



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2024

Greetings in the name of our risen savior,

There is a saying in this kingdom that addresses the question of guarantees of living. Not the things like the guarantees given by one's word or that given for a product purchased. Guarantees are also a bit, quite a bit different most of the time, from a warrantee that comes with a new car or refrigerator. A guarantee is more the promise made that something will happen when one believes in, says or acts in the open in the public. How does that old axiom go? Oh yeah, right, there are only two guarantees in life; taxes and death. But there is another guarantee for those who are claimed by God and who pick up their cross and follow Jesus.

As we move deeper into the Lenten season our texts speak about the coming cross and all that hangs on that cross. Jesus of course hanged on that cross and with him the sin of the world; yours, mine, everyone's sin was nailed to the cross along with him. There also hung on that cross the words promised and hope embodied

in Jesus as well as all that Jesus taught.

This then is where the persecution begins: *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."* (Mark 8:34b). It is my assumption (and yes, I know), that you all know that the cross is one of the most gruesome execution methods man has ever devised. The cross, that which the Old Testament and even in places in the New, call the "tree" was a symbol of the dying person being rejected by God as well. The whole cross thing is a bit off-putting for the followers of Jesus. And yet there it is.

The cross is the tool that God chose to use in order to save the world, to free it from sin, death and the power of the devil. Therefore, both the world and the Lord, have set up the followers of Christ for, pain, suffering and rejection. And yet it is none other than Jesus who, previously quoted, invites his followers to do that one thing. Pick up the cross and follow him. Follow him where you ask?

Well, for all the ink spilled and trees turned into paper waxing on about where that

"where" is, try gathering yourself around this. That cross took Jesus to only one place and it goes by the name, Golgotha which means, the place of the skull. And there he was put to death. That is the only place where Jesus carried his cross to, so it seems fitting that you look at that as the place where you go to die, too.

So if the world and its ruler claims victory in the death of Jesus Christ on a cross, only after persecuting him we ought to be prepared for the inevitable. That is those who pick up their cross and follow Jesus must believe that they too will be persecuted for his sake.

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That is the guarantee, as all followers of one persecuted unto death will also be persecuted unto death. Thus as Christians we should be prepared for such persecution from outside and from within the church itself. We do not strive to be persecuted, rather it is the result of faithfulness in the face of faithlessness.

Do not be dismayed, surprised or upset when you find yourself persecuted. Remember that is what they did to the prophets of the Lord before you, that is what they did to Christ Jesus and that is what they did to the apostles and witnesses of the resurrection. That is the guarantee you have been given as a result of your faith. Remember too what Paul wrote in his second letter to Timothy; *"Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."* (2 Timothy 3:12)

Carrying my cross and following Christ,

Pastor Mike



Palm Sunday and Holy Week Schedule

Combined Palm Sunday Service at OSLC with Elim and Trinity attending @ 9:00 am on March 24, 2024

Maundy Thursday Service, March 28 @ 6:30 pm at Elim

Good Friday Service, March 29 @ 6:30 pm at OSLC

Saturday Easter Vigil, March 30 @ 6:30 pm at St. Paul Episcopal

Easter Sunday Services—3/31/24
9:00 am at OSLC with David Goode leading the service
9:00 am at Trinity with Pastor Mike

OSLC will be hosting an Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday morning at 8:00-8:45 am

There will also be an Easter Fellowship time from 10:00-10:45 Easter morning after worship here at OSCL.

Thank you!

Dear people of God,
Thank you for all you did upon dad's death & also for your care of mom. Thanks to all who served the lunch & cleaned up. In Christ's peace,

Chad Whaley and the family
of David Whaley

Thank you!

To the congregation members that set up tables, served and cleaned up after the funeral for our mom, thank you so very much! You all did a wonderful job! We realize that it was a lot of work with the large attendance. Everything was beautifully done.

With much gratitude.

Sincerely, Marlene Kester's family.

Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesday, March 6, 2024
At Elim Lutheran Church
Meal @ 5:30 pm
Worship @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
At Trinity Lutheran Church
Meal @ 5:30 pm
Worship @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
At OSLC
Meal @ 5:30 pm
Worship @ 6:30 pm



40 Days of Lent

So, here we are, already more than two weeks into Lent 2024 when you are reading this. It appears Lent arrives earlier every year, but that may be because it actually can begin on a different date every year. The reasons for that can be kind of confusing but are also kind of interesting. The First Council of Nicea in 325AD established two rules concerning the date of Easter; independence from the Hebrew calendar and worldwide uniformity. No actual details were provided to explain how this was to be done, so these things were gradually worked out in a process that literally took centuries and caused any number of theological and political controversies. Finally, it was determined that Easter Sunday always occurs on the first Sunday following the full Moon that occurs on or after the Spring equinox. We in Western Christianity use the Gregorian calendar, so Easter always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 15. Got all of that? It's ok if you don't. Anyway, the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 40 days previous to Easter, not counting Sundays. Sundays during Lent are not Sundays of lent, since the Church considers Sunday to

be a Feast Day in itself, and Martin Luther referred to Sunday as a "Little Easter". The exact origins of Lent are uncertain, but it seems to have been first observed following that First Council of Nicea, when the first known reference was made to a 40-day period of preparation, including fasting, for the High Feast of Easter. "Lent", possibly derived from the old English word, "lencten", meaning "spring season", is intended to be a time of prayer, penitence, and mediation in preparation for Holy Week and the celebration of the highest Feast of the Christian Church, Easter. Ok, you may be a bit confused by now, and might wonder why I bother to share all of this. And I get that, none of this is actually critical to our observation of Lent, but I also think that understanding where our religious practices and traditions came from increases our appreciation of their significance. Besides, I find it interesting and informative and hopefully you will also.

The number 40 seems to have some deeper significance and appears frequently throughout scripture. Following are a few of the more significant scriptural references to the number 40:

-The 40 days of Lent are

specifically thought to be in remembrance of Jesus' temptation and fasting in the wilderness for the 40 days following His baptism. Jesus also appeared to His disciples for 40 days after His Resurrection.

-In the Genesis account of the flood, God sent rain on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights. Noah waited for 40 days after the mountain tops re-appeared, after the rain stopped before sending out a dove from the Ark to search for dry land.

-Moses fled from Egypt after killing the Egyptian slave driver and spent 40 years in the land of Midian before God appeared to him in the burning bush and commanded him to return to Egypt.

-When the Children of Israel reached the Land of Canaan after the Exodus, they explored the land for 40 days before reporting to Moses that the land was full of giants and great cities, and they had no chance of occupying it. Because of their unbelief, God sent them out to wander in the wilderness for 40 years before bringing them back to Canaan to try again.

-Moses spent 40 days and 40 nights on the mount while God gave him the Ten Commandments. Twice actually, check it out.

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The 1956 movie, “The Ten Commandments”, got that right.

-Goliath taunted the Israelite army every morning and every evening for 40 days before David finally took up the challenge and killed him.

-The prophet Elijah walked into the mountains for 40 days and nights to fast and pray until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God where the word of the Lord finally came to him.

So ok; 40 days to pray, repent and meditate on the successes and failures in my life, my faith walk, over the past year. 40 days to mend broken relationships, and to make amends for the mistakes that I made. 40 days to remember to express my gratitude for the blessings shown to my kids and grandkids, my whole family, and my Church family. 40 days to remember to be so grateful for the lessons that I (should!) have learned. 40 days to marvel at the boundless Love shown to me, time after time, no matter where I was or what I was doing or why I was doing it. 40 days to contemplate on One so worthy as to make all my unworthiness perfect before God. 40 days to worship my God Who is so powerful to create a universe wondrous beyond all comprehension and yet Who named

me while I was still in my mother’s womb. 40 days to reflect on my sinful failings and to praise God for sending His Son to redeem me from them.

40 days to meditate on a **“Love so amazing, so Divine demands my Soul, my Life, my All.”** From “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” by Isaac Watts

Peace and a Blessed Lent to All,
Hap

Wanted: Elim Children’s Center Director

We are looking to fill our Elim Children’s Center Director Position!

Must be at least 21 years of age

Must have an AA in a child related field or equivalent
Must LOVE kids!

