

The Hilltopper



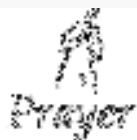
Our Savior Lutheran Church

March 2009

*A Prayer from the Evangelical
Lutheran Worship Book (ELW)*

The mission of the church

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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LITANY—from the ELCA website

Leader: Gracious God, we gather in your name.

**People: We come with our joys and sorrows.
Listen to our prayers**

Leader: We pray for our church.

**People: Show us the ways to reach out to
others with the love of Christ.**

Leader: We pray for our church leaders and teachers.

**People: Guide each with your wisdom and
compassion.**

Leader: We pray for students and disciples of Christ.

**People: Be with your followers--of all ages--
as we gather around your Word.**

Leader: We pray for those who do not know of your love.

**People: Use us to bear witness to the Good
News of Jesus.**

Leader: Creator of all, rally us around your Word and renew our commitment to follow Christ Jesus. Fill our hearts, minds, and spirits with your love. Empower us to be shining witnesses of Christ. **Amen**



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Holy Communion with Pastor Scoville

9:15-10:30 Sunday Church School
for ages 3 yrs.—Adult

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

7:00 p.m. Wednesdays

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

- ♥ Thank you Lillian Pinkston for polishing the silver communion ware and the Baptismal font!
- ♥ Thank you Phil Dralle, Beth Dralle, & Tim Leitner for preparing new Time & Talent sheets!
- ♥ Thank you to Jeff Maas for hanging the wooden blind to cover the kitchen opening. And for fixing the keyboard drawer of the secretary's desk!
- ♥ Thank you to Nick, Ryan, Kate, & Neil for playing and singing at the 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service!



Sunday, March 22
Special Combined Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

ALL church members are asked to attend a special worship service and workshop—“***Mission in Ministry***” on **Sunday, March 22**.

Rev. Jackie Linden-Shade, Assistant to the Bishop, will join us in worship and lead us through this study. There will be a combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. (*no 8:00 service that Sunday*). A potluck will be held after the service. The “Mission in Ministry” workshop will follow the meal and should take around two hours.

It is important for ALL members to come—
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!

Religion is not a nagging parent, nor is it a report card keeping track of our achievements and failures and grading our performance.

Religion is a refining fire, helping us get rid of everything that is not us, everything that distorts, dilutes or compromises the persons we really want to be, until only our authentic selves remain.

—Harold Kushner

(from the Newsletter newsletter website)

✝ 2009 LENTEN SERVICES ✝

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the early church, converts were baptized at dawn on Easter morning. Prior to the event, the candidates were involved in extensive preparations, the last forty hours of which were spent in fasting and prayer. To support these new converts and to deepen their own spiritual lives, the faithful began to fast and pray alongside them. In time, the period of fasting and prayer was lengthened to forty days (in the western church, Sundays, which are mini-Easters, are not included) and meditation on the Passion of the Christ was added.



The modern season of Lent (from the Anglo-Saxon word for Spring) partakes of this multi-faceted background. Some people fast by giving something up for Lent, others by giving up one meal a day (usually coupled with giving what that meal would have cost to some charitable program or organization), and a few by having nothing but water on the same day or days every week. Extra worship services and special Lenten devotions increase the amount of time spent in prayer. Mid-week services sometimes offer instruction in faith's fundamentals such as was given candidates for baptism and other worshippers in the early church. And, of course, the suffering and death of Jesus receives abundant attention.

This year, the Lenten services at Our Savior will concern the Passion. But we will not be looking at gory details or seeking parallels in our experience. Rather, we will consider how the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus affected some of his outstanding followers, five men who could truly say, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

These disciples and the dates on which we will be visited by them are:

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| March 4 | Peter, the restored disciple |
| March 11 | John, the loving witness |
| March 18 | Stephen, the joyous martyr |
| March 25 | Paul, the converted enemy |
| April 1 | Luther, the forgiven sinner |



Each service will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m., following a simple meal at 6:00. Most Wednesday evening meetings will convene after the service.

~~Pastor Scoville



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In March we're celebrating...

Birthdays

Anniversaries



- 3—Greg Sorenson
- 18—Leslie Leitner
- 19—Madalyn Burroughs
- 22—Charles Davis
- 26—Mary Sorenson
- 27—Palge (Nevius) Kumpf



- March 1—Jeff & Gayle Maas
- March 12—Larry & Darlene Daniels
- March 21—Charlie & Jacque Davis
- March 28—Neville & Myrna Harvilla

Happy Anniversary!

