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Dear family of faith,

Hope! At the end of the month we will relive the story of hope. From the hopeless position on a cross, our Lord Jesus lets go of his life and puts his hope in the Father who called him in baptism and affirmed him in a transfiguration. That sacred, absolute hope ended in the morning light of Easter.

Easter reminds us that from the darkest shadows God can bring us into the joy of light. From the deepest chasms of desperation, we can emerge into a lovely calm of promise.

In these weeks leading up to Easter, let us pray and support those experiencing the darkness of doubt, concern and uncertainty. Let us remember:

- The thousands in Japan whose lives have been shaken to the core and whose tomorrows have been washed away.
- For Palestinians under siege by a government ready to bully them at any excuse.
- For our teachers who have been targeted, vilified and scapegoated for all the fiscal problems our society faces.
- For the weakest amongst us and for our environment as the true meaning of budget cuts become more apparent.
- For the church trying to cry ever more loudly in the wilderness as the world offers more enticing fruits to families and youth.

From the darkness God can and will draw light. That light is hope.

In peace,

Pastor B

**Join us at 5:00pm for Soup
Suppers during Lent!**

Holy Week Schedule

Passion Sunday—April 16 at 5:30pm, April 17 at 8:00 & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday—April 21 at Noon & 6:30pm

Good Friday—April 22 at Noon & 6:30pm

Easter—April 23 at 5:30pm, April 24 at 6:30am, 8:00am & 10:30am

Worship Themes

Lent walks right up to the end of the month this year. Throughout the month we follow our Lord to the cross.

April 3—The Fourth Sunday in Lent—Hear the courageous testimony of the man born blind as he tells us “*The One Thing I Do Know.*”

April 10—The Fifth Sunday in Lent—The Gospel of John lays out the well known story we know as the Raising of Lazarus. Inside the story is an amazing statement by Thomas who suggests *Let's Go Die.*

April 17—The Passion of Our Lord/Palm Sunday—After hearing the Passion, we will wonder what it is like to be *Caught up in God's Drama.*

April 24—The Resurrection of Our Lord—Two women saw the empty tomb. Two women saw the risen Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane. These same two women tell us *Where to Find Jesus.*

Another Opportunity to Join before Summer?



NEW Member Class

Our Savior's is hosting new member classes beginning Sunday, May 15th, from 6:00-7:30pm. We'll be meeting for four

sessions (May 15 & 22 and June 5 and 12) for you to gather information about OSLC, learn about our Lutheran identity, and get to know the pastors, staff, and the ministries of our community of faith. Child care will be provided as well. The New Member Recognition will be held at the 10:30 service on June 19. Contact Pastor Krahn at 837-3111 or pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org with any questions you have. Note to current members...you are always welcome to invite your neighbors or coworkers to worship. Let them find out for themselves what a great community we have here at Our Savior's. Go ahead and bring a friend. It's a good thing to do.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily to display here at church on Easter Sunday please see the order form at the end of *The Crossroads*. The order forms are also available at the end of the pews and on the Ministry Opportunity Table. They are again \$10 this year and you may pick them up after the last service Easter Sunday. When dropping off the order forms you may either mail them to the church or drop them off in the Easter Lilies basket on the Ministry Opportunity Table.



The Song of Mark

Our Savior's music department will be presenting the musical *The Song of Mark* by Marty Haugen. It will include a large instrumental ensemble, the Senior Choir, the Youth Choir, the Alleluia Singers, and many soloists from our own congregation. This moving musical work will be part of our 5:30pm Saturday night worship service on April 16. A second performance will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 6:00 pm. This musical conveys the story of our Christian faith in narration and song. What a meaningful way for you to begin Holy Week!



Baptism Enrichment Session

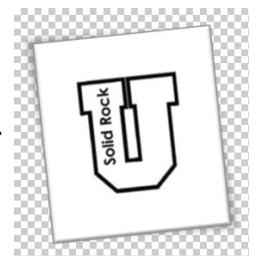
Saturday, April 9 at 10:00am is the next baptism enrichment session. If you are planning on scheduling a baptism at OSLC in the near future, you need to attend a baptism enrichment session. The hour and a half session is required for all baptismal events. Both parents are required to attend the session and sponsors are welcome to attend if they so choose. Infants under six months are welcome to attend if needed. We ask that childcare arrangements be made for any children 6 months and older, if you need help with this task contact either of the pastors. Expecting parents are also welcome. The next session will take place on June 11.



A Bit of SRU News

As we move toward the conclusion of the confirmation year, our courses include: the Apostles' Creed, Saints and Martyrs; Women of the Bible; and New Testament 3/Grace Talk.

