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What it means to WELCOME

Greetings dear friends in Christ,

During one of our recent sessions in teaching the catechism to 7, 8, and 9th graders we spoke about understanding miracles and we used *Echo the Story* as our teaching resource. In the recommended additional activities in that curriculum was a quote from Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*.

Listening is much more than allowing another to talk while waiting for a chance to respond. Listening is paying full attention to others and welcoming them into our very beings. The beauty of listening is that, those who are listened to start feeling accepted, start taking their words more seriously and discovering their own true selves. Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality by which you invite strangers to become friends, to get to know their inner selves more fully, and even to dare to be silent with you.

I was intrigued by Nouwen's comment that "Listening is paying full attention to others and **welcoming** them into our very beings." Listening is a very important thing to affirm others and I want to dwell on the idea of "**welcoming them into our very beings.**" What does it mean exactly to welcome someone into our being? I hope that you'll agree learning

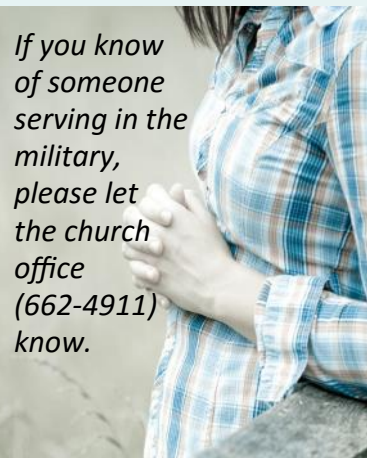


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Memorials



Chad & Amanda Engen
SSgt. Sherri Read &
SSgt. Barry Read
Cpl. Jeffrey J. Olson
Sgt. Jesse S. Olson
Grant Thompson
Justin & Jill Johnson
Derrick Owens
Jonathan Pearson
Matthew Martin
Sgt. Major Brian Soper
Nevon Heisler
Brian Pederson
Cory Schall
Brent Schall
Amy & Cory Everson
Austin Dammen
Cole Baker
Ryan Mertens
Gregory Fritz
Cpl. Cole Baker &
Sp. Jade Baker



If you know of someone serving in the military, please let the church office (662-4911) know.

Radio Fund

In Memory of

Amy Mosbaek from Robert & Ramona Sletten, Marvin & Gayle Brekhus

In Honor of

Arvin & Jeanette Rohrer's 60th Wedding Anniversary & Arvin's 90th Birthday from Rodger Haugen, Vonnie Erickstad

General Fund

In Memory of

John Rutten from Carol & Rich Lybeck

Building Fund

In Memory of

Jim Johnson from Irene & Lawrence Johnson

In Honor of

Mark & Judy MacDonald's 50th Wedding Anniversary from Duane & Irma Carter

Norway Cemetery Fund

In Memory of

Our parent's—Leland & Millie Oleson's—75th Wedding Anniversary on January 1, 1942 from Louise Oleson, Daryl Oleson, Lynn (Oleson) James

Mildred S. Peterson Simpson from Gary Bryn

December General Fund Expenses

Adult Ed Exp	83.45	Hope Center (Nov—Dec).....	400.00
Altar Supplies	74.56	LR Shelter (June-Dec)	600.00
Auto Exp. (Mileage).....	212.80	Pastor Housing Allowance	1,083.34
BCBS Exp.....	699.90	Pastor Soc. Sec. Allowance	360.26
Church Supplies.....	161.14	Payroll Exp.....	665.24
Custodian HIR Exp	280.00	Pension/Ins Exp	3,562.09
Dakota Prairie.....	66.63	Postage Exp	145.76
EaND Synod.....	1,333.26	Retreat Center Expenses:	
Luth Soc Serv	123.37	Greater Ramsey Water.....	28.80
Otter Tail	769.00	MDU (Nov. & Dec.).....	346.41
FMC Housing Allow	366.84	City of Devils Lake	121.29
MDU	340.00	NDTC (tele./internet/security)...	364.72
Insurance Exp	755.42	Wages.....	11,783.09
Maintenance Exp	1,027.60:	Youth Activities	19.26
- ND Ins.—Boiler Inspect.	60.00	Total Expenses.....	27,228.15
- Lake Lumber	7.40	Total December Income.....	42,061.41
- Dakota Washmaster (rugs)....	37.50		14,773.26
- Dak. Wash (snow removal) .	919.70		
- Home of Economy.....	3.00		
Office Equip	636.66		
Office Supplies.....	143.55		
Miscellaneous Exp.....	1,148.71:		
Ramsey Bank (LOC).....	102.08		
Vanco.....	15.05		
Cardmember Service	31.58		