Mark your calendar for these OSLC activities...



Save the date and save your stuff!
The annual rummage sale will be
Friday and Saturday,
May 1 and 2!

We need lots of help to make this event be successful! Contact Melanie Fleming if you can help-
melaniefleming@comcast.net



The Mary-Martha Circle

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 9:30 a.m. at Our Savior.

Hostess is Gusta Bolam. Topic Leader is Mary K. Johnson. This year's study is on "The Lord's Prayer". The cost of the study guide is \$6.00; study guides are available at the meeting. ALL women of the church are invited.

Be sure to check out the bulletin boards by the Entrance for more news & events.

Council and Committee minutes are posted across from the church office.

Fair Trade Coffee Sales



Through the LWR Coffee Project, a partnership between *Lutheran World Relief* and *Equal Exchange*, Lutherans can enjoy delicious fairly traded products while supporting small-scale farmers across the world. Farmers earn a fair price for their crops, have access to affordable credit, and can invest in education, health care and sustainable agriculture, building a better future for their families.

In addition, for all fairly traded coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate bars and almonds purchased through the **LWR Coffee Project**, Equal Exchange gives \$.20 per pound back to Lutheran World Relief for projects supporting small-scale coffee farmers.

Our Savior Lutheran Church orders and sells "Fair Trade" products between services at least once a month, usually around the second Sunday of the month.

If you miss the sale and would like to purchase something, please contact Melanie Fleming, Darlene Daniels, Roberta Stiles, or Bev Wehr. We can help you!



Take a moment for prayer . . .

- o Get comfortable.
- o Breathe deeply.
- o Invite God to be present.
- o Read the Bible passage.
- o Focus.
- o Offer a simple prayer.
- o As other thoughts come to mind, gently let them pass.
- o Conclude with a prayer of thanks for God's presence.



"I am the light of the world"
(John 9:5)

from the ELCA website



2009

TIME
AND
TALENTS

The Support & Stewardship Committee has prepared new Time & Talent Sheets for us. An explanation of the four areas, *Worship, Witness, Learning & Teaching, and Support & Fellowship*, will be presented at the end of the worship services on March 8 & March 15.

You will have the opportunity to fill out your Time & Talent sheet at that time, or take it home for personal reflection and return it the next Sunday.

Thank you in advance for sharing your gifts!

Our Savior Lutheran Church Secretary

The position of church secretary is available at Our Savior Lutheran Church. This *paid, part time position* requires, among other things, *basic computer skills* especially in Microsoft Word & Microsoft Publisher, and doing *general office duties*. If you or someone you know are interested in applying for this job, please contact Melanie Fleming, Council President.

WANTED:



Sharing a meal before our mid-week Lenten services is a great fellowship experience. If you, your family, your committee—whomever!—would like to prepare and serve a simple meal

on one of the Wednesdays of Lent, please sign up on the chart by the Entrance.

Please continue to put your upcoming activities on the Planning Calendar in the office. This helps in scheduling events and makes sure things are listed in the bulletins and the Hilltopper. Thank you!



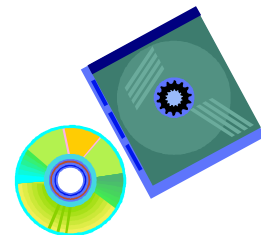
DVD AVAILABLE!!

Dennis Eggemeyer videotaped the **50th Anniversary Festival Service** on *Dec. 7, 2008*. Copies are available for purchase for \$5.00 each. This is a great way to rejoice in the joy of our worship service again. It also would be a nice gift for someone you know who was unable to attend that Sunday.

Fill out the information below to order your copies!

Name _____

of DVDs _____ x \$5.00 = _____



Please make checks payable to CAA Media Service and place your check and this order form in Dennis Eggemeyer's mailbox in the Library.



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Would YOU like to be a Lay Reader? Share the good news by reading the first and second readings and the responsive psalm at either of our worship services. Contact Leslie Leitner or any member of Worship & Music if you're interested.

