we have – regarding our faith. We will share a meal, have conversations, and engage with each other through a variety of means. Our goal is to meet once a month.

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God from OSLC.

2022 Calendar is posted. Get your favorite date/s now!

You can sign up on the large bulletin board, email Joanne or by calling the office. Cost is \$40 and checks can be made to OSLC with Altar Flowers in the memo and can be left in the offering plate or dropped off at the office.

FLOWER SCHEDULE

Mar. 13—Heathman Mar. 20—Schroeder Mar. 27—OPEN



MEDIA THAT MOVES US (1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm unless otherwise stated) We meet by Zoom or by phone link.

For April we are reading The Social Graces by Renee Rosen

Contact Pastor Nikki by phone or email for the Zoom or phone link.



Please see the thank you notes posted on the blue food barrel from Hoover school.

Dear OSLC,
Thank you for your gift of \$200.00 to the Women's Shelter. thank you for helping heal the hurt caused by domestic violence for your neighbors in need. We are grateful for your kindness.
Barbara Schramm, Director of Development



Circle Groups

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY IN MARCH

Priscilla Circle—

March 9, 9:30am at OSLC

Hostess: Rita Balm

Bible Study Leader: Julie Mullen

Naomi Circle—

arch 14. 9:00am at OSLC

Bible Study Leader: Jan Vilen

Sarah Circle—

March 21 at 1:00pm



SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS

Lenten and Holy Week Offerings intentionally focus on the future of our church community-the education of new Pastors and ministry leaders. Our offerings during this season will directly benefit a seminary student this fall. Offering given in the special Lent envelopes, during our Wednesday worship services, and during Holy Week services will go toward this ministry. For the past few years we have been supporting the educational journey of Martha Bec. Martha is a resident of Rochester and a leader within the Sudanese worship community at Zumbro Lutheran. Martha, a non-traditional student, works full time to support her herself and her family while faithfully continuing her seminary education one course at a time. Thanks to scholarship support, Martha's journey and ministry to the Sudanese community can continue. We often think of our money supporting ministry in far away places. This missionary field is right here in Rochester. Please give generously.

IN SEARCH OF: HOME FURNISHINGS

Couches, Tables & Chairs, Dressers, Twin Beds, Lamps, Coffee Tables and More

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement is in need of home furnishings to support several more Afghan and refugee families expected to arrive in Rochester in the next few weeks.

Please email a picture of your donation to rrvolunteer@ccsomn.org.

Once received, we will contact you to coordinate a drop-off time.

Thank you.



THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM has set up a volunteer list through signup genius seeking church members who would be able to set up and take down the coffee for our fellowship time. All instructions are in the kitchen and the Fellowship team would be happy to orient new volunteers. Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49AEAC29A0F94-sunday> to sign up.



CHURCHILL/HOOVER Snack Ministry HAS Expanded

Along with our continued snack ministry for the classrooms, Hoover has reached out and asked if we could help to fill their food pantry. This pantry has easy to make items for food insecure kids to take home with them for the weekends or even week nights. The most wanted items are

- Peanut Butter/Jelly, microwave mac & cheese, oatmeal, microwave or stove top packets, ramen, rice, cereal, fruit cups

Please help them fill their pantry so no kids in Rochester are food insecure. Items can be left in the blue barrel along with the classroom snacks. Thank you.

COVID Masking Update

Praise God that COVID numbers continue to fall! With spring around the corner and the continued fading of the pandemic, there is much to be hopeful for! Recently, the CDC announced some changes in their recommendations regarding masking. While many areas of the country are seeing COVID numbers they haven't seen since last July (in other words, *extremely low*) *our area isn't quite there yet. According to the latest data (found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>), Olmsted County and the counties surrounding us continue to be in the "High" rating. This means that we should, "Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status (including in K-12 schools and other indoor community settings)."*

The website lists the criteria used in their rating system. The first criterion is the number of cases per 100,000 people. Then they look at the number of new hospital admissions per 100,000 people, and the percentage of staffed in-patient beds occupied by COVID patients. This means that our rating of "High" is not based primarily on Rochester being home to Mayo Clinic – the number of new COVID cases in Olmsted County (and all of our surrounding counties) continues to be elevated.

This means that, for the time being, masks will continue to be required at Our Savior's.

We will pray for the continued decline in COVID cases which – in addition to alleviating more potential suffering from this terrible illness – will allow us to continue to remove restrictions as it becomes safe to do so.