The Courage to Stand for Love

**MLK Worship 2020**  
January 18 and 19

Following Martin Luther King, Jr. as he followed Christ, join us for a spirit filled worship commemorating the Rev. Dr. King’s contribution to church and society.

“Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.”

**MLK Day of Service 2020**  
January 20  
1:00 – 5:00 pm

Faith in Action for children and youth grades 5th through 8th. This day will include multiple service opportunities. See page 2 for full details. “Everybody can be great … because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.”

**Children and Family Educational Adventure**  
April 24 – 26

Families are invited to get on board the train to Memphis, as we cross bridges and build bridges. See page 7 for full details. “If you can’t fly then run. If you can’t run then walk. If you can’t walk then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”
Service Day in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King

January 20

All Jr. S.A.L.T. (3rd-5th grade) and Confirmation students (6th-8th grade) are invited to participate in Our Saviour’s Service Day in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will hold our service day on Monday, January 20th from 1 to 5pm. Our fun-filled service afternoon will include the following:

- card-making for pediatric cancer patients
- making sweater mittens
- tying fleece tie blankets
- wrapping bandages

A snack will be provided for all of our participants. Children and youth are welcome to come for part of the event or stay for the whole afternoon. Regardless of how much time you spend, please know that you are making a difference! In preparation for the MLK Service Day event, we are looking for donations of 100% cotton white or off-white sheets for bandages, fleece for the blankets and old sweaters. If you can donate, please let Cari Ann Petersen or Tracy Katschke know. Thank you!

Ski Retreat with Pastor Pete at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Michigan

January 17 – 19

Pastor Pete is inviting you to attend a Ski Retreat in his hometown of Crystal Falls, Michigan (5 hours north of Arlington Heights). Food, lodging and activities will take place at the beautiful church camp where Pastor Pete’s dad was the Executive Director for many years – Fortune Lake. www.fortunelake.org

There are plenty of winter activities at the camp – snowshoeing, sledding, cross country skiing, and a hot sauna. If you want to downhill ski or snowboard, Ski Brule (www.skibrule.com) is just 20 minutes from the camp, and significant lift ticket discounts are available for the retreat attendees!

Lodging at the camp includes linen service and private bathrooms. There will be a snack on Friday, meals on Saturday, breakfast/brunch on Sunday.

Cost for the whole weekend of food/lodging: $90/Adult, $60/Youth (age 11-18), $40/Youth (age 4-10), Family Maximum of $250. Discount Group Lodging (without linen services) may also be available.

Discounted Ski Brule prices for Retreat attendees:
- Lift Ticket only = $37; Lift Ticket and Rental = $48
- That’s a discount of $45 for Lift Ticket and Rental!

Please email Pastor Pete at pwarmanen@oursaviours.org by Friday, January 10 to register.
**Annual Reports are due January 7th**

Each year we compile a report of all ministries, classes, and programs of the church. This is an important historical record of our church and its ministries! If your group, team or ministry would like to submit a short report of your accomplishments in 2019, hopes for 2020, and a list of participants, send an electronic copy to the Lead Team member who supervises your ministry by January 7th at the very latest. Thank you!

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**February 9, 2020**

The Annual meeting of the congregation will be on February 9th at 10:00 am – between the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services. All members of the congregation are expected to attend and participate in this annual decision making meeting of the church. Mark your calendars now so you won’t miss attending. In addition to the regular business of the church - election of council members, approval of the 2020 budgets – we will vote on amendments to the constitution. There will be special presentations and videos as well on our church’s mission and ministries.

Sections of the Annual Report (including all resolutions for the business of the meeting) will be available in the main entry, church office, and online at www.oursaviours.org by Sunday, February 2nd. Again this year the detailed Financial Reports and all Ministry Area Reports (over 70 pages) will not be duplicated for the meeting. These detailed reports will be posted online at www.oursaviours.org. For those who can not access these documents online, a hard copy may be requested from the church office.

**Congregational Listening Posts**

Two opportunities will be offered to the congregation prior to the annual meeting for members to ask questions and hear details regarding the business of the church. Members of Staff and the Congregational Council will be present. Make sure you attend one of these sessions to help you prepare for the Annual Meeting.

- Sunday, February 2, 10:10am in Room 110
- Monday, February 3, 7:00 – 8:00pm in Room 109

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**Save the Date for the Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner!**

All are welcome to join the Senior High Youth Group for a Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner on **Tuesday, February 25** from 5:00 to 7:00pm. There will be endless pancakes, lots of bacon, sausage and of course, great music! This is a free will offering event. All proceeds from the pancake dinner will go towards the July high school mission trip to Niagara Falls, New York. Come enjoy a fantastic evening of good food and wonderful fellowship!
**Register to Vote**

*and vote on March 17 and November 3!*

The POWER (Policy beyond Our Walls: Education and Response) Ministry encourages you to be an active participant in the U.S. democracy by voting in the March 17 primary in Illinois. If you will be out of town that day, order a “by mail” ballot between December 18 and March 12. Or, vote early in person, March 2 through March 16. Not yet 18 years of age? If you will be 18 by November 3, 2020 you can (and should) **register to vote now** and vote in the March 17 primary. **March 1 is the last day for online voter registration for the primary.**

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**Organ Recital**

*Tuesday, February 11, 11:15am*

Join organist Matt Haider for an early lunchtime organ recital. This concert will feature organ works based on hymn tunes that will paint the hymn text in different ways. There will be some singing of hymns as well. Following the concert, a light (free-will offering) lunch will be served. We’d like to have an accurate count for the lunch, so please sign up by February 6 online (on Realm) or the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

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**Begin the New Year by beginning each day with prayer**

Daily devotional booklets are available in the inner entry and near the Welcome Center in the entry area. “Christ in our Home”, and “The Word in Season” are both excellent resources to guide you in prayer each day. A devotional thought based on Scripture is noted and prayer concerns included. Large Print copies are also available.

