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FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR RELATIONSHIPS— In keeping with St. Valentine’s Day, we are celebrating relationships during our worship services on February 10. We give thanks for marriages, parental, sibling or any relationship you may wish to celebrate. Join us for a coffee hour following each service. There will also be opportunity for members who wish to renew their wedding vows to do so during the Prayers of the Church.

LYO SOUPER BOWL is Sunday, February 3. The youth are asking everyone to bring a can of soup and a dollar. This year the proceeds and the soup will go to Maggie’s place. To help celebrate Super Bowl Sunday we’re asking the congregation to wear their favorite sports jerseys to Church.

The Burying of the alleluias will take place on March 3 at both worship services. (Please see the article in this newsletter explaining the history of the burying of the alleluias)

Don’t forget the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper** on March 5 at 6:00 PM There will be a sign up sheet available in the narthex and on the tan response sheet. A freewill offering will be received with the proceeds going to Richards House, a ministry for homeless vets.



Tuesday, March 5
6:00 PM
Great Food
Great Fellowship

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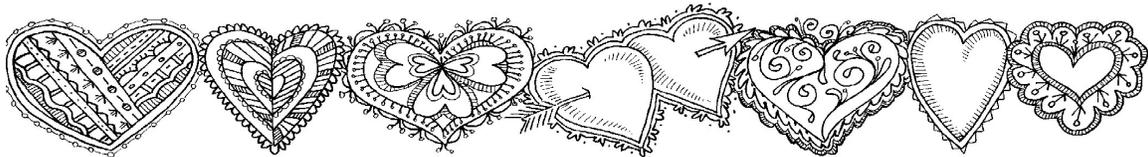
February Birthdays

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS . . .
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY and BEST WISHES to all these members of Our Saviour who celebrate birthdays during the month of February. We pray for your continued growth in God's grace.

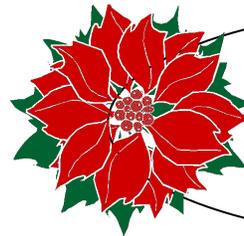
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 1-Chloe Evans
 7-Kevin Yackel
 7-Daniel Stich
 9-Pamela Spencer
 9-Alexa Jo Sovereign
 10-Karen Yackel
 10-Jacqueline Greene
 11-Rosemary Peters
 11-Morgan Maas

12-Brian Spencer
 12-Patrick Dougherty
 12-Kourtney Gates
 13-Cheryl Wehrmann
 13-James Meyer
 14-Scott Cabic
 14-Ludwig Kardos
 14-Karen Osterling
 14-Alexandria Guiles
 14-George Johnson, Jr
 15-Thomas Glanville Jr.
 15-Sophia Reese
 16-Devin Patrick Mochrie
 17-Donna Hladis
 17-Brandon Izzo
 17-Ella Wanzenried
 17-Brendan Shannon
 18-Amy Hahn
 18-Jean Schilling
 19-Joseph Sunzeri
 19-Peyton Osterling
 19-Katie Doherty
 20-Valerle Baird
 21-David Saur
 22-Karen Stelljes
 23-Sandra Austin
 23-Tyler Emerson

24-Larry Hopkins
 24-Sandra Tesch
 24-Donald Turner
 26-Lawrence Kitts
 26-Michael Frey
 27-Christine Parry Kelleher



THANK YOU
 To all the Boards who submitted their reports in a timely fashion this year. It makes my job easier.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PLACED PIONSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

THE CHURCH STAFF WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN THANK THE CONGREGATION FOR THE GENEROUS CHRISTMAS BONUS.
 GOD BLESS YOU!

CHRISTIAN MOVIE MATINEE—Saturday, February 23 at 2:00 PM. The Movie is “I Can Only Imagine”.

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB—Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM. The book is “The Chicken Runs at Midnight” by Tom Friend. A true story about a career baseball player that his daughter teaches him a lesson. Please join us.

