

Our Savior's Reaching Out

October 2017



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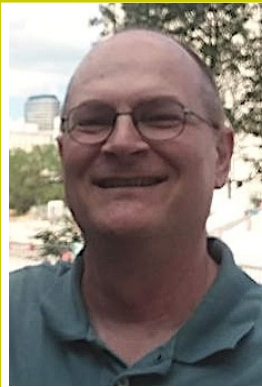
Last Friday, my wife Mary and I took our adult son and a good friend of his to an awesome orchestra concert. The concert featured the American premier of a newly composed violin concerto by a famous Swedish composer. We were seated five rows from the front and located so that we could see everything the violinist

did and every expression on his face. I still can hardly believe that anyone could play such an intricate and complex piece of music. When the piece was finished, I looked at the others with me. We were all just stunned. What an experience!

After that piece of music concluded, it was time for the intermission. We went out to the lobby and were talking together when we realized that the man a few feet away was the composer! People began to line up to speak with him. We tried to get in line, too, but before we could get to him the lights flickered and we had to get back to our seats. I have regretted not being able to talk with him – I wanted to say, “Thank you!” The world would be a much poorer place without creative spirits like that.

I declare – the world would be a much poorer place without the people and community of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. I can think of so many words: warm, welcoming, dedicated, faithful, encouraging, thoughtful, creative, kind, loving, to name a few. Yes, those are words I’m using to describe all of you. And, fortunately, I have the opportunity to say, “Thank you!” I will always be grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your interim lead pastor. It has been a privilege to be part of Our Savior’s, to proclaim God’s Word among you and to get to know such wonderful, gifted people. I am deeply confident that the coming months and years will be full of good things at this church. God has a dream for Our Savior’s and I look forward to hearing how it takes shape among you.

With Gratitude,
Pastor Chris Smith
Interim Lead Pastor



Hello members of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, I am your new interim minister, Mike Zaske. I would like to take an opportunity to introduce myself.

I am originally from Gaylord, MN, where I grew up as the oldest of four siblings. My father was a high school teacher, and my mother worked at the Sibley

County treasurer’s office. In those years, I was your typical small-town kid: I played on various sports teams at Gaylord High School (cross-country, basketball, baseball), participated in the school band, worked part-time in the maintenance department at our local hospital, and attended St. Michael’s Catholic Church.

Upon graduating from GHS in 1983, I received an Air Force ROTC college scholarship which allowed me to attend the University of Notre Dame, where I quickly became a life-long Fighting Irish sports fan.

After college in 1987, I began working in the computer field. I also married the love of my life, Nancy, who was also from Gaylord. We have been blessed with two (now grown) children: son Tim, who is a 3rd-year pharmacy student in Nashville, TN; and daughter Ann, who is a 3rd-year high school math teacher in the Charlotte, NC area.

My career as a pastor started in 1994 when I enrolled at Luther Seminary after having worked 7 years as a computer programmer. In 1998, I was called to serve a small, two-point parish in Adrian and Kenneth, MN. In 2002, I accepted a call to Worthington, MN, where I served until 2010. From there, we moved to Rosemount, MN where I took some time away from full-time ministry to once again work as an information technology professional--though I did stay active in pastoral work via Sunday pulpit supply jobs, averaging around 30 fill-ins per year.

God, however, kept working on me through close friends to consider resuming full-time clergy work. So, this past spring, I applied for reinstatement as a pastor with the hopes of pursuing interim ministry. And that journey has now led me here--and I simply couldn't be more excited! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in Christ's name!



Capital Campaign Events

- What:** Upcoming Capital Campaign Events at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.
- Why:** To eliminate the outstanding debt of Our Savior's
To update our church and facilities.
To continue our outreach and mission.
- When:** 3 events, with a meal included, will be held to explain the plans for the Capital Campaign and how you can help. These events will be held on:

Wednesday, October 25 at 5:00pm Fiesta Flavors

On the menu: **Walking Tacos with all the fixings**
Chocolate brownie favors
Beverages.

Thursday, October 26 at 12:00pm Italian Dining

On the menu— **Primo—Insalata**
Il Secondo—Al Forno Paeste
The Dolce—Cannoli
un caffe hag

Sunday, October 29 at 10:30am Pumpkin Festival

On the menu— **Pulled Pork Sandwiches**
Pasta Salad
Chips
Pumpkin Dessert
Beverages

You will be asked to attend **ONE** event of your choice.

A formal invitation will be hand delivered to each household on Sunday, October 1st. RSVPs will be included in the invitation. **Please return your RSVP by October 16th.**

We hope you can attend one of the special events where you will learn more about the appeal and how it will set us up for a very vibrant future even as we seek to call our next pastoral team. Even before we officially launch the appeal, we have over \$80,000 committed through debt forgiveness by some of our DRIP investors and through a special challenge gift that you will learn more about in the coming weeks. Our members are very excited to invest in our future and make certain that we are successful in launching our future even during this interim period.

