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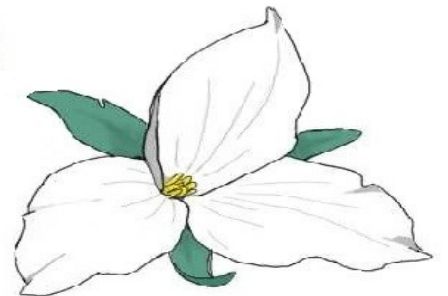


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**OUR SAVIOR'S AND SKOGDALEN
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Lent 2014 *Thy will be done...*

Thy will be done.....

We say these words every week in worship and whenever we share in the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Thy will be done....

We will use these words as our guide when we participate in the ancient practice of listening to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us in our worship.

Thy will be done....

We will be guided by these words to listen to what God is up to in our lives, congregation and community.

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We will be base our vision for Jesus' ministry at OSLC and Skogdalen upon these words

Each week in Sunday worship and mid-week gatherings we will utilize scripture, music, prayer, sacraments, conversation, and reflection to listen for the direction of the Holy Spirit. We do as an act of worship and as a means to be guided in planning for ministry in the coming years.

Join me in making it a priority in your life this Lenten season to join with others on Sunday mornings and mid-week to learn together what Jesus is up to in our lives, congregation and community.

OSLC February Council Highlights



Accepted the secretary and treasurer reports

A big thank you was given to Wally Breuer for all of his exceptional and dedicated hard work he did as President of OSLC.

Election of new officers:

President - Ernie Peterson
Vice-president - Annette Easterday
Secretary - Kay Holte

Ministry Team assignments (Committee)

Worship - Joan Anderson, Mariane Weidenbach, Coryl Evenstad;
Stewardship – Joy Moser, Chelsea Dunnum, Marilyn Leum;
Property - Dave Gluch, Doug Traastad, Jordan Christenson, Peter Leum;
Youth and Education - Annette Easterday, Marsha Hall, Kay Holte, Courtney Wubbenhorst.

La Crosse Area Synod Delegates - Bob and Hildur Devine

Personnel committee update –

Approved a raise for our bookkeeper Shelly Holen from \$300 to \$325 per month.

Lenten Worship Series:

The Lenten series theme is “Thy Will Be Done”. This is a plan in motion which will utilize scripture, music, sacraments, conversation and reflection in Sunday and midweek worship to engage the entire congregation in the ancient practice of listening to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. The desired outcome is that individuals and the community of the faithful will be energized by this experience to “Be the Church” in this time and place.

The mid-week services will be held in the downstairs fellowship hall. Fish fries are still being planned to be served before the evening service.

Complete minutes are available in the church office



OS WELCA

President Joan Anderson opened the February 13, 2014 meeting as she read the Purpose Statement in the church basement at 1pm. Pianist Mary Haas played the opening Hymn #162 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus". Hildur Devine gave the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted as read. Lynette Johnson gave the devotions from the Christ In Our Home booklet titled 'Get It right'. The Secretaries Report was then read and it was accepted as read.

The business discussed related to the meal that is going to be prepared for the March 27th Bethel Butikk Volunteers dinner. Our Saviors will be hosting the meal and ideas were asked for concerning what to prepare. After much discussion, it was decided that beef tips, mashed potatoes, finger roll bread, coffee, milk, and desserts. More will be discussed at the March meeting but it was suggested that an assortment of desserts could be made by many ladies and brought in the afternoon since this is going to be an evening meal. The serving is going to be buffet style and maybe the ladies from Skogdalen could help serve.

The program was then turned over to Lynette Johnson and the other officers helped with a fun game that the ladies played using names of women in the bible and the letters needed to be picked out to fill in the blanks before the hangman was hung. After the game was done, Mary Haas then played while the collection was taken from the count of 14 ladies. We then sang the Table Grace and said the Lord's Prayer.

Our thanks to both Coryl Evenstad and Norma Bekkum for serving a lovely lunch. The Rachel Circle has the program for March and the Serving Hostesses are Maren Melby and Dorothy Stoffregen.



Ash Wednesday March 5

10 am OSLC
7 pm OSLC

Thursday March 6

7pm Skogdalen



Thy will be done..... (Scripture, music, prayer, conversation, and reflection to listen for the direction of the Holy Spirit and activities for children)

Wednesdays OSLC

10:00 am followed by a "little lunch"
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Soup/Fish Fry
7:00 pm

Thursdays Skogdalen 7 pm

Parish Voice Update

During Lent the Parish Voice will be singing a different tune!

Each week the "E-Word" will be sent to those who have given us an e-mail address. Printed copies of the E-Word will be available to be picked up at the church office or you can contact the church office and a copy will be mailed to you.

The first E-Word will be sent Thursday March 6th.