Loan Balances

What we owe Ramsey bank as of 1/26/17

Line of Credit\$20,075.00
 (General Fund expenses)

Weekly Attendance & Envelope Giving

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>General Fund</u>
December 24	284 (5:00)	54 (11:00)	\$13,052.00
December 25		38	\$644.00
	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	
January 1	44	54	\$5,070.00
January 8	54	116	\$5,087.00
January 15	51	93	\$3,750.00
January 22	53	101	\$3,077.00
Electronic Giving for December:			\$2,870.00

WELCOME

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to be better at welcoming others is growing in Christ. I am planning this year to encourage our leaders and members of St. Olaf to learn how to accept and welcome others whether they be newcomers, inactive members, or members who might wish to have greater involvement in some church activity. You see the danger is that we can think we do enough already, so this effort is really for someone else.

At the last council meeting we changed the format to begin with worship and then included 15 minutes or so of conversation about what it means to **WELCOME** another person at St. Olaf. Our council has agreed to brainstorm that theme for the next year. We acknowledged that we really want to welcome everyone to be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The challenges are there though because we might not think to approach an unfamiliar person to even say hi. We might not even acknowledge that the person is there if we get busy talking to someone we already know. It happens.

We further talked about that initial awkwardness that some of us can feel when a stranger comes to our church. This was in response to the devotion I offered from Deuteronomy 10:19 where Moses preached to the Israelites and said: "**You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.**" It even came up that perhaps we should pay more attention to what folks outside of our community might think of St. Olaf. Do some think we aren't friendly to visitors? What was quite beneficial is that we listed some ways that visitors

could be better served: providing information as to where things are located, explore how well visitors do in following the service through the bulletin, recruit more people to be greeters when we have multiple doors, and even discuss if two services are still a good idea.

This was just the first installment of our conversation about being a welcoming church. What I found quite positive was that we are already doing some things right and those things we can do more often. We are encouraging new folks to be leaders and we are thinking more about the perceptions others may have about St. Olaf. What might be helpful now is to be more intentional about taking the words of others even more seriously, especially when they show an interest in being more involved in our ministries.

I am excited that our council members are on board with this effort of learning more about the spirit of welcoming members and nonmembers. I am also excited that they listened to each other as we talked and shared our observations. As Nouwen pointed out listening is certainly an important way to welcome someone into St. Olaf and it witnesses to the Gospel and the love of Christ. This is my prayer that we'll think more about listening to others and valuing them as Christ does. That would be a great **welcome** in Christ's name.

God's grace and peace,

Pastor Jim

Would you like to know more about the Lord's Prayer?



This year during the 40 days of Lent we are offering devotions for your Lenten

Journey. The journey involves reading and then praying a short devotion each day on a part of the Lord's Prayer. Also, before our Wednesday Lenten services we'll meet at 5:30 pm to discuss the preceding week of devotional readings. Together these experiences will guide us all to grow spiritually. Since prayer and Bible study are among the disciplines of faith, you are invited to walk with Pastor Jim and our members in deepening your understanding and to explore the meaning behind the Lord's Prayer. To plan for this Lenten Journey, we need you to sign up as early as possible so we can place an order for the devotional booklet. We'll be using the Book of Faith Lenten Journey entitled **40 days with the Lord's Prayer**, by Henry F. French. A sign-up sheet is now in the Centennial Room.

