

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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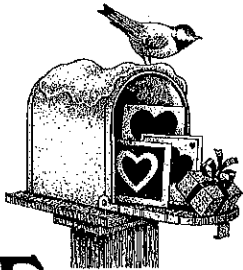
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## 2013 Lenten Series: Gather Us In

*Giver of every good and perfect gift,  
we praise you for your promise to heal.  
We thank you for receiving our prayers.  
We ask you to fill us with your Spirit  
that we might know your peace  
and share your love in this broken world,  
through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Until recently, "healing" would be the last word I'd use to describe Lent. I'd have told you that it is a time of contemplation, a time of focus, a time of prayer. A time to spend less and give more, an opportunity to reflect on our struggle with sin and take a bold and honest look at how it affects our relationship with God, others, and even ourselves. I'd definitely say that it is a time where we focus on the poor work more intentionally toward ministering to people in need – both locally and worldwide. And for some unfortunate souls – especially this year when Lent starts the day before Valentine's day – the time when one gives something up, like chocolate.

If you look at all the above descriptions, however, you'll notice that the end result of all the things listed above *is* healing according to scripture. This is true especially in the Gospel of Luke, referred to as "physician" by tradition. Luke's writing about Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins, for example, point to Jesus' ultimate purpose – human restoration. The point of each is to allow reconciliation for those who had been cast outside as unclean or unworthy due to sin or illness with their communities (both in society and in faith, often one and the same).

Luke pays special attention to how Jesus reveals *what* and *who* God's kingdom consists of. Luke's goal is to show how Jesus' ministry is specially focused on those considered outsiders to the Jewish community. After all, he is writing primarily to Gentiles – those considered *outsiders and unclean* by the majority of the Jewish community. Luke begins with the songs of Zachariah and Mary, recounting God's love and bias for the poor. For Luke, "poor" includes those who struggle financially, but it also refers to those who have been marginalized, outcast, or despised by the community as a whole. Luke shows Jesus as one who continually breaks the boundaries set up by religious leaders in order to show God's *intent* in giving us the law: that all people have loving, life-giving relationships with God (commandments 1-3) and one another (commandments 4-10). Jesus demonstrates repeatedly how the purpose of belief is to call *all people* to follow him in a life of faith.

This year, our Lenten focus will be on this focus of ministering to those who are often on the margins in our society and communities of faith. Each week will focus on a different ministry within our synod that seeks to bring people back into the center of our faith community. At the

end of worship – mainly because it is easier to hear – each guest will give a brief 10 to 15 minute overview of their ministry in the sanctuary. They will be available for further conversation during coffee hour at a table designated for that purpose in the fellowship hall.

Here is a schedule of who is coming and when:

- On Feb. 17, Pastor Amy Odgren, one of the assistants to the Bishop, will preach and speak to us about what the meaning of mission is.
- On Feb. 24, Barbara Solsaa will preach and speak about the ministry of Lutheran Social Services.
- On March 3, Pr. Angela Fairbanks will preach and speak about the newest ministry in our synod, "Off the Grid". Based in Ashland and Washburn, "Off the Grid" seeks to be a ministry of openness for those who desire faith but aren't comfortable with the regular church setting.
- On March 10, Pr. Tom Anderson from the Seafarers center will be here. The Seafarers ministry, based out of Superior and Duluth, offers a ministry of hospitality to those persons who work and visit our ports in Duluth and Superior. The goal of the center is to great, with Christian hospitality, the crews of ocean-going and freshwater ships when they come to the port.
- Our last preacher/speaker will be on March 17. Pr. Raime Bakken, our companion synod coordinator, will preach and speak to us about the sister congregation program between our synod and our companion synod in Malawi. She will share the stories of how this program has enriched the lives of congregations in our area and in Malawi, talk about the possibilities it offers, the life of faith among those in Malawi, and how we can be involved.

All of these ministries are ones *you* can be directly involved in. It is a healing – and a humbling experience – to hear how far-reaching the love of God is. Only Christ, who poured his own life out for all the sinners in the world – can have such an effect on such a range of people. Seeing the depth and breadth of God's love for the world, reflected through our hands and feet in this small area that makes up our synod, will allow us to experience the Jesus that Luke saw: one who never tires of searching for the lost and the hurting among us.