Congregational Life



Baptism

September 17, 2017

Annabelle Joy Landru

Daughter of
Donald and Ashley Landru

Welcome to the family little one!

Our Sympathy to:

Dennis and Rita Wunderlich

In the death of Dennis' brother,
Daniel Wunderlich.

Chris and Dave Angell

In the death of Chris' father,
Don Breingan.

May the promise of the resurrection into eternal life give you much hope and comfort in this time of loss.



Facts and Figures for August 2017

3 Year Comparison

August	Offering
2017	\$43,702
2016	\$49,106
2015	\$53,231

August	Expense
2017	\$57,761
2016	\$47,366
2015	\$48,862

**Month Net
3 Year Comparison**

2017	(\$14,059)
2016	\$ 1,740
2015	\$ 4,369

**Year To Date
3 Year Comparison**

Offering	
2017	\$425,889
2016	\$437,439
2015	\$424,885

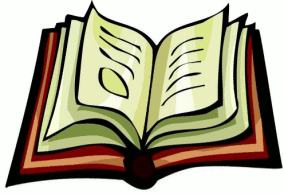
Expense	
2017	\$434,132
2016	\$409,914
2015	\$428,659

**Year To Date Net
3 Year Comparison**

2017	(\$8,244)
2016	\$27,525
2015	(\$ 8,244)

Thank you for your faithful giving and for being willing to work towards full financial health at Our Savior's!

During this time of transition we appreciate your continued support!



Attention Our Savior's Book Readers:

Join us Monday evening October 16th when we will meet to discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. We meet at 7:30 pm in the Library. All are welcome.

About the book:

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, the #1 *New York Times* bestseller from Colson Whitehead, a magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South. Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. Life is hell for all the slaves, but especially bad for Cora; an outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is coming into womanhood—where even greater pain awaits. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape. Matters do not go as planned—Cora kills a young white boy who tries to capture her. Though they manage to find a station and head north, they are being hunted.

In Whitehead's ingenious conception, the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor—engineers and conductors operate a secret network of tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. Cora and Caesar's first stop is South Carolina, in a city that initially seems like a haven. But the city's placid surface masks an insidious scheme designed for its black denizens. And even worse: Ridgeway, the relentless slave catcher, is close on their heels. Forced to flee again, Cora embarks on a harrowing flight, state by state, seeking true freedom.

Like the protagonist of *Gulliver's Travels*, Cora encounters different worlds at each stage of her journey—hers is an odyssey through time as well as space. As Whitehead brilliantly re-creates the unique terrors for black people in the pre-Civil War era, his narrative seamlessly weaves the saga of America from the brutal importation of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day. *The Underground Railroad* is at once a kinetic adventure tale of one woman's ferocious will to escape the horrors of bondage and a shattering, powerful meditation on the history we all share. (Barnes and Noble Review)



Lamplighters

October 3

1:00pm

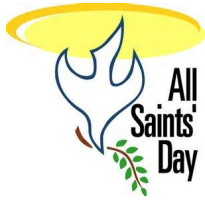
In the All Purpose Room

Speaker will be
Kathy Dodd

CROP Hunger Walk 2017

This year's CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 with registration beginning at 8:30 am and the walk starting at 9:00 am from the Episcopal Cathedral at 515 NW 2nd Avenue in Faribault. Funds raised from the walk are distributed globally and locally. We are seeking people from Our Savior's to walk that day and for others who would like to sponsor walkers. Confirmation students can earn service hours for this project. Look for more information to come in the Sunday bulletins. A sign up table will be set up near the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings a few weeks before the walk. Interested walkers and sponsors can contact Mark or Mary Zentner at 507-323-8153 or at maryzentner@yahoo.com.





All Saints' Sunday November 5, 2017

On All Saints' Sunday we remember those who have died in the past year and take a moment to light a candle and say a prayer. If you have had a loved one die since last November, we invite you to submit a picture for a special slide show of remembrance. You may send in a copy of a photo or email a digital photo as an attachment to geo@oursaviorsfbo.org. Please submit your photographs by October 29th.

We also have the pleasure of hosting the Waldorf College Choir that morning. They will provide special music during worship. More details around their performance will be shared in later publications as plans are made.

**Lakelanders - A Cappella Chorus
Presents**

Our Fourth Annual Benefit Concert and Show

HOPE IN HARMONY

**Saturday Oct 14th
6:00 PM**

**River Valley Church
722 Ravine Street – Faribault**

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Featuring special guests

Chord Smash!!

