



St. Olaf Lutheran Church

The CALLER April 2017



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following families who have become members of St. Olaf's:

Devin and Michelle Anderson
children; Paige (2yrs.) and Alexis (8mo.)

Jason and Danielle Sobczak
children; Caden (16yrs.) and Analeigh (8mo.)

Steve and Vickie Stretz

Russell and Sandra Weiss

A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who attended the brunch to celebrate "Blessings Sunday". A special thank you to Lynn Johnson for all her help in planning and setting up for the event. Likewise, a big thank you to everyone who helped to serve the food and beverages and assist in clean-up.

DONATE:

OLD EYEGASSES & HEARING AIDS

Seeing firsthand how valuable it is to recycle eyeglasses and give them to those in need, like we did in Swaziland, we want to make it known that we have a drop off container here at St. Olaf to collect donated eyeglasses and hearing aids that will be recycled. Larry Christopherson, a Lions' member here at church, will be responsible for getting the donated glasses to the proper Lions' facility where they are refurbished and marked with the prescription. Please bring your old glasses and hearing aids and place them in the Lions donation bucket located next to the food pantry donation basket in the entryway. Thanks for recycling and sharing!

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Don't you love to see the church decorated for Easter Services? You can help by donating flowers! Use the order form that was placed in your church mailbox. Please get your order and payment to the church secretary by no later than April 2nd. If you would prefer to purchase a plant on your own and drop it off at church you can do that too! Please drop them off at the office by April 12th. You can take the donated plant home with you after the late Easter Sunday service.



ROAD SIDE CLEAN-UP & LUNCH CARING FOR GOD'S GOOD EARTH

All ages needed

(2 service pts. for Confirmation Class students)
Have you noticed all the litter on the side of the roads now that the snow is gone? Hopefully, the weather will be good for us to pick it all up on **Sunday, April 9th** after our education hour, around 11:30a.m. Lunch will be provided. **All Confirmation class and High School youth, families, some mentors, and other adults are needed.** The more people we have, the more area we can cover. Sign up on youth board if you haven't already.

ALTAR GUILD

Anyone interested in serving on altar guild, please contact Liz Laack at 262-707-4424. We need help for the months of February, May and July. You can sign up for 1 or more months. If you are not sure what being an altar guild involves, contact Liz and she will let you know.



**St. Olaf Annual Meeting
May 21st 10:15 a.m.**

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Thomas & Kelly Siegmann (12)
 15 Dave & Ann Marie Kraemer (28)
 20 Joseph & Vicky St. George (26)
 25 Geoffrey & Deborah Kuzenski (8)
 26 Brian & Jennifer Schutze (20)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Vera Novobielski, Bailey Siegrist
 4 Dennis Portz
 5 Jason Bates
 7 Dennis Uhlman
 8 Renee Novobielski
 9 Keilah Brakob
 10 Christina Byerly
 12 Steven Sumnicht
 14 Linda Egelseer, Deborah Kuzenski
 15 Abigail Hoffmann
 16 Renee Krassman
 18 Keri Holzman, Debra Solveson
 19 Bruce Benson
 20 Tiernan Byerly
 21 Jack Scheife, Kathy Smithyman
 22 Connie Kreuser
 25 Jeffrey Brewer, Benjamin Klink
 26 Lauren Morrissey, Thomas Siegmann
 27 Christine Guenther, Dennis Hall, Joseph Klink, Alexander Schuett
 28 Dale Eske
 30 Mitch Solveson

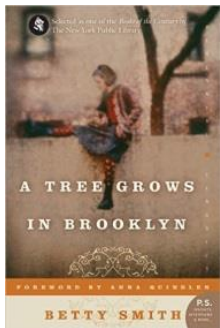


APRIL LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Asst. Minister	Acolyte
Sat., April 1 5:00 p.m.	Jane Christenson	-----
Sun., April 2 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Schlieve	Andrew Hoffmann
Sat., April 8 5:00 p.m.	Dave Johnston	-----
Sun., April 9 9:00 a.m.		Abigail Hoffmann
Thurs., April 13 7:00 p.m.		Rae Ann Eggert
Fri., April 14 7:00 p.m.	Diane Dowling	-----
Sat., April 15 5:00 p.m.		-----
Sun., April 16 7:00 a.m.	Jane Christenson	Jayden Marx
Sun., April 16 9:00 a.m.	Rick Dowling	Acolyte: Madison Cross: Braden Banner: Andrew
Sat., April 22 5:00 p.m.		-----
Sun., April 23 9:00 a.m.	Scott Siegrist	Tyler Christenson
Sat., April 29 5:00 p.m.		-----
Sun., April 30 9:00 a.m.		Kendra Krassman

