



February 2019

CrossTalk Newsletter

The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School is 'connecting families in Christ' by proclaiming the forgiveness of sin in the Gospel and the Sacraments.



"Now That is Love"

Yes February is upon us and the stores are teaming with red candy hearts, cupids, St Valentine Cards, and all kinds of Sparkly red stuff. That being said, there are number of other saints who are commemorated during the month of February. I would like to talk about the one the falls on Feb. 13 – the day before the well-known one. But before I do I would like to talk about the season of Epiphany.

Epiphany is the day when the wise men come to bow down and worship the toddler Jesus– thus revealing that Jesus is the Savior of the whole world, the Gentiles, the nations, not just the Jews. It is for that reason that the Epiphany is a season marked by a missionary zeal for the lost of the world. Jesus says that there is no greater love than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. The 13th marks that day of great zeal among the followers of Jesus who would proclaim Jesus to the world and die in many cases doing so.

On the 13th we commemorate: Aquila and his wife Priscilla (Prisca), Jewish contemporaries of St. Paul, who traveled widely. Because of persecution in Rome, they went to Corinth where they met the apostle Paul, who joined them in their trade of tentmaking (Acts 18:1–3). They, in turn, joined him in his mission of proclaiming the Christian Gospel. The couple later traveled with Paul from Corinth to Ephesus (Acts 18:18), where the two of them established a home that served as hospitality headquarters for new converts to Christianity.

Apollos was one of their numerous Jewish pupils in the faith. An eloquent man, Apollos "spoke with burning enthusiasm and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus" (Acts 18:25). He later traveled from Corinth to the province of Achaia, where he "showed by the Scriptures that the Messiah is Jesus" (Acts 18:28). Aquila, Priscilla, and Apollos are all remembered and honored for their great missionary zeal.

What greater way to celebrate February than that? Out of love I pray we can be filled with that same missionary zeal in Hutchinson; that we would reach out to the people all around us with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Perhaps we can take these saints lead by simply showing great hospitality in inviting people to come and join us in church, stay for Bible Class, take them out for lunch, and show them kindness as Christ has us? Can you imagine how much joy it would bring to see 10-20-50-100 new families sitting in our pews as we reach out with the Gospel trusting the Holy Spirit to work faith in them.

Greatest love on earth – that Jesus the Son of God came to lay down his life for us all. Now that is love.

Happy Aquilla, Priscilla, and Apollos Day.

Pastor Oster

Upcoming Events:

February 1

6:00 pm. PTL Lock-In

February 4

6:00 pm. ELC Board

6:30 p.m. Health Ministry

February 5

5-8 p.m. Culver's Night

February 9

9:00 a.m. Cups & Conversation

February 12

11:30 a.m. Guild Meeting

February 14

11:30 a.m. Friendship Club

February 18

No School/Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Quilters

February 19

6:30 p.m. Trustees, BCDS &

Elders Meeting

7:30 p.m. Council

February 26

6:30 p.m. LWML Guild

Meeting for Zone

Please see the February calendar for a full list of events & times.



The 3rd quarter chapel offerings and children's Sunday morning basket offerings have been designated for the MN South District Hearts for Jesus Project: **POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach)**. Poblo International Ministries is a non-profit, Christian organization that is passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with Muslims and other immigrants and refugees living in the United States. Unlike in the past, American Christians do not have to go overseas to do mission work -- the mission field is in our own front yard. Poblo International Ministries is responding to this change in demographics and revolutionizing the way the gospel is shared by engaging in cross-cultural missions and grassroots community outreach here in the United States and training and partnering with local churches. POBLO is "making disciples of all nations" right here in the United States and is engaging immigrants and refugees through friendship, hospitality, and service. **Learn more about the work of POBLO at www.poblo.org**

FEBRUARY CHOIR NOTES:



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is "The Epiphany of Our Lord"? (January 6) The word "epiphany" (pronounced ee-PIF-uh-nee) comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation." Jesus was made known to all people simply by being born. If we had been alive back then, we could have actually reached out and touched Jesus! He was real, and the evidence was in His birth! Why do we celebrate Epiphany? Epiphany is the third part of the Christmas season. During this special season in the Church Year, we remember the visit of the Wise Men. Traditionally, this visit is celebrated on Jan. 6. Epiphany also brings to mind many other important events in Jesus' life. For example, we remember Jesus' Baptism, the star that guided the Wise Men, and most importantly, His birth! Wow! There sure is a lot happening after Christmas!