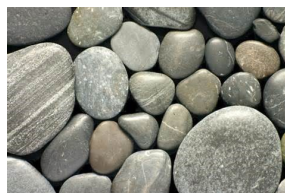
www.lakelanderschorus.com
or call (918) 914-9699




Ruth's  House

Faith Formation — Kira Anderson

Upcoming Stepping Stones Classes & Presentations:



Our Savior’s Lutheran church offers a program that connects Christian Education and families on a different level than Sunday or Wednesday School! We are excited to offer a class each year for students in P3-5th grade, and then two more after confirmation! Each grade level focuses on different areas of Christian Learning. Please watch your mail inviting your child and a parent or guardian to the class.

Fall Stepping Stone Dates:

Below is a list of upcoming classes and presentations for Stepping Stones. If you have any questions regarding your child’s participation in them please contact Kira Anderson.

2nd Grade	Class: 10/25/17	Worship Presentation: 10/29 & 11/1
4 year olds	Class: 10/29/17	Worship Presentation: 11/5/17

Please watch your mail for more details on your student’s events!

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2017!

These youth confirmed their faith on Sunday, September 24

Grace Bentley	Abigale Bongers	Jacquelyn Burkhartmeyer
Benjamin Cody	McKenzie Gehrke	Jude Gregersen
Nicholas Hanegraaf	Julia Huber	Ellie Hunt
Chandra Kaderlik	Jadon Kittlesen	Megan Kline
Mikayla Klokonos	Hunter Linnane	David Nesburg
Isaac Newport	Maria Pierce	McKenzie Raab
Payton Ross	MaKenna Smith	Rylie Starkson
Jonah Umbreit	Alli Velander	Blake Vinar
Luke Vinar	Bennett Wolff	Madelyn Yetzer



No Sunday & Wednesday School

Just as a reminder there will be no Wednesday or Sunday School during MEA break Wednesday, October 18th & Sunday, October 22nd.



Confirmation

Confirmation has been going wonderfully. We currently have 62 STUDENTS and 16 Confirmation guides joining us each week for Christian education and fellowship. For those of you who may not be here on Wednesday evenings, this place is engaged and overflowing with passionate people! The month of September we got reacquainted with each other through some fellowship activities centered around the Bible. Who doesn't love a "Minute To Win It" game where you remember Bible stories like, Adam and Eve in the Garden eating the forbidden fruit, or Noah and his Ark of animals, or how about the tower of Babel. We are always looking for new ways to present the biblical stories, so please share them if you come across anything!

September started our lessons off with discussions about the Cross and its meaning to us as Christians. Some powerful discussions were had! Ask a confirmation student what the cross means to them. For the month of October, we will be looking at Martin Luther and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! We will be testing their knowledge of the reformation and who this Luther guy is (Martin Luther that is, not Martin Luther King Jr.)!! Thank you to Mary Zentner who has spent several hours creating material for our congregation to use during this month.

Wednesday
Night
Worship

Wednesday Worship

Wednesday Worship looks a little different this fall. We are lucky to have Proclaim!!! singing with us each week, and to be able to add a bit more contemporary feel to the whole service. If you haven't checked it out, please do so. Worship starts at 6:15 with music to introduce the evening, scripture and a message are shared, outreach ministry funds are lifted up, we go forward to the Lord's table on the first and third Wednesdays, and we are blessed to go out to Love and Serve the Lord! We are always looking for more people to play and sing in the band, serve in technology, and greet new members as they arrive!

Wednesday Outreach – Kids Helping Other Kids



For the month of September the Wednesday families have been collecting offerings to support FEJ in Haiti. Each grade level has been working towards supporting one student for primary school (\$360). The Middle and High School students have been raising funds to purchase kits to gift to the first graduating class of their vocational school (\$150 each). What a blessing these families have been to FEJ this month. If you would like to donate to this cause please see Kira to get further information. or check out their website at: <https://www.fondationenfantjesus.org>



I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT...



I have a question about...

So often in life we can learn from our mentors, elders, experts and neighbors! There are endless topics from which we can educate ourselves to be better Christians, parents, and peers. This fall we invite all of you, once a month to "I have a question about..." Each month we are inviting speakers to come in and talk about an area of expertise or interest. These speakers are planned for Wednesday evenings after worship from 7:00-7:30pm. We are excited to share with you the schedule through December. We hope everyone will take these opportunities to engage with the wider congregation about various topics that affect so many of us!

