

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church April, 2020 Newsletter

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**ALL OSLC CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES ARE "BROADCAST ONLY"
UNTIL WE CAN SAFELY GATHER TOGETHER AGAIN.
ALL OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

7:00 p.m. Holy Week services and Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship services may be viewed via Facebook Live or check out a DVD from the church. Please contact Pastor Ben or the church office for any pastoral needs.

OSLC has the capability to use Zoom for groups/committee meetings. Contact the church office to learn how to use this capability to continue Bible studies or committee meetings.

Please watch Facebook, the church website, or call the church office for updates on Worship services.
**We are looking forward to the time we can be back together in person worshipping as a church family!
Until then, stay safe and healthy and God's blessings to you and your family!**

Our Saviour's Weekly Offerings

02/23	\$5,957.00	03/01	\$7,846.98	03/08	\$4,960.22
03/15	\$5,536.00	03/22	\$2,808.30	03/29	\$2,689.09

Needed Weekly to meet budget—\$7,175.74

*Our Saviour's continues to serve and do the work of our Lord through these unusual and difficult times.
Your continued partnership through your gifts of offering are crucial.
Thank you to those who have donated online, by text, mailed or dropped off their offering at the church!*

ONLINE GIVING (Go to <http://oslcauduboniowa.org>

and click on online giving tab located at the upper right hand corner of the webpage.)

GIVEPLUS+MOBILE (Go to the App store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download for free.)

GIVE PLUS+TEXT (Text 833-973-0220, and enter the amount you wish to donate, and press send.)

Haiti mission trip update

As our mission trip to Haiti has been postponed, we want to extend our sincere thanks for your support and prayers. The people of Haiti need us and we are blessed with a wonderful congregation that answered this call. Your donations from the Lenten Supper will be used by GoServ Global for improvements on the Bethel Orphanage dorm rooms (floors and windows). We will travel again when things are safe, until then continue to pray for our beautiful neighbors in Haiti.

Love, Joe & Brittany Elmquist and family, Mary Wede and Jennie Greene



The Cross Project...Celebrating Easter...Apart...Together

Make a weather-resistant Cross, and place it in your front yard—the larger the better!! (We will have some crosses in front of the church by the end of the week if you do not have the supplies at home to build your own.)



PALM SUNDAY: Place leafy "palm" plants around your Cross to remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Place towels and a water container with your Cross. This is the day Jesus washed his disciples' feet as they gathered for the Last Supper. **GOOD FRIDAY:** Make a crown of thorns and hang it on the Cross. **EASTER SUNDAY:** Late Saturday or early Sunday, decorate your Cross with flowers, a butterfly, a white cloth—something celebratory to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus our Lord. (Idea from Luther Memorial Church, Syracuse, NY)

Confirmation at OSLC was scheduled for April 26th. The following 8th Graders will be confirmed at a later date once it is safe to worship together again. God's blessings to the Confirmation students as they patiently wait to share their faith on their Confirmation day at OSLC.

Geralyn Anderson
Michelle Brooks
Amalie Lansman
Ezekiel Konkler
Mattie Nielsen
Alexis Obermeier
Jordan Porsch
Ashlyn Pruitt
Ava Slater
Morgan Smith

Congratulations to the following youth who celebrated their First Communion on Sunday, March 1st.
Cooper Anderson, Macey Bauer, Adelyn Bladt,
Karson Hansen, Maya King, Karter Obermeier,
Kayden Otten, Jesse Stroehrer, Garret Vorm



On February 22nd, we celebrated the baptism of Garret Vorm at OSLC, Son of Nate & Sara Vorm. Garret's sponsors are Madison Vorm & Carson Vorm. We give thanks for God's gift of new life in Jesus Christ!



I Miss You!

I woke up this morning, and the world was upside down. I drove through town, and I didn't see anyone in El Adobe. The Broadway bakery was bare. Someone said the kids are skipping school. Some fool bought out all the toilet paper all across the country. Why, why? Cans of Spam are selling so fast, Hormel's stock set a record high.

Gasoline is cheaper than it has been in a long time, but nobody cares. I can't chase off to cheer students in tennis, golf or track. There's nothing to pick up the slack. There are no basketball, baseball or hockey games for traveling. Devoted sports fans are unraveling.

