



**WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY**—May 14  
Coffee Fellowship will be hosted by the Fair Trade Team  
Fair Trade items will be for sale in the Narthex during the coffee hour or before worship. Join us for coffee and wonderful Fair Trade Food.

ALTAR FLOWERS IN MAY

May 7—Kevin & Cindy Norgard  
May 14—Al & Kim Pickett  
May 21—Tim & Mary Kunert  
May 28—Kevin & Cindy Weber



PRESCHOOL PLAY DAY AT GOOD EARTH VILLAGE

Preschool Play Day is the perfect time for little legs to run and jump and for big hearts to grow and share. Camp songs and games, a light lunch and a splash in the creek all come together for the perfect day for parent and child at camp.  
Saturday, June 17 or Saturday, July 15, 9AM-1PM,  
Ages 3-5 with adult. [goodearthvillage.org/preschool](http://goodearthvillage.org/preschool)

THANK YOU OSLC Friends for your thoughts, prayers, visits and gifts, plus Mary Ann & Connie for delivering Lenten meals to me. It makes me feel a part of your lives in our Christian journey together. You are appreciated. Sending blessing to you all, Ruth Suby

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

*Conversations on Dying & Death*  
May 18, 6:30—8:30pm  
Library Auditorium  
101 2nd St SE, Rochester, MN  
Planning well for the end can help living well now.

ANTHEM: 8am Sr. Choir, directed by Ruth Benning  
10:30am Living Praise Choir, directed by Alecia Meline  
8:00am Worship Assistants  
Acolyte: Rachel Gross  
Greeters/Offering: Dave & Nancy Wernecke  
Communion Assts: Joan Rose, Carol Houdek  
Communion Asst. Diana Schroeder  
Usher/Offering: Rich & Sandy Pederson  
Prayer Reader: Joan Rose  
Coffee Prep: Doreen Markus  
Sound Board: Dean Frank

10:30am Worship Assistants  
Acolyte: Grace Johnson, Nathan Eberhart  
Greeters/Offering: Todd & Andrew McCumber  
Communion Assistant: Tim & Megan Valen, Ruth Moran  
Usher/Offering: Scott & Joyce Bagne  
Prayer Reader: Tim Valen  
Sound Board: Maureen Lemens  
Coffee Clean up: Youth  
Offering Counters: Scott & Joyce Bagne  
Altar Guild: Pam Shulze, Jodie Westland  
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht, Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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**ECHOES Weekly-May 7**  
*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*  
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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 sigh, 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 Kevin & Cindy Norgard in honor of **Becky & Alex's wedding**

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: **Bryan Wattier ( Bruce Rohde's cousin)**; John Hayen (Dave & Julie Eberhart's brother-in-law); Oliver Nimmo; Connie Delorme; Dianne Claffy; Betty Andrist; Marsha Dick; Karen Pflibsen

Those Mourning: Family of Katie Zahasky upon the death of her mother, Mary Ann Zahasky

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 Partner:  
The Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania.  
Seminary: Nicholas Rohde



**I'VE BEN THINKING...**

About the two congregational information meetings we had over the past few weeks.

**First, I want to say, "Thank you!"**

Thank you for participating in this process. It takes courage and strength to acknowledge and address topics that cause anxiety; in these meetings we

discussed, perhaps, the two largest anxiety-producing topics in the church: worship and education.

Thank you for participating in a respectful manner. When talking about change there is the possibility that our emotions will get the best of us, causing us to react more harshly than we would otherwise. These two meetings have been wonderful examples of respectful dialog.

Thank you for your openness to trying this new model. For years, we have observed a slow decline in worship attendance and overall engagement with the church. There are a number of reasons for this, many of them directly tied to the current culture in our society. We cannot do anything about the culture in our society, but we can do something about the culture in our congregation. These changes are an attempt to live into our calling to share the good news of Christ in a new way.

**Second, I want to say, "Please help!"**

As we move in this new direction, we need the help of our whole congregation. We truly are sailing into the unknown; there is no chart for us to follow. We need everyone's help to observe what we are doing, to think through these new things we are trying, to come up with different ideas of what might work, and then to experiment with us. We are Growing In Faith Together. We need the participation and engagement of *all* of us!

