

ASH WEDNESDAY is the start of the Lenten Season, time to give time to the One who made us and sacrificed Himself for us.

Join us for Ash Wednesday services on March 1 at 12:00pm or 6:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

Samaritan Bethany Golf Classic

Somerby Golf Club

18 holes/cart, lunch, silent auction & dinner for only 150.00/golfer..more info to come.

ANNUAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19!

Good Earth Village invites you to hear the stories of the ministry in 2016. Join the staff, board, and wider community of Good Earth Village at 2:30PM at Barr Lodge for the Annual Meeting. Hear financial, program and business updates, and learn about upcoming events and plans.

For additional information on delegates or to inquire about becoming a member congregation please e-mail [info@goodearthvillage.org](mailto:info@goodearthvillage.org) or call 507-346-2494.

CHANGE TO DUNN BROTHERS OFFICE HOURS

Due to repeated conflicts, Pastor Fred is changing his office hours at Dunn Brothers to Mondays. Starting February 20, Pastor Fred will be at Dunn Brothers on Mondays at 3:00. Check the congregation calendar for the days he is on and join him for conversation.

DID YOU KNOW that hearing devices are available in the sound system area at the back of the Sanctuary. These devices can be used with or without a hearing aid.

8:00am Worship Assistants

Acolyte: Chase Tenner  
Greeters/Offering: Ardis Christen, Bill Nicklay  
Communion Assistants: Grant & Ruby Florine  
Usher/Offering: Kasperski Family  
Prayer Reader: Marybeth Kasperski  
Coffee Prep: Jon & Dawn Christenson  
Sound Board: Tim Pickett

10:30am Worship Assistants

Acolyte: Annika Weber, Lauren Hansen  
Greeters/Offering: Hillman Family  
Communion Assistants: Lorrie Swancutt, Carol Rogelstad  
Communion Assistant: Kidron Flynn  
Usher/Offering: Irons Family  
Prayer Reader: Kidron Flynn  
Sound Board: David Flynn  
Coffee Clean up: Bill Nicklay  
Offering Counters: Wayne & Carol Rogelstad  
Altar Guild: Diana Schroeder, Tammy Olson  
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht, Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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ECHOES Weekly-Feb. 19

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WELCOME VISITORS!

*"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.

WANT TO JOIN OSLC? If you are interested in becoming a member, please talk with Pastor Ben or Pastor Fred.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Orland & Maxine Thoreson in memory of their daughter Norine.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Maxine Thoreson; Melissa Harwick; Connie Delorme; Tom Connaughty (father of Marnie Eveslage); Dianne Claffy; Betty Andrist; Marsha Dick; Karen Pflibsen

Military Concerns: Margaret & Catherine Maher; Paul Schroeder; Austin Nicklay; Clark Rose; Eric Brown; Scot Heathman, Ryan Nordstrom, Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and of our veterans who have served.

Missionary Concerns: Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke in Japan.  
The Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania.

Seminary: Nicholas Rohde

JANUARY/FEBRUARY—CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTION

Hospice Kit Collection

Hospice Kits provide comfort and needed supplies for someone who is suffering from HIV/AIDS, cancer, or other devastating illness. Please place items in basket/designated area in Narthex.

Hospice Kit Items:

*Please follow these directions carefully*

New or gently used items:

-1 regular size bath towel (**not longer than 50"**) **cheapest found at Wal-Mart**

-1 washcloth

New items:

-1 bath size bar of soap, -*wrapped, unscented eg. Dove for sensitive skin.*

-1 toothbrush, In original, individual packaging


-1 nail clipper

-6 Band-Aids, Rubber-banded together


-1 jar or tube of petroleum jelly, Approx. 4 ounces or larger, lid taped

-1 pair heavy-duty household gloves, Kitchen type, size medium

-1 "pick" style comb



QUILTING DAY FOR FEBRUARY is the 21st. Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:00am to tie quilts for LWR.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
March 4 @10:00am  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
559 20th St SW, Rochester, MN

Theme for World Day Of Prayer is written by the women of the Philippines

PLANNING AN EVENT AT OSLC????

1. Check the online calendar at [www.rochesterosl.org](http://www.rochesterosl.org). This calendar is the most updated and will tell you if other events have already been planned.

OR

2. Check with Joanne in the church office.

This is for all events happening at OSLC. Even **if you've always done it that day in the past.** Please try to plan ahead a month or two or even more. This is a very busy building and **it's generally first come first serve.**



MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Do you have a lot of plastic bags from Target, Wal-Mart, grocery stores, etc., and you wonder what to do with them? We have an answer. Bring them to church. Dorothy Day House

has a group in the community who has offered to crochet sleeping mats for give away to those who cannot check in to the shelter and must sleep outside. These mats will provide a waterproof barrier between the ground and the body. We will have a barrel in the hallway by the Channel One barrel for collection.

Please only bring grocery T-bags. Please do not put baggies, saran wrap or other plastics in the barrel.



EXAMPLE →

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Serving begins at 5:45

February 22—Pizza

Serving begins at 5:30 during Lent

March 1—No Meal

March 8 —Broccoli cheese

Steak and potato

March 15—Navy bean and ham

Moroccan vegetarian

March 22 —Turkey vegetable with wild rice

Bacon corn chowder

March 29—Chicken and andouille sausage jambalaya

Wild rice



Please consider joining Altar Guild in 2017. Altar Guild prepares the altar for the celebration of Holy Communion. Two great things about Altar Guild: It is a Ministry that provides opportunities for individuals or families, to serve our church. And the time commitment is flexible (preparation for communion 2 to 4 Sundays a year) which makes it easier to work around busy schedules.