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**Assistant Organist Continues!**

Thank you to all of the assistant organists we had join us this past Fall. Joy and fun abound at the organ bench! A new sign-up for Spring dates is now available. Dates are available from January through April. Churchgoers of any age may sit with Mr. Matt at the organ bench during the 9:00am Sunday service and help out by pushing buttons, turning pages, and even playing a few notes. No preparation or previous experience is necessary - just show up at the organ console at 8:45am on your scheduled day!

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**Christmas Worship Appreciation**

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make our Christmas services so meaningful. They each sacrificed a little of their own Christmas festivities to help others enjoy our worship services. From ushers to lectors, greeters to communion assistants, musicians to parking lot attendants, and altar care team members – we couldn't have done it without you. When added together, over 150 volunteers contributed, and many served at multiple worship services! Our heartfelt thanks for all you did to help us welcome the newborn King.

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**Souper Bowl of Caring**

On Saturday, February 1st and Sunday, February 2nd please bring an extra offering for the Soup Pots that you will find in our worship space and entryway. All financial offerings for the Souper Bowl of Caring will go the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Bring a can of soup too (or some other nonperishable food item) to be shared with our local food pantry. Thank you!
A Time to Reflect and to Look Forward

2020! It sounds like the future, right? But here we are living in it. To know where we as a church community are going, sometimes it helps to be reminded of what’s been accomplished:

• Our quest to care for God’s Earth led us to install solar panels. We also began using Earth-friendly ceramic coffee cups instead of paper on Sunday mornings.
• We celebrated 30 years of Stephen Ministry at Our Saviour’s.
• Online giving through Realm was launched.
• We were “Re-Lent-less” in our Lenten worship, involving our children to participate in a noisy offering that supports efforts for clean water in the U.S. and around the world.
• Our Youth grew in their faith by serving on the Youth Mission trip to Bayou La Batre, LA and participating in Vacation Bible School.
• Our Saviour’s showed our love for our neighbors marching in the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade and our love for the environment in the Arlington Heights July 4th Parade.
• We celebrated America’s pastime with the well-received “Baseball and the Bible” sermon series over the summer.
• We spent time over dinner with Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and got to know our newly-elected Metro Chicago Bishop Yehiel Curry.
• New Member’s continue to be welcomed at Our Saviour’s.
• P.O.W.E.R. sponsored a Town Hall meeting with our State Legislators and is a voice in our community.
• Super-talented musicians and singers, of all ages, shared their incredible talents and time.
• We learned how to get involved in Our Saviour’s numerous ministries at during our Ministry Fair.
• Small Groups continue to meet while new groups are being formed.

That’s a lot of God’s work happening with our hands at Our Saviour’s. Looking ahead to 2020, we work on the vision of where God will lead us next. There are so many ways to be present in the lives of our church friends and our neighbors in the community. Pray and consider how you may want to be involved in the future. God’s vision for each of us will be made clear, and what a sight it will be!

Peace,
Matt Guidera
Council Member

Welcome to Palestinian Day in Arlington Heights
Ahlan wa sahlan!

A Palestinian Fair, the first in Arlington Heights, will be held at Our Saviour’s on Saturday, February 29, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The event will feature several speakers. Mr. Nazir Cha-hin, Imam/Resident Scholar at the Islamic Society of the Northwest Suburbs will give an overview of Islam. Dr. John Kahler, co-founder of the non-profit MedGlobal and 2019 American Red Cross Disaster Services Hero, will talk about the medical situation facing Palestinian children.

There will be a fashion show representing different Palestinian clothing; the showing of films related to the situation in Palestine and the Holy Land; olive wood, olive oil, and other artifacts for sale; and advocacy opportunities. Middle Eastern food will be available for purchase. The day will conclude with a short prayer service. Come for a short time or spend the day. The Palestinian Fair is being sponsored by the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod Working Group on the Middle East and is being hosted by the Global Mission Team of Our Saviour’s.
Commitment Update

Commitment weekend for our 2020 pledges to the Unified Budget was November 16/17. Many people made their commitment online, too, using their Realm account. At press time, 317 households had pledged over $1,083,000 towards our mission in 2020. If you haven’t made your financial commitment yet, please contact COO, Jim Valentine, as soon as possible.

Using Realm – an ongoing learning process!

Realm is our cloud-based membership system. In November we unveiled the program to the entire congregation. If you have not yet received an “invite” in your email inbox to sign in and set up your private password and begin using the system, contact the church office.

Why should you bother? Because in Realm you can set up online giving, make your annual financial commitment to the church, edit your contact information, receive group messages from the pastors and your ministry group leaders, add photos of you and your family, join groups, or connect with other members in a secure, convenient way. It acts as a membership directory, too, where you can look up phone numbers and addresses, and send emails directly to fellow members from the program. We’re looking forward to getting the entire congregation to use Realm.

You must have an email address in our system in order to receive an invite. So if the office does not have yours, please contact COO, Jim Valentine. Once we add that to the system, you can begin to use Realm to stay in touch. Direct any questions you have – or problems you have signing in to Jim at: jvalentine@oursaviours.org.

Realm Tip of the Month:

Did you know that setting up automatic bank or credit card withdrawals to give to the church is not the same thing as making a commitment/pledge for the next year? In your profile, on your “Giving” page, there are two buttons. Click on the blue “+Give” button to set up giving; click on the gray “+Pledge” button to make a commitment to Unified, or Hunger. Questions? Contact COO, Jim Valentine.