May you experience Christ's healing and peace this Lent and Easter,

*Pastor Kristina*

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## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2013

Present: Doug Thyberg, Sandy Rau, Rozie Maki, Cindy Knapp, Peg Hipsher, Howard Lehman, Pastor Kristina Jensen.  
Excused: John Joseph, Ken Tanula, Robert Ruef

Devotions from Ephesians 5 were led by Cindy.

Secretaries Report: Motion to approve by Doug, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy, Motion carried.

Finance Report: Motion to approve subject to audit by Rozie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Motion carried.

President's Report: Sandy noted that we need a sign-up sheet for snow shoveling. Also, NOTE: Do not use the Kirby vacuum on the entrance rugs in the winter time. Any salt that the vacuum picks up will rust a bearing in the vacuum.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reviewed information regarding her maternity leave and procedure to follow. Linda Hultman and Lynette Kessler will coordinate with those visitors who will be preaching. We will be getting a schedule of covering pastors after she meets with them on Thursday. She will coordinate congregational Eucharistic ministers for home visits. More information will be available on the web site, the newsletter, the answering machine and to the council by email regarding coverage of pastoral duties during maternity leave.

Finance Committee: Giving envelopes should be here by Sunday.

Evangelism: During the last meeting they generated ideas for future events.

Vibrant Faith: Nancy Thyberg, will be facilitating this committee and plans to meet quarterly. The goal of the committee will be to facilitate planning and visioning in the areas where ministry overlaps and improve communication. The committee will be comprised of a member from worship, education, Evangelism and at least two more congregational members at large.

Education Committee: The VBS request for next summer has been sent in. We requested the last week of July. Confirmation is planned through Easter. We have no 1<sup>st</sup> communion students this year. Wednesday bible school continues. Kathy plans to have the children sing for Transfiguration Sunday, Palm Sunday and Mother's day.

Mutual Ministry: The committee members that have agreed to this committee are Howard Lehman, Rozie Maki, Cindy Knapp, Jim Rau, Dick Rewalt and Karen Wicklund. A meeting will be scheduled in the future. Motion to approve the members of the Mutual Ministry Committee by Dough, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peg, motion carried.

Property Committee: Fred Baue has resigned as chairperson of this committee. The council would like to thank Fred for his commitment and hard work on this committee. Jim Rau has agreed to become chairperson. Attic cleaning scheduled for Saturday, January 19 will be cancelled due to Food Shelf Distribution that day.

Worship: Discussed maternity leave schedule, chose hymns, planned Palm Sunday and decided to use setting 10 for Lent and Setting 6 for Easter.

Food Shelf: This is our month. We have people signed up for breakfast. I don't know who is signed up to work food shelf from our congregation yet. We will check with Linda Hultman.

Landscaping: Bird baths will be coming for summer

Motion to approve reports by Cindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug, motion carried.

Old Business: Building Use Fee tabled. The church door in the front was found open earlier this week. We must be more vigilant in checking to see the doors are locked.

New Business: Pastor passed out information on finding a match for a sister congregation in Malawi.

Motion adjourned 8:10 pm followed by the Lord's prayer. Next meeting will be February 12 at 6:30 pm.

WELCA Meeting  
January 17, 2013

The January meeting of WELCA was again held at Debbie Landgreen's home which, as usual, was decorated for Christmas. 12 ladies had the pleasure to enjoy all the beautiful decorations-Thank you Debbie. We also enjoyed a potluck supper with chocolate cakes and candy for dessert.

Then down to business- treasure's report shows the checkbook balance as of January 17<sup>th</sup> at \$4,033.58. Credit of \$335.43, debits of \$275.75, fund balances \$1,075.74, balance on hand \$2,957.84. Report will be on file for audit.

Linda Watters read thank you letters and cards from: Jack & Nancy Homan, Margie Johnson, Second Harvest Food Bank and New Day Shelter.