DEDICATION —On Sunday, January 27 at both Services. We dedicated the new green altar paraments, Chalice, and Pastor’s robe in memory of Will Keller. We also dedicate the new Keyboard a gift from Tony and Mary Pleten. The old keyboard is available to anyone who would like it.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, as baptized followers of Jesus Christ will foster a living, expressive relationship with our Lord and our neighbors.

We will do this in a way that seeks to serve all segments of our congregation and community by:

- ◆ Providing a welcoming environment for youth and young adults.
- ◆ Strengthening the family unit.
- ◆ Involving the elderly and recognizing their special needs.
- ◆ Making Christ visible through worship.

Recommended by the Long Range Planning committee on October 27, 2010

JUBLIEE'S VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON will be held at noon on Valentine's Day At Yianni's Restaurant 120 Pixley Road. The sign up sheet is posted on the narthex table. Yianni's will provide individual bills at the luncheon so payment in advance is not required. The full menu will be available. Hope you can join us for great food and fellowship!



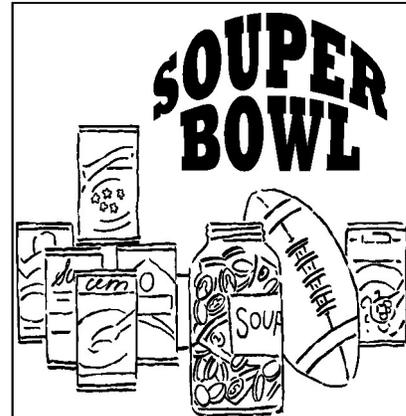
NEW TO OUR FAMILY:

PATTIE AND ELTON SCHULZ WERE WELCOMED AS MEMBERS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30. A RECEPTION FOR THEM WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27. PLEASE WELCOME THEM.

ASH WEDNESDAY

**ASH WEDNESDAY
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

Wednesday, March 6
7:00 PM



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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES . .Congratulations and Best Wishes to these members of Our Saviour who celebrate Wedding anniversaries during the month of February. May God continue to bless you and increase your love for one another!

- 14—Krystle and Jon Earle
Happy 5th Anniversary
- 15—Lindsay and Jared Guhl
- 17---James and Lori Hahn
- 17—Todd and Jaime Walberger
- 19—Robert and Barbara Sihto
- 28—Ayden and Joan Plowe

Worship Services on YouTube

THE CHURCH SERVICES ARE RECORDED AND ARE ON YOUTUBE
GO TO WWW.OURSAVIOURROCHESTER.ORG AND
CLICK ON SERMONS



Copies of **Our Saviour's 2018 Annual Report** are available on the narthex table or from the church office. If you would like a copy mailed just call the church office.
247-7824

ALTAR FLOWERS A thank you; A reminder



ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donate Altar Flowers for our Sunday morning worship services. They beautify our altar each Sunday of the church year as members celebrate significant happenings in life or remember loved ones.

The sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers is located on the narthex bulletin board near the guest book. Members are invited to sign up to place flowers on the altar.

The cost for altar flowers is \$30 per Sunday. Please remember to take an offering envelope and place your contribution in it for altar flowers. These envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Thank you.



Stay tuned for information
We will once again celebrate ST. Patrick's Day
later in the spring.



WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A.

ACTING BOLDLY in OUR FAITH – FEEDING the HUNGRY



As an outreach ministry of the people of God, our Women's group sponsors MONTHLY food collections. We are asking members of our congregation to bring a non-perishable food item or items and place them in the basket under the WELCA display table in the narthex. Your donations will be taken to St. Theodore's food cupboard or distributed to members of our congregation known to be in need. By acting boldly in our faith through this outreach ministry, we hope to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. A list of the most needed food items follows: jello, dry pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, canned pasta (like spaghetti-os), tuna, salad dressing, cake or brownie mix, jelly/jam, spaghetti sauce, canned or crushed tomatoes, cereal,

pie filling, applesauce, soup, macaroni & cheese, pork and beans, juice, peanut butter, baked beans, coffee or tea, Hamburger, Chicken or Tuna Helper, and hot chocolate mix. Non-food items needed include hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper and facial tissue. On behalf of our Women's group and all those who will benefit from your donations, we again thank you! Thank you also to Debbie Housel who delivers our donations.