**Finally, I want to say, "Thank you!"**

I know, I already said it, but you need to know how thankful I am to be called to be your pastor! At the end of August, I will have been with you for two years, and you continue to surprise and delight me with your passion for service, your faith experiences, and your willingness to take risks.

**So, from the bottom of my hear, "Thank you!"**

In Christ, Pastor Ben

CAN YOU HELP?

During the month of May, OSLC will be collecting and donating items to the *Gift of Life Transplant House* here in Rochester. Gift of Life Transplant House was founded in 1984 by kidney transplant patient Ed Pompeian. His vision and mission was to provide Mayo Clinic transplant patients with high quality affordable accommodations in a supportive home-like environment.



Gift of Life provides services for solid organ, bone marrow and stem cell transplant patients and their families. It is a place of compassion, healing and hope for patients of all ages from all over the world. In this supportive environment we help ease the impact of the complex medical, financial, emotional and spiritual burdens families are faced with day to day on their transplant journey.

Gift of Life Transplant House Needs

1. All paper products
2. Wrapped Chocolate Candy
3. Boxes of Various Cards
4. Stamps
5. Luxuries: DVD's, games, books, etc.
6. General Cleaning Products
7. Pop tabs

*Please place items in the marked basket in the narthex. Thank you.*

Answer: B (See Acts 17:22.)

AND THE PLANNING BEGINS!!

May 9th at 6:30pm marks the beginning of planning season for the next Fair Trade Market! Please meet at the church to discuss new vendors and adding Friday night hours to our event. Any and all who want to join us this year are welcome. We will bring ideas for new vendors/ continuation of the older ones. Hope to see you soon, Bill, Megan, & Cassy



DID YOU KNOW ...

If you are busy on Sunday, OSLC offers a casual Wednesday Worship each week at 6:30pm.

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.



ANY TIME is the perfect time to take advantage of walking in the church. 8 – figure 8 laps around equals one mile. If coming over lunch, please call first.

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.**

NAOMI CIRCLE  
Date: May 8, 9:00am  
Location: OSLC  
Hostess: Darlene Stadsvold  
Bible Study: Dorothy Satre

PRISCILLA CIRCLE  
Date: May 10, 9:00am  
Location: OSLC  
Hostess: Faye Waldo  
Bible Study: Diana Martens

MARTHA CIRCLE  
Date: May 10, 9:30am  
Location/Hostess:  
Arylisse MacGillivray  
3019 21st NE  
Bible Study: Brenda Harmon

SARAH CIRCLE  
Date: May 15, 1:00pm  
Location/Hostess: Pat Heath  
4071 Stone Point Dr. NE  
Co-hostess: Bonnie Storlie  
Bible Study: Group



#### MAY BIBLE STUDY

What does it mean to trust God completely, in our joys and our struggles?

Study the 10 reflections in the Gather magazine.

1. "When you are afraid."
2. "When you must say goodbye."
3. "When you don't want to be generous"
4. "When you are at a crossroads"
5. "When people around you are struggling"
6. "When life is going your way"
7. "When you need forgiveness"
8. "When you feel alone"
9. "When you're sure you are right"
10. "When I am feeling jealous"

Blessing to you as you journey through the reflections.



Ladies! If you are interested in going up to the TRIENNIAL CONVENTION but can only make a one day commitment, they are trying to get a single day bus up on Saturday, July 15th. This will leave in the morning and return after the concert that evening. The cost of this bus will be \$50. We will need a commitment by May 15th.

If we can't get transportation out of Rochester, but you're willing to drive to Target in Owatonna that bus still has room. We can even increase the size of the bus if need be. Even if they car pooled to Owatonna that would not be a bad drive and not into the city or have to worry about parking.

Please email me at [kflynmn@kmtel.com](mailto:kflynmn@kmtel.com) to let me know you want to go! Finally, don't forget to register for the convention! <http://www.welcatq.org/>



#### MARCH/APRIL CONGREGATIONAL PROJECT—BLANKET TYING

The Naomi Circle has scheduled Monday, May 8th at 11:00am to cut and tie fleece blankets for LWR at OSLC.



#### MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE ON SUNDAY, MAY 21 AT 9:15 AM!

We are excited to end the program year with all ages joining together in rhythm and praise to God. Destiny Boyum of Healing Rhythms will guide us in this engaging experience with drums and instruments. Meet in the fellowship hall ready to make a joyful noise.



