

SALT SHAKER

July 2011

July 4 ~ 4th Of July ~ Office Closed

July 12 ~ 7:00p.m. Church Council

Sunday Morning Worship

“Summer Schedule”

9:00a.m. Fellowship

10:00a.m. Worship

**Holy Communion celebrated the
first and third Sunday of the month**

***The Sunday Worship times
of 8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m. will
resume on Rally Sunday, Sept. 11th**

Wednesday Schedule

6:00p.m. Worship

ALL ARE WELCOME---FRIEND AND STRANGER!!!

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

612 14th Avenue NE, Devils Lake, North Dakota ~~ July, 2011

We are a caring family of God's children growing in faith, spreading His word, and doing His work in the community and beyond.

Water! I have been praying for the residents of Minot. I had been praying for my friends in Joplin, Missouri after the tornados took their homes. And before that I was praying for the people of Japan after the hurricane. Now Minot has lost 4,500 homes to flooding and I am praying for them. It makes me wonder what is next. What natural disaster will I be praying for tomorrow? Maybe the Mayans are right and end of the world is coming soon. The truth is that there have always been natural disasters which have plagued humanity over the centuries. The only difference today is that we hear about natural disasters immediately and more often.

The question that natural disasters conjures up in our minds is: 'Where is God?' How can God allow this to happen? And maybe the time is coming when God will end our world. There is always a disaster somewhere in the world caused either by human sinfulness or by nature. The question for us is: 'Will we or how will we respond to these disasters?' Because we are aware of so many tragedies going on locally and abroad, we tend to become overwhelmed. The media reports primarily bad things which occur in our world and the outcome is that we feel paralyzed. It is because there is just too much for us to handle. We begin to believe that we cannot make a difference, that we are just too small in this web of worldly disasters.

As we study Biblical characters, we discover that they too felt pretty small and insignificant in the grand scheme of things. I think about Mary, the mother of Jesus and how she sang her humble song to God about how she was not worthy to carry the Savior of the world. "I am but a young village girl" she sang. And yet God chose her to bring the Savior into the world.

We are currently taking ideas at Our Savior's on how we can help the people of Minot. We will take it one disaster, one church, one at a time. It may seem small and it may seem like we cannot make a difference, but like Mary, God chooses the small things in life to make big differences. And when we have done our best to help our friends in Minot, there will be another disaster awaiting us and we will in turn take on that challenge. Thus it is living the Christian life. God calls us into the world and not to run from the world. Jesus started his ministry with just a handful of people. Help us join Jesus in making a difference in our world. And who knows, maybe helping others will make a difference in us.

Have a great July and see you in church,

~Pastor Jamie

WE SALUTE YOU.....

Devil's Run Breakfast crew

SPECIAL MUSIC:

If there is anyone who would like to provide special music for a worship service, you are encouraged to call Lisa Crandall @665-2240 or call the church office @662-5112. Thank You.

FINANCIAL GIVING

Date	<u>Attendance</u> 10:00a.m.	<u>Offering</u>
06/05	88	\$ 2,424.20
06/12	103	\$ 2,152.00
06/19	115	\$ 2,565.10
06/26	119	\$ 2,061.05
Total		\$ 9,202.35

May Simply Giving	\$ 1,630.00
Benevolence	\$ 200.00
Pews	\$ 1,350.00
Church Disaster	\$ 57.00
Summer Fun Day	\$ 2,600.00

Memorials may be designated to the following funds: worship, youth, pews, or the general fund.

Attendance at Wednesday Services

06/01	17
06/08	8
06/15	26
06/22	22

We are looking for **musicians** to play on Sunday mornings starting this fall. If you are interested please call the church office at 662-5112.

Please Join Us after the worship service on **July 3rd** to celebrate Ellen Wilhelmi's 90th birthday with her and her family.

Baptisms

The following baptisms were performed

*Kaisyn James Thomas ~
son of Kari Thomas*

*Kari Lynn Thomas ~
daughter of Karen & Alvin Thomas*

ACOLYTES

10:00a.m.

07/03	Cassidy Shereck
07/10	Ty Ploium
07/17	Cassie Pike
07/24	Jordan Hanson
07/31	Mariah Fixen

Ushers for July

10:00a.m.