Miriam Circle

Armstrong, Katelyn
Armstrong, Pam
Aronson, Judy
Bender, Nicole
Bloomquist, Betty
Bourcy, Paula
Breakey, Janice
Briss, Jane
Carlson, Janice
Cox, Judy
Cox, Wendy
Dahl, Phyllis
Fischer, Tammy
Goodman, Monica
Goodwill, Lynn
Goodwill, Natalie
Hager, Judy
Hawn, Danielle
Herda, Yvonne
Hoffart, Darlene
Idland, Jenna
Jacobs, Helen
Jacobson, Norma
Johnson, Ann
Johnson, Irene
Kitsch, Rachel
Korb, Debbie
Lunde, Sandi
Miller, Barb
Ness, Bonnie
Odden, Roberta
Odendaal, Cathy
Ovre, Judy
Owens, Holly
Petska, Betty
Rardon, Charlotte
Rendahl, Laura
Riggin, Charlotte
Riggin, Karen
Rodriguez, Lisa
Schall, Tobey
Schemionek, Julie
Schmidt, Shannon
Schnaidt, Renae
Shorey, Lisa
Soper, Betty
Soper, Mae
Stack, Cheryl
Straabe, Connie
Taylor, Janel
Thompson, Evon
Tostenson, Shirley
Watt, Nancy



What is a Circle? Are you in one?

As we said last month, every woman of St. Olaf has been assigned to a circle. You should have received a booklet in the mail last spring listing the circles and who is in each.

This month we will talk about **Miriam** circle and their mission. It is hoped that everyone in the circle will help with this mission as they are able. Many hands make light work. You may contribute items or money to purchase items. They are assembled and packed once a year. Because shipping costs are high we try to send them to the warehouse in Minneapolis with someone going that way. They will happily give tours of the facility to anyone interested. Miriam prepares two kinds kits - "New Born" and "Hospice" - for the Central African Republic through Global Health Ministries. Contact Judy Ovre 701-351-3236 or Betty Soper 662-3274 with any questions or comments.

New Born kits consist of: receiving blanket, 2 cloth diapers and 2 pins, bar of Ivory soap, 0-9 mo size t-shirts (bag sale at St. Joseph's Closet is a good source), knit or crocheted cap, 1 yard square of white cotton cloth not hemmed, wash cloth and large bath towel.

Hospice kits consist of: wash cloth, bar of soap, tooth brush, toe and nail clippers, pick style comb, band aids, large jar of Vaseline, yellow rubber gloves - size medium, Christ in Our Home or prayer book, all to be wrapped in a large bath towel to fit inside a 2 gallon zip lock bag.



at the Minneapolis Convention
Center

Remember, if you are interested in attending you can register on line at www.welcatg.org and follow the prompts. Or if you prefer, you can pick up a paper registration form from the church office 662-4911 or from Loretta at 665-3170. The cost is \$350 plus cost of hotels which are within 2 blocks or less from the convention center. You must also make a room reservation if you are planning to stay at a hotel; it is page 3 of the forms. A bus will pick you up in Devils Lake. The cost for the bus is \$100 if we can fill two buses from ND. One will leave from Devils Lake going east to Grand forks and one from Jamestown going east to Fargo. Contact Julie Garrett at 701-236-5171 if you would like to ride the bus.

**The hats, gloves, boots and scarves were
donated to Sweetwater Elementary School.
The school was very grateful to St. Olaf.
Thank you to all our members and friends
who helped keep students warm this winter.**





SOIL
(St. Olaf Is Legit)

"Lord let my heart be good soil."
Matthew 13:23

Sr. High Youth Ministry

Upcoming events:

- February 7 Youth Board & Education Board
- February 11 Royal Breakfast
- February 20 Skiing and Tubing
- February 28 Fat Tuesday Pancakes
- March 1 Ash Wednesday
- March 1 Soup & Sandwich Suppers start
- March 24 5th Grade Confirmation

Growing Together

St. Olaf's Youth & Family Ministry

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The Royal Breakfast

Hear, Ye! Hear Ye! All young princesses & princes are cordially invited to attend the Royal Breakfast. Open to all little girls & boys and little girls & boys at heart (their moms, grandmothers, sisters, brothers & friends). Dads & Grand-dads can also bring their little ones for Valentines Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear princess and royal costumes, but not required.

Saturday, February 11 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church

9:00 - social time with games, pictures, princess makeovers
Breakfast starts at 9:30

Tickets on sale till noon on February 10 for \$5.00, 3 & younger are free
- includes breakfast, devotions, entertainment, souvenir photo & more
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.

