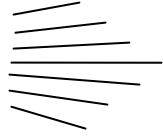




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# VOICE



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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church  
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***Vacation Bible School  
is here!***

**Neighborhood Carnival:  
*Sunday, July 31 – Noon to 2:00***

**VBS:  
*August 1-4 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.***

**Join us! Bring a friend!**

God's ways are certainly mysterious to us. God became man who died and rose again? Water with the Word of God saves us? Christ gives us His body and blood to eat and drink? Who would have thought of these things? Who can believe them?

The ways of the world make much more sense. But God is not bound to do things the world's way. And if He did, no one could be saved. In this world we are born, we live for a while, we die. But in God's way, we are born *twice*: once into this world and once into His eternal world. This life we will lose, but that second life is ours forever. It's a mystery, to be sure.

We would have never known these things unless God had told us about them. But this also is a mystery! The Bible makes no sense until a person believes that God does *want* to reveal Himself and His ways to us and that He *wants* us to be saved from death and eternal loss. A God who truly knows us and loves us not only *could* but He *would* tell us about Himself, this world He has given us, and His plans to save us. He *could* and He *would* speak to each generation in ways that we could understand and remember and pass on to the generations to come.

We believe that God *has* revealed Himself to us through the preaching and teaching and writing of the prophets and the apostles in the 66 books recognized by all believers over three thousand years (that's 3/4 of all written human history) to be from God. *All* of God's *written* revelation of Himself and His message to us points to an *even greater* self-revelation of God in the person of Jesus Christ Who is God-Made-Man. Those who have seen and heard Jesus (His name means Savior) have seen and heard God.

But you can't prove this to someone who does not already believe that God is gracious and loving and involved in the world. Without that belief, the Bible is nothing more than just a bunch of opinions and stories.

But for those who *are* being saved – that is, learning about and relying on this loving, gracious, saving God – for them the Bible is the living Word of the Living God through which we come to know the salvation He has already given and to hope in the salvation which is still to come.

When talking about the Bible, these are the only two views that people can take: it is either of little value and nothing is lost by ignoring it, or it is of the highest value and those who ignore it miss out on meeting God now or ever. Yes, I know, this too is a mystery. But in which group are you? Do you hunger to know God? If so, then feast on all that God has already revealed of Himself to us – especially on the knowledge of Jesus, His Son. In Him, the mysteries of God are revealed.

## **Sabbatical Report**

Please accept my sincere and heart-felt thanks to the congregation through the Board of Elders for the opportunity to review, renew, and re-energize during the five weeks of sabbatical allowed to me this summer! In July I completed 20 years since ordination and so I was able to use this time to look back, to study again, and to look ahead in preparation.

My, how our world and our congregations have changed in the past 40 years since I was a first grader in a pastor's house, in the 20 years since I started Ministry, and even in the nearly six years I have been with you in Mankato! The Word of God has stayed the same – He is unchanging – but our situations and questions can be so very different. This time has allowed me to 'catch up' a bit with the theology that's been going on since my seminary days. I enjoyed (only a pastor could!) 42 hours of lectures from seminary professors, nearly a thousand pages of reading, correspondence with professors, worship and sermons in other congregations, and time to re-evaluate my priorities and approaches to Ministry.

During this time I also worked on several projects for our congregation: 1) updating our curriculum for Confirmation students, 2) writing materials to help members find ways to get involved, and 3) preparing projects for the Elders. Meanwhile, Pastor Mahlum was a true gift to make all of this possible by handing weekly worship, sermons, calls, and counseling.

But now I'm really ready to get back into the pastor's regular routine. There's lots to do, and I'm ready to do it!

**Confirmation Classes for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders** will begin on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades (and 9<sup>th</sup> graders who may still need instruction). A meeting for parents and students with Pastor Lauer will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 (following the second Sunday morning service) in the fellowship hall. Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade members will be contacted by mail this month. Non-member students who wish to participate should contact Pastor Lauer at 385-2184 to ensure enough materials are available.

**Adult Confirmation Classes** will be offered again beginning Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the church fireplace room. This class covers the basics of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective and may lead to membership for non-Lutherans who wish to become members. Everyone is invited to attend this six week, 12 hour course. Make-up videos are available for those who must miss a session or two. No registration required. The more the merrier!