Items brought up and voted or discussed: 1) Thank Offering collected so far is \$220.37, half will go the KIND (Kids In Need of Duds) program. So far this will be \$114.70. 2) Thrivent's monthly meeting will be at Our Savior's in February. The Sunday school will provide and serve a light meal for this meeting and receive a donation for the Sunday school. 3) Voted to donate \$100.00 to Lutheran Social Services (Mission of the month) 4) Voted to purchase a new office chair for the church office, up to \$150.00 value. We would like Evelyn to pick out the chair. Also WELCA will purchase two containers to keep the coffee in the kitchen in. 5) Researching more information on becoming a sister congregation to a church in Malawi. Pastor Kristina explained the program and we are interested.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next Meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 at the church.

p.s. We need people to volunteer to bring supper!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Watters, Secretary, Pro. Tem.

OSL Education Committee Meeting January 7, 2012 @ Pizza Parlor

Present: Cindy Knapp, Nancy Thyberg, Kathy Rewalt, Linda Hultman, Peg Hipsher, Pastor Kristina Jensen.

Nancy shared the schedule for the rest of the year for Wednesday Bible School. She will check with Donna Kramolis and Julia and Rita about helping. The children's choir will be singing Palm Sunday and February 10<sup>th</sup> and Mother's day.

We would like to thank Jane Jensen for the generous VBS donation. Registration has been sent in and a request for the last week of July been sent. Cindy Knapp has agreed to be the superintendent for the week. We will be in need of housing for the counselors for the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no retreat for confirmation this spring. The last day of class instruction will be February 6<sup>th</sup>. They are required to attend Ash Wednesday service on February 13. They are also asked to attend Lenten service during the week Our Savior's will be serving soup and bread. Pastor will be looking into camp week for the confirmation students and have that in prior to summer vacation.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm.

## Mutual Ministry Committee Re-established

A new Mutual Ministry committee was approved by the Congregational Council at their last meeting. Named to this new committee are Pastor Kristina, Howard Lehman, Cindy Knapp (council representative), Rosie Maki, Jim Rau, Dick Rewalt, and Karen Wicklund. Mutual Ministry is one of five committees specified in our constitution. Members are named jointly by the pastor and council president, and approved by the council.

Currently being used as a guide in initial discussions by the committee is a book entitled "Pastor and People, Making Mutual Ministry Work", of the Congregational Leader Series, published by Augsburg Fortress. Here is an excerpt from that book:

### What's the use of having a mutual ministry committee?

*While a broad vision of ministry and a healthy practice of mutuality sometimes exist informally within congregations, the congregation and its mission will also benefit from a small group of people who work intentionally and intensively in ways the congregation as a whole cannot. The mutual ministry committee can concentrate on holding mutuality and ministry in creative communication, a kind of constant interplay, so that each is always seeking the other's presence.*

*Healthy mutuality comes through a small-group approach that takes time to nurture and strengthen relationships within the group. Such solid relationships are necessary for the sake of the ministry that the committee will do together. Healthy mutuality is not for the sake of the members themselves, though they will also benefit from it, but primarily for the sake of the ministry and mission of the congregation.*

*Truly mutual ministry will be renewing for the whole congregation, including the pastor, and will be encouraging for everyone's ministry. Truly mutual ministry will not serve either the pastor or the congregation, per se, but will always focus on the mission of the congregation.*

Please note: The book uses the term "Mutuality" which the author uses to reference a consistent and mutually supportive ministry by all congregational members as a ministering Christian community. Everyone is a minister in this terminology.

We look forward to the Spirit's guidance and the insights toward ministry that evolve as we meet. We also look forward to sharing those insights with the council and the congregation as a whole.

Your fellow servants in Christ,  
The Mutual Ministry Committee



# Volunteer Schedule February 2013

## Prayer for Families

We will continue this year to include three families or individuals in our Sunday morning prayers. I know there are many of you that pray for individuals and the needs that we know of, but there are many times we don't know when someone is in need of a prayer. This is one more way for us to care for each other placing them in God's hands.