For more details please contact Joanne Heathman (280-7742 or

[joheathman@gmail.com](mailto:joheathman@gmail.com)) or come to our annual (and only) meeting on Thurs. March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Trust Room at 7:00 PM to hear more about Altar Guild.



### I'VE BEN THINKING...

This year we are celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, the movement begun by Martin Luther that had a deep and profound effect on the church and society in Europe.

Because we are *Luther-an* Christians, I will take time, periodically, during this festival year to write about some important aspects of our faith.

Recently I've been thinking about one of Luther's main insights about faith...that we are "theologians of the cross," and not "theologians of glory."

"Theology" is a Greek word that literally means, 'words about God.' This means that anytime we talk about God, we are doing theology! This also means that *anyone who engages in 'God-talk'* is a theologian!

Luther's insight is that we look at the world through cross-colored glasses. St. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

This means a few things for us. First, that God reveals himself most clearly on the cross. Even though we might be tempted to think God's true-self is revealed in a glorious sunrise, or in the victory of a hard-fought fight, or in wealth, power, and influence, the cross shows us the truth: that Jesus, "did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." (Philippians 2) Second, the cross is our end. It is the end of our striving, it is the end of our delusions of self-sufficiency, it is the end of our life as we've known it...and it's the end of our sin, the end of our guilt, the end of our shame, the end of our fear... The cross is death...and it is the *end* of death. The cross is where God shows us the truth that we cannot do *any* of this on our own, it is where God shows us that *we are not God...but it is also the* place where God shows us how much he loves us, where God shows us how far he is willing to go for us, that God is willing to suffer death for us.

Third, being a theologian of the cross means that we call things what they are. We do not sugar coat the truth of things that are hard to deal with, such as: we call death "death," not "passed away" not "transitioned" not "gone home"...we call the thing what it is.

Finally, becoming a theologian of the cross will take a lifetime of work, and it will be hard work, because the world around us constantly bombards us with the theology of glory, the theology of bigger, better, stronger, faster, more, MORE, MORE! But don't despair, because God walks with us. After all, if God is willing to suffer death for us, then God will *certainly be with us as we engage in 'God-talk!'*

-Pastor Ben



### MEETING WITH PARENTS

Pastor Fred would like to meet with parents of all pre-school and school age children during the education hour on Sunday, February 26. Coffee and treats will be provided. Parent input is

### CONSIDER BIBLE CAMP

Spending a day or week at Bible camp is a wonderful way to grow in faith. Check out the options at Good Earth village for you and your family at <http://goodearthvillage.org/summer/> OSLC will pay a portion of the cost of children & youth attending this summer. Register on-line now.



### WANTED: EASTER EGG HUNT COORDINATOR

Please considering the coordinator position for the 2017 Easter Egg Hunt. Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 15. Middle schoolers will help fill the eggs and items will be ordered. Contact Carole Joyce at carole35@charter.net if you are interested or have any questions.

## Youth News



**SOFTBALL!!** It's that time of year again. Coach Glenn and Cassie are looking for players!! No experience is necessary!! Just a desire to have fun and be outside!! Games are played at

Slatterly Park on Wednesday nights starting in May. Let Glenn or Cassie know if you'd like to play. The league is open to 12 year olds up to this years 12th graders!!

# This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Feb. 19  
 IHN Hosting Week  
 8:00am Worship  
 9:15am Education Hour  
     Coffee Fellowship  
     Book Study  
     Peace Pole Event  
 10:30am Worship

Monday, Feb. 20  
 P.B off  
 IHN Hosting  
 Calendar items deadline  
 1:00 pm Sarah Circle

Tuesday, Feb. 21  
 IHN Hosting  
 9:00am Quilting  
 3:00pm P.F @ Dunn Bros. N.

Wednesday, Feb. 22  
 IHN Hosting  
 P.F off  
 5:00pm Confirmation  
 5:00pm Living Praise  
 5:45pm Meal  
 6:30pm Worship  
 7:20pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, Feb. 23  
 IHN Host Week  
 P.F. off  
 6:00am Promise Keepers  
 8:30am Faithfully Fit  
 11:00am Book Study  
 6:30pm Grace Bells

Friday, Feb. 24  
 IHN Host Week  
 P.F. off  
 9:00am Weekly Prep  
 9:00am Banners

Saturday, Feb. 25  
 IHN Host Week  
 P.F. off  
**7:00am Men's Fellowship**

Sunday, Feb. 26  
 IHN Host Week Ends  
 8:00am Worship  
 9:15am Education hour  
     Pastor Fred meets with  
     S.S. parents.  
     Coffee Fellowship  
     Book Study  
 10:30am Worship  
 2:00pm Synod Event: Renew



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 God's work. Our hands.

## BIBLE READING

Matthew 15:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, <sup>2</sup>Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat. <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup>For God said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' <sup>5</sup>But you say that whoever tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God,' then that person need not honor the father. <sup>6</sup>So, for the sake of your tradition, you make void the word of God. <sup>7</sup>You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said: <sup>8</sup>'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>9</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'" <sup>10</sup>Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

8:00/10:30am Worship  
 Now the Feast and Celebration

Bulletin or PowerPoint

OPENING HYMN  
**"Gather Us In..."** ELW 532

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
 God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM  
**"Kanon"** Grace Bells

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PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS  
 Pastor Fred Rengstorf

SERMON SONG  
**"We Are Called"** ELW 720

DISTRIBUTION  
**"Light Dawn on..."** ELW 726  
**"The Trumpets Sound..."** ELW 531

CLOSING  
**"Go, Make Disciples"** ELW 540