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## **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

### **Accessions:** July 2011

Denise, Brianna & Nathaniel Trueblood, St. John Lutheran Church, Marengo, Iowa, LCMS; July 20, 2011  
Mark Milow, Madison [age 3]; St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fairmont, MN; LCMS; July 25, 2011

### **Losses:** July 2011

Ladonna Barr, St. John's Lutheran Church, Mapleton; ELCA; July 14, 2011  
Kevin & Teresa Neubert, Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato; LCMS; July 25, 2011

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# **Planning Council Meeting Minutes**

## **July 12, 2011**

**Attendees:** Gene Mensing, Matt Brand, Kathy Whitehead, Garry Streich, Gregg Marg, Ken Polzin, Denise Painter, Ruth Mackie, Michelle Rottermond, Larry Hansen, Jan Taplin.

### ***Call to Order:***

The regular meeting of the planning council was called to order at 7:05 pm at Our Saviors Lutheran Church by Gene Mensing.

### ***Opening Prayer:***

Ruth opened with prayer.

***Congregation/ Public Presentations:*** None

### ***Additions/ Approval of Agenda***

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### ***Approval of Previous Council Minutes***

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

### ***Treasurer's Report:***

For June, receipts were around \$34,000.00 and expenses were about \$36,000.00. June and July are historically the lowest income months. However, this June was better than the previous years. The expenses from having pastor Mahlum are about even to what we would have been paying Andy, so that has not added any extra expense. The expenses to date are \$239,000.00 which is 41% of the budget. Receipts are about 45% of the budget. Clarification of the Taxi fund; \$800.00 is the year to date amount; therefore, it averages about \$120.00 per month.

***Pastor's Report:*** None, pastor is on sabbatical.

### ***Old Business:***

- A. Financial Review. Not much has been done yet. The synod three page report was used last year. They may use a different method this year. One thing that is being looked at is the approval process of how bills are paid. A November deadline was set to have this review completed.
- B. Church Directory. One person left a message for Gene that she is interested in helping organize. The plan is to have photos

taken between first and second service, as well as after second service. It will be a first come, first served situation. It was suggested to have at least three people taking photos. The goal is to start this project in September. People also have the option to submit their own photo either electronically, or to bring in a hard copy to have it scanned.

- C. Board of Trustees chairperson replacement: No-one has been found yet. Matt Williams declined. Gene asked for suggestions. Chad Mead was suggested, so Gene will contact him.

***New Business:***

- A. Michelle was wondering about reserving a couple of pews in the back for ushers and persons who come late. She was informed that the reserved signs are in a drawer to the left of the sanctuary.

***Board Sharing:***

Children's Ministries: VBS should come out in the black. There was a great response to the request in the bulletin. Carnival Plans were passed around. Helpers need to get a sticker identifying them as a worker. Kids also need to register. They are still in need of elementary games person and storytellers. Jan will help with Storytelling and Michelle will help with games.

**Other:** There is no update on the Schultz house. Budgets from the Boards need to be done by the October Planning Council Meeting. Matt will print out worksheets.

***Closing Prayer:***

Closed with the Lords' Prayer

***Adjournment:***

Meeting was adjourned by Gene Mensing at 7:25 pm. The next council meeting will be at 7pm on August 16th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

At the end of the meeting, a typing error was noted under Board sharing/ Trustees. Should read "Lee Woelmer".

***Minutes submitted by: Jan Taplin***



**Articles for the September VOICE are due  
by Friday, August 26, at 4 p.m.**

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## OSLC Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending June 30, 2011

This report is Year-to-Date as of June 30, 2011. It includes the following documents: Income & Expense Report by Account, Balance Sheet by Account, and Bank Account Balances Less Dedicated reports. The May 2011 bank statement was reconciled on July 4, 2011 and the month was closed on July 4, 2011. An Accounts Balance Trend graph is attached.

### Income & Expense Report by Account:

Total receipts for the month were \$33,959.74; this includes \$2,403.00 from Joyful Response and \$3,000 from the Endowment Fund Interest. Expenses for the month totaled \$37,644.47, resulting in a positive cash flow of \$3,684.73.

General Fund performance is presented in the following table. The difference between the disbursements and the expenses presented in the Income & Expense Report by Account is the LCEF loan principle reduction which is reflected in the Balance Sheet.