OS⁴USHERS FOR MARCH

Head Usher: Howard Langhus

Balcony: Peter Leum

Youth

ALTAR CARE: Jayne Anderson

COMMUNION CARE: Cindy Langhus &
Brenda Olson



MEMORIALS

Howard Johnson

Howard Johnson

Leo & Darlene Ostrem

Julie Peters

Bethel Butikk

Undesignated

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BAPTISMS

Brooklyn Jo Eitland

Jan. 5, 2014

Easton Grass

Feb. 5, 2014

Denise Grass

Feb. 5, 2014

Griffin Grass

Feb. 5, 2014

Marley Mae Bean

Feb. 23, 2014

FUNERALS

Howard Johnson

Jan 21, 2014

LAST MONTH'S OFFERINGS:

	Offerings, Memorials	Other Income	Attendance
Jan 5	\$3258.00 (* \$1565.00)	\$ 1610.00	100
Jan 12	\$2725.00 (* \$ 400.00)	\$ 20.00	130
Jan 19	\$3679.37 (* \$2195.00)	\$ 1759.00	145
Jan 24	\$2022.00 (* \$ 350.00)	\$ 85.00	98
Feb. 2	\$2117.75 (*\$ 350.00)	\$ 342.00	118
Feb. 9	\$3464.00 (*\$1440.00)	\$ 1505.60	239
Feb. 16	\$2848.00 (*\$ 350.00)	\$ 1700.00	106
Feb. 23	\$3633.11 (*\$2245.00)	\$ 30.00	188



*Auto Giving included in Total

Yesterday's Youth Sugar Creek Bible Camp April 7, 2014 9:00-2:30



\$10.00 for the day

9 a.m. Coffee
9:30 Devotions

9:45

Thrivent Presentations by Arne Fremstad

“Your legacy, family, church & charity”

“How to protect yourself against Identity Theft”

Lunch

Special Music by Laurel & Diane doing Country,

Gospel and old standards!

Come for a great day of fellowship, program-
ming and food!

Call or e-mail reservation

@734-3113 or camp.sgrcreek.org





Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,295.00 to support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts. Your generosity is appreciated now more than ever.

I want to personally thank you for your gift. Your gifts help grow our congregations, inspire new leaders, engage young people in the life of this church, share the gospel with others and care for those living with hunger and poverty.

As the ELCA, we do more together than we ever could do alone. We are a church that rolls up its sleeves and solves problems.— doing God's work in the world. Thank you for your support.

In Christ,

Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director,
Mission Advancement.

Cemetery information needed: Anyone with information regarding Our Savior's Lutheran Church Cemetery is asked to contact the church office. The Cemetery Committee is looking for any legal documents or paperwork regarding the cemetery.



Donations Needed:

Donations are needed for the weekly Lenten soup/fish dinners.



We would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Jena and Fred Casper for decorating the north wall in the church basement. It looks great!



Faith Stepping Stones

Our Stepping Stones ministry is designed to support parents in fulfilling their baptismal promise of leading their children in growing as disciples of Jesus.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarteners “Jesus and Me” February 23 and March 2

Parents and kids meet for two Sundays to learn more about Jesus. Each family received a “My Book about Jesus” that we used to talk about Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Helper and Savior.



5 and 6th Grades “First Communion” March 16, 23, & April 6

Parents and kids will prepare to receive their first communion by learning together the wonderment of this sacrament of faith. They will also be making the communion bread for Palm Sunday and Easter!

Confirmation Update

Wednesdays

We will be meeting during lent at the regular time. 3:30 to 5:00. Our focus will be on “service”. We will divide into small groups for ministry projects each week, visiting Old Times and Norseland, preparing for Wednesday evenings and other church projects.

8th graders will be working on their affirmation of Baptism service (Confirmation service). There will be time for kids to complete their homework prior to 7pm Worship.

Worship – a reminder that regular worship attendance is an expectation for both kids and parents.



Retreats and Camp

Participation at a retreat or camp is an expectation of the confirmation experience. You can attend one or both events!



Registration for the April 25/27 (\$25) retreat is due March 15. Registration for the July 27- August 1 bible camp is due May 15. (\$50)

Remember that the cost for each event is subsidized by the congregation and participation in fundraisers can offset most the remaining cost.

Lock –In Scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2014

High School

Breakfast Club

A time for food, fun, and conversation!

Fridays 7 and 21

7am at OSLC

WLYS (Wartburg Youth Leadership School)

June 15- 21

Wartburg Youth Leadership School is a six day school in which youth will gather for an ultimate faith journey as they share adventure, service, study, music, and worship. Held on the campus of Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, [WYLS](#) participants consider the ULTIMATE YOU: Who claims You? Who Calls You? Who Sends You? Through the setting of an intentional Christian community, the youth are challenged to live out the Gospel and ask themselves, "How am I being called to lead?"

Talk to Pastor John for more information or better yet talk with Becca Maxwell about her experience last year!

Mission Jamaica – Last Call for those who want the experience of a life time! There is still space for the trip June 26 – July 6. See Pastor John for more information.

