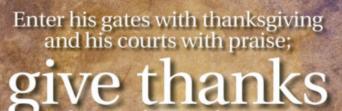
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be him and praise his name.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

oin Leisha Tays, CYF Innovator, and Nathan Chastek, CYF Coordinator, for a time of hands-on learning about communion. Open communion is practiced at Our Saviour's. If you feel your child is ready to take communion, please sign up regardless of age.

Communion Instruction details on page 6...



Setting the Table As a part of Communion Instruction class, youth will personalize the table covering for the altar and bake their own bread.



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Thanksgiving Eve Worship



Wednesday Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m. We gather together to worship and give God thanks for all good things! First Communion will be shared and there will be a Children Youth & Family (CYF) Silent Auction. Worship will be followed by a pie social.

Please bring a pie to share.

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Worship With Us SUNDAYS

8:30 am | Traditional Worship 10:15 am | Contemporary Worship

Both services stream live on Facebook and are available on YouTube (link at <u>oursaviourslc.org</u>)

Indoor Worship

Covid-19 community level is low. No current masking requirements. People may choose to mask at any time.

JOIN OSLC'S TEAM



Huring: Facilities Manager (FT)

Join the Team—Job Opening

Facilities Manager—FT After 20+ years of serving at Our Saviour's, Lori Vickstrom will be retiring at the end of the year. Our Saviour's is now accepting applications for a full-time Facilities Manager. Please check the website for the full job description. Contact Lisa, <u>lrykkenkastler@oursaviourslc.org</u>, if you are interested.

Picture Directories Are Here!

If you had your photo taken for the directory, be sure to stop by the Reception Desk to pick up your copy of the directory.

COMING: NOV. & DEC.

Sermon Series: Influencers

Influencers are all over social media these days – when we see a person we admire sharing their favorite products, we find ourselves embracing their interests, hopes and sometimes their lifestyles. This isn't really a new idea,



though. Jesus called us to use our influence to be his ambassadors, to be his light in a dark world. Jesus understood that people are watching us and can be inspired by us to change the world.

- Nov. 6 Where He Leads, I Will Follow
- Nov. 13 Building Others Up; Guest Preacher: Pastor Dan Nordin
- Nov. 20 The World Is Watching



Advent Sermon Series: From Generation to Generation...

Begins Nov. 27 The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout

the generations. What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue? From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding — in and through us! This series will remind you that you belong — to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go.

SPECIAL WORSHIP



150th Anniversary Guest Preacher

Sunday, November 13

Pastor Dan Nordin is our guest preacher on Sunday, Nov. 13 as part of our 150th Anniversary year of celebration. Pastor Dan served as Pastor at Our Saviour's from 2009 to 2013 and as Senior Pastor from 2013 to 2019, when he retired. Don't miss this opportunity to welcome Pastor Dan!

Blue Christmas Worship

Thursday December 1, 6:30 pm.

At Our Saviour's, we realize that the holidays can be difficult for many. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, a divorce, loss of health or job, come and gather with others who are struggling and hungering for a glimpse of hope. Invite people you know who are in a similar situation – all are welcome. The light of Christ shines in the darkness. Come and see.



MINISTRY FAIR

elebrating Our Saviour's 150th anniversary by looking ahead to the future with the Ministry Fair. Thirty-one ministries had hosted displays welcoming people to join in with their ministry.

Photo above and three below.



Check out the ministry brochure at oursaviourslc.org/wp-content/ uploads/2022/10/ <u>MinistryOpportunities Adult.pdf</u>.

150th CELEBRATION





Astor Brian Fragodt was our guest preacher on Sunday, Sept. 25 as part of our 150th Anniversary year of celebration. Pastor Brian served as Associate Pastor at Our Saviour's from 1995 to 1999, then as Senior Pastor from 1999 to 2012. His wife Kim served as OSLC's Music Director for many of those years. Our Saviour's was packed with people who were excited to welcome back Pastor Brian and Kim!