### 2011 Ahead/(Behind) Calculation

	Current Month		Y-T-D		L-T-D
Beginning Balance from 12/31/10					-73,964.51
Income-from Income & Exp. Report		\$33,959.74		\$256,117.09	
Expenses-from Inc. & Exp. Report	\$36,907.29		\$234,785.09		
Plus: LCEF Principal Reduction	\$737.18		\$4,375.21		
Total Expenses	\$37,644.47	-\$37,644.47	\$239,160.30	-\$239,160.30	
Ahead/(Behind) for cur month & Y-T-D		-\$3,684.73		\$16,956.79	\$16,956.79
Ahead/(Behind) Life-To-Date					-\$57,007.72

### Balance Sheet:

Assets		Current Value	Liabilities		Remaining Principal
Checking Account		\$42,017.23	Mortgage		\$192,756.65
Joyful Response		\$13,376.30	Dedicated Funds Payable		\$126,632.41
Music Fund		\$1,067.62	Current Liabilities		\$6,941.57
Library Fund		\$20,116.99	Wells Fargo Business Line		\$0.00
Dedicated Funds Receivable		\$0.00			
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$76,578.14</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$319,389.06</b>

### Bank Account Balances Less Dedicated:

All Dedicated Funds other than the LCEF accounts are included in the checking account and are used for cash flowing. Currently \$62,514.38 is owed to Dedicated Funds.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt Brand



Elena Rose Schroeder  
Born: October 29, 2010  
Baptized: July 10, 2011

Marilyn Elizabeth & Olivia Rose Schletz  
Born: July 16, 2011  
Baptized: July 24, 2011

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### ***Recommend reading and resources in our church library***

***Pastor Lauer's pick for August:*** "Lutheran Cyclopedia" CPH pub., Lueker, Erwin, ed.

A cyclopedia is typically a one-volume work which provides comprehensive introductory information about a particular branch of knowledge. In this case, it provides *more than you would ever want to know* about just about everything Lutheran. Of course, everything Lutheran also means Christian and biblical. Entries range from simple definitions of church terms to treatments of various doctrines, events in biblical and church history, church life, worship, and all those people in the bible and church history.

What does "absolution" mean? We receive it from God every Sunday, after all. What is a bishop or a deaconess; a narthex or vestibule? Ever heard of the organization called "Eastern Star?" What do *they* believe? Can you explain original sin? Do Lutherans celebrate the Mass? Whatever happened to the Iowa Synod? Oh, and you can also find the whole thing online at [cyclopedia.lcms.org](http://cyclopedia.lcms.org).



**Birthday Bags for ECHO  
VBS Ingathering  
2011**

**You're invited** ... to help the students of our Vacation Bible School prepare "birthday bags" for the ECHO Food Shelf! Birthday bags are a frequently-requested item at ECHO. They contain all the essentials for making and serving a birthday cake, with perhaps some special extras for a party.

If you would like to donate some items for our birthday bags, please check the appropriate item(s) and tell us how many you'll be bringing in. All items are needed by Tuesday, August 2. Thank you for your generosity!

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**Yes!** We will bring in the following items for the ECHO birthday bags!

- \_\_\_ Cake mix (Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ boxes)
- \_\_\_ Canned frosting (Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ cans)
- \_\_\_ Birthday candles (Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ packages)
- \_\_\_ Party plates (theme of your choice)  
(Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ packages)
- \_\_\_ Plastic forks (Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ packages of 12;  
may be packaged at home in Ziploc bags)
- \_\_\_ Party "blowouts" (Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ packages)
- \_\_\_ "Fun size" candy (Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ 12-oz. bags)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Notes from the Sunday School



**On the downside of summer?** For many families, August is the time to begin shifting gears again toward fall and the start of a new school year. But we still have summery things to do in Sunday School!

**The summer term of Sunday School** is winding down, but we have had a fun summer journeying "Into the Promised Land." Haven't been here yet? We would still love to have you - and we still have a family journal for you!