Safety First

Have you noticed the odd little boxes mounted on the walls in most rooms of the building with flashing lights and tiny antenna on top? This is part of a building-wide, wireless PA system to help us communicate during emergencies. In the event of an emergency, announcements can be made from the main office alerting every room that we are beginning a lock-down, or an evacuation, or a shelter-in-place. Classrooms can use the PA to contact the office, too, should there be an emergency in a room and help is needed. Next time you are near one of the PA call-boxes, take a moment to read the short instruction card so you are ready to use it in an emergency. The Emergency Response Team reminds you: Safety First!
An April Weekend in Memphis

Crossing states... building bridges! Come join us as we partner with the UMOJA peace project – a ministry of Bethel Lutheran Church. In a whirlwind weekend, we will travel from Chicago to Memphis, Tennessee – round trip by an Amtrak train. We will build bridges of communication and equip ourselves and our children to speak the language of love and peace. Dr. Martin Luther King’s story will be our guide as we visit the Civil Rights Museum and follow in his footsteps. We’ll see some of the landmarks Dr. King frequented that still exist today. And we’ll talk about some of the challenges that he faced that still exist today. We’ll learn to cross all kinds of borders as we build a foundation of peace, learning from the past, each other, and ourselves! Dates are April 24th to 26th. Stayed tuned for more details to see how we’ll take on “the adventure of a springtime”, and plan to join us!

Questions about Church Financial Statements

Soon, as an email attachment, through our Realm program, we will send out your year-end Financial Statement to use for claiming charitable contributions on your IRS tax forms. There are several things worth reminding members about in regards to what is and isn’t on your statement.

1. If you made a financial commitment to the Unified Operating Fund for the year, only gifts you have given in your regular weekly offering envelopes (or online through Realm) are credited toward your pledge.

2. If you use a World Hunger envelope, a holiday or initial offering envelope, those gifts are considered special gifts. While they are recorded on your statement they are not credited toward your commitment; they’re considered extras.

3. If you give a special gift to the Memorial & Special Gifts Fund or the Mission Endowment Fund you will be thanked with separate letters from the Memorial and Endowment Committees. Save these letters for tax purposes, because they will not show up on your Church Financial statement.

Keep these points in mind, but if you ever have any questions about your statement do not hesitate to contact Carol Guidera, our Financial Secretary, or Jim Valentine, COO; we’d be happy to talk to you about your concern.

News from ELCA World Hunger

Chili peppers boost income for farmers in Indonesia

On a half-acre on the island of Nias, Indonesia, that belonged to his father, Yaatulo and his wife, Mariatu, grow bananas to support themselves and their two children. While they work hard, the income from the bananas isn’t enough to support their family, Yaatulo says. Bananas are only harvested once a year, bringing the family an income equivalent to about $40 USD a month.

Yaatulo heard about a development program of the Center for Disaster Risk Management & Community Development Studies, which is supported by gifts to ELCA World Hunger. He decided to join, and soon he had the support to borrow enough money for chili seeds. Over two months, Yaatulo and Mariatu cleared their land and dug trenches to plant more than 1,000 chili bushes. Chilies can be harvested multiple times a year and grow relatively quickly, giving farmers more opportunities to sell them at markets. One kilogram can sell for $3 USD, so over three months the crop has the potential to add up to $200 USD in revenue. Now, Yaatulo and Mariatu have diversified their income sources. “I will pay [the loan] back in three months so that someone else can use the money,” Yaatulo says.

Through ELCA World Hunger, this church accompanies our neighbors like Yaatulo as they work to end hunger and poverty. Thanks to your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, farmers have improved access to the tools, training, livestock, seeds and more that will help their families increase farm production and have more sell on the market. Yaatulo and Mariatu have become an inspiration for others in their community and have helped their neighbors start their own farms. “We are listening and learning,” he says.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that fight hunger and poverty in more than 60 countries around the world, including the United States. Use a World Hunger offering envelope at church for your contribution and place it in the offering plate.

To donate online: ELCA.org/hunger/donate
Adult Mission Trip Informational and Planning Meeting  
Sunday, January 5 at 10:00am

Are you an adult age 18 or older who may be interested in participating in a mission trip this Summer? We are looking at either the week of May 30 through June 6, or June 20 through 27 (trying to beat the extreme Summer heat) and one of the following locations: Savannah, Georgia (still rebuilding after Hurricane Irma); or either Houston or Rockport, Texas (both continuing to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey.) Lois Nelson is looking for your input and help in planning this trip. Questions? Contact Lois Nelson in the church office.

Soup Surprise and White Elephant Bingo  
Tuesday, January 14 at 12:00 noon

Soup’s on for this popular event! What is soup surprise you ask? It is the delicious combination of canned, non-creamed soups that are provided by those attending. Grilled cheese sandwiches, chips and a sweet treat will also be provided. After lunch we will play Bingo for fun, with white elephant prizes (also provided by those attending). Registration is available on the church website or on the bulletin board located outside of the Fellowship Hall. Please register by January 12. A free will offering basket will be available for those who would like to make a contribution. Cans of soup (again, no cream soups!) and white elephant gifts should be brought to Lois Nelson’s office (shares with Pastor Heidtke) by Sunday, January 12. Questions? Contact Lois Nelson in the church office.

Love-in-Action Bags to benefit formerly homeless veterans

On January 11th and 12th we’ll hand out Love-in-Action bags after each worship service. Items collected will be directed to a new program sponsored by our Military Support Team. We’ve all heard the stories and seen the pictures of the homeless veterans struggling to regain their footing when returning to civilian life. They risked their lives for us. They could use a hand... we can be “church” to them. The good news is that the Veteran’s Administration (VA) has a wonderful rent subsidy program that moves the homeless veterans to apartments. But there’s one missing component, and that is paying for the initial and ongoing household goods that make an apartment a home, and makes that home the basis to change a life. In conjunction with a national veteran’s organization (Military Outreach USA), Our Saviour’s can make a difference. We’ll collect household items in our Love-in-Action bags and the VA will distribute these items to service veterans in the greater Chicagoland area by the following week’s end. Please help us fill the collection baskets. Monetary donations – to help purchase furniture – will be accepted as well.
The start of a New Year is a perfect time to pause, assess where you are, and look ahead to where you want to be. Are you longing to grow in faith, learn more about yourself, and reset your goal of becoming the person you have the potential to be, with the right resources and encouragement?