Salary: \$40,000—\$45,000 dependent upon experience.
Please visit Elim’s website for more information and to apply: www.ElimLutheranMarshalltown.org or visit us at 302 W. Church St., Marshalltown, IA

Please spread the word to try and get this out to as many as possible so we can fill this opening! Thank you!

Emergency Food Box

The Emergency Food Box is open 1:30—4:30 pm—Monday through Thursday and Friday 10:30—1:30 pm except holidays.

Donations can be brought to the Emergency Food Box at 107 N. 1st St. during open hours.

For more information about donating or volunteering, contact them at 641-753-2801.

THE CARING CENTER

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
201 East Church Street in
Marshalltown

HOURS: MONDAY &
WEDNESDAY
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Caring Center was started in 1989 by churches that wanted to provide clothing and shoes for those in need. In addition to bedding, towels and household items like dishes, cookware and silverware were added. All items are donated from community members.. We use our financial gifts for rent, utilities, insurance costs and to purchase needed items that are not donated. There is no charge for those in need.

We will provide a tax exempt receipt for those who make donations. Due to limited space and community needs we can only accept clothes that are currently in season.



LSI Bulletin/Newsletter

Article and Story

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we are grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

At LSI, we believe every Iowan deserves the independence they need to thrive. LSI's Host Homes is an innovative way LSI is serving adults with disabilities. Through this program, an individual moves from Supported Community Living into a private family home with a carefully selected mentor. This program is built entirely around an individual's goals and interests, and LSI's extensive matching process ensures the mentor and mentee are a great fit.

Take a moment to read the following story from a Host Homes mentee: "My journey with LSI's Host Homes started in early 2023. I've known my mentor for a few years while he provided hourly services to me. We learned about Host Homes and thought it would be a good fit for us. I moved into my mentor's home where he helps me maintain a daily routine with

schoolwork, household tasks, daily living skills, improving independence, and more.

I attend a college nearby and go to classes a few days a week. I am able to navigate the local bus system to access my community to attend classes and visit friends. My mentor is always available to transport me into the community as needed.

This summer, I went on a trip across the country with one of my classes. While on this trip, I was able to maintain my independence with limited support, but I knew my mentor would be available by phone to assist me with my coping skills and problem solving. This trip was a big success for me knowing I had support only a phone call away.

I like LSI's Host Homes Program because my mentor supports me in the way I want to be supported, assists me with some daily tasks I struggle with, and understands me."

If you are interested in becoming a Host Homes mentor and helping a fellow Iowan achieve independence, please visit LSIowa.org/HostHomes for more information.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Thrivent Update

It is time to be sure your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars are directed before they disappear! Direct your dollars to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marshalltown or any of the other choices listed. You can direct dollars online in your Thrivent account or my calling 800-847-4836.

Each Thrivent member is eligible again to apply for one or two Action Team Projects for 2024. Be thinking of what you hope to accomplish with your project(s) in '24! Thank you to all who used their 2023 Action Teams for many good purposes.

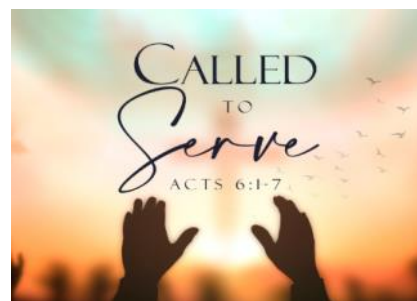
First Quarterly Jug Collection — 2024

Collections for January, February and March will go towards disaster relief within the United States.

When the need happens, Lutheran Disaster Relief is there; tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, severe storms, and floods.

Thank you for your donations!

Submitted by the Service and Mission Board



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Hi all-

We are now assisting over 350 households/month in the Supply Closet. As you can imagine, supply struggles to keep up with demand. Just a note that if any of you would wish to do a supply drive, it would be very much appreciated.

Items to round up: laundry detergent, empty wide-mouth sports bottles, dish soap, body wash, toothpaste. These are the biggies, especially laundry soap and dish soap.

Blessings to all of you.
Thanks much.

Chad Hammar
Executive Director
House of Compassion
211 West Church Street
Marshalltown, IA 50158
641-752-5999

HOC Soup Supper

Please join us on Sunday, March 24th for our annual Soup Bowl Luncheon from 11am-1pm at First Methodist Church in Marshalltown. Enjoy soups from OPA Grill in bowls made by Marshalltown High School's art students, as well as musical entertainment by Neveah

Clover and friends!