## **Sunday School Lessons for August:**

August 7:	Judah's Last Chance
August 14:	The Exiles Return
August 21:	Esther's Gamble
August 28:	<i>Movie Day</i>

**Preregistration for the fall term of Sunday School** will begin on Sunday, August 21 in the narthex before, between, and after services. Preregistration helps us prepare accurately for our new classes, and families who are returning to Sunday School should find the process quick and relatively painless. Thank you for preregistering!

**Little Lambs Orientation** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, at 6:30 p.m., beginning in the Fireplace Room. This evening is for new "Little Lambs" (three- and four-year-olds) and their parents. If you know of a "Little Lamb" we should be inviting, please call Ruth at 385-2183.

**It's recruitment time!** ☺ We are always looking for volunteers who love sharing their faith with young people to serve on the Sunday School staff. We need teachers, substitutes, memory work assistants, office staff, and KIDS stamp specialists. Teaching openings this year are in kindergarten, first grade, sixth grade, and junior high. Please pray about how you might serve the Lord through Sunday School ministry.

**Sunday School Staff Meetings This Month:**

*Little Lambs:* Monday, August 22 - 6:30 p.m.

*K-6:* Tuesday, August 30 - 6:00 p.m.

*Ruth is in the office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.*

*Office: 385-2183 Home: 389-9780*

[ruthm@oslcmandato.org](mailto:ruthm@oslcmandato.org)

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Four more weeks of



August 7, 14, 21, 28

Join us at 9:15 in the chapel  
as we journey

“Into the Promised Land!”

Everyone is welcome!

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## *Human Care Committee*

### *Missionaries to pray for in August*

Todd Roeske, Philippines  
Michael Rodewald, South Africa  
Kalia Lo, Cambodia  
Jerry Markin, Southeast Asia



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### *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

A *Prayer Shawl*, simply put, is a soft warm shawl, knitted or crocheted, which is given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a crisis. Shawls . . . made for centuries are universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God.

If you know of anyone that you would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Human Care Committee member Jane Emich at 947-3226.



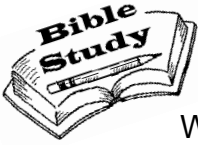
*Habitat for Humanity* of South Central MN is a non-profit, Christian housing ministry dedicated to building simple, decent and affordable housing with and for families in need. These families are of low to moderate income status and would not otherwise qualify for a conventional loan. Families are required to invest 200 hours in “sweat equity” per adult – that is time spent building their own home and other Habitat homes. Habitat has always stood by the philosophy of a hand-up rather than a hand-out. Because houses are built or renovated using as much volunteer labor and donated materials as possible, mortgage payments are kept reasonable. Needless to say, volunteers are the driving force behind Habitat’s mission.

Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for families that are interested in owning a Habitat Home to be building 2011. If you are renting, have low to moderate income, need housing and are willing to partner with Habitat, we may be your answer. Habitat builds homes for families at 0% interest for a 25 to 30 year mortgage. House payments run approximately \$500 per month. Families are required to assist in the building process and to be a willing partner with Habitat for Humanity. For more information and an application please call the Habitat office at 388-2081.

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\*\*\* *Note* \*\*\*

***Committee Members:*** We will not have a meeting in August. Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 6 at 4 p.m.



## Widowed to Widowed

Widowed to Widowed will meet in the Fireplace room at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 8 for potluck and Bible Study. We will study an article from Sagacity. If a ride is needed, call 388-4812.

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### Thrivent Choice Dollars

The Thrivent Choice Dollars meeting was held on July 13. We discussed how to allocate the funds in the Thrivent Choice Dollars designated to Our Savior Lutheran Church. The following was decided:

- \$2,000 will be held in reserve. The Thrivent group consisting of Brian Johnson, Julie Schlichting and Janet Timm will be able to provide matching funds up to \$250 to organizations with Our Savior Lutheran Church as needed until our next meeting in January 2012. Any amounts requested over \$250 will require a special Thrivent Choice Dollar contributor meeting for a vote.
- \$500 will be given to Sunday Matins.
- \$1,000 will be given to the VBS dedicated account.
- Up to \$2,757.58 will be used for a video recording surveillance system. Any left over money will be returned to the reserve account. Any overage will not be covered by this account.

Our next meeting will be in January 2012 to discuss how to allocate any additional money added to the account. All members of Our Savior Lutheran Church may make suggestions how this money could be used. Contact the church secretary at 385-2180 to get your ideas on a "wish list". Thrivent members contributing their Choice Dollars to Our Savior's will be eligible to vote.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Johnson at 344-8609.