Year 3 students are moving quickly toward affirming their faith in the Affirmation of Baptism service at noon on May 1. Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate with them that day.

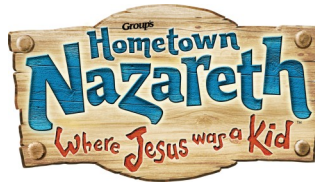


Year 2 Students in Solid Rock Confirmation will need to attend the **acolyte training session** on Sunday, April 3 following worship at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. Any students staying for chaos that day will be fed yummy pizza. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Krahn at pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org.

Hometown Nazareth – Where Jesus Was a Kid!

June 13-17, 2011

Another great Vacation Bible School awaits you. Here is what you can do to get ready for this adventure:



- Sign up to help make Mary's house and more on the Friday and Saturday prior - June 10 & 11
- Sign up to assist in pre decorating opportunities
- Sign up to be a Family leader or assistant
- Sign up to be a merchant or a merchant assistant in Carpentry, Bead Bazaar, Olive Oil shop, Farmer's Field, Dye shop, Wool shop, Rock Quarry, Food market
- Sign up to be part of the drama, music team, or fun and games team

Please look for a sign up on the Education Table very soon. VBS registrations will be available on April 10.

O.S. Faith Odyssey – Paul – You've Got Mail



The O.S. Faith Odyssey and Pre-school will enter the last six weeks of Sunday school on April 10. The O.S. Faith Odyssey will make it's final stops at Corinth, Ephesus, Thessalonica, Rome and Phillipi as they meet Paul and visit the churches Paul started in these areas. This will be an exciting time as the children participate in One Way Café, Creation Station, Bible Variety, Games and a Ropes course.

Workshop leaders are still needed at both 9:15am and 10:30am. Please check the sign up sheet on the Education table in the narthex – you will be glad you did. A training session will be held April 5 at 5:30pm in the Conference Room. The pre-school will be looking at Palm Sunday, Easter and Creation.

Don't miss a single Sunday! There will not be Sunday school on March 27, April 3 and April 24.

RIOT Calendar Change

Just a note that RIOT will not be meeting on April 10 as previously scheduled. They will however meet at Beans 'n Cream for breakfast at 6:30am on April 12. See Brett with questions.

Family Movie Night – “Despicable ME”



The next family movie night will be Friday, April 15 from 6:00-8:00pm in Mission Matinee. The movie “Despicable ME” will be the feature this month. This event is open to all ages. Check out the Youth and Family bulletin board by the library to sign up for this fun fellowship event with your church family. See Brett with questions.

Summer Stretch 2011



Summer Stretch is a summer mission service program for youth completing 6th and 7th grades. Starting June 15, on Wednesdays during a 5-week stretch, youth will be responsible for Christ-centered ministry at one of over 20 different mission sites throughout Dane County. After completing a morning of hands-on mission work, an afternoon of fun awaits the youth and adult chaperones (mini-golf at Vitense, Duck riding at the Dells, etc.). The program culminates on the fifth week with a day-long fun activity in the Dells. The participating churches provide lunch each day.

T-shirts and transportation are included in the registration fee. Registration forms will be mailed to your home during the month of April. Registration deadline is May 22. This wildly popular program fills quickly so register early. See Brett with questions.

America's Best Flowers Certificates Coming Soon!

If you ordered a gift card from America's Best Flowers to support our senior high youth, THANK YOU! You can pick them up between services on April 10 and April 17.



Relay for Life 2011



July 15-16, 2011 at Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School track. OSLC must have a team of 8 or more Walkers. Please contact OSLC team leader, Christine Boettcher at (608)842-0354, christine12@yahoo.com, or sign up on the Ministry Opportunity Table to be a part of our team. Interested participants can get a traditional paper packet to assist with their fundraising or can set up online fundraising. For more information about the Relay for Life check out relayforlife.org/sunprairiewi.

How Will You Get Your Crossroads?

Have you been thinking about how you would like to receive your copy of *The Crossroads*? Electronically or by mail? We hope to reduce the cost of our postage and paper costs by sending most newsletters electronically. Please keep your eye out for communications from us where you can opt to receive your newsletter directly via email in color or continue to get your copy by mail.

Devotional Books For You

Our Savior's has various devotion books available for you to pick up on the Ministry Opportunity table.

Spark—Are you looking for ways to talk about God and Jesus with a child in your life? Did you make a promise at your child's baptism and wonder what's next? Are you a busy family who wants to learn more about Bible stories together? The Sparks family magazine is a new way to do this. Pick up a sample issue on the Ministry Opportunity Table and let us know what you think. If you like it and find it helpful to you and your family, we will continue to order it on a monthly basis.