We hope that everyone has recovered from the busy holiday season and January's very chilly weather. We now have to get back to our regular meeting schedule.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th at 12:00 noon. This is a lunch meeting, so please bring lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. **Sharon Yackel** will serve as hostess and **Nancy Austin** will provide devotions for this meeting. At this meeting, we will be discussing upcoming events.

Yvonne Dougherty, Debbie Frey and Daryl Jarvis will provide refreshments for fellowship on Sunday, February 10th.

The Women of the ELCA would like to wish everyone a "Happy Valentine's Day".

As we continue to increase our membership, we hope that this will continue as we move through the year. There is always room for more!

Ann Seppa, Secretary

Thank you to all who prayed for us and sent cards, called, and visited while Rich was hospitalized and upon his return home. We are so thankful to be part of such a loving and caring church family. God bless you all.

Rich and Sharon Yackel

❖ **Ann and Gordon Seppa, Mary Ellen Saur, Linda Loughlin, Cheryl Stone, Debbie Frey, Joan Plowe, Colleen Forsey, Elaine DeVantier, Donna Miller, Jean Lombard, and Daryl Jarvis** for collating, stapling, addressing and mailing the January newsletter.

❖ **Mary Ellen Saur, and Ed Jarvis** for assembling the Annual Report.

- ❖ **Linda Loughlin** for filling the oil candles.
- ❖ **Sharon and Rich Yackel and Mary Ellen Saur** for assembling the Sunday bulletins each week.
- ❖ **Sharon Yackel** for continuing to take orders for the Equal Exchange Coffee products.
- ❖ **Patty and Jerry Stich, Ed Jarvis and Mary Ellen Saur** for Assembling the Christmas Eve bulletins.
- ❖ **Marjorie Kowalski** for watering the plants.
- ❖ **Deb Housel, Linda Loughlin** for leading the singing portion of the Contemporary Service.
- ❖ **Linda Loughlin** for proofing the newsletter.
- ❖ **Deb Ciccone** for proofing the weekly bulletin announcements.

Thanks to our Christmas Eve Volunteers

Ushers 5:00 PM Pattie and Elton Schulz

Ushers 10:30 PM Mary Pleten and Andrew Pond

Acolytes/Deacons 5:00 PM Katherine Cuyler, Jake Foltz
And Chloe Evans

Acolytes/ Deacons 10:30PM—Peyton and Chloe Osterling
JD Coval and Brayden Spencer

Lectors: 5:00 PM Jannen Oliver

Lectors: 10:30PM Deb Housel and Carol Ransom

Communion Assts: Ed Jarvis and Linda Loughlin

The commitment and dedication of all members of Our Saviour are important to the congregation's mission and ministry. We want to recognize the tasks done by members. Committee/Board Chairs and others are asked to share these names with Office Manager, Mary Pleten for inclusion in future issues of the **Communicator**

BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

EVANGELISM MEETING
SUNDAY, February 10, AT 10:30 AM

JUBLIEES VALENTINE LUNCHEON
Thursday, February 14
At noon
At Yianne's in Pixley Road

CHURCH COUNCIL
MONDAY, February 11 at 6:30 PM



WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A.

Women of the E.L.C.A. meet Tuesday,
February 12 at Noon
The meeting is open to all.

75TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING
THURSDAY, February 7 at 11:00 AM

CHRISTIAN MOVIE MATINEE
Saturday, February 23, 2:00 PM

As I sit at the beginning of February I become mindful that Lent doesn't begin till March. It leaves me a bit unsettled as I am used to putting the Lenten services together and planning for Ash Wednesday. As I think about it I believe this is a Gift from God.

Maybe as the cold of February enfolds us God is asking us to be quiet; to think about ourselves, our church and our relationship with him. I believe God is preparing us for Lent this year by asking us to slow down. While there are many calls on our time, many demands maybe it's time to sit in quiet for an hour a day and reflect on the blessings God has given us and how we might use those blessings in the future.