I love the Cajun Burger, but I will not rage without it. Donuts are delicious, but my nutritionist is glad for this reprieve. Darrell's tenderloin, Casey's pizza, Subway's sandwiches are good, but more important than these foods are the human connections that we cultivate across the table—relationships!

Relationships require tending. Sometimes we weave with gentle words. Sometimes we clamor with hammer and tong. Sometimes we rip out seams and rearrange a pattern. Sometimes we neglect a bond, expecting it will stay strong despite our inattention. We rush forward till the mention of a crisis brings us to a halt. We try to salve the wound, but our words are salt to the infected sore. Relationships require tending.

And so my heart is weary...because I miss you! I need relationship.

I miss your smile as you walk into the building we call Our Saviour's. I miss the way you greet me when you meet me. I miss your words and the twinkle in your eye.

I miss the sound of us standing up from our pews to speak to our God. I miss your singing and the melodies winging across our sanctuary. I miss you praying together with one voice, your choice to step away from overwork, overachievement and over-entertainment. I have taken your presence for granted. I am eager to gather again.

We are rediscovering that this marvelous building is not Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. We are Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. During our Facebook services, we are just as many people worshipping together as if we are in the building. This is no small thing. OSLC lies down for the night in hundreds of beds across Audubon, Guthrie, Carroll and Shelby Counties. During normal business, OSLC rises in the morning and mingles with saints and sinners all across our state and beyond our borders. OSLC is a company of ambassadors for Jesus.

When our hibernation ends, we will joyfully gather! We will remind ourselves that we are the church of Jesus! He will guide us to people to serve and to talk with—about faith, hope and love in Jesus!

Pastor Ben Unseth

Pastor Ben's Ministry at OSLC

We have been so blessed to have had Pastor Ben as our interim pastor. Pastor Ben has been a faithful leader and shepherd of our congregation throughout our church's transition time in calling our next permanent pastor. His concern and care for the members of our church and community have been consistently evident by the love he has shown all in both their faith and personal lives. We will miss him greatly, but we know and trust God will lead Pastor Ben to the next congregation where he will serve.

Unfortunately, plans for a community farewell reception for Pastor Ben have been cancelled. We invite you to reach out to Pastor Ben by mailing a card to the church, calling or emailing.

Pastor Ben's last Sunday leading worship at OSLC will be April 26th. May God's blessings be with Pastor Ben as he begins the next journey in his ministry.

'THE ROCK' YOUTH GROUP (7th-12th GRADE)

Stay tuned to Facebook/texts for when we will resume youth group activities.

We had an amazing time at the Ignite youth conference March 13th/14th. We had 23 JH/HS students and adults at this youth leadership conference. Thank you to everyone who helped plan and chaperone to make this event possible for our youth!

High School Youth Group is meeting through Zoom on Sundays at 8:00 p.m.! We can't wait until we are back together again!

The Rock Youth Group Leaders:

Nate Vorm (712-304-0548), Dan Bierbrodt (319-929-1290), Ellen Oster (712-223-7471)

Update on Pastor Dan's Upcoming Ministry at OSLC

We are pleased to announce that Pastor Dan Beattie's first Sunday at OSLC will be Sunday, April 26th during 9:00 a.m. worship. Pastor Dan will join together with Pastor Ben to lead worship as April 26th will be Pastor Ben's last Sunday with us.

A reception to welcome Pastor Dan and his wife, Melissa, and their family is being planned for May 2nd. Watch for more details on the time and place.

April Daily Bible Readings

April 1—Habakkuk 3	April 16—1 Samuel 1
April 2—John 11	April 17—1 Samuel 3
April 3—John 12	April 18—1 Samuel 9
April 4—John 13	April 19—John 21
April 5—John 14	April 20—1 Samuel 10
April 6—John 15	April 21—1 Samuel 15
April 7—John 16	April 22—1 Samuel 16
April 8—John 17	April 23—1 Samuel 17
April 9—John 18	April 24—1 Chronicles 10
April 10—John 19	April 25—2 Samuel 9
April 11—1 Corinthians 15	April 26—1 Corinthians 13
April 12—John 20	April 27—2 Samuel 11
April 13—Ruth 1	April 28—2 Samuel 12
April 14—Ruth 2	April 29—1 Chronicles 29
April 15—Ruth 4	April 30—1 Kings 3

Easter BLESSINGS