What is the best way you can offer your gifts of compassion and a listening presence to people experiencing loss and sadness? How could you, with God’s grace, help make positive changes for others in 2020 and beyond?

Consider becoming a Stephen Minister! Join those who have already decided to participate in the next 50-hour training series, beginning in the fall of 2020, studying a wide range of subjects over a 20-week period. You will become comfortable praying aloud and meeting with care receivers who are experiencing grief, estrangement from loved ones, faith issues, divorce, unemployment, illness, and other challenging losses. The training itself is a journey of self-discovery and empowerment, which will be useful in your personal life, as well as in the Christ-centered, confidential care you will provide to others. Applications are being accepted now. If the Holy Spirit is calling you to be a part of this dynamic ministry, plan to attend an informational meeting in March 2020. More details will follow.

Questions? Please call Stephen Leaders Sue Katte (847-991-2162) / Karen Steil (847-394-5681) or Pastor Gail Heidtke (847-255-8700, x-225). To receive the cost-free, completely confidential care of a Stephen Minister, the first step is to contact Referrals Coordinator Karen Steil at the number above.

***** You need not be an Our Saviour’s member to receive care. *****
Small Bites – Sundays at 10:00am in Room 110

January 12
The Holy in Hollywood
When you watch a movie on the big screen, do you ever recognize that there’s more to the story than meets the eye? Pastor Pete (who got his Bachelor’s Degree in Broadcasting and Cinematic Arts) will help us to see the “Holy in Hollywood.” You’ll likely be surprised at how often Biblical images and themes show up in mainstream movies and TV shows. Enjoy popcorn, movie clips and conversation.

January 19
Reading “Between the Lines” of the Parables
Those familiar parables we all think we know still surprise us with new dimensions of our faith. Pastor Paul Meltzer will introduce the Main Course “Hear Another Parable” which runs January 26 to February 16.

January 26
Super Bowl Snacks Done Differently
Watching the Super Bowl usually involves a “super bunch” of snacking! And often, those snacks are not exactly the healthiest. In this winning Small Bite, hear from Coach Lois Nelson and learn her game plan to remake some game day favorites into healthier versions.

February 2
Listening Post to Prepare for Annual Meeting
Meet with Council Members to share your ideas and get your questions answered before the Annual Meeting on February 9.

February 9
Annual Meeting

February 16
You Can’t Take it with You!
What legacy will you leave for your children? The church? The World? It’s not too early to make preparations for when you’re gone. Join Jim Valentine, COO, and members of the Endowment Committee, to explore how you can responsibly provide for the loved ones you leave behind. This class is especially designed for those under the age of 50.

Wiggle Worship
Join Pastor Pete for music and stories that are geared toward kids (and kids at heart).

February 23
Music for the Soul
Vocalist Viola Collins-Brown and Matt Haider, will take us through the musical form of spirituals. We will start with some Negro Spirituals and learn how they lead to the gospel music of today. There will be opportunities for audience participation through hymns as well as moments to just listen.

March 1
Reading Someone Else’s Mail
Learn from Our Saviour’s Ministry in Context Seminary Students, Cassie and Zach, about studying Paul’s Epistles it is like reading some else’s mail. Cassie and Zach will provide interesting information they have learned in seminary about the Apostle Paul’s letters.

March 8
Up In Smoke
A brief history of marijuana legislation, and what the 2020 changes mean for Illinois. No samples!

March 15
Cooking with Dave Esau
Dave from Dave’s Specialty Foods has had many years of experience as a chef in several well-known restaurants. He will offer some cooking tips, a recipe and cooking demonstration at the Winter Farmers’ Market.

Adult Education Main Course Classes
Sunday Classes:

Sundays, January 12 & 19, 11:00am
Gospel Politics
Who would Jesus vote for? What party would he belong to? Are these even the proper questions to ask? In a thought-provoking video, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a New Testament scholar, tackles the issue of how we can view politics in light of the gospel. Member Jodie Draut will present the video and facilitate discussion about it.

Sundays, January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 11:00am
Hear Another Parable
Parable scholar Joachim Jeremias suggests that “we stand right before Jesus when reading his parables.” Parables constitute 35% of everything Jesus is reported to have said in the synoptic gospels. In this four week study associate member and retired UCC pastor Paul Meltzer will help us engage with some of these familiar stories as Jesus disturbs our easy readings of them and challenges us to look at life with fresh insight. As a supplement to our discussion you can order “Short Stories by Jesus; The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi” by Amy-Jill Levine from Amazon ($10).
Sundays, February 23 – March 8, 11:00am
A Mathematician Reads the Newspaper
“A recent study said”..."a survey showed"...often, in reporting news stories, data is included. But should we accept this data at face value? In a way that even those who think math is scary will enjoy, this class. OSLC members Jill Lisius and Matt Guidera, will look at how this data reporting is often misleading. They will give you information that can help you better analyze everyday news stories.

Sundays, March 15, 22 & 29, 11:00am
40 Days Lenten Bible Study
Lent is a time of reflection and prayer, and also a season of hope in the work God is doing in the world, even in the most challenging times. Join in study and prayer as we journey with our neighbors in hope for a just world in which all are fed. Using the 40 Days study guide prepared by ELCA World Hunger, this Bible study will center on the Scripture texts of our Sunday Lenten worship. Pastor Heidtke and retired Bishop Wayne Miller will lead the class and study guides will be provided.

Weekday and Evening Main Course Classes:

Wednesday, January 22, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Mental Health Series
Taking Care of You and Taking Care of Others - Dealing with Depression
Depression is a growing concern for adults. What can you do to prevent the blues? Brian Reynolds, Lutheran Home Community Outreach Liaison will discuss helpful hints to get you through the toughest times. Depression increases the risk of suicide and older adults may develop vascular depression. Many things can contribute to or cause depression such as medications, medical illnesses and others. We will learn about them the treatment of depression and how to help those around us.