April Altar Guild: Liz Laack
April Counters: Roger Johnson
 Lyn Johnson
 Jerry Bohem

ST. OLAF BOOK CLUB NEXT MEETING DATE: April 11th



St. Olaf Addicted Readers (S.O.A.R.) invite you to join us in reading, and then discussing, some of our favorite books on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Our

selection for April is **"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"** by Betty Smith.

Book selections

April 11th 2017 - **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**

Classic Fiction by author Betty Smith

May 9th 2017 - **Still Alice**

Fiction by author Lisa Genova

AFFIRMING THEIR BAPTISM

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SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Some of you may or may not be aware of our St. Olaf Scholarship Endowment Fund which began many years ago by someone that wanted to give support for higher education to our members. It is because a family included this endowment in their will that we have the ability to give out scholarships. In addition, a family that no longer belongs to St. Olaf's has also chosen to contribute to this fund at the end of their life.

Many scholarships have been awarded over the years to those that have applied and met the requirements, which include young people as well as adults enrolled in or attending a college or university, technical school or seminary. The annual amount available for scholarships is based on the fund's earnings.

The Scholarship Guidelines/Application forms are available at church on the kiosk or on our website www.st-olaf.org under Resources, then under Forms/Documents and are due May 1 of every year. Applications are reviewed and rated each May by the St. Olaf Scholarship Committee according to the guidelines and are awarded in early June.

Contributions to the fund, especially planned life giving, would be most welcome and would enable us to increase our scholarship awards. Your inquiries can be directed to Justine Cadena or to one of our Leadership Team members. We are blessed to be a blessing!

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Who: HUHS Booster Club

Date: Sunday, May 7th 2017

Time: 8:30-11:00.

Place: HUHS Cafeteria

Tickets: \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door.

Come join us to recognize our Senior Athletes and Scholarship Winners. Recognition Program to start at 11:00 Tickets available beginning April 1st at the HUHS main office.

There will be a Silent Auction and Door Prizes.

SPIRIT OF THE OUTDOORS REPORT

St. Olaf members, neighbors, friends and passionate presenters came together Saturday, March 11th, to celebrate the creation and the creator.

From 2pm to 7pm folks visited exhibits, attended presentations on mushrooms, maple syrup, coyotes, spring greens & herbs, cranes, food plots, land preservation, fly tying and handmade wooden cutting boards. Pr. Tom and Dave Johnston welcomed attendees to our 5pm worship that had an outdoor emphasis.

Trophies of Grace, from Green Bay WI, displayed twenty whitetail deer mounts. More than 100 folks enjoyed a meal in our Fellowship Hall. Special thanks go to the women who baked the wonderful array of delicious desserts and rolls.

Spirit of the Outdoors, offered to members and the community an education and celebration of the fruits of the environment did cover its costs. The surplus funds from the event have been given for Bibles to Swaziland (\$200), for Angels of Grace in appreciation for those who provided baked goods (\$200), the St. Olaf special events fund (\$100), and the balance to St. Olaf's Capitol Fund (\$1,100).

The committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the event and made Spirit of the Outdoors possible!



NEWS FROM THE ST. OLAF WOMEN OF GRACE

(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America - WELCA)

What is WELCA and Women of Grace? WELCA is a short cut to saying Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Quite a mouthful, we know! At St. Olaf Lutheran Church, we call ourselves Women of Grace.

Our organization includes all confirmed women of St. Olaf Congregation and Lutheran women who gather in over 7,000 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more!

WELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Good News!