Cost is: \$10/adult, \$5 kids age 6 and up paid at the door with proceeds benefitting our Soup Kitchen evening meal program as well as a portion given to MHS Art Department. See you there!

Opportunities to Serve at the House of Compassion

Trinity and Our Savior team up to serve at House of Compassion each month. We are looking for 4-6 people each month to prepare meals and serve on the following dates:

March 17th
April 21st
May 19th

Dinner service starts at 5:00 and is done by 6:15 pm. Amanda Accola of Trinity Lutheran is happy to explain the process and get keys to anyone who may be interested that has not participated before!

To sign up – please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CADA52DA5FE3-house#/>

Or email Amanda Accola at amandalaccola@gmail.com



Love Banquet

Our Love Banquet was held on Saturday, February 10th. It was catered by Katie J's with a menu of beef brisket, cheesy potatoes, and green beans with bacon. The crackers, cheese and pies were furnished by the Outreach Board. Gordon Miller provided us with entertainment from "Elvis" which made it a fun night for all. My thanks to everyone that helped make it a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Browne

Wednesday Wonders



Wednesday Wonders will meet Wednesday, March 20, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am.

All are invited to attend for a time of coffee, conversation and treats.

Linda Lindblom will supply the treats for March. There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office for 2024 Wednesday Wonders treats with a couple of slots still available.

Fellowship Team News

Tina Nelson and Carol Terry are willing to be communicators and coaches. They also will manage serving for funerals and other special occasions.

Monthly Managers will be responsible for just four or five weeks to make sure Fellowship refreshments are assigned and aid when needed. Anyone can help as a monthly manager; please, please sign up on the Fellowship sheet. See Carol or Tina for more information.

The Congregation are the team members who kindly offer to sign up, provide treats and serve on a given Sunday. Treats can be purchased or homemade. It is always nice when more than one person is willing to help each Sunday. Sunday teammates are encouraged! If you are willing to provide refreshments but not serving, let the monthly manager know so she can arrange for servers. Thank you everyone!

Fellowship Schedule for March
March 3 Barry Gaarder, Linda Pepper and Danny Nelson

March 10 David & Katrina Goode

March 17 Ella Harthun

*teammate needed

March 24 Carol Terry + 3 contributing *teammates needed for Palm Sunday Worship as we are hosting Trinity & Elim

March 31 Easter Breakfast 8:00-8:45—Tina Nelson, Kayla Danielson + 2 contributing *teammates needed

March 31 Fellowship time 10:00-10:45 * 2-3 Teammates needed

Wednesday, March 20th Lenten Soup Supper (Three congregations attending)

All available hands on deck with Soup, Cheese and crackers, Relishes, Bars and cookies and Servers needed.

Many hands make light work. Thank you everyone for pitching in like you always have!

Tina Nelson (641-691-7051)

Carol Terry (641-751-3918)

Our Savior Lutheran Church PPC Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Present: Pastor Mike, David Goode, Tina Nelson, Carol Terry, John Terry, Barry Gaarder, Kayla Danielson

Meeting called to order by David at 5:21 pm. Pastor opened with prayer.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th after church.

David shared with this group the Covenant that we are proposing and will need PPC approval and congregational vote. The group reviewed. This has been reviewed by attorneys from each congregation and the Synod. Carol made a motion to accept the written covenant and take it to the annual meeting. Tina seconded. Approved.

Trinity is continuing with the Call process. At this time we can not join that committee.

David is suggesting that a task force be formed in the near future to discuss a formal "yoking" with Trinity. If a formal parish is formed then we could be involved with the Call process. We are in new territory and will need guidance from Synod.

Nomination Committee—one was not formed at last year's annual meeting. Due to COVID we got off track of which positions were open.

Even years we would fill the following positions:

President. Vice President
Financial Secretary, Worship, Fellowship, Stewardship

Odd years we would fill the following positions:

Secretary, Treasurer, Service & Mission, Outreach, Education, Youth, Properties.

Present PPC will continue through 2024 with the exception of Fellowship. Carol and Tina are working on a different approach and this will be brought up at the annual meeting. David is suggesting that we look at this as we do not have enough people to fill 13 boards. How can we manage this? This will need to be worked on in the coming year.

