



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

February 2012

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Office Hours M-F. :8:30am-3:30pm
Worship Services . . . Sat. . 5:30 PM, Sundays 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School Sundays 9:15 to 10:15 AM
*Worship Services are recorded each weekend and shown on
King 11 local cable access 6-7 pm Tuesday & Wednesday, and
at Ostrander and Spring Valley Nursing Homes.*

GEV Annual Meeting will be 2 pm February 26, 2012 at St.
John Lutheran Church in Kasson, MN

Audit Committee

We have checked out the financial records of Our Savior's
Lutheran Church and we believe those records to be
accurate and in order.

Sue Kolling, Eric Goddard

Death

Gwenlyn Hovden (7/9/31 – 12/31/11)

Tim Rath (7/28/75 – 1/4/12)

Roy Nelson (2/18/21 – 1/7/12)

May the Risen Christ be the comfort and hope of all who mourn.

Memorials

In memory of **Roy Nelson**

Music Fund	Harlan & Turby Marchant
Carport Fund	Jan Mlenar, Dick & Sharon Jahn
Memorial Fund	Darrell & June Freeman
Parking Lot	Bob & Maxine Jahn

In memory of **Tim Rath**

Caring Ministries	Frances Burmeister
Youth Fund	Steve & Denae Harder

In memory of **Gwen Hovden**

Music Fund	Harlan & Turby Marchant, Kathy & Bob Baarsch
Youth Fund	Dick & Sharon Jahn
Memorial Fund	Don & Judy Rose, Bob & Rhoda Jones
Parking Lot	Ken & Joanne Vrieze, Bob & Maxine Jahn Marion Hintze

Carport Fund	Lee & Carol Himle, Cliff & Georgine Davis
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In memory of **Roy Erickson** (Frances Burmeister's Brother)

Caring Ministries	Don & Judy Rose
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Known to have been hospitalized in January:

John Sheldon, Russell Hancock, Al Austin

Caring and Concern:

SVCC - Bernadine Schmidt, Bernice Osterhus, Kermit Hovden,
Lillian Arett, Opal Turbenson

SV Estates - Lenora Hintze, Earl Groby

Ostrander NH - George Heffern,

Grand Meadow - Harry Johnson

Good Shepherd Lutheran Home, Rushford –Anita Anderson

Sunrise Cottages – Richard Oeltjen

Women of the
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church in
America

- **Bible Study Leaders** meet on **Thurs., Feb. 2** at 10:30 AM.
- **General meeting:** will resume the end of February
- **Doing Day on Thurs., Feb. 9 from 9 AM – Noon.**
- **Mary Circle** meets on Tues., Feb. 14 at 9:30 AM.
- **Hannah Circle** meets on Wed., Feb. 15 at 2PM
- **Rachel Circle** meets on Wed., Feb. 15 at 2:00 PM at Galdys Peterson's.
- **Rebekah Circle** meets on Tues., Feb. 21 at Mary Jo Dathe's at 7:30 PM. Bible Study Leader – Turby Marchant

Thank you to those who helped with the bloodmobile in 2011. Our Savior's was host on 3/24, 6/21, 8/18, and 12/1. Volunteers were: Carol Ahern, Jeanette Baker, Clarice Clark, Evelyn Clark, Lucille Daggett, Julie Halla, Bonnie Hammon, Anne Kappers, Jan Mlenar, Maxine Mlenar, Eileen Rathbun, Irma Rathbun, and Elaine Sheldon.

Coming in April: Waffle brunch and conference gathering

Music Schedule

- Feb. 5 8:00 AM** Senior Choir
- 10:30 AM**
- Feb. 12 8:00 AM**..... Favorite Hymns
- 10:30 AM** Taste of Praise
- Feb. 19 8:00 AM**.....
- 10:30 AM**..... Senior Choir
- Feb. 22 Ash Wed.**..... Senior Choir
- Feb. 26 8:00 AM**.....
- 10:30 AM**..... Kids Choir & Sunday School

If you are interested in providing **special music** for worship services, please contact the church office or Deb Dahl (507-346-7251). *Deb Dahl, Music Coordinator*

Thoughts by PT

I shared some of this reflection with you several years ago, but it seems fitting as we enter again into the Easter Season.

The Cross of Christ—trinket or treasure?