Why was it so important for Jesus to be born as a man? Jesus had a big job ahead of Him when He was born! If you really think about it, Jesus was born to die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. But before He died, He lived a perfect life under God's Law. That means that during His entire life, Jesus never sinned. Not even once! As a man, Jesus took the place of mankind under the Law and fulfilled it. That means that for every time we failed to keep the Law, Christ succeeded! Why was it important for Jesus to be true God? It would take more than an ordinary man to suffer and die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus had to be true God so that He could live a perfect life and fulfill the requirements of the Law, die a perfect death on the cross, and rise from the dead victorious over sin, death and the devil! All of this He did in obedience to the Father and out of complete and total love for us. Through faith, the Holy Spirit delivers all the great things Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection!

MUSICAL NOTES: Please note the following changes to choir schedules. **WOMEN'S CHOIR:** singing January 20 NOT January 27. No rehearsal on January 23 **BELL CHOIR:** We are NOT playing on January 20. Practice as usual. March date moved from March 10 to March 24. **MEN'S CHOIR:** Singing as scheduled on Feb. 24, but NOT March 6.

CHOIRS will serve Wednesday Soup Supper on March 27!



News From The Church Office:

OUR SAVIOR'S LADIES FRIENDSHIP SINGLES CLUB

Interested in meeting with fellow single women for a little food, fun & fellowship? Please join us as we will be getting together for lunch the second Thursday of each month at different locations: **RSVP to Vonnice Broten at 587-6753** We will meet:

**February 14th at 11:30 a.m. at
Country Kitchen**

**March 14th at 11:30 a.m. at
Country Kitchen**



Lutheran Church Extension Fund 2019 Scholarships

Scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded to graduating high school seniors or current full-time post-secondary students at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining. Candidates must also be members of a congregation belonging to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in an upper Midwest district. The application deadline is January 31, 2019. There is more information on line at lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships.

Our Savior's Financial News December 31, 2018

Monies in Checking.....\$106,986.37

Monies owed for Special Funds...\$110,197.15

Monies available for expenses... **-\$3,210.78**



Our Savior's Lutheran School Fundraiser

**Tuesday, February 5
5:00pm – 8:00pm**

*Join us for an evening of food & fun at
Culver's Restaurant!
1510 Montreal Street
Hutchinson*

10% of sales to OSL PTL

One drawing every hour for a value basket.

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Ladies please join us for:

Cups & Conversation

Bring a cup and a friend, or just yourself!

Speaker: Karen Gensmer & Janet Mraz

Topic: "Heart to Heart"

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019; 9 -10:30 a.m.

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church Commons

Hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Health Ministry





Our Savior's Lutheran Women's Guild News

All women are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MCLEOD LWML ZONE MEETING

Saturday, April 27 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

February Regular Meeting:

02/12/2019; 11:30 am
in the Common's Room
Come for lunch, stay for Bible Study
by Pastor Oster

THE LWML QUILTING GROUP is looking for individuals, men or women, that are interested in sewing squares together at home for quilt tops. Individuals just need to be able to sew a straight line, you do not need a lot of sewing experience. You may pick a bag of squares up in the Narthex & drop them off in back of church when finished! Stop at the table by the bookstore between services today to get more information or contact Eldonna Rettman at 320-894-2784 or Pat Otto at 587-7535.



Birthright of Hutchinson is in need of donations of gently used baby clothing, receiving & regular blankets, burp rags, clean rattles & toys for infants, sweaters & Spring coats size 0-2, Winter warm fleece coats, sleepers, snow suits sizes 0-2, outfits size 0-2 (boys & girls), wipes and diapers sizes 1,2,3 & 4.

All items are appreciated and can be dropped off at their office; 218 Main St. S Suite 132. Clothing can be new or clean good condition used items. Please drop your items in the collection box in the back of church. Birthright is also always in need of volunteers.

This event is sponsored by the Women's Guild.