Discussion that it might be better to get congregational approval of the covenant and then discuss the budget at the annual meeting. Tina will ask for a change in the agenda in the New Business section.

The Girl Scout group is meeting at our church and we need to have PPC approval and get an agreement signed. Discussion. Pastor needs to review the rules with the leader. We need a day and time of meeting so that Barry can program heat. Kayla moved to approve them meeting here. Tina seconded. Approved.

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Our Savior Lutheran Church PPC Meeting Wednesday, January 24, 2024 (Continued)

Tina shared the following:

Karen Adams can no longer lead Fellowship. Tina and Carol will help organize funerals.

We will be hosting Lenten services at OSL February 28 and March 20 with soup supper prior to worship. Kayla will get a sign up sheet made.

Discussion on where money from joint Lenten services with Elim and Trinity should go. This group proposes ½ to The Caring Center and ½ to the Food Pantry. June to host a BBQ at OSL. Looking at either the 12th or 19th. More to come. Suggests Thrivent Action Plan for this.

Meeting notes taken by Tina from the joint ELCA meeting held 1/22/24 were shared with the group.

Respectfully submitted

Kayla Danielson
Secretary

Our Savior Lutheran Church PPC Meeting Thursday, February 15, 2024 @ 4:45

Present: David Goode, Tina Nelson, Carol Terry, Pastor Mike, Barry Gaarder, John Terry, Kayla Danielson

Call to Order: President David Goode at 4:45 pm.

Devotions: Pastor Mike opened with prayer. Secretary's Minutes: (Kayla Danielson) Will continue to be sent out to PPC via email soon after the meeting. They really should be approved each month. The group agreed that minutes can be sent out after the monthly meeting. Ask for all to review and let Kayla know. That will be the approval. If you have a written report each month it will need to be sent to the church office to attach to the meeting minutes.

Pastor's Report: No written report
Funeral services this coming Saturday for Marlene Kester. Pastor Paul Waterman and Pastor Mike did the noon Ash Wednesday service at St. Paul's due to the illness of Pastor Graves. Approximately 24 in attendance. Pastor Paul and Pastor Mike did the joint evening Ash Wednesday service at Elim. Meal prior to worship.

Great attendance. Worship is going well so far in 2024. Pastor has contacted Donna Sharp and Troy & Tammy Marker to see if their grandkids would be interested in First Communion classes. Looking ahead at Holy Week. Palm Sunday will be a joint service at Our Savior Lutheran. This is not noted on the bookmark made. Easter is also not noted on the book mark. Pastor unsure of decision made by joint Worship Boards on Easter. Pastor is at OSL Tuesday and Thursday and at Trinity Monday and Wednesday. On Monday's at 9:15 Julie comes to Trinity and they have a joint staff meeting weekly.

Treasurer's Report: (Kayla Danielson) Review financials sent out via email prior to meeting (Kayla will have copies available at meetings). We need to be discussing these each month. Things to note for this month: Fern Thompson will not show differently in January 2024 as Kayla did not get the amount until Feb. 2. There was a gain of \$761.83. Try to do this on the last day of each month. Reminder- YTD budget is determined by the total budget for that account divided by 12. Pastor salary- he has determined to be paid more once each quarter. Pastor expenses- not turned in. Accounting software- once a year payment. Employee Retention Tax Credit- In early December the church was sent information indicating there may be compensation for having retained employees during the pandemic. Brian and Kayla started researching and Brian has been working on this. It is possible we will receive some compensation. More to come. Carol suggested Brian be reimbursed for his work. Kayla informed the group that he would not take money. There may be attorney fees. This is still just an application that we have submitted so do not know anything for sure.

Conversation with Colin Adams, Trinity Treasure 2/9/24. They will pay us through automatic payment on the 15th of each month for a total of \$5,031.40. Salary- \$89,500 annual (Trinity \$3,729.16 monthly) Portico benefits (copy attached for your records) paid by employer- \$2,604.42 per month (Trinity \$1,302.21 monthly). Trinity total monthly due to Our Savior Lutheran- \$5,031.37 (he rounded up) Rhonda will go on Medicare 9/1/24 so there will be some changes at that time to work through with Portico. Kayla will see deposit on bank statement and record in Aplos as a deposit.

