

**Remember in your Prayers**

**Member Concerns:** Jan Vilen; Shirley Thomann; Jerry Claffy; Sharon Peterson; Greg Henderson; Wanda Attlesey; Bev Gronvold; Marti Howe; Terry Wagner; Ed Harbeck; Gordon & Lois Riekmann; Bonnie Storlie; George Meyer; Merle Houdek; Karen Schlein; Bob Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Connie DeLorme, Mike & Sandy Miller

**Non-Member Friends/Family Concerns:** Melissa (cousin of Mary Ann Smith); Tom Harmon (Warren’s father) Steve Gusa (friend of Jan Matson); Craig (Connie DeLorme’s son); Glenn Riekmann (son of Gordon & Lois); Mary Johnson; Chris Wilson (son in law of Everett and Vickie Schulz); Lori (George Meyer’s cousin); Magnus Svennungsen (Thoreson family member)

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

**Global Ministry:** Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania

**Seminary Scholarship Recipient:** Sadie Short

**Sunday, March 16**

9am Worship  
Cohorst Baptism

10am Fellowship

**Monday, March 17**

P. Ben day off  
6:30pm Healthy Living Event

**Tuesday, March 18**

9am Office open  
9am Quilting  
1pm Sarah Circle

**Wednesday, March 19**

9am office open  
11:30am P. Ben at Text Study  
5:15pm Grace Bells  
5:30pm Lenten Meal  
6:30pm Lenten Worship

7:15pm Vocal Choir

**Thursday, March 20**

9am office open  
9:15am Faithfully Fit  
10:30am Bible Study

**Friday, March 21**

**Saturday, March 22**

**Sunday, March 23**  
9am Worship  
Sunday School

10am Fellowship

**Monday, March 24**

P. Ben day off

**Tuesday, March 25**

9am Office open

**Wednesday, March 26**

9am office open  
11:30am P. Ben at Text Study  
5:15pm Grace Bells  
5:30pm Lenten Meal  
6:30pm Lenten Worship  
7:15pm Vocal Choir

**Non-Church Building Use**

M, T, TH—Cello Lessons 2:30pm-8:30pm—Music Room  
March 23—Troop 83—6pm—Fellowship Hall



**March 16, 2025**  
**Our Savior’s Lutheran Church**  
**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**2 Lent**

**All Creation Sings, Setting 12**

**GATHERING SONG** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ELW 834

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

**SERMON** Pastor Ben Loven

**SONG OF THE DAY** *Be Thou My Vision* ELW 793

**BAPTISM**  
*This morning, we welcome Sophie into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism. Sophie was born June 8, 2024 to Andrew & Aubrie Cohorst. Her baptismal sponsors are Ryan Anderson, Hannah Wenzlick & Mike Wenzlick. We rejoice at Sophie’s rebirth through water and the Word!*

**COMMUNION SONGS** *As the Grains of Wheat* ELW 465  
*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* ELW 597

**SENDING SONG** *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* ELW 763

**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.

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am to 3pm  
**Office**—289-3021; **Website:** [www.rochesterosl.org](http://www.rochesterosl.org)  
**Pastor Ben Loven**—[bloven@rochesterosl.org](mailto:bloven@rochesterosl.org); cell 701-580-1559  
 My office door is always open for visits/conversations. Please make a call to the church office before visiting if you would like to specifically visit with me to ensure I am in. Pastor Ben  
**Joanne Hamilton, Office**—[office@rochesterosl.org](mailto:office@rochesterosl.org)  
**Greg Henderson, Director of Music**—[music@rochesterosl.org](mailto:music@rochesterosl.org)  
**Katie Zahasky, Prayer Chain**—507-254-7894 or [ktzahasky4@gmail.com](mailto:ktzahasky4@gmail.com)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 9:00am Worship**  
**Organist:** Greg Henderson, **Pianist:** Jan Matson  
**Sound Board Engineer:** Jacob Blain  
**Offering Counters:** Jacob Blain  
**Ushers:** Wanda Hagquist, Todd McCumber  
**Communion Assistant/Offering Assistant:** Mary Ann Smith  
**Altar Guild:** Sharon K. Peterson  
**Fellowship:** Ruth Moran



**Altar Flowers today** are given to the Glory of God from Arlen & Joanne Heathman in honor of their wedding anniversary & granddaughter's 9th birthday.