There is a place for you in Women of Grace at St. Olaf and Women of the ELCA. Bible Study and Service are the primary activities of Women of Grace. Additionally, we plan some fun activities and outings occasionally and offer members and guests opportunities to get out and participate outside of our church home. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

This spring, we are offering two opportunities to get out and have some fun! The first opportunity is a musical event. On **Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., at the Schauer Center in Hartford, The Next Generation Leahy will perform.** Building on over three generations of Leahy musicianship, Doug Leahy, his wife Jennifer and their children are keeping those traditions alive through music, song and dance. Led by Doug, live performances are filled with the high-energy, infectious, Celtic-based music associated with the Leahy heritage. Fiddle, cello, French accordion, singing, piano and Fred-Canadian step-dancing all find a voice onstage. Please consider attending this exciting and entertaining program. A sign-up sheet and ticket cost information will be available in the gathering area. It's always so much fun to see these types of performances with a group. Everyone is welcome – this event is not for women only!

The next opportunity we are offering is called **the Churches and Chocolate Tour in Milwaukee on May 20, 2017.** The tour takes about 6 hours and begins any time after 9 a.m. The tour consists of visiting 3 churches for 20-minute docent-led tours at each location. Typically, it will include Lutheran, Episcopal and Catholic churches, but may be customized if we so choose. Then there is a generously portioned, sit-down lunch at one of Milwaukee's ethnic restaurants. The day is concluded by visiting one local chocolatier to learn more about their craft; receive treats of in-store samples to enjoy, along with take-home treats. Shopping time allocated as well. The cost is \$65 per person. The Women of Grace will defray that cost by \$20 per person. A sign-up sheet will be available in the gathering area. Again, this is not for women only! All are welcome!

For more information about the Women of Grace, please feel free to contact your officers: Cindy Schlieve, president; Marilyn Carlson, vice-president; Becky Christenson, secretary, or Marie Galbraith, treasurer. We would love to see you at our meetings, but more importantly, we want everyone to feel that there is something of interest for you in the Women of Grace. Many events and activities mean many opportunities to be actively involved in a vital part of St. Olaf Lutheran Church.

Submitted by,

Cindy J. Schlieve

April, 2017

NEWS regarding Opportunities for YOUTH & Families

Those in their 2nd year of Confirmation Class - Please remember to send 6 pictures of yourself from baby till now for the Confirmation Class video. If you can, please give your pictures to Justine on a CD or email them to stolafyouth@gmail.com Direct any questions to Justine

Meeting for our Summer trip to Kentucky – April 2 at 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting for our cross-generational summer trip to the Creation Museum and Ark of the Covenant will be Sunday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m., following Education Hour. We will discuss further plans for our trip.

The “Easter Experience” - Faith Formation Education for all ages continues

This class is continuing through April 9th for 7 & 8th graders, High School Youth, Parents, and other Adults after Worship during our Education Hour. Parents & those that have not attended can join in at any class times listed on the sign-up sheets on the Kiosk.

A Heartfelt *THANK YOU* for the PIE AUCTION support

Many thanks to those that donated pies, bid on pie, worked at or contributed in any way to make our annual Youth Fundraiser a success. Our proceeds of \$1,653.00 will be used to support faith formation opportunities and events for our youth, including summer camp.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS due May 1 to St. Olaf’s Office

Scholarship Applications and the Guideline sheet explaining the application requirements are available for St. Olaf members enrolling, or already enrolled, in a college, university, technical institution, or seminary for educational purposes. Check the kiosk for paper copies or print them from our website www.st-olaf.org under Resources/Forms. The applicant must return the completed application, current transcript, and 2 current letters of recommendation altogether in one envelope to the church office to the attention of the Scholarship Team. Applications are reviewed & rated in May and announced by the first Sunday in June. Any questions, call Justine.

Youth continue to sponsor “Elia” from Bolivia with Food for the Hungry

We ask for parental and congregational help

to join us in supporting this very important mission project.

Please remember to bring your donations and put them in the Sunday offering in an envelope clearly marked for Elia or put it in the basket by the poster of Elia.

Let’s pray, learn, and grow in faith together!