 **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans\***  
**Let's thrive:**

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## August 2011

### • Women at Our Savior •

The LWML is comprised of women – each one unique as an individual, but united with others who rejoice in the gift of faith in Christ.

*Katie Stam, Miss America 2009 recounted the story of God calling Jeremiah to be a witness and assuring him, "Behold I have put words in your mouth" (Jeremiah 1:9). Katie reminded herself and the audience, "Trust that He has already put the words in your mouth."*

### **WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON SO YOU ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WHERE AND WHEN YOU CAN:**

**Wednesday, August 3** – No Executive Board meeting (VBS week)

**Thursday, August 4** – 1 p.m. Ruth Circle at Joan Peterman's

**Wednesday, August 17** – 5:30 p.m. "Walking the Path of Jesus" presentation by Ruth Ann McGowan and Trudy Wiechmann in the Fireplace room. (For all interested.)

**Wednesday, August 17** – 7 p.m. Mission Service

**Sunday, August 21** – Mite Sunday

**Tuesday, August 23** – Rebekah Circle

**Wednesday, May 24** – Mary Circle

### **Coming Up:**

- LWML Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 7
- LWML Sunday – October 2 "Being with Jesus" Banner  
Volunteers needed. Save empty prepared frosting cans and lids
- Fall Conference Rally at Redeemer, New Ulm. – Watch for more details to come.
- Bible Study – "Faith Talk" coming soon!!!
- MN South LWML District Convention in Mankato, June 22-24, 2012. Mark your calendars

**CARD SHOP:** Christian Wedding, Anniversary and Birthday cards are available all the time. Individual cards, boxes of cards and other new items are added often. Thanks for your support.

**MISSION SERVICE:** Thanks for continuing Portals of Prayer. Next work night is August 17. You are important. Your prayers, your donated items and your assistance helped the needy here in Mankato and globally. Five ladies from Our Savior went to work at the Global Health warehouse

on July 18. It's amazing how many states the donations and workers come to Global Health! The 18 people from Indiana, Illinois, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota packed medical linens and supplies for other needy places such as Africa. Contact Marcella Eilders or Rhonda Rastedt for information.

**PEORIA CONVENTION:** Julie Schlichting, Kathy Johnson and Trudy Wiechmann from Our Savior, Zone Delegate Beth Ruh from Good Thunder, Zone officers Wanda Schwartz and Kay Stewart from Good Shepherd and 4,400 more LCMS ladies from the United States and other countries. Some 70 plus pastors served communion at the opening worship. The 17<sup>th</sup> National President Kay Kreklau of North Dakota took office. Blessings abound with our Sisters in Christ. Our 35<sup>th</sup> National Convention is June 27-30, 2013 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (Everyone is invited!)

**COME TO A BIBLE STUDY:** Come to the one that fits your time schedule. Give a call to the leader. Enjoy the fellowship and study of God's Word.

Ruth Circle – Joan Peterman, 388-6545, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 1 p.m.

Mary Circle – Julie Schlichting, 388-7533, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2 p.m.

Rebekah Circle – Jean Fiskey, 388-6380, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Lydia Circle – Kathy Johnson, 344-8609, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 p.m.

**THE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE AND WOM** are for all ladies of the church. Large print is also available for the Quarterly.

**Mites are Mighty! MITE BOXES are available in Card Shop.** Convention attendees will bring a report on the new mission grants and goals for 2011-2013.

**WOMAN TO WOMEN:** KSUM or KDHL on Sundays.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO VOLUNTEER,** Kathy Johnson, 344-8609. Registrations for LWML membership, contact our Secretary, Dolly Blomquist, 388-4594 or Marion Brunz, 625-5207.

**MUCH MORE LWML INFORMATION** on their websites:

[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and [www.mnslwml.org](http://www.mnslwml.org)



*The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in the ministry to the people of the world.*

**Share the Good News of Jesus in everyday situations.  
Pray for God's guidance for the work of Lutheran Women in Mission**



## Music Notes

Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life and Christ your love.