Orphan Grain Train Christmas Project Results

THANK YOU to all ELC children, school children, teachers, and congregation members who participated in the Orphan Grain Train Christmas Project. The following items were collected at school and from the tree in church: 3 headbands, 5 ski masks, 29 stocking caps, 4 hats with earmuffs, 1 hat & scarf set, 1 hat, scarf & gloves set, 4 hat & mittens sets, 8 hat & gloves sets, 8 scarves, 8 boys' briefs, 21 girls' briefs, 1 pair of shoes, 14 pair men's socks, 16 pair women's socks, 41 pair boys' socks, 36 pair girls' socks, 7 pair homemade mittens, 2 pair children's mittens, 3 pair women's gloves, 2 pair men's gloves, 2 pair ski gloves, 33 pair children's gloves. **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Landskroener for taking all the items to Mayer, MN to the person connected with Orphan Grain Train. Many people will be blessed because of your loving hearts and generous spirits. Praise God for your giving spirits! God is so good!



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Our Savior's Early Learning Childcare News



SECURE OUR BORDERS!

Yipes! Touchy topic!

Two years ago, the school and Early Learning Center added security doors to the south wing of the building. There have been many light-hearted jokes made since the installation, like: "Am I allowed in?" and "Ha, ha! I am such a threat to security!" and "Who do you have to know to get the code for the door?"

It is a sad thing that such measures are needed to protect children, and people in general, from evil intentions. Christine Dammann can share stories of interesting encounters when she was very thankful the security doors were in place!

Our security doors have gone a long way in providing parents and staff added peace of mind. We do acknowledge that we operate in a sinful world where evil exists. Our Savior's invested in the addition of security doors to alleviate at least a little of the concern parents have about their children's' safety while here.

The other side of the security doors issue is that adding them made some people feel left out or restricted. People who never did a thing to harm a fly, and people who love our school and childcare, now feel that they are cast out and not welcome. Security is a two-sided issue.

I hear and see the ins and outs, ups and downs of working with children each day. There is something therapeutic about standing quietly in the doorway of the daycare room and watching the children play. Later in the day, I find myself chuckling about the cute moments and it makes my day brighter. There are those sour moments too, but one goofy grin from a child and the sour notes are erased.

You need to be welcomed into Our Savior's Early Learning Childcare. You need to see what goes on in your very own church home. I am sorry that the security doors have caused a separation, but there is something I can do about that! Please consider this your invitation to visit the ELC during our morning hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays in February. I am so happy to share our little ELC world with you. Your visit will be an excellent time to ask questions about ELC's current operation and future plans. Please give me a call to set up your time to visit - I am looking forward to it!

Sincerely

Reyne Oster
Childcare Administrator



OSL SCHOOL NEWS

Our Savior's Lutheran School

2019 Gala

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Crow River Winery, 14848 Hwy 7, Hutchinson, MN

4:00 -5:30 p.m.-Cash Bar Social Hour/Wine Pull

5:30 p.m.- Catered Meal/Silent Auction

7:00 p.m.- Live Auction

Tickets
Available:
February 3-
March 3

Church Members, Parents, Grandparents, Alumni & Friends welcome! Tickets are for sale in the church/school office or Sundays between church services. All proceeds will go to Our Savior's Lutheran School.

An Evening of Fun & Socializing--\$30.00/Per Person

Can't attend but would still like to donate? Please mail cash donations to:
Our Savior's Lutheran School Gala; 800 Bluff Street NE, Hutchinson, MN 55350



OSL SCHOOL NEWS



Our Savior's Lutheran School is very excited to once again offer Pastry Puffins, PuffCrust Pizza, and ButterHearts as one of our fundraising programs! Please feel free to order your products in the office or from an OSL student.

Pastry Puffins are a delicious, Classic Puff Pastry. Each Pastry Puffin has hundreds of alternating thin layers of pastry to make them a melt-in-your-mouth flaky Treat! Pastry Puffins are a Freezer-To-Oven product, no thawing required. **The Pastry Puffins® are available in Five Different Delicious flavors.**

PuffCrust Pizza is a one-of-a-kind Pizza experience. The Puff Pastry Crust is infused with mozzarella cheese and pizza seasoning. Delicious meats and cheeses are inside making this a Pizza-Lovers delight. There are 2 individual PuffCrust Pizzas inside each Box, which makes 12 Puffin sized servings per box. **PuffCrust Pizza™ is available in TWO delicious flavors.**

ButterHearts are a Flaky, multi-layered puff pastry shaped like a heart that is sprinkled with sugar and then baked until the sugar is caramelized. They are soft and chewy and melt in your mouth delicious! There are 12 ButterHearts per package. **ButterHearts™ are available in two delicious flavors.**

Start Date: February 6, 2019

End Date: February 27, 2019

Delivery Date: Mar 18, 2019

No School

**Friday, February 15 &
Monday, February 18**

Our Savior's Lutheran School

2019 Gala Donations

We are revamping our School Auction & will be holding a Gala at the Crow River Winery on Saturday, March 30. The Gala will feature a catered meal, wine pull, a Live & Silent Auction along with a few more surprises!

