



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.

OK Group (Older Kids)

Save the afternoon of March 16 for an event. More information to come.

Here's a hint....



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.

Thank You

THANK YOU to the OSLC Youth & Lay Ministry for the wonderful Valentine's day basket. I enjoyed it all. Marsha Dick

8:00am Anthem: Living Praise, directed by Alecia Melsine
 10:30am Anthem: Sr. Choir, directed by Ruth Benning
 Bev Gronvold, sax

8:00am Worship Assistants
 Acolyte: Breanna Train
 Greeters/Offering: Pam Shulze, Lois Wilkes
 Communion Assistants: Carol Houdek, Pam Shulze
 Usher/Offering: Dave & Nancy Wernecke
 Prayer Reader: Ray Lundquist
 Coffee Prep: Bev Gronvold
 Sound Board: Bob Westland

10:30am Worship Assistants
 Acolyte: Blake Hillman, Grant Rosin
 Greeters/Offering: Joanne Heathman
 Communion Assistants: Joanne Heathman,
 Communion Assistant: Sherry Rengstorf, Mary Ann Smith
 Usher/Offering: Tim & Mary Kunert
 Prayer Reader: Mary Ann Smith
 Sound Board: Maureen Lemens
 Coffee Clean up: Bill Nicklay
 Offering Counters: Bruce & Tammy Olson
 Altar Guild: Diana Schroeder, Tammy Olson
 Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,

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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 Renee Thoreson in **thankfulness to my "sister", Anne, for all your contributions to Our Savior's Lutheran and our community.** You teach us what it is to be a Child of God.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Marti Howe; 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

GREETINGS FROM NORTH DAKOTA! As of the beginning of February, I have completed 6 months of my 12-month internship. My internship is in a community of two small towns, Rutland and Havana, that are roughly an hour west of Wahpeton, each with their own church. My supervising pastor is currently serving as an interim pastor for a congregation 12 miles north of the congregations that I serve. This means that, at least functionally, I am serving as pastor to these congregations, not just as an intern. UFF DA!! It has been a wonderful experience being able to preach and lead two worship services each and every week (Special thanks to Ed Heckman for my preaching stool). I am also teaching confirmation to five 7th and 8th grade students, four of whom I will also get to confirm in May. I have been a part of community events such as Rib Fest/Junk Fest, Uff-Da Days, and the Anderson Pinochle Tournament. Christmas Eve was a **“sold out” combined service with an attendance of 160** (20 people had to sit in the basement and listen via speakers). In the middle of all of this, I have had the pleasure of observing and guiding these two congregations as they discern with another congregation the possibility of becoming a 3-point parish. What a learning experience! In the midst of everything else this year, Leslie and I bought a house in Wahpeton and have started the process of adoption through LSS in North Dakota (more on that later). I hope this letter finds you all well. My prayers are with you as we begin the season of Lent. I also want to thank you for all your support that you continue to give me throughout my seminary education.

Blessings, -Nicholas Rohde

MIDWEEK LENTEN & HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS are designated to the Seminary Scholarship Fund. This is a mission of OSLC to support future leaders of the church. Our present seminarian is Nicholas Rohde.

PLANNING AN EVENT AT OSLC????

1. Check the online calendar at 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

We continue to collect plastic grocery bags. 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. 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.

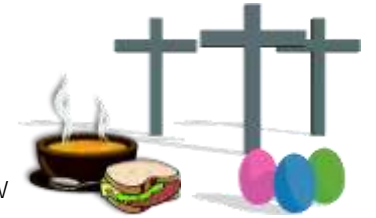
ALTAR FLOWERS IN MARCH

- March 5—Gladys Jensen
 Marcy 12—Mark & Genise Troutman
 Lois Johnson
 March 19—OPEN
 March 26—Tim & Mary Kunert



LENTEN SUPPERS

Come one, come all to the **“EGG-special” Lenten meals**. Our meals will have soup, sandwiches and dessert and we will have some new things added! YES-**“EGG” salad** is a part of this planning!! Meals are served from 5:30-6:30 PM starting March 8, 2017.



WANT TO HELP with the Dorothy Day House Supper on March 16? Sign up on the volunteer bulletin board. Meal Leader for March is Roy & Dorothy Satre.

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.



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) or come to our annual (and only) meeting on Thurs. March 2nd in the Trust Room at 7:00 PM to hear more about Altar Guild.