This year a free will offering will be received for the Magic Yarn Project. Learn more at www.themagic yarnproject.com



Family Skiing, Snowboarding & Tubing Monday, February 20

All ages are invited to join us for a day of winter fun at Wall-halla or Bottineau. Details are still being worked out. Anyone younger than 9th grade must come with an adult. In order to get the group discount you must sign up with Jamie by February 17.

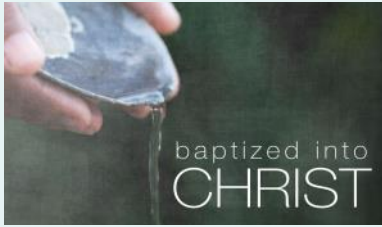
Fat Tuesday Pancakes

Jamie is going to serve pancakes again this year on Tuesday, February 28 from 11:30-1:30. A free-will offering will be received to cover expenses and the extra will be donated to a ministry, Everyone is invited for lunch or supper. If you would like to help cook or clean please talk to Jamie.



SHROVE TUESDAY

January Council Meeting Minutes



Seth Harland Pederson-Morin
Son of ReAnne Pederson and
Tyler Morin



PRAYER CHAIN

*If you or someone you
know are in need of
prayers,*

*please contact:
the church office:*

662-4911.

*Your name and concern
will be held before God
and prayed for by
everyone on the
Prayer Chain.*

***You will be asked if you
would like to be included in
the prayers at Sunday wor-
ship or you may request it.***

St.Olaf Church Council Meeting. Tuesday,
January 10, 2017

Present: Pastor Jim Paulson, Jamie Travers,
Steve Weber, Rodger Haugen, Betty Nygren,
Chuck Longie, Marcus Dahle, Jeri Steffan,
Emily Kimball, Darci Gilbertson, Colette
Boehmer. Rhonda Allery by telephone.

Absent: Tom Wade, Ray Strong, Steve Geigle

Pastor Jim opened the meeting explaining
that council meetings will begin with 30
minutes of church building time to include
worship, discussion, and brainstorming. In
2017 we will focus on "What does it mean to
be a welcoming congregation" and "Building
a church for ALL people".

Announcements: Steve Weber told the coun-
cil that he will be attending the annual
meeting as his plans to be gone have
changed. Steve informed the council that
Erin Wood will be stepping down from the
Outreach and Evangelism committee.

The minutes from the December council
meeting were reviewed. Rodger made a mo-
tion to accept the minutes. Marcus second-
ed. The minutes were approved.

Rodger presented the treasurer's report.
There is approximately \$16,000 in the gen-
eral fund. The building fund and the desig-
nated fund also have positive balances. All
bills are current. \$25,000 is owed on the line
of credit. Rodger moved to accept the treas-
urer's report. Marcus seconded. The treasur-
er's report was approved.

Pastor Jim's report was reviewed. Jamie's
report was reviewed. Jamie informed the
council that he will be gone for a week in
January for a conference. He will not be at
the annual meeting. Jamie explained the
change in the ELCA roster titles. His title as
Associate in Ministry will be replaced by Dea-
con.

Committee reports were given by chairper-
sons present. Some of the committees did
not meet in January. Betty (Congregational
Life) reported that the recent Women's Re-
treat at the Retreat Center was a success.
Marcus (Youth and Family) reported on up-
coming youth activities. Emily (Outreach and

Evangelism) reported that their committee is
brainstorming ideas for outreach in the com-
munity. Chuck (Worship and Music) reported
that Samantha Richards will lead the guitar
service in February.

Old Business:

There were no Executive committee actions
in the last month. Steve reported that the
Lay Ministry and Youth & Family Ministry
committees each have vacancies to be filled.
We will try to fill these vacancies before the
annual meeting. Steve will call the current
head ushers to see if they will continue as
such.