### *August Worship Music Schedule:*

August 7: Jenean Williams, flute  
August 14: Gin Kuske & Sue Klute, piano/organ  
August 21: Sam Whitehead, voice  
August 28: Melia Bohm, piano

*Thanks to everyone who filled our summer music calendar!* We are grateful for your gifts and your willingness to share them to the Lord's glory! May He continue to bless your song!

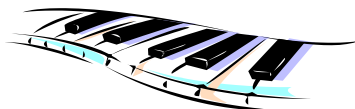
*We are on the lookout for ringers!* This year there are a few openings in Peals of Praise, for handbell ringers with a little bit of experience; and we are also hoping to start a group for newer ringers, from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through adults. Ringing is a great musical experience and a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in your church family. If you're interested in giving handbells a try, please let Ruth know.

*Calling All Kids!* Kids Praise! wants YOU, if you like to sing and are going to be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. We learn some wonderful songs and make some great friends. Last year we even got to play handbells – and this year we are planning another great musical adventure! Want to know more? Call Ruth at 385-2183.

*The fall rehearsal schedule* will begin on Wednesday, September 14. It's the best time to get involved with a new group – so mark your calendar and join us! For more information about the music groups at Our Savior, please feel free to contact Ruth.

Ruth is in the office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday.

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## *Summer Noontime Organ Concerts*

Organ concerts, sponsored by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will be held Tuesdays through August 16 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, with its fine Holtkamp organ situated in full view at the front of the nave. The concerts begin at 12:10 p.m., are one half-hour long and are free and open to the public.

August 2	Michael Asmus
August 9	Chad Fothergill
August 16	Christine Schulz



### *“Walking in the Path of Jesus”*

Trip to Israel presented by Ruthann McGowan and Trudy Wiechmann on Wednesday, August 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireplace room. Bring your supper. This is an invitation for all interested to attend. Call 327-7082 for more information



### **Going to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester for medical care?**

Contact the TLCare ministry of our sister congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church. They provide prayer support, a visit from one of their members, free parking in their lot (222 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW) and more. Lodging is also available. There is a small apartment located on the edge of the Mayo campus and is available on a first- come, first-served basis. Contact Jennifer or Pastor William Otte at 507-289-1531 or by e-mail:

[tlcjennifer@charterinternet.com](mailto:tlcjennifer@charterinternet.com) or [pastorotte@charterinternet.com](mailto:pastorotte@charterinternet.com)

## Evangelism Committee

Free cab rides to services are made possible for our members through Our Savior's Taxi Fund. To procure a ride, call KATO CAB at 388-7433. Please call a half hour before you would like to leave. To call for a return ride, you may use the phone in the office or kitchen. Please dial 9 before you enter the number. Let Kato Cab know where you will be waiting—the front door on Broad Street or the back door on Adams Street. Thank you.



## Board of Endowment Lot

The Board of Endowment has a lot for sale in North Mankato. It is located at 1794 Leona Drive. This is in a new development in Upper North Mankato with other lots also for sale. The lot is priced at \$50,000 and we would be willing to negotiate the price. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 385-2180 or email to [oursav@hickorytech.net](mailto:oursav@hickorytech.net) and they will put you in touch with someone on the Endowment Board.

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## *From the Stewardship Committee*

Many people look forward with excitement to months with special occasions or celebrations, like New Year's Day in January, Valentine's Day in February, Easter in March or April, Mother's Day in May, Father's Day in June, Independence Day in July, Labor Day in September, Reformation Day in October, Thanksgiving Day in November and Christmas in December. August seems to be one of those months when there is not much to celebrate. Major League baseball players refer to this month as the "Dog Days of August." It seems to be a month that has been simply added to the calendar to fill out 31 more days that will add up to 365 for the year.

Even kids sometimes look at August as a boring month. Vacations are usually over, the days seem to move by so slowly, and they actually look forward to the end of August or early September when a new school year starts again. Of course, that will change before very long.

Life is like that. Not every day, week or month is as exciting as some others, but each one presents another opportunity for service. Redeemed stewards look for opportunities to make the most of time because time is an important gift from God. Making the most of time can take us in a number of different directions. Included among these directions are time for meditation and reflection, time for rest and time for planning ahead.

God's Old Testament people sometimes grumbled about getting the Sabbaths over so they could get back to selling wheat, skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales... (Amos 8:5). Rather than observing the Sabbath as a day of rest, reflection and worship, they saw it as a wasted day.

