

Remember in your Prayers

Concerns: Brian Howe (nephew of Larry & Marti Howe); Linda (Friend of Mary Ann Smith); 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 Stadvold; 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 13, 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

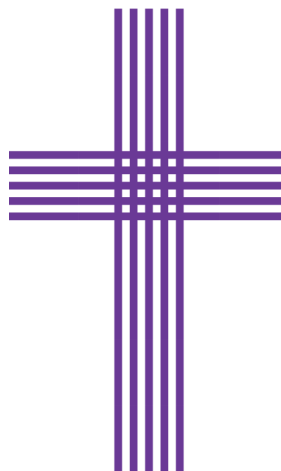
OPENING HYMN *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* ELW 324

GOSPEL STORY Luke 14:15-23

EXPLORING THE STORY Pastor Ben Loven

SONG OF THE DAY *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"* ELW 461

SENDING SONG *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"* ELW 536

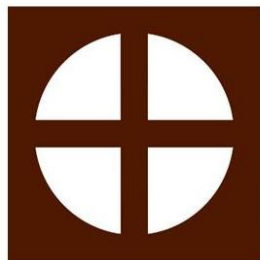


Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and preparation as we build up to our celebration of The Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We are invited to examine our lives and to commit to acting in ways that will make the world a better place. We do this by focusing on following 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 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
Thursday, March 17
P. Nikki Day off
9am-3pm Office Open
10:30am Bible Study
6pm Bell Choir
7pm Vocal Choir
Friday, March 18
P. Nikki Day off
10-11am P. Ben Open Door

Saturday, March 19
Sunday, March 20
9am Virtual Worship
9am Worship at OSLC
10am Fellowship
10:30am Virtual GIFT
Monday, March 21
P. Ben Day Off
10-12pm P. Nikki Open Door
1pm Sarah Circle
Tuesday, March 22
9am-3pm Office Open
10-11am P. Ben Open Door
11:30am Joanne out of office
2pm Office Staff Meeting
7pm Worship/Music Team
Wednesday, March 23
Joanne on vacation
9:15am-3pm Office Open
1-3 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.

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Joanne Hamilton, Office—office@rochesteroslcl.org

Greg Henderson, Director of Music—music@rochesteroslcl.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—Bev Gronvold

Accompanist: Greg Henderson **Special Music:** "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"
based on the prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Offering Counters: Scott Moon, Mark Troutman

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 we are holding midweek services. These services 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 are 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 16

If all people are God's children, why do some feel there's no place for them at God's table?

Living In Faith Together (LIFT)

Next Meeting Time: April 3, 11:30am at OSLC

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 Arlen & Joanne Heathman in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



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. 20—Schroeder Mar. 27—Rengstorf Apr. 3—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. **We will meet on Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm**

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



Dear People of Our Savior's, Thank you for inviting me to be present for your Bold Women Sunday! What a joyful day! may you have a strong sense of the Holy Spirits guiding presence throughout this Lenten Season. Rev. Emily Carson

Dear OSLC, Thank you for your generous gift of \$500. Lutheran Social Services impact 1 in every 65 Minnesotans. I invite you to learn more at lssmn.org.
With gratitude, Jesse M. Stremcha



Circle Groups

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY IN MARCH

Naomi Circle—

March 14. 9:00am at Jodi Westland's
1624 19th St NE

Bible Study Leader: Jan Vilen

Martha Circle—

March 16, 10am at OSLC

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.



QUILTING TO RESUME

The Quilting Group will meet on Tuesday, March 15 in the OSLC Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join. No sewing skills necessary.



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 & Food Shelf Ministry



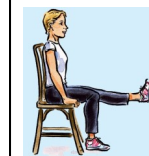
Along with our continued snack ministry for the classrooms, Hoover has reached out and asked if we could help to fill their food pantry. This pantry has easy to make items for food insecure kids to take home with them for the weekends or even week nights. The most wanted items are

- 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.

LENTEN SOUP OFFERED

Since we can't prepare and eat on Wednesdays for worship, buy some to make at home before you worship. We're going to adjust to serving sizes of 6 this week. We'll have some for sale after Lenten Wednesday worship! Thank you!!



FAITHFULLY FIT Thursdays at 9am. Come to the narthex at church to do chair exercises, balance work, and routines with light hand weights. Laughter, another good part of keeping fit, and conversation make an enjoyable morning hour. All are welcome.

DOROTHY DAY HOUSE DINNER

Third Thursday of every month. This outreach is a great way to serve those in our community who are struggling with homelessness. You can volunteer for one month or more. Please call me with your questions. Our congregation has several members who would be happy to support you in getting comfortable with our role. Thank you! Doreen Markus, dorwm00@gmail.com, phone 507 281-1700.

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE NEEDED at SAMARITAN BETHANY

Can you help residents to and from worship? Online signup available There are also new policies and procedures that must be followed with covid-19. All volunteers must have been vaccinated, must have a background check done and must go through a short training session. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding experience please contact Pam Shulze for details phone 507-281-5918 email pk1752@charter.net