The Sunday school students will lead some songs at the 10:30 am worship service and we will thank our teachers too.

#### YOUTH ANNUAL MAY MEAL—TODAY

*You are invited to sit back, relax and let the OSLC Youth make and serve you a picnic lunch.*

**You're Invited!** When: May 7, 11:30am  
Where: OSLC Fellowship Hall





# This Week at OSLC

Sunday, May 7  
SE MN Synod Assembly  
8:00am Worship  
9:15am Coffee Fellowship  
Education Hour  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am Youth Meal  
OBA: 4pm Benning Recital

Monday, May 8  
P.B off  
9:00am Naomi Circle  
11:00am Tie Fleece Blankets  
3:00pm P.F @ Dunn Bros. N.

Tuesday, May 9  
11:30am Staff Meeting  
6:00pm HS Ministry  
6:30pm Business/Finance  
6:30pm Fair Trade  
6:45pm Evangelism

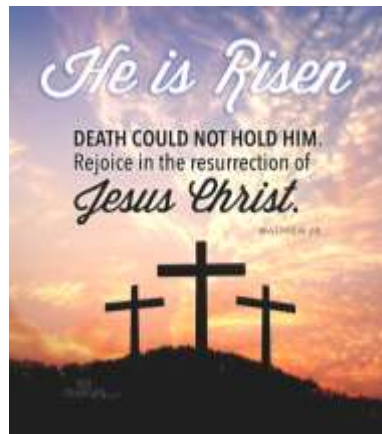
Wednesday, May 10  
P.F. off  
9:00am Priscilla Circle  
9:30am Martha Circle  
12:00pm Weekly Deadline  
5:00pm Confirmation  
5:00pm Living Praise  
5:45pm Meal  
6:00pm MS Ministry  
6:30pm Worship  
7:20pm Senior Choir

Thursday, May 11  
P.F off  
6:00pm Promise Keepers  
6:30pm Grace Bells  
6:30pm Leadership

Friday, May 12  
P.F off  
Joanne off  
9:00am Weekly Prep

Saturday, May 13  
P.F. off  
**7:00am Men's Fellowship**  
—last one till Fall

Sunday, May 14  
P.F off  
8:00am Worship  
9:15am Coffee Fellowship by  
Fair Trade Team  
Education Hour  
10:30am Worship



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*



## BIBLE QUIZ

Acts 17 describes Paul speaking about God to the people of Athens in front of — incredibly! — a site that still exists. What is that site?

- A. The Panathenaic Stadium
- B. The Areopagus
- C. The Acropolis and the Parthenon
- D. The Temple of Hephaestus

Answer on the bottom of page 7

## CHURCH BUILDING/OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

STARTING MAY 17—AUGUST

Church Building  
M, T, TH F: 7:30am—4:00pm  
W: 7:30am—11am, 1:30pm—4pm

Office Hours—Joanne has Wednesdays off, a Pastor is available  
M, T, TH F: 7:30am—4:00pm  
W: 1:30pm—4:00pm

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

GATHERING SONG  
*“Rise Up, O Saints of God”* ELW 669  
THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM pg. 97  
KYRIE 10:30 pg. 5 of Weekly  
SONG OF PRAISE ELW pg. 101  
*“This is the Feast”*  
PRAYER OF THE DAY pg. 5 of Weekly  
ANTHEM 8am Sr. Choir  
*“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”*  
ANTHEM 10:30 Living Praise Choir  
*“Power of the Lord”*  
*“Father in Heaven”*  
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 102  
BIBLE READING Acts 15  
PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS  
Bishop Delzer  
HYMN OF THE DAY  
*“Lord, You Give...”* ELW 579  
CREED ELW pg. 105  
GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW pg. 107  
WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
**LORD'S PRAYER 8am** ELW pg. 112  
**LORD'S PRAYER 10:30** Living Praise  
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS  
*“Lamb of God”* ELW pg. 112-113  
*“Children of the...”* ELW 781  
*“This Is My Father's...”* ELW 824  
SENDING SONG pg. 113  
CLOSING SONG  
*“I Love to Tell the...”* ELW 661