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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH *Our Savior Kids Day Care & Preschool*

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ELDERS REPORT

By David Grant

begins the most sacred portion of the Christian year. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent.

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Lord's resurrection. During this season we meditate on the great salvation that God offers to each and

resurrection.

What does the word Lent mean? It is derived from

lengthen. It also refers to the lengthening of daylight hours that occur in the northern hemisphere

is observed.

Some may ask why Lent last forty days. It was a

a forty day period of fasting. It was also meant to recall Christ's forty day ordeal in the wilderness

Satan's many temptations. Visit Matthew 4:1-11 for the full story.

Worship changes during Lent.. Worship is solemn,

flowers are removed from the Sanctuary during this time. Songs of praise such as the Gloria in Excelsis such as Alleluia are removed from liturgy until Easter. Lent is not about giving

Christ gave up to pay the penalty for our sins, the ultimate gift, His Life.

CHURCH GROWTH

By Cheryl Eastman

The Board of Church Growth had their first meeting

provided through the work of Cindy Halvorson as she leaves the board. The board welcomes Kathy -laws.

astman was elected Board Chair for 2004. Other members include Roberta Hotzel, Mary Ann

you have questions.

Our theme for 2004 is 'Tell the Good News About Jesus!' We want to get the whole congregation

right now is volunteering to be a greeter. Greeters are the first person visitors see. A friendly face

(bathroom) and providing a quick connection with an

reduce the apprehension of our visitors. These simple acts of kindness are what you would

Greeters are also the first people our own members see as we gather together as family to worship Him. Another way to be involved in telling the Good News is giving bread to visitors after church. Passing out bread is not intended to be the sole responsibility of Church Growth members. Anyone can do it. The bread is an icebreaker to get conversation started. Once you do it, you'll see how easy it is and how this simple gesture delights our guests.

The Board of Church Growth is busy developing other ways in which our congregation can share our faith with others. Stay tuned.

SONSHINE CIRCLE

The Sonshine Circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 9th at 7 p.m.** Any member of the congregation is welcome to attend.

LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild will have their monthly meeting on **March 4th at 8:30 a.m.** at the church. All ladies are welcome. We did not meet in February due to bad weather.

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LWML will meet on **Tuesday, March 2nd** at a new time, **6:30 p.m.** All ladies are welcome to join us for fellowship and fun.

MARCH MISSION PROJECT

We are asking members of the congregation to join us in A Mission Service Minute by visiting someone in the hospital or nursing home. Thank you for your participation.

OUTREACH MISSION TO THE BLIND

By Bert Schmiede

Once there was a beautiful small village numbering about 100 people. Every week the villagers would meet to discuss what they should do about the food shortage problem that plagued their area. They had the land and the knowledge, but could not agree on just one way to solve the problem. So they decided to hire a task master to decide for them.

The kindly task master told them that he had no magical cure for them and that all their ideas were good. "However," he said, "If you follow what God says to do about your particular problem, His promise of plenty would prevail."

Many of the villagers, not satisfied with this answer, grumbled among themselves and walked off.

The remaining villagers, though fewer in number, listened to the task master and began planting their crop. During the short growing season, the villagers worked hard together fertilizing, cultivating and nurturing the plants.

At the time of harvest, all who had participated were astonished. Not only did they produce enough to feed the entire village, but they had enough to feed many outside the community.

As they told the task master of their good fortune, he was greatly pleased. He then asked them, "Why are you so surprised? This was the promise of God!"

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, when teaching His disciples, used parables. A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. God's Word Doing God's Work. Amen.

CAN YOU HELP?

A letter to Our Savior Lutheran Church:

I am a representative of Reflections International Inc. and am searching for families willing to house German High School students for 5 to 10 months stays in Baraboo. Students will arrive in August this year. We need placement for girls and boys in this area.

Any responsible person or family can apply.

Call Gloria Miller at 1- 647 3688 or write for more information to 3 Center, WI 53589.

Gloria Miller

OUR SAVIOR CELEBRATES 30 YEARS!



In our ongoing celebration of 30 years at Our Savior Lutheran Church we hope you enjoyed the celebration of our pastors in February.

In March we will celebrate the fact that we chose **Our Savior Lutheran Church** as our official name. On March 3, 1974, the question “What’s In A Church Name?” was posed. It was clarified with the following:

- It should be more than an identification of a church location.
- It should convey a message – a confession of the fundamental faith of the members. Therefore, not vague or difficult.
- Objective is preferable to a subjective term.
- Not be a duplicate of others used in circuit or area.