Worship Report: (Carol Terry) Going well. This group feels it is necessary to do individual Easter services at Trinity and Our Savior due to comments from members.

Lois continues to pick songs for all services. Barry asked about Easter Lilies: Who will be in charge? Carol How many to order? How much to ask for? Sign up sheet and collect money?

Properties Report: (John Terry)
Discussion on security of the building. Our current cameras are not working. We have had some outside doors left open. John will look into this.

Service & Mission Report: (Tina Nelson) No meeting

Fellowship Report: Getting ready for funeral on Saturday. Discussion about Easter breakfast. Carol will poll the congregation at fellowship this Sunday.

Ministry Administrative Agenda:
Annual Congregational financial audit - Tina provided a copy to this group. Valentine Banquet- short on funds to cover the bill of \$799 due to being charged for 40 people when only 35 present. Only charged people \$17.50 when the charge was almost \$20.00. Where to take the extra needed from? Discussion with Carol and Tina after the meeting adjourned. We could take from Fellowship. That fund currently has \$1,031.62 in it. Kayla would like to get Katie J's paid. Grinnell Mutual annual audit- Kayla submitted this as requested by the insurance company on 2/13/24. Will keep copies with Treasurer information. Rosa Lemus asked to be notified if there is a function going on at the church so that she does not plan to clean on that day. Should we place a monthly calendar in her box and then notify when additions are made (funerals, other church, etc)? Discussion. Kayla will ask Julie to do this.

Guest: Pastor Erika Uthe, Director for Evangelical Mission / Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Vitality. Pastor Erika asked to meet with our PPC to discuss the future of our congregation knowing that we are sharing Pastor's expenses this year and that our membership is not growing. he shared a resource "Three Pathways Guide" to help us through the process as we move forward. (continued on next page)

We have just started our journey with Trinity (Pathway #2) sharing Pastor Mike's compensation. Trinity is continuing their call process and we need to be aware that if they do find a pastor within this year our agreement with them will cease. This group is aware that our membership is not growing and most likely will not and we are looking for guidance on how to manage this in the future. We want to continue our collaboration with both Elim and Trinity and work on how our future looks. We want to keep our congregation informed along the way. Closing Prayer: Pastor Mike. Adjourned (time): 6:40 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Kayla Danielson, PPC secretary

**ELCA Marshalltown
Alliance Meeting Monday January 22, 2024, 5:30 PM at Elim**
Next meeting Monday,
March 4, 5:30 PM at OSL

Present: Table 1 Shannon Johnson-Trinity, Steve Gile-Trinity, Michael Emerson-Trinity, Laura (Loney)-Trinity, Pastor Erica-SEIA Synod, Carol Conrad-Trinity, Pastor Mike
Table 2 Margaret Wolfe-Elim, McKenna Coleman-Elim, Tina Coleman-Elim, Danny Nelson, Julie Miller-Trinity, Amanda Accola-Trinity

Table 3 Pastor Waterman, Dave Benz-Trinity, David Goode, Karen Weltzin-Elim, Tina Nelson

Highlights for OSL members who could not attend: Everyone shared a few thoughts about their annual meetings, expressed concerns about loss of members due to deaths, appreciate new child care director, Trinity's treasurer resigned. Trinity and OSL ready to vote on shared pastor 12 contract with Shannon Johnson stating Pastor Mike can cancel the contract with 30 day notice. Their call committee is proceeding steadily, getting needed items uploaded and seem optimistic to call a pastor soon. Lent and Holy Week schedule almost finalized and Pastor Waterman will have bookmarks with complete details for all 3 churches very soon.

Ash Wednesday, February 14-5:30
Elim meal pancakes and sausage-6:30
service with close by 7:10, Feb 21
Trinity, Feb 28 OSL, onward repeat
all same times. First communion
training will offered for all church
youth with first communion celebrated
during Maundy Thursday service.

Synod report by Pastor Erica-seeing best church participation with
Wednesday evening activities, invited
all to Lutheran Day at the capitol on
Feb 19, invited to register for synod
assembly May 17-18 in Coralville and
delegates should be elected at our
annual meetings, financial and static
reports should be completed and submitted
to the synod and Pastor Waterman
emphasized the importance of these
activities.