### February 3

Sharon Trianoski  
Tom & Donna Trautt  
Dennis & Jeanette Vetter

### February 10

Ken & Linda Watters  
Brittni Walsh  
Tom & Diane Walsh

### February 17

Terry & Shirley Welty  
Karen Wicklund  
Kari Williams

### February 24

Jim & Julie Anderson  
Nancy Anderson  
Janelle Armbruster

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
February 3	Ken & Linda Watters	Ginny Pedersen	Volunteer Needed
February 10	Dick & Kathy Rewalt	John Schrock	Nancy Thyberg
February 17	Rita Collins & Nan Olson	Donna Trautt	Julia Collins
February 24	Mark & Melinda Santikko	Linda Pepping	Kari Williams

## Monthly

**Ushers:** Tim & Debbie Landgreen

**Greeters:** Feb 3-10: Merv & Rozie Maki

Feb 17-24: Ken & Linda Watters

**Altar Guild:** Laurel LaBelle & Shirley Saker

**Acolytes:** Feb 3—Shane Sipsas

Feb 10—Luke Drougas

Feb 17—Chloe Sipsas

Feb 24—Andrew Hanson



## BIRTHDAYS this month

Bob Kinblom 1<sup>st</sup>  
Melissa Landgreen 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Cindy Knapp 4<sup>th</sup>  
James Anderson 12<sup>th</sup>  
Archie Lahti 21<sup>st</sup>  
Austin Eisenhower 21<sup>st</sup>  
Ken Tanula 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Jane Bragiel 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Kayla Brannan 25<sup>th</sup>  
John Schrock 26<sup>th</sup>  
Howard Fuhrmann 26<sup>th</sup>  
Shane Sipsas 27<sup>th</sup>



Archie and Kathy Lahti 14<sup>th</sup>  
Terry and Shirley Welty 24<sup>th</sup>  
Terry & Maureen Johnson 26<sup>th</sup>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Pastor's Hours of Availability:</b> Pr. Kristina is on leave through April 13, 2013. On-Call pastor Feb 9-28 Pr. Darrel Kyle: 715-374-2812 (Trinity Lutheran)</p>	<p><b>Secretary's Hours</b> Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30</p>				1 Pastor's Day Off	2
<p><b>3</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  Food Shelf Item — Can of Fruit</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00-3:00 Quilting  6:30 Education meeting @ Pizza Parlor  7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>5</b> Office Closed  9:00 TOPS  5:30 Yoga</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:30 Bible Study  3:45 Wed. Bible School  5:15 Confirmation.</p>	<p><b>7</b>  5:30 Thrivent Meeting  6:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>  Pastor on maternity leave through April 13<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>10</b> <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> Pr. Kent Seldal preaching  Food Shelf Item — Cereal</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:00-3:00 Quilting  7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>12</b> Office Closed  9:00 TOPS  5:30 Yoga  6:30 Council</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School  <b>7:00 Ash Wednesday Service, OSLC</b> Pr. Kent Seldal preaching</p>	<p><b>14</b>  5:00 WELCA  7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>Food Shelf 9:00-11:00</b></p>
<p><b>17</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> Pr. Amy Odgren preaching  Food Shelf Item — Paper Towels</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00-3:00 Quilting  7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>19</b> Office Closed  9:00 TOPS  5:30 Yoga  6:30 Evangelism</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School  <b>6:15 Soup Supper, 7:00 Lenten Service OSLC</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  5:00 Mutual Ministry  6:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>Food Share</b></p>
<p><b>24</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> Barbara Solsaa, LSS preaching  Food Shelf Item — Soup</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:00-3:00 Quilting  7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p><b>26</b> Office Closed  9:00 TOPS  5:30 Yoga</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School  <b>6:15 Soup Supper, 7:00 Lenten Service Trinity Lutheran, L Neb.</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  6:30 Choir</p>		

Rejoice in the LORD always! Again, I say rejoice! (Phil. 4.4)



**Spaghetti Dinner & Woodcraft Raffle-** Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00 at Hope Lutheran Church. \$6.00/person, 2/\$10, 5 yrs & under-Free. Top prize is a heirloom-quality cedar hope chest. All prizes are handmade, locally. Raffle held at Noon. See poster for more details

**Opportunity to Serve...Pancakes-**It takes about 3 or 4 people to fry up and serve pancakes at the food shelf distribution each month. The Food Shelf is at our church the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9-11am. We start serving pancakes to 20-30 people at 8:30. There is a sign-up sheet for the next 3 months so others in the congregation can have the opportunity to serve....pancakes. The Evangelism Committee

**Youth Group-** After returning from our awesome trip to New Orleans for the 2012 Youth Gathering we presented our memories to our congregation on August 19, 2012. It is with heartfelt gratitude we thank our congregation and community for the prayers, hugs, support of our many fundraiser's and monetary gifts.