We are currently looking for new donation items, antiques, collectibles, framed artwork or prints, sports memorabilia, event tickets, timeshare weeks, specialty baked goods (pies, cheesecakes, breads, etc.), rounds of golf, any service you might be willing to perform (wash windows, rake leaves, paint, garden tilling, fishing guide, cook dinner for 4 or more, etc.), or anything that might bring a dollar for our largest School Fundraiser!

If you are willing to donate, please pick-up a donation form from the back of Church. **Please return the form to the Church Office by March 1, 2019** so that we can advertise the items we've received. Please bring your donated items to the church office.



**Order your fundraising items
Sunday, February 10 or Sunday,
February 17th between services
with an OSL Student!**



OSL SCHOOL NEWS



This Edition's Savior Spotlight: **Reese Rude-Preschooler/ELC**



Parents:
Corey & Jill Rude

Birthdate:
May 15, 2014

Sibling Names:
Malea

Favorite Scripture Story or Our Savior's Christian Memory:
Going to Chapel to learn about Jesus

My favorite thing about Our Savior's is:
Circle time

I know my Savior loves me because:
We read the Bible.

This Edition's Savior Spotlight: **Finley Fredrickson-Preschooler/ELC**



Parents:
Kelsey & Justin Fredrickson

Birthdate:
April 4, 2014

Sibling Names:
Maverick

Favorite Scripture Story or Our Savior's Christian Memory:
Zacchaeus & Jesus

My favorite thing about Our Savior's is:
The loving staff & knowing we are surrounded by the word of God at home & school.

I know my Savior loves me because:
Jesus always forgives our sins and gives me lunch everyday



OSL SCHOOL NEWS



This Edition's Savior Spotlight is:

**Mr. Boll-3rd-5th Grade Teacher;
Dean of Instruction**



Parents:

John & Caroline Boll

Birthdate:

November 5, 1981

Sibling Names:

David, Myrna & Jonathon

Spouse:

Mindy Boll

Children:

Aiden & Aria

Favorite Scripture Story or Our Savior's Christian Memory:

John 6:68- "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"

My favorite thing about Our Savior's is:

Being able to talk about Jesus' love for us every day!

I know my Savior loves me because:

God has revealed to me in His word what Jesus has done, and He cares for me every day.

This Edition's Savior Spotlight is:

Naomi Sickmann-5th Grader



Parents:

Cory & Heidi Sickmann

Birthdate:

September 5, 2007

Sibling Names:

Isaac, Ben & Lily

Favorite Scripture Story or Our Savior's Christian Memory:

When Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins.

My favorite thing about Our Savior's is:

My teacher because he is great!

I know my Savior loves me because:

He died for me!



FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Please join Health ministry in the Activity Center the first Sunday of each month between services; October – June.

7 Habits That Really Do Protect Your Heart

Take these simple steps for heart health.

IMAGE © THINKSTOCK

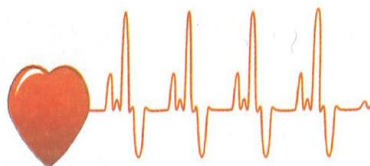
You may be wondering if there's really anything you can do to improve your heart health. Back in

2010, the American Heart Association introduced "Life's Simple Seven," steps people could take to reduce their risk of heart disease. Now a new study reports that these lifestyle changes actually work: Over 11 years, people who met three or four of the heart-health criteria had a 55% lower risk of cardiovascular mortality than those who adhered to two or fewer.

Says Alice H. Lichtenstein, DSc, director of Tufts' HNRCA Cardiovascular Nutrition Laboratory, "Making a number of small gradual changes towards lowering heart disease risk is a good and achievable goal."

The "Simple Seven" lifestyle factors are:

- ◆ Get active (at least 30 minutes of daily moderate physical activity, like brisk walking, five times per week).



- ◆ Control cholesterol (lower than 200 mg/dL).

- ◆ Eat better (see box).

- ◆ Manage blood pressure (lower than 120/80 mm Hg).