March Cleaning Schedule



Date	Section A Sanctuary Cleaning & Entrance Hall	Section B Parish Hall, Classroom, & Kitchen
Mar. 1-7	Tim & Leslie Leitner	Bud & Susan Thomas
Mar. 8-14	Jeff & Gayle Maas	Ken & Bev Wehr
Mar. 15-21	Teresa & Scott Massey	Mike & Sue Barger
Mar. 22-28	Chris & Mark McCarrell	Sandy Brooks & Rita Wahl
Mar. 29-Apr 1	Charlie & Jacque Davis	Neil & Shelly Beiersdorf

If you have a scheduling conflict, please try to arrange to trade your time with another family, or you may also pay for someone else to clean your area (\$35.00 per section). Just notify the church office at 346-2600, to request a paid substitute. Let's keep our church looking good!

Thanks to all who have helped with Cleaning or any part of maintaining the church property. If supplies are needed or anything needs work, please email Melanie at melaniefleming@comcast.net or leave a note in her mailbox.

TELLER SCHEDULE

Mar. 1—Dennis & Sharon E.
 Mar. 8—Tim L. & Marilyn W.
 Mar. 15—Roberta & Leo S.
 Mar. 22—Marvin & Sharon F.
 Mar. 29—Dennis & Sharon E.
 Please reschedule as needed.
 Thank you for volunteering!

LAY READERS

(First service)

1st Sun.—Tim Leitner
 2nd Sun.—Chuck Davis
 3rd Sun.—Sue Barger
 4th Sun.—Roberta Stiles
 5th Sun.—Lay Assistant.

USHERS (8:00)

1st Sun.
 Mark McCarrell & Craig Brooks
 2nd Sun.
 Dave Sanders & Craig Brooks
 3rd Sun.
 Mark McCarrell & Bill Keas
 4th Sun.
 Garold Burkholder
 5th Sun.
 Bud Thomas & Dave Sanders

An Irish blessing



May you have
walls to keep out the wind,
a roof to keep out the rain,
warm drinks by the fire,
laughter to cheer you,
those you love near you,
and all that your heart may desire,
including the love of God within.



U.S. Economy Affects Marriages! It takes much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A **Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

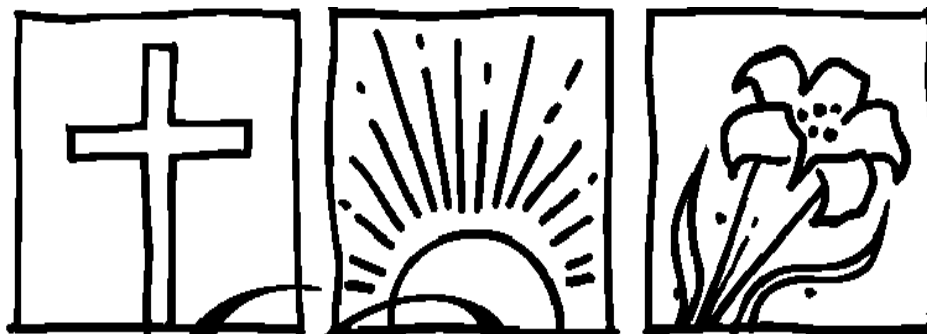
The next weekend date is: **April 17-19 in Peoria, IL.** Registration deadline is March 16th. Registrations after that date will be on a space-available basis.

For further information call
Dan ♥ Charlotte Ricks at (309) 682-7273.

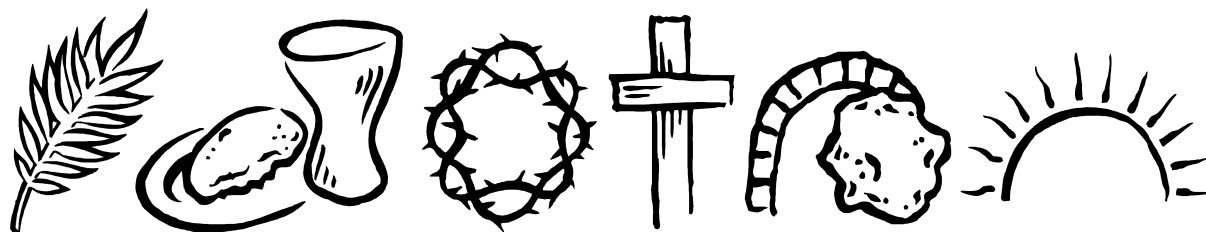


Daylight Savings Time begins during the night Saturday/Sunday, March 7/8. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead so you'll make it to worship!!

FOR KIDS



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