Wednesday, January 29, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Talk Saves Lives:
An Introduction to Suicide Prevention
This community-based presentation will cover the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention and what people can do to fight suicide. Attendees will learn the risk and warning signs of suicide from suicide survivors Ann Gulotta and Erika Barber from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Learn what suicide is, who it affects, what we know about it, and how together we can help prevent it.

Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 – 8:00pm
PTSD – Symptoms, Warning Signs and Treatments
PTSD is becoming a more well-known and studied diagnosis throughout the world and it's definition of “traumatic events” has been extended to experiences beyond that of war or combat veterans. Skylar Nagy, Lead Counselor Amita Behavioral Health will help us learn how to be able to recognize PTSD symptoms and warning signs, and know the common events that can result in PTSD. She will also discuss those who are most at risk of experiencing PTSD symptoms, the impact of trauma on the brain, and effective treatments for individuals suffering from PTSD.

Thursday, February 6, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Make the Census Count!
Join us as Regan Sonnabend, VP of Marketing and Communications for the YWCA helps us learn about the 2020 Census, with a focus on some of the communities most in danger of being undercounted, like seniors, what that means, and how we can help. Regan’s responsibilities include educating about the upcoming census.

Tuesday, February 11, 10:00 – 11:30am
Relationship Longevity ...
Held at Wheeling Township Building
1616 N. Arlington Heights Road
What’s the secret to making any relationship (whether marriage or friendship) last through life’s many challenges? Laughter and respect are certainly at the top of the list! Join us for an interesting and engaging look at ways to help a relationship “go the distance.” Pastor Pete will offer insightful real-life examples and encouraging suggestions.

Language, Faith and Fighting
Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 – 9:00pm
As Lutherans, how do we disagree with each other? Are there better ways to argue the issues we care about from a faith perspective? How do we do that? Facilitated by members Betty Birner, Mary Beth Canty and Jodie Draut, people known to argue, who care passionately about language and how we use it, and also care passionately about issues.

Marijuana - How is it Impacting us?
Tuesdays, February 18 & 25, 7:00 – 8:00pm
In this two-part class member. Mary Beth Canty will highlight marijuana legislation and impacts in other states. She will also discuss the various ways Illinois communities plan to use the marijuana-related tax revenues as they arise. We’ll address ways to discuss marijuana (and other substances) with your children.
It’s Just One Night!
Won’t you lend your Helping Hands and volunteer to help the homeless PADS (Public Action To Deliver Shelter) guests at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church this Winter?

A few good men are usually needed to volunteer on first and second shifts. And a few extra ladies would be appreciated to sign up on shift three. Sign up to help out on Signup.com. You can help make life a little less stressful for the homeless men, women, and children who receive overnight shelter and food on Saturdays at Our Saviour’s. Volunteering for a few hours once in a while will mean so much in this important social ministry! And it will give you a joyful feeling too, realizing how much the donation of your time means to local homeless people.

Ways to Help
In 2020 resolve to cook or serve a dinner or breakfast, pick up a food donation, provide lunch ingredients, work a shift or come in to clean-up on Sunday morning!

New PADS Volunteers are Always Welcome!
In the New Year, Resolve to Come to a Training Class at Journeys!

In January, training will be given:
Saturday, January 4 at 10:00am
Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30pm
Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30pm

Training is done at the Journeys office, 1140 East Northwest Hwy in Palatine, across from Arlington Race Track. No registration necessary! Youth in 7th grade and older may become PADS volunteers if accompanied by a parent! Volunteer as a family!

PADS Training at Our Saviour’s
New PADS volunteers also need to attend an orientation at church to tour the site, ask questions and learn about specific procedures. In January, an orientation will be given Saturday, January 11, from 4:15 to 5:00 pm. Pre-registration is not required, but strongly recommended, as you can then be contacted if the meeting must be rescheduled. To pre-register for an orientation at Our Saviour’s, please use this link:

https://signup.com/go/xXQGyHhZ

Do you need for additional PADS information?

If you want more information about the PADS program, visit the Journeys website:
www.journeystheroadhome.org

For more information about PADS at Our Saviour’s, contact one of the site co-directors:
Bruce Freier 773-656-0606
Sheryl Hilbert 847-337-9104

For any questions about signing up electronically on Signup.com send an email to:
OslcPadsVolDirector@gmail.com