- ◆ Lose weight (achieve a normal BMI).

- ◆ Reduce blood sugar (fasting glucose below 100).

- ◆ Stop smoking.

REAL RISK REDUCTION: Enrique Artero, PhD, of the University of South Carolina, and colleagues compared adherence to these lifestyle goals with risk of death from cardiovascular disease among 11,993 participants in the Aerobics Longitudinal Study, average age 46 at baseline. Their results, published in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, showed that the more factors a person met, the lower the risk of death from heart disease. For those who met five to seven of the criteria, risk was 63% lower than those

TAKE CHARGE!

Key steps to eating a heart-healthy diet, according to the American Heart Association, include:

- ◆ Eat a variety of deeply colored fruits and vegetables.
- ◆ Eat unrefined fiber-rich whole-grain foods.
- ◆ Eat fish at least twice a week. For additional protein, choose skinless lean meats and poultry and prepare them without adding saturated and trans fat. Select fat-free, 1% fat, and low-fat dairy products.
- ◆ Cut back on saturated and trans fats, cholesterol and added sugars.
- ◆ Choose and prepare foods with little or no salt. Aim to eat less than 1,500 milligrams of sodium per day. For more on "Life's Simple Seven," see <mylifecheck.heart.org>.

meeting the fewest.

Hardly anyone in the study population met all seven criteria, however—only 0.2%. "There is definitely room for improvement," says Lichtenstein, "and this study shows a clear benefit for making these lifestyle changes. The emphasis should be on making changes in the right direction. The exact order of the tasks should be up to an individual and their physician."

How to Help Your Child Save for the Future

When you help your child save for the future through LCEF's Young Investors (Y.I.) Club, those dollars can also help someone else learn about Jesus. **Help others share the love of Christ!**

Through the dollars invested by thousands of individuals (like you), congregations, schools, organizations and businesses, LCEF assists the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS) with low-cost loans and ministry support services that help leaders continue to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their community, our country and beyond.

Have questions about Y.I. Club? Call us at 800-843-5233 or visit lcef.org.



February Birthdays

MARLIN SCHAUER	2/2
KYLIE KNODEL	2/3
JEREMY JORGENSEN	2/4
BRUCE CROSBY	2/6
BRADY ZACKRISON	2/6
KEITH MESSNER	2/8
PHILIP FORCIER	2/9
MELISSA ORTLOFF	2/9
ALEX MESSNER	2/10
JEROME STOLL	2/11
PAIGE MLINAR	2/12
KRISTINA MONSON	2/12
ABIGAIL TUCHOLKE	2/12
HARRIET SCHMIDT	2/13
AVA PAULSON, N.	2/14
DARLENE SHAW	2/14
BEVERLY HANSON	2/15
SCOTT SCHINDLER	2/15
RENAE ANDERSON	2/16
MATTHEW SCHUMANN	2/16
KAREN GENSNER	2/17
REBECCA LAUER	2/17
NANCY ANDERSON	2/18
KHIANA KNUTH	2/18
JOSHUA LINK	2/18
MERL NYGAARD	2/20
ORLIN ORTLOFF	2/22
NIGEL PAULSON	2/23
CHLOE PAULSON	2/27
KARMEN KOVACK	2/28



February Anniversaries

WILLIAM & JANICE KREITLOW	2/1
CHUCK & LINDA ESSER	2/9
WAYNE & PAMELA LUEDTKE	2/27



Our Savior's Lutheran Church & School

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New Church Website: www.oslhutch.com

2019 Church Officers

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Vice President	Dean Brehmer
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Shirlee Landskroener - Music Director
Christine Dammann – Operations Manager

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Christine Dammann.....Operations Manager
Reyne Oster...Administrator of Early Learning
Robin Kruse.....Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
Andrew Boll.....3rd Grade-5th Grade
Allison Heilman.....Preschool - 5th Grade
Robin Kruse.....Music
Sharon Haberkamp.....Librarian
Jeanne Niesche.....Head Cook
Linda Ortloff.....Kitchen Assistant

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Jeff Radunz
David Radunz

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

Want to submit an article to the monthly CrossTalk?

Just e-mail it to Christine Dammann at oslsecretery@hutchtel.net **before the 10th of the month.** All articles must be submitted in the body of the e-mail or in .doc or .docx format. Photos may be submitted in .jpg format. **Thank you!!!**