As I reflect on the life of the church I ran across an article in First Things Journal entitled "Heal Patricia Snow. I share a few opening paragraphs with you as it caused me think about our witness to the Gospel.

"Six months after he was elected the Chair of Peter, Pope Francis made one of the most provocative statements of his five -year pontificate. Asked by the Italian Jesuit Antonio Spadaro what the church (small c) most needs at this point in her history, he replied that he sees the church as a field hospital after battle. The church he envisions would focus on God's mercy and love; it would have the ability to "heal wounds and to warm hearts "In an age that has lost all sense of sin, emissaries of this church might speak of salvation but not—at least not at first—about what it is the man needs to be saved *from*. "It is useless," the pope exclaimed, "to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds."

...Much of the world, he (Pope Francis) reminds us, has been reduced to a mission field: increasingly un-church and hostile to organized religion and therefore incapable of responding to the faith in its fullness. In this anxious, defensive world, rife with both presumption and despair, Pope Francis's ideal church would dispense with outdated requirements and doctrinal niceties. Grabbing a theological first aid kit, she would hasten to where the battle is hottest, to the killing fields of the culture, and there, before it is too late, *stop the bleeding.*"

I believe the Pope and the ELCA both have it right. It is tie to reach out, touch our neighbor so healing and growth can happen. Maybe God has given us this February to reflect personally, and as a church as to how we can stop the bleeding. I challenge the council to debate this and let's see where God is leading us in our 75th year of life.

Pastor Wilck



BINGO PRIZES FOR CREEKVIEW NURSING HOME

The Women of the ELCA here at Our Saviour continue to collect items to be used as bingo prizes at Westgate Nursing Home. Members of the congregation are invited (and encouraged) to participate in this activity. A plastic box for donations is located on the large table in the narthex. The suggestions that follow were provided by the Recreation Leader at Creek View Nursing Home.

Women

- Stuffed animals
- Jewelry*
- Cologne
- Lotion (small bottles)
- Non-slip stocking slippers
- Large print word search

Men

- Stuffed animals
- After-shave lotion or cologne
- Shaving cream
- Playing cards, large print
- Non-slip stocking slippers

* clip-on earrings only, necklaces must be long enough to fit over the head, and bracelets large enough to fit over the hand. Jewelry with clasps is difficult to handle.

Thank you for your support of this activity and to Donna Evenson who delivers our donations.

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Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00 AM-1:00PM

Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message on 269-9086. On Friday Pastor's day off, he is available for pastoral emergencies. When calling the church after hours, and wishing to leave a message for Pastor Wilck, when prompted dial Extension 311 for his personal voice mail.

Please inform Pastor Wilck whenever there is an illness or hospitalization in your family. He appreciates your help. When you are admitted to a hospital, please list your religious preference as "Lutheran Church of Our Saviour" and contact Pastor or the church office.



ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, March 6
7:00 PM

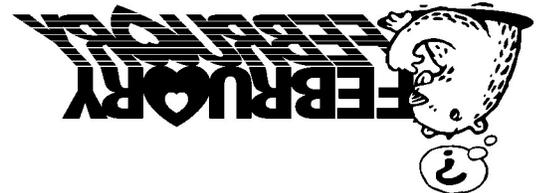
Ash Wednesday is March 6. A Service of Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes on this first day of Lent is planned at 7:00 PM.

Ash Wednesday is the first of the forty days of Lent. With it the Church begins the Lenten observance which reflects on Christ's death for us, our faith and trust in God and sharing acts of love and kindness with others. The Ash Wednesday Service encourages us to contemplate our faith and life in light of Jesus' giving himself for our salvation.

You are invited to join in this special service. Plan to attend the Ash Wednesday Service and the other Lenten Services.



Mid week Lenten Services begin
Wednesday, March 13
7:15 PM



FEBRUARY 2

DATED MATERIAL

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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