Future Activities involving all 3
churches:

Shared Ascension, Pentecost, Reformation, Thanksgiving, Christmas services, Dueling Pianos-Elim, late April or early May? BBQ/yard games for all 3 churches-OSL-June?

VBS-August? All generations-need
planning members from all three
churches

Neighborhood Picnic-Trinity-August 28

Swine and Dine-Elim-September?
Oktemberfest Parade-September/October?

Ongoing Activities: Coffee every
Wednesday morning Trinity and Elim,
3rd Wed only OSL, Retire group 4th
Monday 11:00 meal followed by program-Elim
Women's group Trinity-occasionally-next Feb 12 6:30

Quilting Monday mornings Elim-women and men

Elim Adult Sunday School 10:30 Sundays,
Elim Confirmation 10:30 Sundays. Adult Bible Study
Wednesday 5:30 OSL

Pastors are going to get calendar sharing going with all three churches. All will share their individual calendar (not combined at this time as makes more work).

MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Lauren McKibben	3/05
Janice Browne	3/06
Dean Stucky	3/06
Tom Kersbergen	3/08
Kayla Danielson	3/11
Nancy Park	3/14
Brynn Van Buren	3/22
Natalie Wiederin	3/23
Elizabeth Wiederin	3/24
Madelyn Wiederin	3/24
Mike Herschberger	3/25
Dennis Hanke	3/25
Dwayne Scott	3/26
Kim Younge	3/27
LaRee Wise	3/29

Wedding Anniversaries

David & Ann Reinberg	3/15
Ken & Linda Lindblom	3/17
Rick & Denise Bahlmann	3/20

Thank you!

I want to thank everyone for your prayers, phone calls, and cards related to my recent health issues. It is truly blessing to have such a wonderful church family.

Thanks,
DeLee Freiberg

The family of Ivan Pfantz wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and memorials. We appreciate all the love and support we have received at this difficult time.

DeLee & Steve Freiberg

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Our Savior Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
as of 01/31/2024

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Assets		
1000	Checking	\$43,739.42
1005	Debit Card Account	\$186.62
1010	Fern Thompson Scholarship	\$48,659.96
Total Assets		\$92,586.00
Liabilities		
2600	Federal Withholding Taxes Payable	\$111.00
2602	State Withholding Taxes Payable	\$36.74
2604	Social Security Withholding	\$77.42
2606	Medicare Withholding	\$17.09
Total Liabilities		\$242.25
Equity		
3000	General Fund - Fund Balance	\$-13,421.06
3100	Building Fund - Fund Balance	\$23,918.55
3102	Fellowship Fund Balance	\$988.62
3103	Memorial Fund Balance	\$27,008.00
3105	Thrivent Choice Dollars Fund Balance	\$3,795.56
3109	Alter Flowers Fund Balance	\$238.55
3111	Fern Thompson Scholarship Fund Balance	\$49,659.96
3113	Quarter 1 Giving Jug Fund Balance	\$155.57
Total Equity		\$92,343.75
Total Liabilities + Total Equity		\$92,586.00

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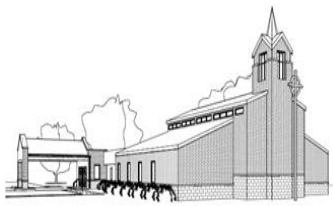
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24 9:00 am Combined Palm Sunday Worship with Trinity and Elim 11:30 am CGPE Sunday School 12:30 pm CGPE Church Service	25 9:15 Staff Mtg at Trinity Holy Week	26 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 Pastor Mike Taping at TLC	27 9:00—Trinity and Elim Coffee	28 12:00 pm Optimist 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday at Elim 7:00 pm CGPE Bible Study	29 6:30 pm Good Friday at OSLC Church Office Closed	30 6:30 Easter Vigil at St. Paul Episcopal 7:00 pm CGPE Church gathering
31 9:00 am Worship with David Goode 9:00 am Pastor Mike at Trinity 11:30 am CGPE Sunday School 12:30 pm CGPE church						



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9:00 AM Worship

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