Meditations is an inspiring, personal devotional booklet offering daily Scripture-based, soul-searching studies of

God's word. Each meditation is clearly written and easy to understand, with a special Scripture reading, devotion, and prayers for each day. Meditations provides scriptural guidance and encouragement for daily living. Published quarterly.

Christ in Our Home helps bring worship into our daily lives. A lectionary-based devotional; it acknowledges all the festivals of the church, major and minor, and celebrates people of great faith. Each day offering a scripture passage, reflection and prayer to help nourish your need for Christ.

Lutheran Digest is filled with timely stories for adult Christians. These thoughtful stories make for light reading while at the same time are very enjoyable. It is produced quarterly and provides inspiration, hope and humor.

Occasionally there are other devotional booklets on the table. Please pick one up today.

Help! Help! Help!

Our Savior's is in dire need of additional ushers to assist with the church services. Several ushers have indicated that they will not be returning as ushers this year so there are many vacancies to fill.



USHERS

How about joining a team? Ushers are assigned to a team and each team is scheduled to serve one Sunday each month plus two special services throughout the year. Men, women, young and old are encouraged to serve your church in that capacity.

Simply call the church office at (608)837-3111 or email Brandy at brandy@oslc-elca.org and tell them that you are interested and willing to serve your church as an usher and let them know which service you prefer: 5:30pm Saturday, 8:00am Sunday or 10:30am Sunday.

Global Health Ministry Kits

Again this year Our Savior's is joining with Lutherans all over the United States in prayer and service on behalf of some of the world's most vulnerable people this Lent. We will be collecting items for Newborn Kits (formerly called Midwife kits) and AIDS/Hospice Kits.

Please have all kit donations to the church by May 1. Check out the display table in the narthex to pick up a list of items in each kit and put your faith into action on your Lenten journey this year.

Table Talk with Pastor B

The men of the congregation are again welcome to join an informal discussion with Pastor B at Buck & Honey's on Monday, April 4 at 6:30pm. This month's topic is yet to be determined.



Table Talk

From the Church Library...

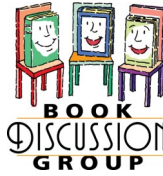
The Library Board has been very busy updating our church library. The collection is being weeded of dated, worn and duplicate materials. The discarded materials are on the Education Ministry Table and offered to the congregation free-for-the-taking. The VHS collection has been eliminated and replaced with DVDs. Spine labels, book cards and book pockets are being re-labeled via computer so there is consistency throughout the collection. More change will be coming in the future...check it out!



CHURCH LIBRARY
News

Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, April 5, when we'll discuss *Muhammad: A Story of the Last Prophet* by Deepak Chopra. Our May book is *Breaking Night* by Liz Murray. Be sure to pick up the latest copy of "Book Club News" on the Ministry Opportunity Table for a complete list of the books we'll read.



Lutheran Men in Mission

Men's Breakfast on April 2nd. This is a chance for the men of this congregation to gather in fellowship and discuss men's ministry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Additionally, this will give us an opportunity to practice and be better prepared for Easter Breakfast. Gent's of all ages are welcome! Contact: Kelly Thompson by phone (608)577-0094 or kthompson@oslc-lmm.org.

Men's Softball: Batter-up!! Want to wipe the dust off that old ball & glove that's been buried in the closet? Wake up muscles that your brain forgot you had? Enjoy fellowship and meet new people? OSLC has just the thing for you: An Area Wide Church Softball League! WE ENCOURAGE PLAYERS OF ALL AGES. Last year was our first year and we had great success, playing a few games and having a ball. This year we look forward to having more players and possibly form another team. We are currently signing up players. We will begin practice in May for a June start! Visit the Ministry Opportunity Table or website for sign up, schedules, and plans for 2011. Contact Steve Caron at (608)345-6096 or steven.w.caron@cummins.com.

Easter Breakfast: We are once again serving breakfast Easter morning at church. We will need help with cooking, serving and clean up. We will have a couple of prep meetings leading into the event. Check back for more information. Easter Breakfast Prep on April 23 at 8:00am. Easter Breakfast on April 24 at 6:30am. Visit the Ministry Opportunity Table or website for sign up. Contract: Jon Schmidt at jonmacgyver@aim.com or by phone at (608)516-1836. Please visit our website at <http://oslc-lmm.org> for all the up-to-date events and devotional blogs.

Lutheran Men in Mission

Synod Happenings...

Are you interested in receiving the South Central Synod of Wisconsin's newsletter? Would you be able to volunteer some of your time at the synod office? How about receiving brief email notices for prayer requests for brothers and sisters in our synod and information about ministry opportunities, workshops and fellowship events? If any or all of these interest you please grab a copy of the SCSW's Communication Connection sheet on the Ministry Opportunity Table in the narthex. Please take your copy today!