New Business:

Darci reported that the St. Olaf Relay for Life
Team is in need of a leader. After discussion
it was decided that the Outreach and Evan-
gelism committee will look at taking over the
leadership of the Relay team. The budget
was the next item on the agenda. Rodger
made a motion to pay \$5000.00 on the line
of credit. This money will come from the gen-
eral fund. Chuck seconded. The motion was
approved. The St. Olaf Church budget for
2017 was reviewed line item by line item by
the council. A few small adjustments were
made. Salaries of all church employees were
discussed. Pastor Jim, Jamie, and Darci were
not present during discussion or for council
action on salaries. The Board of Lay Ministry
recommended a 4% increase to all wages.
The council discussed this recommendation.
Following discussion Rodger made a motion
to increase the salaries for Jamie Travers,
Darci Gilbertson, Kirk Sweeney, Dan Nybo,
and Samantha Richards by 4%; and to in-
crease the salary for Pastor Jim Paulson by
2%. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion
was approved. The budget for 2017 will be
presented to the congregation at the annual
meeting on January 22.

The meeting was adjourned. We closed with
the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Colette Boehmer

Faith & Care Group #7—February 2017

662-5620..... Duane A. & Pam Armstrong
662-4959..... Judy Aronson
381-8263..... Adam & Sara Bachmeier, Lane, Brooke, Brittany
381-8823..... Corey & Allyson Bartlett, Danielle, Anna, Miranda, Jayden
662-6987..... Pam Bartlett (351-8175)
662-6054..... Sarah Bergeron
351-0879..... Kyle & Karin Blanchfield, Warren, Landen
292-4131..... Rudi & Dianne Bloomquist
662-5860..... Michael & Sherry Boehmer,
662-6013..... Paul & Karen Clementich, Sean, Blair & Erin
662-4447..... Livonia Crane
662-4723..... Robert Cruse
662-1847..... Bill & Angie DeWall, Jacquelyn, Janessa & Jadyne
740-7607..... Frans & Brittany Du Plessis, Ian, Jenner
766-4041..... Karen Duray
351-7500..... Aaron & Bethany Elshaug, Sophie
393-4469..... Norris & Renae Elshaug, Marti & Hannah
350-0339..... Codi Peterson Fandrich
662-6872..... Idelle Foss
662-4113..... Richard & Rita Foss
662-8063..... Roger & Michelle Fritz, Gregory, Rachel
662-2043..... Perry & Denise Garske
*662-6923..... Scott Gerrells, Kody, Robyn, Stevie
662-2696..... Monice Goodman
662-8220..... Nathan & Tasha Haaland, Christian, Emma
662-8006..... Bryan & Janet Hannesson, Benjamin, Logan
662-8712..... Gary Johnson, Brittany & Kayla
204-2911..... Connie Jorgenson
662-5872..... Steven & Becky Juntunen, Tenneil
662-3517..... Helena Ketterling
662-6808..... Dorothy Kitterman
230-2349..... Heather MacDonald, Aubrey, Burkley
662-3067..... Kristy Laber, Mason, Reiley, Tyler
662-6634..... Amy Lee, Austin & Brady
351-5145..... Joanne Legacie, Dustin, Brady
662-1112..... Newton & Karen Lindseth
662-4346..... Judy MacDonald (739-9085)
230-8289..... Karen Meier
662-8857..... Gladys Moen
230-9003..... Nick & Sarah Murchie, Easton
662-7316..... Keith & Cynthia Myhre
662-1448..... Cathy Odendaal
662-2853..... Mark & Eva Olson
662-8944..... Sharon Peterson
662-4174..... Hazel Ralston
662-6011..... Florene Rogne
662-7287..... Marcella Sackenreuter
662-1109..... Harris & Dianne Saele
294-2500..... Edward & Lois Senger
662-4253..... Marlys Sollin
662-5928..... Janice Sowatzki
662-5272..... Allen & Peggy Tabor
662-2201..... Muriel Thoreson
230-3839..... Nathan & Farrah Trottier
662-8346..... Marlene Young