NAOMI CIRCLE
 Date: March 13, 9:00am
 Location: OSLC
 Hostess: Mary Ann Smith
 Bible Study: Shirley Harbeck

PRISCILLA CIRCLE
 Date: March 8, 9:00am
 Location: OSLC
 Hostess: Rita Balm
 Bible Study: Marti Howe

MARTHA CIRCLE
 Date: March 8, 9:30am
 Location/Hostess:
 Sandy Pederson
 3303 Darcy Dr. NE
 Bible Study: Lois Rink

SARAH CIRCLE
 Date: March 20
 Location: OSLC
 Hostess: Edie Jensen
 Bible Study: Group



BIBLE STUDY FOR MARCH


Do you look at the Gospel as God's gift and promise?

Have you considered the risks of relaying on the laws rather than the Gospel?

We were born into a family. We didn't choose our parents and siblings. What about the family of Christ? When we **are baptized we become God's children. We also become sisters** and brothers to each other.

What similarities do you see between Romans 8:14-17 and Galatians 4:4-7? Look carefully at specific words and general themes.

Dear Lord, You make us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Unite us in bonds of love, in Jesus name we pray amen.

 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. All women are invited to attend.

MARCH/APRIL CONGREGATIONAL PROJECT

FLEECE TIED BLANKETS & SOAP COORDINATED BY NAOMI CIRCLE
 FLEECE BLANKETS

Bright, colorful, sturdy and warm, Fleece Tied Blankets are a soft, cozy reminder that someone cares. In a hospital room or on the hard ground, these handmade blankets provide protection and a sense of comfort.

What to Include

Guidelines

- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or **your congregation's name.**

Materials

- Two pieces of fleece 58" - 59" wide x 80" long

SOAP

No one likes to look dirty. A brand new bar of soap lets someone present him- or herself with dignity, keep hands clean and stay healthy. Those simple things are some of the very building blocks to success.

Send us soap and we will see it gets to people in need. LWR accepts new bars of any brand, in its original wrapping. Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are highly preferred.

Items collected in the Narthex.

PEACE POLE EVENT HELD ON FEBRUARY 19



This Week at OSLC

<p>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</p> <p>Monday, Feb. 27 P.B off 3:00pm P.F @ Dunn Bros. N.</p> <p>Tuesday, Feb. 28 Joanne off 6:30pm Worship & Music Team</p> <p>Wednesday, Mar. 1 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12:00pm Weekly Deadline 12:00pm Worship 5:30pm Property Team 6:30pm Worship 7:20pm Sr. Choir</p>	<p>Thursday, Mar. 2 P.F. off 6:00pm Promise Keepers 8:30am Faithfully Fit 11:00am Book Study 6:30pm Altar Guild Meeting 6:30pm Grace Bells</p> <p>Friday, Mar. 3 P.F off Joanne off 9:00am Banner Team 9:00am Weekly Prep</p> <p>Saturday, Mar. 4 P.F. off</p> <p>Sunday, Mar. 5 8:00am Worship 9:15am Education Hour Coffee Fellowship Book Study 10:30am Worship</p>
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BIBLE READING

Matthew 16:13—17:9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.
¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. ²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." ²⁹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ³⁰And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³¹Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ³²Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ³³While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ³⁴When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ³⁵But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ³⁶And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ³⁷As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

8:00/10:30 am Worship
ELW Setting One

GATHERING SONG
"The Church's One..." ELW 654
 THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM pg. 97
 SONG OF PRAISE ELW pg. 101
"This is the Feast"
 PRAYER OF THE DAY pg. 5 of weekly
 ANTHEM
 8:00am *"Glory"* Living Praise
 10:30am *"High Upon a Mountain"*
 Sr. Choir, Bev Gronvold
 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 102
 BIBLE READING Matthew 16:13—17:9
 PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS
 Pastor Ben Loven
 HYMN OF THE DAY
"Rise Up O Saints..." ELW 669
 CREED ELW pg. 105
 GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW pg. 107
 WORDS OF INSTITUTION
LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg. 112
 DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
"Lamb of God" ELW pg. 112-113
"Beautiful Savior" ELW 838
"Love Divine,..." ELW 631
 SENDING SONG pg. 113
 CLOSING SONG
"Will You Come..." ELW 798



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