Official Acts

Funerals - *commending the faithful to the loving arms of God*

February 26—Glenn Fenske

Baptisms - *celebrating new life through the sacrament of belonging*

March 6—Ryan James Runde—son of Jesse & Pamela Runde

March 20—Kyah Mae Miller—daughter of Brian & Kari Miller

March 20—Colin James Koskelin—son of Kristopher & Tonya Koskelin

Eat Boldly



The next dinner is planned for Friday, April 1 at The Avenue Bar located at 1128 East Washington Avenue in Madison. Reservations have been made for 7:00pm. Please sign up on the Ministry Opportunity Table. Everyone is welcome to join us!

+ One a Week Club +

To find a current list of blood drives or to make an appointment to give blood you can call 1-800-give-life or visit givebloodgivelife.org. Donating blood takes about an hour of your time. Please consider making time for this vital need in our community. Call to schedule your appointment today!

Thanks to Kelly Frey, Paul Kaiser, Fritz Schunke (Aph), Jim Sensenbrenner, Liz Thony, Colleen Fjelstad, Linda Hagen, Bryan Loney, Dan Williamson, Diane Williamson and Ellen Devoe who donated blood recently. Aph designates Apheresis donations, a special donation of platelets.

Our total for 2011 so far is 27! Way to go!

Volunteer of the Month—Jan Nelson



Let's build Nazareth in the sanctuary. Who do we call? We call Jan Nelson, chief architect and building contractor of all things Bible School and beyond. Jan also assists with painting, the card ministry, quilts, helping with the 50th anniversary scrapbook, and VBS. Thanks Jan, our servant of the month.

Jan is just one of many, many servants here at Our Savior's. Each one makes an important contribution to helping the church in it's mission.

Community Events

MALC Quilt Auction/Pie Sale—On Saturday, April 9 at Noon, Christ Lutheran Church located at 220 South Main Street in Deforest will be hosting MALC's 5th Annual Quilt/Pie Auction. Our own OSLC Quilters have donated two quilts for the auction benefitting the jail chaplaincy program. Some of the quilts for the auction may be viewed on the MALC website: www.malc-online.org.



HospiceCare—In April, HospiceCare Inc. will begin a grief support group series, offer a recurring support group and provide an introductory session for those grieving the death of a loved one. All of the sessions are open to the public and are provided without charge. All groups require pre-registration and are held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, unless otherwise noted. To register for any HospiceCare grief support group or session, call (608)276-4660 and ask to speak with a grief counselor.

- **Kids Grief Support Group** is held Mondays, April 25 – May 23, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.
- **Bridges Weekly Support Group** is held every Wednesday from 9:30am. to 11:00am.
- **Introduction to Grief** is an informative session for adults that offers suggestions on how to navigate the grieving process and provides information about HospiceCare grief support groups. This session is available by appointment only. Call Mary Severson at (608)327-7182 to make an appointment.

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped with the concert by the Collegiate Choir from Illinois Wesleyan University on March 13.



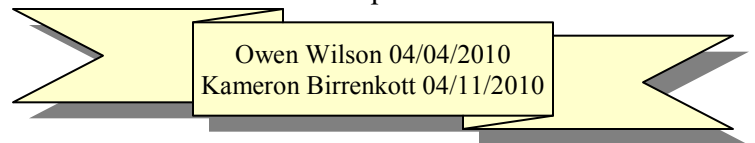
Special thanks to the Public Relations Committee for their work. Special thanks to Dan & Diane Williamson, the

Fellowship Committee, and all who brought food and helped with the potluck dinner.

Special thanks also to Arlene Low, the "Extended Fellowship Committee," and all who brought treats for the reception following the concert. Very special thanks as well to the 20 families and individuals who hosted students from IWU, their conductor, and their operations manager. And finally thank you to all who attended the outstanding choral concert.



Celebrating the first anniversary of their baptism this month.



Owen Wilson 04/04/2010
Kameron Birrenkott 04/11/2010

Easter Lily Order Form

For \$10.00 you can purchase an Easter lily to be displayed on Easter Sunday. Flowers may be picked up after the final service or may be left with us. Use this form and attach your payment by Sunday, April 10.
Yes, I'll add to our beautiful Easter garden! Please order:



Quantity

Total Amount

_____ Lilies x \$10 each = \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____ *Make checks payable to OSLC*



Please note that the flowers are given by: **(It is very important you write clearly)**

In memory of:

In honor of:

In thanks to God for:

Please check one: Pick Up _____ Donate _____

Return this form and payment to the basket on the Ministry Opportunity Table.

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