Faith & Care Group #1 March 2017

Ray & Deb Bertsch
Leonard & Marie Birkeland
Carl & Alta Bloomquist
Betty Bloomquist
Gordon & Marilyn Braathen
Doug & Darlene Carlson
Rhea Crane & Doug Longie
Brad & Deb Eback, Marissa, Emily, Landen
Chad & Alisha Ehnert, Morgan, Breydin
Diane Engebretson & Gary Walkley
Chad & Amanda Engen, Carter, Bennett
Cory & Amy Everson, Faith, Blake
Jim & Debra Frank, Darren, Malloree
Rodney Franson
Mark & Darci Gilbertson, Taylor, Wyatt
Larry & Elda Hatten
Kimberly Hatten
Robert & Sheri Hatten, Kendall, Stephanie
Darcie IronHawk, Rebecca, Teddy
Steve & Sharon Johanson
Roger & Yvonne Knutson
Steve & Becky Lang, Amanda, Kaylee
Judy Lee
Jodie Longie, Madison, Rielly
Denise Lysne, Carley
Darin & Stacy MacDonald, Beth
Vonda Markestad
Ronald & Barbara Miller
Randy & Jamie Minnerup, Shayla, Shelby, Brynlee
Arnold Moen
Sharon Nelson & Olive Peterson
Dan & Bonnie Ness, Nikki, Wyatt
Alban Nordrum
Kitty Overbo
Kenneth & Joann Paulson
Brian Pederson
Matthew & Sara Pederson, Ethan
Kim Pederson
Janet Peterson
Brent & Toni Pflaum, Travis
Kim Rau & Kevin Birkeland, Cody
Dennis & Karen Riggin
Lance & Tammy Riggin, Hunter, Nash, Harper
Roxanne Rose
R. Glenn & Ardys Salisbury
Anna Schemionek
Randy & Julie Schemionek, Alexis, Justin, Ryan
Lori Schlieve, Tracy
Paul Skurdall
Ray Sletteland
Wayne Sorenson
Brian Sowatzki & Deb Weber, Brady, Griffin
Michael & Cheryl Steffan
Arlo & Darlene Svedberg, Erika
Nancy Sylling, Amanda, Michael, Mitchell
Ashley Sylling, Saige
Brad & Kris Thompson, Kayla, Kaitlyn, Austin
Gary & Kerry Thompson
Clarence Jr. & Linda Toso, Justin
Jason & Niki Toso, Kyleigh, Kole
June Tweeten, Janet
Mary Vilandre
James & Kelly Wang, Marit, Peter
Steve Weber
Dale Volk, Mason

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 -10:00 CO -10:00 Staff Mtg. -7:00 Confirm. -7:15 Choir	2 -1:30 WELCA Bible Study & Mtg. -7:00 Boy Scouts	3 -3:30 Music Festival -6:00 AA -8:00 AA & Al-Anon	4 -8:30 Music Festival
5 -9:45 Retreat Center Board	6 -6:00 AA	7 -9:00 Quilting -10:30 Text Study -6:00 Al-Anon -7:00 Properties -7:00 W&M Mtg. -7:30 Christ. Ed	8 -10:00 CO -10:00 Staff Mtg. -7:00 Confirm. -7:15 Choir	9 -5:30 Brain Injury Support Group -7:00 Boy Scouts	10 Royal Breakfast Set-up -6:00 AA -8:00 AA & Al-Anon	11 -9:00 Royal Breakfast 
12	13 -6:00 AA	14 -9:00 Quilting -9:30 Conf. Pastors Gathering at St. Olaf -6:00 Al-Anon -7:00 Council	15 -10:00 CO -10:00 Staff Mtg. -7:00 Confirm. -7:15 Choir	16 -4:00 Thurs. Fellowship -7:00 Boy Scouts	17 -4:00 Spire Deadline -8:00 AA & Al-Anon	18
19	20 -8:00 Leaving for Ski/Tubing at Bottineau -6:00 AA -7:00 Prisca Circle	21 -9:00 Quilting -10:30 Text Study -6:00 Al-Anon	22 -10:00 CO -10:00 Staff Mtg. -7:00 Confirm. -7:15 Choir	23 -7:00 Boy Scouts	24 -8:00 AA & Al-Anon	25
26 -9:45 Altar Guild -9:45 Faith & Care Mtg. for Group #1	27 -6:00 AA -7:00 Compassionate Friends	28 -9:00 Quilting -10:30 Text Study -11:30 Fat Tuesday Pancake Lunch -6:00 Al-Anon	SUNDAY SCHEDULE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 Worship Service at St. Olaf • 9:30 Coffee Fellowship at St. Olaf • 9:40 Sunday School • 11:00 Worship Service at St. Olaf <p><i>Communion every Sunday and Special Occasions</i></p>			