The PADS Leadership Team thanks you for your support this year!
Best wishes for a wonderful 2020!
Thank you, 2019 Poinsettia Donors!
Barbara Almgreen in memory of George Almgreen
The Bartels Family in memory of Dan and Theora Beatty
The Bartels Family in memory of Herbert and Annemarie Bartels
The Bauerle Family in memory of Bill Drevline
Virginia Blank in memory of Bob Blank
Virginia Blank to celebrate the Savior's birth
Christie and Bill Brennan to celebrate the Savior's birth
Vince and Mary Cipolla in memory of Florence and Joe Cipolla and
Marcell and Alice Ashland
Vince and Mary Cipolla to celebrate the Savior's birth
Joyce and Dick Cozak in memory of Marie and Albert Abraham
The Craft and McGinn Families in memory of Ed McGinn
The Craft and McGinn Families in memory of Elaine Hey
Marge and Ron Dahlgren in memory of Katie Albu
Marge and Ron Dahlgren to celebrate the Savior's birth
Claudia, Terry and Elizabeth Daulton in memory of Betty and Travis Daulton
Claudia, Terry and Elizabeth Daulton in memory of Arline and Bill Klitzke
Marilyn Gibbs in memory of Bruce Gibbs
Tom and Ellen Gnoyke in memory of Kathe Tucker, Reinhold Gnoyke and Fred Gnoyke
Lucy and Doug Harrison in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
Carol and Jim Hopwood in memory of their parents
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Paul and Carol Keipert to celebrate the Savior's birth
The Koren Family in memory of Arline Hey
Bob and Jane Larson in loving memory of their parents, Carl and Chlorice Larson
with Claude and Mary Shumate
Jim and Deb Lindsey in memory of Shirley Garrison
Bob and Gloria Lorenz in memory of their parents, Alfred and Marcella Dallmann
and Richard and Gladys Lorenz
Bob and Gloria Lorenz in honor of their grandchildren, Justin, Jeremy and
Abigail Lorenz and Brielle Evans
Bob and Gloria Lorenz to celebrate the Savior's birth
Jean Lytle to celebrate the Savior's birth
Hope and John McFadden in memory of loved ones
Hope and John McFadden to celebrate the Savior's birth
Barbara J. Nelson in memory of Phillip Nelson
Barbara J. Nelson to celebrate the Savior's birth
Rick and Lois Nelson to celebrate the Savior's birth
Jeff and Cari Ann Petersen in memory of Earl and Eleanor Petersen
Jeff and Cari Ann Petersen to celebrate the Savior's birth
Judy and Andy Pozdol in memory of their parents, Louis and Eileen Justin
and Andrew Pozdol, Sr.
Judy and Andy Pozdol to celebrate the Savior's birth
Elmer and Nancy Richardson for Blessings of Family
Elmer and Nancy Richardson to celebrate the Savior's birth
Joyce Sauerberg to celebrate the Savior's birth
Carol and Jim Schleker to celebrate the Savior's birth
Kay Smith to celebrate the Savior's birth
Irene Stoesser to celebrate the Savior's birth
Grace and Will Wagner in honor of Grace Wagner’s 85th birthday
Ron and Rosemary Walter in memory of Ernest and Genevieve Grillo
Ron and Rosemary Walter in memory of John and Marie Walter
Anne, Ben and John Wiberg in memory of Mark Wiberg

Our Saviour’s Green Team Updates
For those of you who may not already be aware, Abt Electronics in Glenview is a local recycling drop off point for white Styrofoam. Please use the below link for additional information about this program.
https://www.abt.com/help/green-initiatives
Beginning in January, as a service to Our Saviour’s members, we plan to establish a collection point for white Styrofoam at OSLC, which will then be dropped off for recycling at Abt Electronics.

Mark Your Calendars!
Our Saviour’s Green Team will again host an Indoor Farmers Market on Sunday, March 15. Market hours will be from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Plan to stop by the market before or after worship that morning to help support local farmers and vendors! Dave Esau, of Dave’s Specialty Foods, will also be offering a cooking demonstration as the Adult Ed “Small Bite” that morning between worship services.
Make Ahead Freezer to Crockpot “Dump” Dinners
Saturday, January 18 at 10:00 am

Let’s make meal prep fun! Join us at Our Saviour’s to put together 5 meals that can go into your freezer, then be thawed and “dumped” into your crock pot or instant pot for easy, nutritious and delicious meals! You can prep as many servings as you need; all in about 2 hours! Dietary restrictions? No problem, recipes can be adapted to your needs. We will be prepping the following meals: Encore of Loaded Potato Soup, Chicken French Dip Sandwiches, Pork Chops and Vegetables, Easy Crockpot Meatloaf and Tomato Basil Soup. Cost per serving/per recipe will be determined that morning, so please bring your checkbook! Register on the church website, or on the bulletin board located outside of the Fellowship Hall by January 12. Questions? Contact Cari Ann Petersen or Lois Nelson in the church office.

Craft Connection
Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00pm or Thursday, January 30 at 1:30pm
Cost: $12

Calling all crafters! Come and sip some mulled cider, eat some snacks and meet some people as we get creative together! All levels are welcome! Lois Nelson will guide us in painting a Winter window scene. See a sample painting at the crossroads located outside of the Fellowship Hall. All supplies and refreshments are provided. Find more information on the church website or on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall, you can register here too. Paid registrations are due January 22. Both classes are the same, so only register for one! Questions? Contact Lois Nelson in the church office.

New Group! Adult Supper Club
Theme: Cozy Casseroles
Friday, January 24 at 7:00pm

Food and fellowship: that’s what this fun new potluck group is all about! Did you miss our kick-off event in September? No problem, all are welcome! We meet quarterly in host homes, with no more than 6-10 per home. It’s a great way to meet some new people! Find more information and registration on the church website, or on the Children’s and Adult Ministry bulletin boards. Please register by January 19 if you are interested in participating. Questions? Contact Lois Nelson or Cari Ann Petersen in the church office.

Pickleball
Sunday, January 12, 4:00 to 6:00pm
Heritage Tennis Club
7 W. College Dr., Arlington Heights

Whether you are new to this growing sport or are a seasoned player, you are welcome to join in the fun! We are hoping to play once a month on Sunday. You will be paired up with folks who have similar skill levels. This is not a league, it is more of a pick-up group, but registration is required. There will be a few volunteer instructors to help beginners. There are paddles and balls to borrow; if you have your own paddle, please bring it. Cost is $10 per player. You can prepay, or pay at the door. Please register on the church website or the bulletin board located outside of the Fellowship Hall by January 5. Questions? Contact Lois Nelson in the church office.
Chair Yoga
If you can breathe, you can do Chair Yoga! Lois Nelson continues to lead the ever popular, ever growing chair yoga on Wednesdays, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. No registration, no prior experience required, just drop in. Give it a try and you will notice improved flexibility and increased mobility of stiff joints. Wear comfortable clothes. A free-will offering of $3 per class is suggested. January 8, 15, 22, 29.

Sit and Be Fit
Chair Exercise Class
Sit and Be Fit is a fun, low impact class that will keep your muscles and joints moving. These chair exercises will help make your everyday activities easier. You will work on posture and core strength, as well as muscle strength and endurance, flexibility, coordination, circulation and reaction time. Come join this fun class! Please wear shoes that have support and a back to them. Class will meet Thursdays from 11 am to 12 noon, a $3 free-will offering is suggested. January dates: 9, 16, 23, 30.