It was a wonderful meeting where the process of choosing a name for our church was carefully explained to everyone present at the meeting. Names were then put on a green chalk board. A

discussion was held on each name that was offered for consideration. A vote was then taken to get the number of names reduced to just a few. A few of the favorites were Good Shepherd, and Peace. Many of the names eliminated were because there was already a church in town by that name, or there were several in the circuit by that name, and a few were eliminated just because they didn’t gather enough votes. When the name Our Savior was finally selected everyone was satisfied and happy with the choice. It just felt right to all of us.

On September 8, 1974, the congregation was formally organized and members signed the constitution making them voting members of **Our Savior Lutheran Church**.

When we built our new church building in 1976, Melody Carter asked her father, Kerry Wohlust, a commercial artist, if he would design a bulletin cover that fit our name. In no time at all he had designed the bulletin cover that we now use with Jesus, Our Savior, with His hands out-stretched over our building.

April- The first wedding was held.

May- The first child was baptized.

If you have pictures of your wedding or someone who was baptized at Our Savior, please bring them in to share with your fellow members.

THRIFT STORE UPDATE

The House of Thrift, a resale shop, is located at 474 N. Sherman Avenue in Madison. Our Savior is scheduled to work there the fourth Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds go to Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown. If you would be interested in helping on **Wednesday, March 24th**, please contact Mavis Ulrich at 355-0890.

ON MAIN STREET

Seen on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. on
WRPQ channel 43

Radio Broadcasts

The Lutheran Hour

WRPQ (Baraboo) 740AM Sunday 11:30 a.m.

WPDR (Portage) 1350AM Sunday 11 a.m.

WRDB (Reedsburg) 1400AM Sunday 7 a.m.

On Main Street

WRPQ (Baraboo) Channel 43 Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

3-Daniel Zins 15-Pamala Zins
7-Geroge Evett 17-Cinda Halvorson
8-Scott Eastman 18-Mavis Ulrich
9-John Anderson 20-Lauretta Hagen
11-Orville Eggert 24-Anna Zins
12-Robert Dunse 24-Karen Dvorak
15-Natalie Anderson 29-cora Podolak



ANNIVERSARIES:



3-9-63 Everett & Nancy Cassity

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy Dabel, Karen Dvorak, Scott Eastman,
Shawn Eastman, David Koeppe, John Kregenow,
Beth Kurszewski, Abbey Mc Cumber,
Codi Pretsch, Cara Randazzo, Nate Taylor,
Jayden Zimmerman, Jessica Zimmerman

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN MARCH

Elder: David Grant

Ushers: Wendy Grant, Pam Zins

Altar Care: Candy Kerstner, Kathy Dabel,
Kathy Gray



FROM THE HEART OF PASTOR ANDERSON

I had the privilege of meeting with many of those who are elected to serve as your leaders at our first council meeting together on February 9. Although we conducted some business as usual, the main focus of the meeting was to set goals for the year. The entire group picked some overall objectives for the congregation. Now each Board is going back and at their individual meetings will be setting specific goals based on their by-law guidelines. These will be brought back to the March council meeting. Ways to track progress against those goals will also be established.

So what's my point? What your leaders are doing is what happens when people are in God's Word in a significant way. As I write this I am concluding my chats with each of those elected leaders to ask them how I might support and encourage them as they set an example for you in 1) being in the Word daily and 2) (re)memorizing the Catechism.

On another subject, once again I encourage you to try fasting during Lent. The schedule I've suggested is this: make Tuesday noon your last meal until you break the fast Wednesday evening. Consider setting aside the money you would have spent on the meals you didn't eat for an organization like LCMS World Relief. This way, the spiritual discipline of fasting takes on a service role.

Average Weekly Attendance-

Through 6 weeks:

'02	'03	'04
70	78	63

CATECHISM MEMORY SCHEDULE

Week of Catechism Section

Mar 1 (Confession) "Which are these?"

Mar 8 "What is the Office of the Keys?"

Mar 15 "Where is this written?"

Mar 22 "What do you believe according to these words?"

Mar 29 What is the Sacrament of the Altar?"

ON THE LOCAL SCENE...

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- *Paul Halvorson, who is once again listed on the Dean's List at UW-Madison.
- *Christie Beck, Natalie Anderson and Leah Koepp who are on the High School Honor Roll.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- *Our home bound members
- *Our Outreach Mission to the Blind
- *Our Preschool and Day Care
- * Our students away at college.
- *Those on our Sunday prayer list.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Please contact Melody Carter with any special local news item. Thank you.

CAREER HYMNS

- DENTIST: Crown Him with Many Crowns
- CONTRACTOR The church's One Foundation
- OBSTETRICIAN: Come, Labor On
- GOLFER: There is a Green Hill Far Away
- POLITICIAN: Standing on the Promises
- DRY CLEANER: O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink
- CREDIT CARD HOLDER: A Charge to Keep I Have
- CHOIR DIRECTOR: Sing Them Over Again To Me
- TRAFFIC ENGINEER: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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