March 23—Kunert    March 30—OPEN    April 6—OPEN    April 13—OPEN

**Please consider signing up to give flowers.** Cost is \$40 and they are yours to take home after worship. Please remember to return the vase as our pricing is based on that.

Treasurer's Report:  
 Income YTD (as of 02/28/2025): \$63,934.81  
 Expenses YTD (as of 02/28/2025): \$83,497.75\*  
 Budgeted Expenses: \$64,038.44  
 \*Expenses include the remaining \$23,810 for the roof repair completed in '24.



While the story from 1 Kings is often used as an illustration of Solomon's wisdom, it is also a stunning example of holy love. It is, perhaps, the kind of love some of us might expect to see expressed by a mother toward her child. And yet, that depth of love ought not to be contained only to parent-child relationships. In the gospel of Mark, when Jesus is asked to state in simplest terms the commandments of God, Jesus says: "' You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no greater commandment than these." (Mark 12:30-31). The kind of self-emptying, self-sacrificing love we see in 1 Kings, in the gospels, and throughout the story of God's work in the world is the kind of love Christ calls us to possess and exhibit toward *all* creation. It is a love that compels us to act, speak up, and interrupt injustice. It is a love that compels us to release what we cling to for our sake in order that others might live. We have forty days. Forty days to practice love, to examine our hearts, and to consider who and what we love with the kind of love demonstrated in 1 Kings. We have forty days to wonder where our love falls short and to look for opportunities to take action compelled by deep love. In 1 Corinthians 15:3, Paul writes, "I am passing on to you what I first received..." He goes on to write of the resurrection and promises of Christ. Paul tells the story of the unrestrained, self-emptying love of God. We, too, have received this great love. What we have received we must also pass on. Dear friends, immersed in the depths of God's love in this Lenten season, what will that love compel you to do? I am with you on the journey.

In Christ,  
**Bishop Regina Hassanally,**

**QUILTING**  
 Everyone is welcome. No sewing skills are needed. We meet at 9am  
 Location: OSLC  
**2025 Meeting Dates:**  
 March 18, April 15, May 20, September 16, October 21, November 18



**LENTEN OFFERINGS**  
 The Lenten offering this season will be going to Samaritan Bethany.



**To the People of God in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod,**

In the story from 1 Kings chapter 3, two women come before King Solomon, asking him to settle their dispute. They are both new mothers. Their children were born only three days apart. In the middle of the night, one of the infants unexpectedly died. Both women claim it is their child who lives and the other woman's who died. They have come before King Solomon looking for him to determine whose child had survived.

Solomon's response to their tragedy is jolting: "Cut the living child in two!" he cries, "Give half to one woman and half to the other."

Immediately, one of the women responds, "Please, Your Majesty, give her the living child; please don't kill him." The second woman replies, "If I can't have him, neither will you. Cut the child in half."

Solomon responds, "Give the first woman the living newborn. Don't kill him. She is his mother."

The first woman, the one willing to give up her son so he could live, is the one to whom Solomon entrusts the child.

I have been living with this story for weeks. I am fixated by the first mother's deep love and how love springs to action in a moment of peril.

Throughout the Bible, love is demonstrated not as passive or merely emotive, but as action. In the Bible, love operates like a verb; it is always doing something.

In that famed passage from 1 Corinthians chapter 13, the apostle Paul gives us a list of all the ways love shows up in the world: in patience, in kindness, in perseverance, and in telling the truth. Love, Paul writes, "doesn't seek its own advantage."

What I find so striking about the mother's love in 1 Kings is how self-sacrificing it is. The women in 1 Kings, both mothers, are also prostitutes, which is to say they are vulnerable. These women have little standing on their own, but to be the mother of a son...that would shift each woman's social standing.

When the first mother is willing to give up her son so that he might live, she is willing to give up *everything*. Her son, yes, but also, in many ways, herself.

It is a startling moment of self-emptying love. Her action of love is so deep and profound that it is a preform for the kind of love we see between God and Jesus. It is a love that is self-sacrificing and self-emptying *for the sake of those who are loved*.

In the story from 1 Kings, the mother's love compels her to act even in a way that will cost her much.

We are entering the forty days of Lent. It is a season for preparation, repentance, and reflection. It is also a season traditionally marked with almsgiving, tangible ways of caring for the poor.

In this Lenten season, I want to invite us into a discipline of love. Not emotive love or passive love, but the kind of robust love that *compels us to act*. The kind of love that does not relent even when it costs us something.



**OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOUP SUPPER** before Lenten worship begins March 12. We'll be serving between 5:30 and 6:15. Below is a listing of soups served each evening. We hope you'll join us!

**Wednesday, March 19**

Potato and Ham (gluten free)  
Cheeseburger Noodle

**Wednesday, April 9**

Chicken Dumpling  
Tomato (gluten free)

**Wednesday, March 26**

Youth In the Kitchen Night! Offering will go to Youth Ministry with a matching donation from a Benefactor  
Chicken Wild Rice  
Vegetable Beef (gluten free)

**Maundy Thursday, April 17**

Bean and Ham (gluten free)  
Bacon Corn Chowder

**Wednesday, April 2**

Tuscan soup  
Cheesy California Blend (gluten free)

**OSLC PARISH FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM** will be coordinating and serving soup suppers before worship during the Wednesdays of Lent, March 12, 19, April 2, 9, and Maundy Thursday, April 17.

We are inviting church members/families to join us in serving our congregation this Lenten Season.

(Please note: the youth will be serving on Wednesday, March 26th, no additional help needed for this night.)

A member of our Parish Fellowship team will set up for serving and assist you/your family serve the meal (5:15 - 6:15 pm) and help with clean-up (6:15 - 6:30 pm). Everything is provided. Use the Signup genius link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49AEAC29A0F94-55214169-lenten>

to schedule the date that works best for you and your family. All are welcome! Thank you!

**SAMARITAN BETHANY**  
**Presentation**

**March 23 after worship in the Fellowship Hall**

Join Wayne Stenberg, Samaritan Bethany's Foundation and Development Leader speak on Samaritan Bethany's 102 Years of Caring.



**Rescheduled**

**Healthy Living Tips**

**March 17, 6:30pm**  
**OSLC Fellowship Hall**

**All men & women of Our Savior's and Good Shepherd are invited.**



Guest Speaker: Fred Woolman from 125 Live

Offering: Rochester's Women Shelter

Opportunities for those choosing to have a Prayer Pal will be present.

Sign up in the Narthex & wear casual clothing & shoes

**MARCH/APRIL CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTION**

**Personal Care Kits**

Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self care, critical germ fighting supplies and the chance for our neighbors in need to regain dignity amidst fear and uncertainty.

Each kit includes:

- 1 light weight bath sized towel (dark color recommended)
- 2 bath-size bars of soap (equaling 8 to 9 oz) in original wrapping,
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in original packaging 1 study comb
- 1 metal nail clipper.

Please place all items in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you.



**MEDIA THAT MOVES US IS RESUMING!!!**

We will meet first in April to discuss some podcasts of Annie F. Downs. We will do a book to discuss in May and a movie to discuss in June. We will take the summer off and start up again in September! If you'd like more information, reach out to Cassie Fohrman for details and to be added to the emails!

**URGENTLY NEEDED**

**Offering Counter**

It's an 8 week rotation so you only count every 8 weeks. You would be starting Mar. 16. If you can help contact Tim Hornseth at [tjhornseth@charter.net](mailto:tjhornseth@charter.net) or 507-261-4719

**OSLC YOUTH**

**Addresses needed!!**

Send Cassie your college-aged youth's address so we can get them sent some warm wishes!! [cassiejean2018@outlook.com](mailto:cassiejean2018@outlook.com)

**Save the Date!!**

**Sunday, March 16th** from 1-3 we will go to AVIVA River Bend 30 Silver Lake Pl. NW-just at the bottom of the hill behind Starbucks. Join us as we spend some time with the residents-hanging out and playing some games! If you can, let me know if you can attend, so I can have a reasonable number of participants for the staff, however, you are also more than welcome to just show up!! The more the merrier!! Residents love this attention!!

**Tuesday, April 1** will be a movie date for the 6<sup>th</sup>-12 graders! We will go to a movie at Marcus Theater that will start between 12-1:30-exact movie and time as the date gets closer. Then maybe we get some Flapdoodles! Let Cassie know if you can make it, so we can ensure seatbelt counts.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BEN**

Thursdays at 10:30AM (Water Room), If you've ever felt like you wished you knew more about the Bible, but were anxious that you didn't know enough, this is the Bible Study for you! There's no homework, you don't have to be an "expert" to participate, and everyone there cares about each other. We're going to be working our way through the Gospel of John. Come join in the conversation!