Let’s Go to the Movies
Tuesday, January 28
CMX Theater, 53 S. Evergreen, Arlington Heights
We will meet at the theater for a matinee, pay at the door. The movie title and time will be posted January 23 on the bulletin board located outside of the Fellowship Hall and on the Our Saviour’s Facebook page, or call the church office. Please register by January 26.

New Year, New You!
Movie and Discussion: “Forks over Knives”
Wednesday, January 22, 1:30pm
Thursday, January 23, 7:00pm
This documentary examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that affect us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting our present menu of animal-based and processed foods. Healthy snacks provided! Discussion following movie. Runtime 96 minutes. Please register on the church website or the bulletin board located outside of the Fellowship Hall by January 22. Questions? Contact Lois Nelson in the church office.

Contemplative, Gentle Flow and Restorative Yoga
Fridays, January 10 – February 21, 1:30 – 2:30pm
$3 suggested free will offering
This yoga class will help de-stress and relax your mind and body, and renew your spirit as we meditate on positive and encouraging Bible passages for the new year. We will first gently flow through some poses, and then will relax and release as we hold some restorative poses.
***Please bring a yoga mat (we have a few to borrow), a bed-size pillow and lightweight blanket/throw. These are important props for the restorative portion of the class. At the end of the session, a donation will be made to a charity to be determined. This is a drop-in class, all levels are welcome. No registration is needed and you can join in at any time. Questions? Contact Lois Nelson in the church office.
Children’s Ministry Calendar

Sunday School
10:10 – 10:55am

Jubilation Wednesdays!
5:00-5:30pm
Joyful Sound rehearsal
5:30pm
Dinner
6:00-6:45pm
Rejoice!, Hallelujah, G.O.D. Choir, and Jubilaté Ringers rehearsal

(No Jubilation on January 1st)

January 9
Parent & Tot Music Time
10:00am

January 18
Moms’ Group Freezer Meals Event
10:00am

January 20
MLK Service Day Jr.
S.A.L.T. event
1:00 – 5:00pm

January 23
Parent & Tot Music Time
10:00am

January 24
Adult Supper Club
7:30pm

Looking Ahead

June 15 – 19
Rocky Railway
Vacation Bible School

Children’s Ministry

The Jubilation - Music Program is always looking for more members. It is never too late to register! If you have a child who is interested in singing or hand bell ringing, please contact Cari Ann Petersen-cpetersen@oursaviours.org for more details or to register.

First Communion for 3rd Graders: The First Communion program for 3rd graders will take place in April with the First Communion worship taking place on Maundy Thursday. Registration forms will be sent to the homes of all of the third grade age children in late January, early February. The First Communion program for both children and parents consists of a First Communion banner making event (optional), a service project for the children to complete in honor of their First Communion, a new Bible, and three hours of instruction. The instruction will be offered as a single class offered on a Saturday or as a pair of classes offered over two Thursday evenings. (The registration form will indicate dates and times.) Families may choose to attend either the two Thursday classes or the Saturday class. A parent is expected to attend this program with their child.

Save the date for Rocky Railway VBS 2020! Join us the week of June 15-19. Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life’s ups and downs. Online registration will become available on April 1, 2020.

Parents & Tots Group Events:
Music Time: Join us on Thursday, January 9th and January 23rd at 10:00am for some fun!

Moms’ Group: Make Ahead Freezer to Crockpot “Dump” Meals. Saturday, January 18 at 10:00am in the church kitchen. Let’s make meal prep fun! We will be putting together freezer meals to later be “dumped” into your crockpot! See page 14 for more details!

Couple’s Event: Adult Supper Club! January 24th at 7:00pm. Theme: Cozy Casseroles. This new group is all about yummy food and fun fellowship! Check out page 14 for more details!
The First Blank Page of a 365-page Book…. Let’s Write a Good One!

New Year blessings! As we turn the corner from 2019 to 2020, it is that time once again to give thanks for all that happened in the old year. And, it is also a time to look forward – with hope, promise and excitement – to the year that is to come and all of the adventures that are about to begin!

Closing the Book that was 2019….

• **A Tremendous Thank You:** On Sunday, November 24th, the Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry and Adult Ministry programs came together for a Thanksgiving Pie Fellowship fundraiser – complete with slices of pie and a silent auction of homemade pies! All proceeds from this event went towards upcoming mission trips: 2020 Youth Mission Trip to Niagara Falls, an upcoming adult mission trip and an April 2020 trip to Memphis, Tennessee. We were able to raise approximately $1900 for all three trips! A huge thank you goes out to everyone who attended, ate pie and bid on pies! Your generosity is much appreciated!

• **Grateful for Spreading Holiday Cheer:** During the month of December, the Youth Ministry program made spreading holiday cheer a priority for those within and outside our community. On Sunday, December 8th, some of the Confirmation families went Christmas caroling at Aspired Living Senior Community in Prospect Heights. Our group had a wonderful time singing for and with the residents! On Sunday, December 15th, a bunch of Confirmation and High School youth visited the residents at Transitional Care. We had a wonderful time chatting, eating ice cream and playing bingo! To round out our month of service, families from the Confirmation and Senior High Ministries packed meals at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg on Saturday, December 21st. It has truly been a beautiful month of spreading joy and smiles!

The First Chapter of 2020…

• **Starting off the New Year with Service & Fun:** On Friday, January 17th-Saturday, January 18th, all Confirmation and Senior High youth are invited to attend the Ultimate Lock-In at Enchanted Castle in Lombard! The OSLC youth will have a chance to connect with other teens from the Chicagoland area for a night of both service and fun! The evening will begin with an array of service projects: making fleece blankets, creating personal care kits, etc. - and celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Then, at midnight, Enchanted Castle will be free reign for everyone – go carts, bowling, Laser Tag and arcade games a plenty! Chaperones will be needed and the cost is $35/youth!