Dale Kruckenberg
Derrel Britsch

Our Savior's Financial Picture

2011 Budget	\$ 181,000.00
Needed Monthly	\$ 15,083.00
Given Month of May	\$ 12,882.30
Needed by May 30 th	\$ 75,415.00
Given by May 30 th	\$ 60,109.00
Under Budget	\$ 15,306.00

Congregation members – We have OSLC congregation members who are in need of housing due to the flooding. If you have any housing available or know of anyone that has housing to rent please contact the church office at 662-5112.

A special message for summer

travelers If you're planning to miss services this summer due to travel or other family commitments, Our Savior's would like you to consider committing to a recurring giving schedule. Your consistent support is very much appreciated, especially during the summer months. Contact the church office for more details.

SUMMER FUN DAY

The Church Council would like to thank all the members who contributed for our Summer Fun Day Fundraiser. There were about 50 people or so who attended the lunch after the 10 am service on June 26, 2011. The weather cooperated enough to grill the burgers & brats although it was too wet to do anything outside so we all stayed inside and played bingo. Congratulations to the raffle prize winners. Dennis Nelson won the \$200 cash, Dale Kruckenberg won the \$100 gas card and Linda Brusven won the \$50 Ranch Card. The net proceeds will be very close to \$2,600 when it's all said and done which also includes \$213 for the free will lunch. All the proceeds will be deposited into the general fund to help assist the church and its finances throughout the summer. Thanks again to everybody and their steadfast and generous support.

OSLC Council

Pastor Support Committee-the church council, following the guidelines of our congregational constitution, has formed a Pastor Support Committee. This committee is made up of Pastor Jamie and three other non-council members including; Genelle Olson, Randy Fixen and Lisa Sigette. This committee will meet quarterly to assist in supporting the pastor and will work as a liaison between the congregation, the council and pastor. We look forward to this committee's work and their commitment to uplift and support Our Savior's and Pastor Desai.

Hickel Family Going Away Get-Together – **Sunday, July 10th** Cake and coffee will be served before and after the church service. Please come and wish them well on their new endeavors.

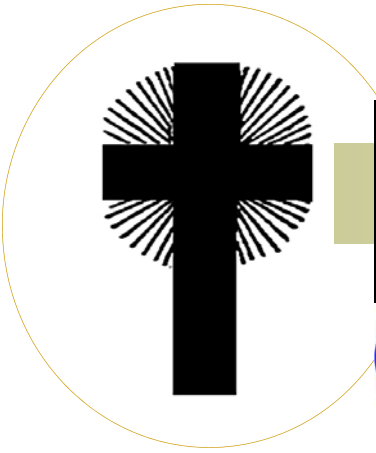
Thank-you to the ladies who helped serve the lunch for Stephanie Nelson's funeral. It is appreciated.

Give electronically!

Did you know that Our Savior's offers the option to give electronically? Contact the church office for more details.

Church Directory

The church will be doing a new directory this year. Picture dates are September 19th - 22nd and October 4th - 6th. Contact Carson Byram for more information.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

JULY 2011



ELEMENT (Grades 10-12) Meet at 7 PM watch bulletin for dates

HIGHER GROUND (Grades 7-9) Meet at 7 PM watch bulletin for dates

Contact: Office 662-5112
Mike Orness cell: 351.3281
youth@oursaviorsdevilslake.org

Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM Fellowship
10:00 AM Worship

Wednesday Schedule

6:00 Worship
7:00 Meetings as Scheduled

HELP!! If you or someone you know are interested in being a teacher for the 2011-2012 Sunday/Wednesday School year, please talk to Mike ASAP!

JOIN THE CHURCH ON **FACEBOOK** to get the latest details of events, and share information!!!

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Scripture

**Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
*Matthew 11:28***



2012 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

PLANNING MEETING at 9 AM on JULY 17!!

SET THESE DATES ASIDE!!!

6th & 7th GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

September 16th & 17th @ Red Willow Bible Camp!
More Details Coming Soon

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>>>>> ADULT, FAMILY, & YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES COMING UP!

During the 9 AM Fellowship coffee time. **"The Greatest Story"** introduction to the Bible. A 16 session journey for anyone who wants to get a big-picture overview of the Bible, its story and how that story connects with our personal stories. For young adults and adults. Every Sunday throughout the Summer!!!!

PREPARING FOR THE 2011- 2012 SCHOOL YEAR!!

We are looking for some individuals that would like to help our children grow their faith!! YOU CAN be a teacher for Sunday School, Wednesday School, or how about an assistant? We will also be looking for a Music Teacher
We are also looking for individuals to be "Guides" for our Confirmation Classes!!