The term Guardian Grove is new at Our Saviour's. This spring ten spruce trees were planted behind the columbarium. The trees are small, but will grow and enhance the beauty of the columbarium area. These ten trees have become affectionately known as the Guardian Grove. Next time you drive by, take a close look. The trees were planted and are being maintained by the Hard Hat ministry.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Groups meet at Our Saviour's unless otherwise indicated.

Monthly Bible Study

1st Wed., 10:00 a.m. Join in conversation and study led by Pastor Jeff Beebe. Bring a Bible.

Pub Theology

Second Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Meet at Hidden Haven, 20520 Polk St, East Bethel. Questions? Call Fran Munday, 763-350-9660 or Glenn Allenspach, 763-913-5186.

Faith & Fiction Book Grp

Second Tuesday1:30-2:30 p.m.,

Nov. Book: *Brave Girl Quiet Girl* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Questions? Contact Marge Nelson, <u>mfjnelson@gmail.com</u>.

Fiction Addiction Book Grp

Second Tuesday 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the home of Alisa Bigelbach

Nov. Book: *Gentleman* by Amor Towels. Questions? Contact Alisa, <u>alisa.bigelbach@usfamily.net</u>.

Quilting Blocks in Stages

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Cheri Stockinger, <u>stockw4g@gmail.com</u>.

Thursday Quilters

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Maggie Latvala, 763-434-3608.

Join the Library Team

3rd Wednesday at 1:00 pm Questions? Contact Dave Eberhardt, 763-444-3690.

Dinners at 6:30

Thurs., Nov. 17 at Bootleggers 19735 Iguana St. NW, Nowthen Please sign up on the Small Group board in the Rotunda, or call the church office, 763-434-6117. Questions? Contact Sandy Mickelson, 763-229-4984. There will be no Dinners at 6:30 in Dec.

Beth Moore Bible Study— James: Mercy Triumphs

Tuesdays through Dec 27 10:00-11:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Karen Olien 952-237-7890 (Lisa Rykken Kastler, 612-978-4220, support).

Meditation Garden Team

Looking for a Team Leader The team meets for gardening Tuesday evenings, May-Sept. Come when it works for you. Pick a garden to maintain for the season, month, or week. The team has also done fundraisers, served Hospitality, done social activities, visited local plant sales, unique gardens, and green houses, and done rock painting. Interested? Contact Kim Iverson, <u>kiverson906@gmail.com</u>.



New Hymnals!

The newest Lutheran hymnal, the ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), was published in 2006. We've been singing & worshiping with this music over the years and the time has come to retire most of our well-worn LBW (green) and WOV (blue) hymnals and put the cranberry colored ELW in the pews! Our goal is a minimum of 55 hymnals. Giving a hymnal in honor or in memory of

someone is a lovely option, as is giving a hymnal to the glory of God.

Watch for details of how you can gift a hymnal to Our Saviour's. Want an ELW for yourself at home? You'll have an opportunity to add on to the church's order. More info to come!

LIFE EVENTS

Baptisms

October 2, 2022 Finley Jo Benik

October 9, 2022 Holden Duane Downie

October 23, 2022 Isabelle Germaine Schally Isla Wyandt Schally

November 6, 2022 Wyatt Owens Dupont

Memorial Gifts

October 9, 2022 Gift given to Hard Hat Ministry by Mike & Betty Gabrick in memory of Don Griep.

Grief Series

As part of the North Metro Grief Support Coalition, we're pleased to offer



GROWING THROUGH LOSS©, being held at First Congregational, UCC, 1923 3rd Ave. S., Anoka MN.

6:45 p.m.—registration 7:00-9:00 p.m.—a guest speaker discusses a grief topic, followed by facilitated small groups. You are welcome to come and listen to the speaker; support group participation is optional. Each session is complete in itself; you are welcome to attend one or all sessions. No pre-registration and no fee. Open to the public. For further information please call (763) 354-7828. Nov. topics below.