I once saw a movie in which an angry young man who was speaking words of violence and hatred towards other people and who later was involved in killing someone, this young man and several others with him were wearing large shiny ornate crosses around their necks—"it's a Bling thing I guess." I spent a summer in Japan during college and saw young women that we came to know who were of another religion were wearing cross earrings and necklaces. Crosses are often seen as part of the jewelry of celebrities whose words and actions give cause to wonder about their faith journey. It is probably not helpful to condemn people for their misuse of the central Christian symbol, but it should lead us to ponder what the cross is for us who claim to be disciples of Jesus. Do we see the cross of Christ as a trinket or a treasure?

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NRSV) ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The treasure of the cross is that it communicates to us the powerful love of God who was willing to come to us and suffer and die in order to capture our love. The treasure of the cross is that no matter the depth of our struggles and suffering, there is one who can stand alongside us because he knew a suffering that was deeper still. The treasure of the cross is that whatever is the terrain of Golgotha hill, the "ground is level at the foot of the cross," it brings us to recognize our common humanity and need for a Savior. The treasure of the cross is the great creativity of God to take an awful reality of suffering, torture and death and turn it into the symbol of a great salvation.

Lent starts this year on February 22. During this Lent/Easter season may the Spirit of God lead each one of us who are called into the fellowship of faith, named among the forgiven and claimed for salvation, experience again and more fully the treasure and power of the Cross of Christ.

A-MAY-Zing In April

Sat., April 28, 2012 - 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Mothers/Daughters/Friends

(For any woman in your life or come alone)

(Displays of table settings.)

Have you been waiting for the opportunity to share your favorite dinnerware? There are still tables available for you to share your table setting.

The settings are not limited to 'fine china'. Maybe you have garage sale finds or settings sitting in the cupboard where they can't be enjoyed by others. Collaborate with family and friends to be a part of the fun. The more variety the better. You may want to 'borrow' some pieces to complete your display. Let your imagination go.

A sign-up sheet and 2011 photos will be coming in March, but don't wait to long as two tables have already been spoken for.

Questions or to reserve a table talk to one of the committee members: Carol Ahern, Holly Beer, Sue Cavanaugh, Linda Niemeyer, Eileen Rathbun, Michelle Knode, Judy Rose 346-2635, Geraldine Williams 346-2688. If you would like to be a part of the committee, contact one of the current members.



Proceeds from this benefit the OSL Campership Fund

Totally Terrific Tuesdays (please note date change)

Our next Totally Terrific Tuesday (open to all 2nd & 3rd graders) will be on the **SECOND** Tuesday, February 14th, from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. Please sign up outside the church office.

How to be an Up-pity Christian

*Stand up for your beliefs
Lift up your heart in Prayer
Give up your life to God
Wise up by reading his word
Ease up on criticism of others
Face up to your own weaknesses
Bear up to your neighbor in need
Lighten up - God is in control
Open up to the love around
And within you!*

Christian Education

Sunday School:

9:30 - 10:15 am - Classes

Gina Jahn, Education Coordinator (346-7251)

rjahn@centurytel.net

3 yr. Old Class Emphasis: Learning simple prayers, talking to God.

Together in Faith A special class for three-year-olds and their parents, *Praying Together*. This will be held March 4 & 11, during the Sunday School hour. Mark your calendars.

4yr. Old Class Emphasis: Forgiveness

Together in Faith A special class for four-year-olds and their parents 'The Keys' will be an important time for learning more fully the meaning of saying "sorry" and "I forgive you." Jesus called these actions "The Keys of the Kingdom." Classes will be February 19 & 26, during the Sunday School hour. Mark your calendars.

We are planning a Sunday School Staff Appreciation Meal for February 5th. If you are available to help provide supplies for the meal call Gina Jahn 507-251-1610 to get details! We are excited to once again provide this meal for this wonderful group of people who make Christian Education possible at OSL!

Calling all H2O students!!

We will be having a game and movie night at OSL on Saturday, February 18th from 2:00 -- 6:00 p.m.. Come join in the fun while we play games, enjoy pizza for supper and watch a movie.

Please sign up outside the church office by Sun., Feb. 12th.

****Parents--**We are in need of a few good volunteers to help out for the afternoon! If you are available to assist in games and supper for the evening please call the office at 346-7251 to sign up.



SPARKz (grades 4-6)

Join us for a "rolling" good time at the Skate rink in Harmony!

Friday, February 17

We leave the church at 5:45pm and return around 9:15pm.