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE (within the past 5 years)

- Sawyer Lynn Hamre - 7/1/10
 - Anna Lenea Ginther 07-12-09
 - Morgan MaKenzie Falde 07-13-08
 - Macy MaKenna Falde 07-13-08
 - Laine Arthur Nicholls 07-08-07
 - Madden Thomas Palmer 07-10-05
 - Sophie Dorothy Kosmatka 07-24-05
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A BLESSING TO GIVE TO OTHERS

May God's Word take root in your heart. May you grow as God's child and produce good things for God's world. Amen.

HEY, CHECK THESE OUT

WORLD VISION - <http://www.worldvision.org>

SAMARITAN'S PURSE - <http://www.samaritanspurse.org>

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - <http://lwr.org>

NORTHLANDS RESCUE MISSION - <http://www.northlandsrescuemission.org>

PRAY ~ PRAY ~ PRAY ~ PRAY ~ PRAY ~ PRAY ~ PRAY ~ PRAY ~ PRAY ~ PRAY

July Birthdays

Brock Hanson	1	Dave Dircks	17
Herb Kleinsasser	2	Michael Nelson	17
Brady Riggan	2	Mike Grant	17
Bob Hoffart	3	Curt Teigen	18
Jeremy Sigette	4	Cole Thompson	18
Katie Brandt	4	Parker Hanson	18
Andrew Rutten	4	Tanner Hanson	19
Arieanna Nelson	5	Michael Loken	20
Sarah Knutson	5	Julie Strong	20
Tatum Steenerson	5	Dennis Olson	22
Jennifer Brandt	6	Lynn Mikkelsen	22
Marina Boknecht	6	Joyce Bye	22
Sharon Orness	6	Chad Palmer	22
Jeff Sebelius	6	Matthew Strong	22
Don Logan	6	Connie Swinland	23
Barb Sowatzki	7	Donna Brokke	23
Lisa Diseth	7	Lynsey Rohrer	24
Noah Widmer	8	Annette Hofstad	24
Morgan Anderson	8	Leo Froehlich	24
Jodi Nelson	9	Dale Carlson	25
Katie Schuler	9	Christa Lysne	25
Jacob Pollestad	9	Michael Wahl	25
Tammy Anderson	10	Gretchen Hickel	25
Trentin Ystaas	10	Mike Schulz	26
Brandon Thompson	11	JoAnn Moench	26
Michael Widmer	11	Tommy Rutten	27
Bobbi Fischer	13	Tanner Saari	28
Ashley Besse	13	Layton White	29
Cayley Olson	13	Pete Almen	29
Don Brintnell	14	Melissa Lourens	29
Haylee Carlson	14	Peter Brown	30
Bryce Sebelius	14	Ruth Dewald	30
Barb Shimmin	14	Jennifer Adahl	31
Brooke Ystaas	14	Wendy Ulrich	31
Emil Schoenfish	15	Kelsey Walters	31
Randy Fixen	15		
Griffin Schulz	15		
Madisyn White	15		
Shane Parrish	15		
Carol Paulsen	16		
Cody Shereck	16		
Robin Sposato	16		

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship @ 10am w/ communion 9:00am Fellowship	4 Happy 4th of July <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6 9am Quilting 6pm Worship	7	8	9
10 Worship @ 10am 9:00am Fellowship	11	12 7pm Church Council	13 9am Quilting 6pm Worship	14	15	16
17 Worship @ 10am w/ communion 9:00am Fellowship	18	19	20 9am Quilting 6pm Worship	21	22	23
24 Worship @ 10am 9:00am Fellowship	25	26	27 9am Quilting 6pm Worship	28	29	30
31 Worship @ 10am w/ communion 9:00am Fellowship						

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Council Minutes
May 10, 2011

President Darlene Brown called the meeting to order.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Carson Byram, Rick Senger, Allan Knutt, Luke Wavra, Darlene Brown, John Martin, Wayne Brandt, Pastor Jamie, Mike Orness, and Barb Wahl.

THOSE ABSENT: Jason Fee

Pastor Jamie led the opening prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The April minutes were presented and reviewed. John Martin made a motion to approve; Allan Knutt seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Martin

- * John reported that things look better financially than they did a year ago in April, however we are still under budget for the year.

- * The cost to recover the pews is about \$6000. We have raised \$4,253 for this project as of April 30, 2011.

- * We have a balance of \$3,500 payable to the Board of Pensions yet due, which we are able to spread out over the next several months.