On December 18, 2012 we got together for our Christmas celebration with laughter, pray and just catching up with our lives. We talked about the people we met in New Orleans, the work we did together and all the wonderful music. Also, looking forward, we talked briefly about the next youth gathering in Detroit.

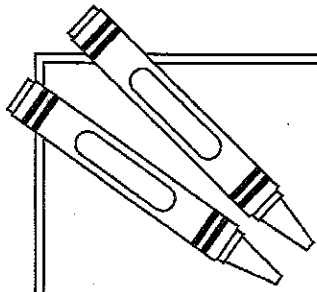
We are planning on going to the Planetarium on February 16, 2013 at UMD to see another part of God's Universe.

Happy New Year and God's Peace

Shirley and Reenie

### 2013 Lenten Schedule

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| <b>Wed. Feb. 13</b>                   | <b>7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service, OSLC</b>   |
| <b>Wed. Feb. 20</b>                   | <b>6:15 pm soup supper, 7:00 pm midweek Lenten service<br/>Our Savior's Lutheran, Iron River</b>   |
| <b>Wed. Feb.27</b>                    | <b>6:15 pm soup supper, 7:00 pm service<br/>Trinity Lutheran, Lake Nebagamon</b>   |
| <b>Wed. March 6</b>                   | <b>6:15 pm soup supper, 7:00 pm service<br/>Hope Lutheran, Oulu</b>  |
| <b>Wed. March 13</b>                  | <b>6:15 pm soup supper, 7:00 pm service<br/>Peace Lutheran, Poplar</b>   |
| <b>Wed. March 20</b>                  | <b>6:15 pm soup supper, 7:00 pm service<br/>First Lutheran, Port Wing</b>  |
| <b>Sun. March 24 HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b> | <b>9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Service – OSLC</b>  |
| <b>Thurs. March 28</b>                | <b>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship – OSLC</b>  |
| <b>Fri. March 29</b>                  | <b>12:00 pm Good Friday Service – OSLC<br/>7:00 pm Good Friday Service – Hope Luth., Oulu<br/>Prayer vigil 7:00 pm Friday – 12:00 pm Saturday @ OSLC</b> |
| <b>Sun. March 31 EASTER MORNING</b>   | <b>7:30 am Easter Sunrise Service, <u>City Cemetery</u><br/>8:00 am Easter Breakfast, OSLC<br/>9:00 am Sunday Worship, OSLC</b>                          |



# Just for **KIDS**

## A Special Message

During the month of February we focus on special feelings and people. We see hearts everywhere and send cards and greetings to friends and family. We need to do this every month!



Use the code to find a special message from God. It's good for any day — any month!



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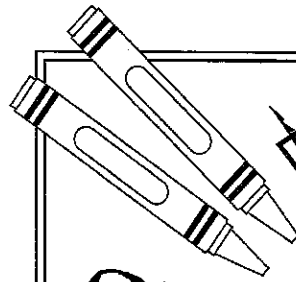
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“I have loved you with an everlasting love.”



# PUZZLE

## ON THEIR HEARTS

God made a special promise about a relationship he wants to have with people who love him.

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete the crossword, using the word bank below. Then use the numbers to write the words in the heart, completing God's promise.

**WORD BANK:**

covenant God hearts laws  
minds people their them will write

“This is the 1) \_\_\_\_\_ | 2) \_\_\_\_\_

put my 3) \_\_\_\_\_ in 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_ and

6) \_\_\_\_\_ 7) \_\_\_\_\_ on 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 8) \_\_\_\_\_

| 2) \_\_\_\_\_ be 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 9) \_\_\_\_\_,

and they 2) \_\_\_\_\_ be my

10) \_\_\_\_\_.”

HEBREWS 8:10, NIV

Answer: “This is the covenant ... I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.” Hebrews 8:10, NIV