Perhaps August has been given to us from God to use like a Sabbath rest. As God's redeemed stewards we can use quiet times for worship, reflection, meditation and planning. This can be a very positive way to use time that some might think is boring.

***God's redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, manage all of life and life's resources [including time] for God's purposes.*** Other life resources include money, relationships, abilities, care of our bodies and creation, sharing the Gospel of salvation in Jesus and so much more! Let August be a reminder that we are God's stewards 365 days a year and we live freely and joyfully as His stewards in August as well as the other eleven months of the year.

Have a refreshing, relaxing and blessed August!

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**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, MANKATO, MINNESOTA**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<p><b>Sunday Matins</b> is aired at 8:03 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each Sunday on KTOE.  <b>Our Savior's Worship Service</b> is aired Monday at 8:15 p.m. and Wednesday at 2 p.m. on CCTV.</p>	<p>6:15 Early Bird Bible Study                      6:00 VBS</p>	<p>6:00 VBS</p>	<p>6:00 VBS</p>	<p>1:00 Ruth Circle                      6:00 VBS</p>		
<p>8:00 Worship with Communion                      9:15 Sunday School                      9:30 Adult Bible Class                      10:30 Worship with Communion                      6:00 Worship with Communion</p>	<p>6:15 Early Bird Bible Study                      11:30 Widowed to Widowed                      6:00 Lasting Imprint Support Group</p>	<p>1:00 Bible Study                      7:00 All Boards</p>	<p>7:00 Summer Bible Study</p>			
<p>8:00 Worship                      9:15 Sunday School                      9:30 Adult Bible Class                      10:30 Worship                      6:00 Worship</p>	<p>6:15 Early Bird Bible Study</p>	<p>7:00 Planning Council</p>	<p>5:30 "Walking the Path of Jesus" Presentation                      7:00 Mission Service                      7:00 Summer Bible Study</p>			
<p><i>Mite Sunday</i>                      8:00 Worship with Communion                      9:15 Sunday School                      9:30 Adult Bible Class                      10:30 Worship with Communion                      6:00 Worship with Communion</p>	<p>6:15 Early Bird Bible Study                      6:30 Little Lambs Staff</p>	<p>1:00 Bible Study                      1:00 Rebekah Circle                      4:30 Lutheran Night @ Target Field</p>	<p>2:00 Mary Circle                      7:00 Summer Bible Study</p>	<p>7:00 Evangelism Committee</p>	<p>4:00 The Voice Deadline</p>	
<p>8:00 Worship                      9:15 Sunday School                      9:30 Adult Bible Class                      10:30 Worship                      6:00 Worship</p>	<p>6:15 Early Bird Bible Study</p>	<p>6:00 K-6 Sunday School Staff</p>	<p>6:30 Little Lambs Orientation                      7:00 Summer Bible Study</p>			

## Serving in August

Date	Elder of the Day	Communion Team		Assistant Usher		Usher Team		Organ-ist	Acolyte		Greeter		Break-fast
		8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30		8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	
8/7/2011	Bob B.	A Early	A Late	Kevin H.	David B.	1st Early	1st Late	Ruth	Eric. H.; Ben W.	Kayleen H.; Emma T.	Perry & Jan E.; Marie G.	Kurt & Jeanne A.; Chuck & Bev F.	None
8/14/2011	Roger M.			Gary R.	Kurt A.	2nd Early	2nd Late	Sue	KaNeesha Y.; Eric H.	Lauren B.; Lynn B.	Matt & Lisa B.; Marilyn L.	Bob & Janet T.; Melva W.	None
8/21/2011	Gregg M.	B Early	B Late	Gordy W.	Dianne S.	3rd Early	3rd Late	Barb	Hailey W.; Austin W.	Leah H.; Melinda P.	Orville & Renee Z.; Bill & Nancy M.	Lon & Kathy W.; Melva W.	None
8/28/2011	Matt R.			Kevin H.	Steve J.	4th Early	4th Late	Edith	Alec K.; Joe B.	Bailey L.; Tanner S.	Orville & Renee Z.; Bob & Nita B.	Bob & Diann B.; Matt and/or Edith W.	None

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