

OK Group (Older Kids)

On Thursday, March 16 at 1:00pm we have a special treat in store for us!



Dean & Julie Stenehjem will be sharing stories of their Tandem Bike Adventures. They started tandem biking 15 years ago, starting out with trips around the Midwest. They have since branched out recently biking on the Islands of Greece and Turkey. Their bike comes apart and flies with them. They will be bringing the bike with them along with slides of that rip.

We have a special connection with dean as he leads the Foundation and Development program at Samaritan Bethany. Please sign up. The sign up sheet **in next to Pastor Fred's office.**

Questions? Wanda Hagquist: 289-2961
Joan Rose: 289-2038

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.

OUR SAVIOR'S COMMUNITY

Thank you for the gift of goodies on Valentine's Day. Much appreciated for the caring of the congregation of **Our Savior's. God Bless All!** Ethel Peterson

Anthem: 8:00/10:30 Sr. Choir, directed by Ruth Benning
8:00am Worship Assistants
Acolyte: Breanna Train
Greeters/Offering: Mike & Kristi Blattner
Communion Assistants: Ed & Patty Heckman
Usher/Offering: Rich & Sandy Pederson
Prayer Reader: Ed Heckman
Coffee Prep: Brenda Galindez
Sound Board: Dean Frank

10:30am Worship Assistants
Acolyte: David Irons
Greeters/Offering: Mark & Linda Holm Family
Communion Assistants: Lorrie Swancutt, Chris Suby
Usher/Offering: Scott & Joyce Bagne
Prayer Reader: Renate Shriner
Sound Board: Maureen Lemens
Coffee Clean up: Bev Gronvold
Offering Counters: Scott & Joyce Bagne
Altar Guild: Ruby Florine, Mary Ann Smith
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht, Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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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 Gladys Jensen in **memory of Don's birthday.**

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Oliver Nimmo; Marti Howe; Maxine Thoreson; Melissa Harwick; Connie Delorme; 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

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We are in need of the college address' of our youth...no matter the year in school we want to send them a package. We will also be looking for donations for the packages. We plan on mailing them out in late March. Send addresses to :
Cassie Fohrman at cassiefohrman@hotmail.com



THE OSLC YOUTH WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A BRUNCH TO KICK-OFF HOLY WEEK AT OSLC.
Palm Sunday, April 9
Serving will begin at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

A free-will offering will be taken and all money raised will be used towards the OSLC youth activities.

Coffee & Rolls will still be offered after the Sunrise worship on Easter Morning.



The youth are selling lilies/plants to adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The proceeds after purchase cost will help to fund the youth's activities. The cost for each plant will be \$16.00. Please make checks to OSLC with Youth Flowers in the memo. Your plant will be available for you to take home after Easter. Plants not picked up by April 19 will be donated. Thank you to Scott Moon and Sargents for supplying and delivering the plants. Deadline is April 2.

Forms can be left in the offering plate or in the church office.

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
March 12—Mark & Genise Troutman
Lois Johnson
March 19—OPEN
March 26—Tim & Mary Kunert



LENTEN SUPPERS

Come one, come all to the first Lenten meal this Wednesday, March 8. Soup and sandwiches are **planned! And "EGG special" egg salad sandwiches** if you get there early! Soups will be Broccoli Cheese and Steak & Potato. Did you hear?? Dessert too, SO your vocal chords will be ready to SING!



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.

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

YOU'RE INVITED!

Thrivent Member Day Open House at Good Earth Village Thursday, March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shop at the General Store to support the Mission of Good Earth Village
Complimentary lunch and refreshments
Optional tours and activities onsite
Meet and visit with the GEV Staff
Invite other Thrivent Members!

RSVP Encouraged, but not required: 507.346.2494 or info@goodearthvillage.org
If you are unable to attend, but would like assistance, please contact Marlene Erickson, Thrivent CEL at 507.696.2683

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



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.

Youth & Family Ministry

NOTICING GOD Lent is an invitation to connect with God. How will you and your family notice God? Here are some ideas. I **know you'll come up with many more!**

- **Add OSLC's Wednesday night meal and interactive worship to your routine during Lent.**
- Make sure the children in your life know the story of Jesus and his journey to the cross.
- Find a way to serve, then notice God in the faces of those you meet.
- Turn off screens and spend time in face to face conversation one night each week.
- For more family friendly ideas for Lent go to: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0RweH-3Ry10ZXNFOE85TVFuN3c/view>

COMING UP...

Generations of Stories—March 26

Everyone is needed for our next intergenerational education hour! We will celebrate the many different generations of Our Saviors. Youngest and oldest will be recognized as we share stories about what Jesus means to us.

Youth News

MARCH 19!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ESCAPE ROOM!!!

We will go to the 3:30 time of Mission Four.

Location: 6301 Bandel Rd NW

Cost: \$20...this would include food after the escape.

Let me know ASAP that you can commit so I can get tickets.

Here is the website if you want to check it out.

www.theescapechallenge.com/mission-background.html

Cassie

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.

QUILTING IN MARCH

March 21 @ 9:00am, Fellowship Hall

Mark this date and time on your calendar and join us in tying quilting for Lutheran World Relief and for our community. No sewing skills are required.



This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Mar. 5

P.F off
8:00am Worship
9:15am Education Hour
Coffee Fellowship
Book Study
10:30am Worship

Monday, Mar. 6

P.B off
3:00pm P.F @ Dunn Bros. N.

Tuesday, Mar. 7

6:30pm Lay Ministry

Wednesday, Mar. 8

9:00am Priscilla Circle
9:30am Martha Circle
12:00pm Weekly deadline
5:30pm Lenten Meal
6:00pm MS Ministry
6:30pm Lenten worship
7:30pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, Mar. 9

6:00pm Promise Keepers
8:30am Faithfully Fit
11:00am Book Study
6:30pm Grace Bells
6:30pm Leadership

Friday, Mar. 10

P.F off
9:00am Banners
9:00am Weekly Prep

Saturday, Mar. 11

7:00am Men's Fellowship

Sunday, Mar. 12

8:00am Worship
9:15am Education Hour
Coffee Fellowship
Book Study
10:30am Worship

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show everlasting love to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BIBLE READING

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord. ¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

8:00am Worship, ELW Setting One
GATHERING SONG
"In the Cross of Christ..." ELW 324
CONFESSION/FORGIVENESS pg. 94
KYRIE pg. 98
PRAYER OF THE DAY Weekly pg. 5
ANTHEM Sr. Choir
"Well Done My Faithful Servant"
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 103
BIBLE READING Matthew 20:1-16
PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS
Pastor Ben Loven
HYMN OF THE DAY
"There's a Wideness..." ELW 588
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
"Alas! And Did My Savior..." ELW 337
"We Come to the Hungry..." ELW 479
SENDING SONG pg. 113
CLOSING SONG
"Lord of All Hopefulness" ELW 765

10:30am Worship
Body Broken PowerPoint/Bulletin



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