#### **Remember in your Prayers**

Concerns: Lila (friend of Wayne Servais); 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 Svennungsen (Thoreson's great-grandson); David Eberhart; Bob Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Byron Stadsvold; 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

Sunday, March 27 9am Virtual Worship 9am Worship at OSLC 10am Fellowship 10:30am Virtual Worship Monday, March 28 P. Ben Day off 10-12pm P. Nikki Open Door Tuesday, March 29 9am-3pm Office Open 10-11am P. Ben Open Door 2pm Office Staff Meeting Wednesday, March 30 9am-3pm Office Open 1-3pm P. Ben Open Door 4-6pm P. Nikki Open Door 6:15pm Lenten Worship Thursday, March 31 P. Nikki Day Off 9am Faithfully Fit 9am-3pm Office Open 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir Friday, April 1

P. Nikki Day Off

10-11am P. Ben Open Door

Saturday, April 2 Sunday, April 3 9am Virtual Worship 9am Worship at OSLC 10am Fellowship 10:30am Virtual GIFT 11:30am LIFT Monday, April 4 P. Ben day off 10am-12pm P. Nikki Open Door Tuesday, April 5 9am-3pm Office Open 10-11am P. Ben Open Door 1pm All Staff Meeting 2pm Office Staff Meeting 7pm Media That Moves Us Wednesday, April 6 9am-3pm Office Open 10-12pm P. Nikki Open Door 11am P. Ben @ Text Study 1-3p P. Ben Open Door 6:15pm Lenten Worship Go to www.rochesteroslc.org and click the

calendar tab for all building activities.

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# WELCOME VISITORS & WELCOME TO WORSHIP! MARCH 27, 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** "Gather Us In" ELW 532

GOSPEL STORY Luke 16:19-31

EXPLORING THE STORY Pastor Ben Loven

**SONG OF THE DAY** *"Canticle of the Turning"* ELW 723

**SENDING SONG** "God, Whose Almighty Word" ELW 673



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.



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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.rochesteroslc.org

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Pastor Nikki Rockne—pnikki@rochesteroslc.org cell 507-398-7710

Joanne Hamilton, Office—office@rochesteroslc.org

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

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

Katie Zahasky, Prayer Chain—254-7894 or <a href="mailto:ktzahasky4@gmail.com">ktzahasky4@gmail.com</a>

**Sound Board Engineer:** 9:00am Worship—Bob Westland **Accompanist:** Greg Henderson **Special Music:** Vocal Choir

"For the Beauty of the Earth" - John Rutter

Offering Counters: Jon & Dawn Christenson

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!

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## **BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Ben leads the study on 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 100<sup>TH</sup> 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



## **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 7<sup>th</sup>.



# 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 <a href="https://semnsynod.org/events/40-together/2022-03-02">https://semnsynod.org/events/40-together/2022-03-02</a> for more information

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# 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 30

Why does God let bad things happen?



LENTEN & HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS
SUPPORT SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS

# 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.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God from Sherry Rengstorf in memory of Fred and their 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**

Apr. 3—Rogelstad

Apr. 10—OPEN

Apr. 17—OPEN



# ZUMBRO RIVER CONFERENCE SPRING EVENT

The WELCA Spring event will be held on April 21st at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 4:15 pm. Bishop Regina Hassanally will be the featured speaker. The offering will be divided between Good Earth

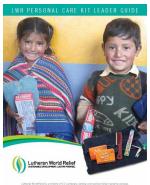
Village and Lutheran Campus ministries.

Registration fee is \$15. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin and place a check made out to OSLC Woman in the locked Women's mailbox by April 5th. Jean will make out 1 check and I will get to the convener. Mary Ann Smith

## **PRAYER PAL EVENT APRIL 11**

I am excited to announce the program for Our Prayer Pal event. We will be touring the Jeremiah Home at 2915 Jeremiah Lane NW off of 19th St. After the tour Ally Hanten-Ebert, Executive Director, will explain what the Jeremiah project is and any volunteer opportunities they might have.

We will meet at the church at 6:20 pm and carpool to the Home. Afterwards we will return to the church to reveal our prayer pals, drew new ones and enjoy a light refreshment. If you are unable to attend but would like to have a Prayer Pal for the year, please call Ruth Moran 282-7971. A signup sheet is on the women's bulletin board near the office with a place to check if you are willing to drive.



# MARCH & APRIL CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTION

Sarah Circle has organized for March & April the collection of items for Personal Care Kits. A box is available in the Narthex for your items. Items Needed to complete 1 kit:

- 1 lightweight bath towel
- 2 bath sized soaps
- 1 adult sized tooth brush
- 1 metal nail clipper
- 1 comb



It's that time of year again! Let's send some thoughts and prayers to our college youth to remind them we care!! Parents-please send me the addresses of your college kids!! They can change from year to year, so I need them every year.

Members-if you'd like to participate, check with Cassie. Deadline is April 3, so we can get things mailed off soon. Text or email Cassie. Thank you in advance for your support of these young adult members of our church!!



### **NEW COFFEE FELLOWSHIP ANNOUCEMENT**

Thank you to the volunteers that have served coffee! Parish Fellowship is looking for volunteers for coffee set up/clean up. If this a way you can serve, please sign up via the Sign Up Genius at this website: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b49aeac29a0f94-sunday">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b49aeac29a0f94-sunday</a> If you're not comfortable

signing up via Sign Up Genius, please email Marie Nelson at <a href="mailto:dnmanelson@charter.net">dnmanelson@charter.net</a>, Ruth Moran at <a href="mailto:rtmora1757@gmail.com">rtmora1757@gmail.com</a>, Katie Zahasky at <a href="mailto:ktzahasky4@gmail.com">ktzahasky4@gmail.com</a> or Ruby Florine at <a href="mailto:ruby.florine@charter.net">ruby.florine@charter.net</a> to select your date to serve. Parish Fellowship will provide bars or cookies unless the volunteer wants to provide them. If so, the volunteer should make a note in Sign Up Genius that Parish Fellowship does not need to order sweets to be delivered to the church.

If there is not a volunteer to host coffee, coffee will not be served. Coffee will not be served Easter Sunday, April 14; Mother's Day, May 8; nor June, July and August.

# **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.



**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.



# **ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT FOR KIDS & FAMILIES**

Saturday, April 16 at 10 am

Hunt for eggs and join in some Easter activities. We'll be outdoors if the weather cooperates but move indoors if needed.

# EGG HIDERS AND EASTER EGG ACTIVITY LEADERS ARE NEEDED

Adults and youth are welcome. Come at 9 am on Saturday, April 16. Please email Carole Joyce at <a href="mailto:carole35@charter.net">carole35@charter.net</a> to sign up to help.

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

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For April we are reading <u>The Social Graces</u> 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.