- November 10 Navigating Complicated Grief -Vicki Phillips, Perinatal Loss Coordinator at Methodist Hospital.
- November 17 *Prayer and Healing Service* Rev Chris McArdle

CYF PROGRAMS CELEBRATING CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY



7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

This was a fun time for youth to get to know each other and their leaders, kicking off the new confirmation year.



9th Grade Retreat

The 9th grade retreat is all about preparing for the Confirmation service when students affirm their baptism. They created sashes, patens and chalices, participated in high ropes courses, and so much more!



HIGH ROPES COURSE AT CAMP WAPO Yes, there are kids up in those trees!



FAITH AND LEARNING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Patens and chalices created by 9th grade students at their retreat. Photo at right.

REVELATION WORSHIP

Wednesday nights from 7-7:30, Revelation Worship takes place in the worship space with lowlights and a time of worship, community, and powerful connection in a family environment. Confirmation students and their families join worship after small groups and all are welcome to join the service, as well. The service includes three songs, a reading, a

sermon, and communion for all. We would love for you to join us on Wednesday evenings for a unique and personal worship experience! If you have questions, please reach out to Leisha, Jennifer, Kiri, or Maria for more details on the service!





Lighting a candle in prayer.



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CYF HAPPENINGS

Faith Circle—for ages 3-4

Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Due to high numbers of children in Godly Play, we are starting Faith Circle on Sundays. Faith Circle provides an introduction to faith programming with peers and trusted, caring adults and teens. At Faith Circle, preschoolers will spend time with music, play and Bible



stories. They will learn that God loves them perfectly and that Our Saviour's is a safe place where they are accepted and loved just as they are.



Trunk n Treat—Sunday, Oct. 30—3:30-5:00 p.m.

All ages are welcome! Mark your calendar for this fun family event. All children and youth are invited to participate. Cost: -\$5 per participant, plus a -nonperishable food item(s) for the NACE Food Shelf. There will also be concessions. All proceeds will go to

CYF Ministries. Dress in your favorite costume and bring your family and friends. Volunteers are needed to bring a trunk of treats. Please sign up on the Children, Youth, Family board in the Rotunda.

First Communion Class & Worship—for All Ages

Class: Sat., Nov. 12, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Worship: Wed., Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m.

- Grades 2-5 Instruction:
 Nathan, CYF Coordinator
- Grades 6-8 Instruction: Leisha, CYF Innovator

We practice open communion at Our Saviour's. If you feel your child

is ready, please sign up regardless of age. Sign up on the CYF Board in the Rotunda, email Nathan Chastek at <u>nchastek@oursaviourslc.org</u>, or sign up online at <u>oursaviourslc.org/first-communion</u>, by Nov. 9.

Sunday Morning Bible Live



At Bible Live!, children walk through the Bible through skits: as actor, director, stage hand, and more. At the end of the hour they perform to an appreciative audience.





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TURKEY BASKET COLLECTION

unday, October 9 through Sun., Nov. 6 For Thanksgiving, Our Saviour's Confirmation Youth will be assembling Turkey Baskets for N.A.C.E. (North Anoka County Emergency) Food Shelf. The goal is to assemble 30 complete baskets to provide a Thanksgiving meals for families in need. Food items may be dropped off in the bin under the CYF Board at Our Saviour's. Monetary donations and gift cards should be dropped off at the church office or mailed to Our Saviour's by Nov. 6.

- \$20 Cub gift cards (for turkey)
- Turkey gravy (packets or jar)
- Can vegetables
- Can fruit
- Stuffing (box or bag)
- Mashed or scalloped potatoes (box or fresh potatoes)
- Pie crust (for pumpkin pie)
- Pumpkin pie filling
- Evaporated milk

- Jello (any size/flavor)
- Sweet potatoes (box or fresh potatoes)
- Small marshmallows
- Cranberries (can)
- Foil roasting an
- Fall colored tablecloth
- Fall napkins & plates
- Tote box from Cub