Allan Knutt made a motion to approve the April bills; Carson Byram seconded, motion carried.

ADULT EDUCATION: Allan Knutt

Allan reported that there wasn't anything new to present at this time. Deciding the best dates and times to offer bible studies to accommodate the most participants continues to be a challenge.

CARE AND CONCERN: Carson Byram

Carson is adding people to the prayer chain as needed.

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP: Wayne Brandt

Wayne reported that things are coming along, and he is adjusting to his new role. Char Burthold is assisting Wayne to assure that workers and food items for any scheduled funerals are taken care of.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Luke Wavra

* Luke reported he would like to arrange for another fundraiser sometime this summer to offset the regular decrease in attendance and offering that occurs each year.

- * Luke suggested mailing booklets of tickets to members of Our Saviors Church to sell, as it was a very successful fundraiser this past fall.

STEWARDSHIP: Darlene Brown

- * Arika Johnson, our representative for Thrivent, would like to make a presentation to our church members regarding the funds that are available to our congregation through Thrivent.

- * Our Saviors Church has received \$105 through a matching funds program called, Thrivent Choice. This particular program allows Our Saviors members who are also Thrivent members, to call in and have their donation matched by Thrivent.

- * We will plan to have Darlene Brown, Luke Wavra, and Arika Johnson make presentations to the congregation on Sunday, May 31, 2011 regarding several giving opportunities available to our members.

PROPERTY: Jason Fee

Jason was not able to be in attendance, however contacted Darlene Brown with his update.

* Mike Nelson has not completed the rock landscaping around the parsonage as of today, May 10, 2011.

* Klemetsrud Plumbing and Heating has provided a quote of \$200 per year to have all seven furnaces within the church as well as the furnace in the parsonage to be cleaned and inspected once a year.

* We still need to do something with the downspouts on the east side of the church to channel the water. At the present time, the water is causing the sidewalk to shift, which affects the east entrance door to the building.

* Rather than replacing the wood flooring in the parsonage dining room, some good friends have helped the Desai's sand and recoat the floor with polyurethane. It looks beautiful.

WORSHIP: Rick Senger

* Rick reported his daughter has some neat things happening in her church community, and he will have some of those ideas to share with us at the next council meeting.

EDUCATION/YOUTH: Barb Wahl

* Barb reported Easter activities for the youth were provided the Saturday afternoon before Easter Sunday. The kids who participated seemed to have a good time.

* It would be nice to send a postcard in addition to the e-mail and facebook invites to our youth. We may be missing some students, as there are still families who do not have internet access at home.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY REPORT: Mike Orness

* Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 27-30th. Our Saviors and St. Olaf Lutheran churches will be working together with staff from Lake Metigoshe to provide a great experience for our youth.

* We now have more students who regularly attend Wednesday church school than we do on Sunday. We would like to see an increase in Sunday participation.

* There are 12-13 kids and four chaperones committed to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans the summer of 2012.

-the cost will be about \$1,100. per student

-Saturday, June 4th these youth will be working the Devils Run Breakfast as a fundraiser

* A three-week video bible study series has been completed as an adult education activity.

* The Easter Breakfast went well.

* Journey to Jamaica video will be presented on May 25th.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jamie

* Blessing of the caps

* Once again Joel Elvrum has provided the meal for the confirmation dinner.

* Sandi Christofferson is officially enrolled in the Congregational Leadership Academy. Sandi is personally covering the participation fees required.

* Pastor Jamie's vacation schedule

June 4-10

July 28-31

August 12-15

* Summer worship schedule beginning May 29th

Sunday one service at 10:00 am

Wednesday one service 6:00 pm through the month of June

* Graduation Recognition Sunday is May 22, 2011

OLD BUSINESS:

- * Pastor Support Committee Genelle Olson and Lisa Sigette have agreed to be on this committee. They are checking into having one more member on this committee.
- * Church Directory. Mike Orness has done some checking, he estimates it would cost about \$5000 if a company in Grand Forks were used.
- * Darlene is checking also checking into the company we have used in the past.
- *We need to make sure we advertise that Wednesday church services are being held through the month of June.

NEW BUSINESS

- * The Synod Assembly is scheduled for May 14-15th.
Pastor Jamie, Darlene Brown, Lisa Sigette, and Allan Knutt will be representing Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

WE SALUTE YOU:

The Easter Breakfast Workers

Next Meeting will be held on June 14th at 7:00 pm
Meeting adjourned

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Wahl