Cost is \$5

We will have pizza and pop at the rink!

Permission slips available outside the office. Fill out and return by Monday, Feb. 12th.

Youth Blast 2012 A retreat for grades 3 - 6.

Join us each fall and spring for 24 hours of learning, games, hikes and lots of fun!

These retreats are from 7:00 pm on Friday until 4:30 pm on Saturday.

Cost: \$45/person (chaperones free)
\$15 non-refundable deposit due with registration

Upcoming Dates:

February 24-25 and March 9-10

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GOOD EARTH!

Grades K-4: Adventurers is a fun summer camp intro! From 9-4 each day, campers experience a taste of camp and yet return home at night. Activities each day include group games, worship, Bible stories, and craft activities plus a hearty camp-style lunch prepared over a fire. Each week of Adventurers offers a different Bible Study and worship theme, so campers are welcome to come multiple times. With guidance from trained, caring staff, kids will learn about the Bible, hike new trails, go creek-stomping and enjoy the uniqueness of Good Earth Village.

Cost: \$30 per day, \$35 per day after February 15th

Trailblazers

completed grades 1 & 2

An exciting "first overnight" experience! Kids will stay in the beautiful Log Lodge with five cabin mates and one awesome camp counselor. Activities include hiking, splashing in the creek, worship, Bible study, games and an evening campfire. Campers arrive around 3:00 on the first day and leave at 1:00 the next afternoon.

Cost: \$80 before March 31, \$90 after March 31

Settlers

completed grades 2 & 3

Settlers enjoy three fun-filled days and two nights to make new friends, grow in faith and explore camp! Lodging will be in the Log Lodge retreat center with about five cabin mates and one of our trained youth ministry staff for each cabin group. Activities include worships, hiking, Bible study, games, time in the creek, visits to the Canteen, cabin time, and two evening campfires.

Cost: \$160 before March 31, \$170 after March 31

Pathfinders

completed grades 3 & 4

This week-long program runs Sunday afternoon until Friday afternoon. Cabin groups are made up of up to 8 campers and one college age staff member. Housing is in our Hilltop cabins near the shower house and main lodge. All meals are prepared by our camp kitchen, with the exception of a mid-week cook out. Activities during the week include daily worships and Bible Studies, games, hikes, creek splashing, arts and crafts, swimming at the local pool, campfires, cabin time and helping in the farm/garden area.

Cost: \$365 before February 15, \$385 before March 31, \$405 after March 31

Pioneers

completed grades 5 & 6

Pioneers enjoy the classic camp experience. Staying in their own village at Old Town, Pioneers experience the exciting days and easy-going evenings of an Old West-style community. Learn about early American traditions, practice skills and crafts, cook some meals over a fire, play games, hike and explore, swim at a local pool, share the Good Book, and finish each day by telling stories at your campfire.

Cost: \$365 before February 15, \$385 before March 31, \$405 after March 31

Explorers

completed grades 7-9

Experience community in a true "camping" setting. Explorers stay in covered wagons and prepare more of their meals over an open fire. There are always new places to discover! Hike to new places, explore your faith with new friends, and enjoy worship, games, crafts and campfires. Designed as a small community, a 1-to-8 counselor-to-camper ratio is maintained. Explorers even head offsite for an afternoon canoe trip, camping at a local park.

Cost: \$365 before February 15, \$385 before March 31, \$405 after March 31

Outpost

completed grades 8 & 9

Outpost is the most rustic of the on-site programs. Ten campers and two staff members set up their own tent camp site on the property, creating their own camp community. All meals are packed out and prepared by the group. This program has a more relaxed schedule with the group determining daily activities. In addition to meals, worship and Bible Study, possible activities include hiking, creek splashing, service work, games and campfires. This week provides a great opportunity to explore faith questions more in-depth and grow as a community.

Cost: \$365 before February 15, \$385 before March 31, \$405 after March 31

Voyagers *New Program for 2012*

completed grades 8-10

Explore Minnesota by land and sea - two adventures in one! Experience backpacking on the hilly trails of bluff country, then navigate the river as we embark on a voyage by canoe. An awesome faith-building camping adventure, designed for middle school campers. Voyagers helps you develop skills for the outdoors, live by faith, and have a blast with youth and counselors

Cost: \$405 before February 15, \$425 before March 31, \$445 after March 31

Mountaineers *New Program for 2012*

completed grades 9-12

Gear up for a true high adventure! Discover your wild side during whitewater rafting, climbing challenges, and camping in Nicollet National Forest. Build friendships, enjoy unforgettable moments, and have awesome conversations along the way. All equipment is provided. Be sure to bring a camera for this one!