• **A Service Day in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King:** On Monday, January 20th, 1 to 5pm, all 3rd-8th grade students are welcome to come to Our Saviour’s for an afternoon of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. Please see the front cover for more details.

• **Adventure awaits:** During 2020, our youth will have the chance to embark on some amazing adventures – two of which will be coming up rather quickly! First, the OSLC Confirmation class will be attending the “unlawful” retreat during the weekend of February 7th-9th! Over that weekend, the Confirmands will have a chance to bond with other Confirmation students from around the Chicagoland area to explore the Ten Commandments. Then, during the week of July 5th-10th, 21 teens and chaperones will be heading to Niagara Falls, NY for a week-long mission trip! This will be an amazing bonding experience for our teens over service work, worship and simply fun activities!

“We will open the book. The pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity, and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.” - Emily Lovejoy Pierce
Caring Hearts Ministry is Looking for Drivers!

Caring Hearts is currently looking for drivers to take fellow members to local appointments mainly during the daytime hours. We’ve also had growing requests for rides to worship services on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact Lois Nelson in the church office, 847-255-8700 x233 or through email at lnelson@oursaviours.org. What is the Caring Hearts Ministry? This ministry Our Saviour’s offers short-term help and care to those in need. Some examples of what this ministry provides: a friendly visit, a phone call to say “hello”, rides to appointments or local shopping trips, etc., a meal made and/or delivered, and much more. Detailed lists can be found on the Caring Hearts Inventory and Referral forms. Each form also includes some blank lines for you to fill in with your own ideas or special talents that you’d like to share, as well as special needs that may be required for those needing care. You can find these forms on the bulletin board located outside of the Fellowship Hall, or in PDF format on the Our Saviour’s website under the Get Involved tab > Ministries.

Plan Ahead for Emergencies

To aid in the care of our members, we have developed two forms for members to complete and keep on file - confidentially - here at the church. We encourage all members to pick up both of these forms from the display rack in the main entry, fill them out, and return them to the church office as soon as possible.

1. Emergency Contact Form
On this form we ask that you list names and phone numbers of close relatives, neighbors, and friends. Its purpose is to help us find you should there be a crisis in your life (accident, health issue, etc.) and you are not in a position to call the church office to let the pastors know where you are. Having this information can aid the pastors in reaching out to you when you need it – even if you are not in a condition to be able to ask.

2. Funeral Planning Form
Many of us have definite ideas regarding what we would like at our funeral – favorite hymns, Bible verses, etc. But in times of grief, family members don’t always know (or remember) your wishes. Writing down this information and putting it on file at church, assures you that when your time comes, our pastors will have access to this important information to assist your grieving family with your funeral plans.

Giving Through the United Way

Depending on the company, many employees are “expected” to give a portion of their salaries to the “United Way”. A variety of worthy organizations benefit from United Way giving, but did you know you can designate United Way giving to Our Saviour’s, too? You can give your Our Saviour’s donations through United Way and receive kudos at work for giving you are already doing at Our Saviour’s. Talk to your company United Way rep about how you can designate Our Saviour’s as a recipient of gifts you make through United Way.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Pray during the creation of the shawl that your strength may be given to the recipient through God’s grace and love. Prayer shawls will be blessed at worship services on January 25 and 26. You can knit at home, at your leisure, no deadline to finish. This time is for your own meditation. The pattern is simple, and you will benefit by the quiet and peace you can realize as you use your talent to create this lasting gift. Yarn and patterns provided. Contact Lois Nelson if you’re interested in creating a Prayer Shawl. You will be welcomed to take one with you if you know someone who is feeling the need to be wrapped in prayer due to illness or a life challenge. Contact Lois Nelson to arrange to pick up a prayer shawl for your loved one.
Memorials

Ronald Solberg
Brother of Roxanne Cavers
Cousin of Ryan Solberg

Maureen Esposito
Mother of
Michelle DeFazio

Births

November 21, 2019
Arianna Lynn Nelson
Daughter of
Bryan and Nuria Nelson
Granddaughter to
Rusty and Laura Nelson

November 21, 2019
Colin William Koester
Grandson to
Christie and Bill Brennan
Greatgrandson of Joyce Sauerberg

Baptisms

November 30, 2019
Evan Robert Schroeder
Son of David and Jessica Schroeder

December 8, 2019
Addie Jane Clemens
Daughter of
Christopher and Anna Clemens

Death Notification Email List

One of the most difficult communications issues in a congregation as large as ours is: how do we inform members of the church of the death/funeral arrangements of a member or a member’s family. If the office or one of the pastors is informed of the death prior to the weekend services, we can include the death in the prayers of the church and announce the arrangements during worship. But since everyone is not in worship every Sunday and since some deaths occur after worship is over (and the funeral may take place before the following weekend) you might not hear of a friend’s funeral until after the funeral is over. If this is a concern for you, we’d be happy to add you to our “death notification” email list. When the office is informed of a death and funeral arrangements, an email is sent out to all staff and others who wish to be notified as soon as we know the details. If you would like to be added to this email list, contact the church office, or email Jane Larson at jlarson@oursaviours.org.

Please Remember Your Year-End Giving

Don’t forget we close the books on 2019 on Tuesday, December 31. It does not matter when your check is dated or what the date is on the envelope your gift is in...if we don’t have your contribution by December 31...your gift will be credited to your 2020 financial statement. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
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Sunday Worship Services: ............................................. 9:00 am (Traditional Worship Service)
                                                                                           11:00 am (Contemporary Worship Service)
Nursery and Education Hour: ......................................................................................... Nursery: 9:00 am–12:00 noon; Education Hour: 10:10–10:55 am
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The Mission of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church

By the power of God’s love, we:
• Welcome all people into a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ and one another.
• Grow together in faith and understanding of God’s grace.
• Equip each other to Make Christ Known in the world.

Our Vision is to be a loving community where all people discover and grow an active faith in Jesus Christ that changes lives in the world.

Our Call is to Live Beyond Our Walls.