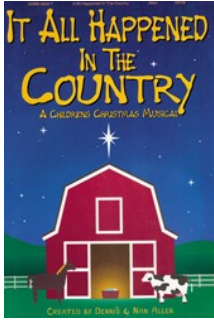
October 11th – District 656 Bond Q&A

November 8th – Pr. Matt Logan about Texting and Driving (personal loss)

December 6th – Lew Anderson with Destiny Rescue about Human Trafficking

Children's and Youth Ministry Events

Megan Stahl



Christmas Program!!!!

"It All Happened In The Country" is the title of the program for this year's Children's Christmas Program. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3rd at 9:30 am! Your children will be getting a CD of the music at the end of October. Please play this CD to help get the children familiar with the music and excited about their performance. We can't wait to share the gift of music with you this Christmas.

Youth Blast - October 6th-7th

The bluffs of Good Earth Village are calling your name! Grab your pillow, sleeping bag, sweatshirt and a friend and join us for a one-night fall retreat. We will leave Friday afternoon at 4:00pm and we'll arrive at camp at 7:00pm. We will dive right in with games, bible study, small groups and snacks. On Saturday we will do it all over again plus eat a tasty breakfast, explore outside, eat lunch and put together a closing worship to wrap up the weekend at 4:00pm. We will arrive back at OSLC around 6:00pm.

Grades 3-5: October 6th-7th \$55/Person

Register online at GoodEarthVillage.org, or you can pick up the registration form in the Narthex. Please contact Megan at cyc@oursaviorsfbo.org with questions.



High School Group

It is our hope that all High School students find a place of warm welcome with the High School group when they are confirmed. High School group is for all 9th -12th grade students and is every Wednesday during the school year from 8-9pm. Each week we spend time in community with one another, we have snacks, conversation and find ways that the Bible relates to what is going on in their life!

Thursday Morning Bible Devotional time is also the place for you. Every Thursday your high school student has a late start at school. Why not join us for Breakfast and Devos? The 9th-12th grade students meet every Thursday at the Church from 7:30-8:30 am. We hope you will encourage your high school student to join us each Thursday for this time together!

ELCA Youth Gathering

June 27-July 1

Houston, Texas



Students won't want to miss this unforgettable trip to Houston Texas! Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week of faith formation known as the Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, bible study, service, and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their Faith in their daily lives. Youth participants registration is due November 1st! Talk to Megan Stahl or stop in the Narthex to pick up more information!

October Volunteers

Ushers

Team 2

Larry Churchill ©

Pete Roberts ©

Karen Churchill

Marvin & Marvin Tatge

Lyle & Ruth Olson

John & Shirley Currie

Steve & Teresa Thompson

Dick & Nancie Huston

Welcome Center Greeters

Oct. 1 Clarence and Vivian Anderson

Oct. 8 Ginger Myers

Oct. 15 Jena and Brad Lombard

Oct. 22 Sandra Rost

Oct. 29 Scott and Jill Finstuen

Attention Welcome Center Greeters: We would like to place the greeters in the new narthex behind or by the Welcome Counter. This will give the greeters a central place for new people to find them and welcome them to Our Savior's as they enter the church building. Please be at the Welcome Counter 15 min. before service and right after service for about 15 min. Thank you.

Communion October 1 & 15

	<u>October 1</u>	<u>October 15</u>
Comm. Prep.	Dave & Sarah Stensrud	Beth Moore
Servers	Dave Borka	DeDe Howie
	Linda Mueller	Becki Bender
	Ellen Bisping	Shari & Harry Dell
	Lori Boyle	Jim & Barb Zahn
	Troy & Tara Dunn	

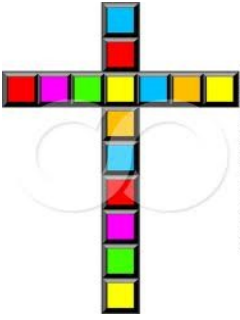
Scripture Readers

Oct. 1	Dick Huston
Oct. 8	Ellen Bisping
Oct. 15	Rick Bartness
Oct. 22	Kelly Jensen
Oct. 29	Dave Borka

Sound & Tech Team

Oct. 1	Curt Danielson/Georganne Danielson
Oct. 8	Jonna Hruby/Linda Hanegraaf
Oct. 15	Bryn Caron/Troy Caron
Oct. 22	Mark Zentner/Dick Lawson
Oct. 29	Gabe Trebelhorn/Chris Trebelhorn





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Serving is from
5:00-6:00pm

Cost is \$3.00 per person
with a family maximum
Of \$15.00.

Come enjoy great food
and fellowship with your
Our Savior's family!

Café Midweek October Menu

**October 4
Tator Tot Hotdish**

**October 11
BBQ Pork Sandwiches**

**October 18
No Meal—MEA Break**

**October 25—Walking Tacos
Capital Campaign Event (during Café Midweek)**

Please RSVP to Georganne by October 16th
if you plan to attend this special event.