Cost: \$405 before February 15, \$425 before March 31, \$445 after March 31

Good Earth has changed their early bird registration policy. Please notice with most programs there are 3 options of deadlines and cost.

Worship Assistants – February 2012

February 5: Bread Baker – Deb Dahl (2 Loaves)
Scripture Readers - (8) Kathy Clark; (10:30) Nicole Pokorney
Communion Assistants - (8) Helen House, Shelby Larson
Greeters – (8) Sharon Jahn, Barb Kappers
(10:30) Pat Pokorney
Acolytes - (8) Wyatt Partch, Madisen Patten
(10:30) Kiara Reichstadt, Carter Reiland
Videographer – Dick Jahn; Altar Guild – Verna Stockdale

February 12: Bread Baker – June Stender
Scripture Readers - (8) Noah Schmidt; (10:30) Sherry Wendt
Communion Assistants - (10:30) Sherry Wendt, Carol Lenz
Greeters – (8) Lucille Daggett; (10:30) Larry & Sherry Wendt
Acolytes - (8) Karson Reiland, Gracie Schmidt
(10:30) Hailey Smith, Jocelyn Voeltz
Videographer – Brent Kohn; Altar Guild – Ann Thon

February 19: Bread Baker – Evelyn Apenhorst (2 loaves)
Scripture Readers - (8) Nels Rasmussen; (10:30) Jon Dahl
Communion Assistants - (8) Jerry Klevan, Kelvin Niemeyer
Greeters – (8) Kelvin & Linda Niemeyer; (10:30) Steve & Denae Harder
Acolytes - (8) Jordan Beck, Logan Back
(10:30) Kellyn Webster, Derek Apenhorst
Videographer – Dan Reiland; Altar Guild – Dawn Webster

February 26: Bread Baker – Kristin Beck
Scripture Readers - (8) Dave Schlitter; (10:30) Kathy Baarsch
Communion Assistants - (10:30) Ken Kujath, Wendy Kauffmann
Greeters –(8) Karli Bly, Lori Buchholtz; (10:30) Ken & Joan Kujath
Acolytes - (8) Faith Freund, Elizabeth Gusa
(10:30) Josie Bellrichard, Lariah Fox
Videographer – Rick Jahn; Altar Guild – Julie Back

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and notify Jennifer with the change.

Offering Accountants – Jennifer McCurdy & Judy Rose

USHERS: (8) KENNY CLARK*, Jerry Willford, Bill Bires,
Brenda Clark, Paul Frank, Judy Frank
(10:30) LARRY ARNESON*, Brent Hellickson, Mark
Vikse, Yvonne Kraling, Erin Kraling; Tom Patten

Saturday Service:

Head Usher – Sue Skifter

Scripture Readers – Feb. 4– Evelyn Clark, 11 – Mary Jo
Dathe, 18 – Sue Skifter, 25– Nancy Hagen

February Service Group

Organizer: Wendy Kauffmann

*Burmeister, Frances	Cooper, Jim & Judy
Campbell, Chad & Jennifer	Cooper, Ross & Maribeth
Campbell, Krystal	Copeman, Scott & Carol
Carlson, Char	Daggett, Randy
Cavanaugh, Jim & Sue	Daggett, Lucille
Christianson, Rick & Jan	Dahl, Jon & Deb
Christopherson, Roy & Jan	Danielson, Lyle & Chris
Christopherson, Dennis	Danielson, Brian
Clark, Kenny & Brenda	Danielson, Sara
*Clark, Clarice	Dathe, Mary Jo
Clark, Evelyn	Dathe, Gene
*Clark, Florence	Davidson, Roger & Shari
Clark, Kathy	*Davis, Cliff & Georgine
	Drury-DeBoer, Aaron & Andrea

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 5** Sunday School Staff Appreciation Meal
- Feb. 14** TTT 3:30-4:30pm
- Feb. 17** SPARKz – Roller skating
- Feb. 18** H₂O – Game Day @ OSL
- Feb. 22** Soup & Sandwich Supper 6pm
Ash Wednesday Service 7pm
- Feb. 26** Good Earth Village Annual Meeting –
2pm St. Johns, Kasson