

Our Savior's Chronicle

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What happened in that wilderness?

Pastor Bob Stover

"O sing to the Lord a new song... tell of his salvation from day to day." (Psalm 96:1-2)

The children of **Israel wandered in the wilderness** for forty years before crossing over the Jordan into the Promised Land. Why did it take so long? Wasn't that an awful long time to be looking for a home? If they had just headed straight for the river, they could have crossed over in less than a year. But would they have been ready?

By the time the Israelites arrived in the Promised Land, they were almost an entirely new bunch of people, both figuratively and in reality. The majority of them had been born during the wilderness wandering, and they all had been **transformed by the experience**. They had learned how to trust God for everything. They had finally forgotten the "good old days" in Egypt, and they were now ready to "sing a new song to the Lord."

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is in a wilderness time of its life, on a journey toward singing a new song to the Lord. As we as a church travel through the upcoming months and year, we all need to allow ourselves the grace to reflect on this congregation's heritage, leadership, mission, connections, and future.

Though it might be tempting to just "get on with it" and call a new pastor as quickly as possible, there is a **lot of value in a time of wandering**. It is an excellent time to ponder where this church has been and where it is going. It is an excellent opportunity to evaluate its programs, and take a look at this congregation's particular hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

Who are we? Who is our neighbor? What is God calling us to do next? **Let's pray that God would refresh this church**, renew our faiths, and prepare our hearts for singing a new song. I look with excitement toward the future of Our Savior's Lutheran Church here in Jackson, MN.



Dear Friends,

Below is an article from L Magazine, a magazine for ELCA leaders that I saved because it was funny and profound. It is something to think about as we move into summer. It is an excerpt from *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott. As our society continues to lift up incivility and cruelty instead of love and compassion we need to do some thinking about how we raise our children.



Every parent (as well as extended family and friends) should be aware that we are raising a future adult who needs to be able to live a balanced and healthy life and who will treat others with kindness and compassion. We must raise adults who have a sense of the “common good” and can live productively in their community. In short, we need Jesus and a HEALTHY church. The bottom line is, as parents, we need to seek out a *healthy* and *Christ centered* church where we can have help raising our kids. Also, as members of that church, we need to hold one another accountable for what we say and do that is bigoted and prejudiced (and un-Christ-like!) because what the kids hear and see they will repeat.

So, read the article below, and bring your kids to Our Saviors - honestly - we will love them to pieces! Have a wonderful and safe rest of the summer. See you in church! Pr. Cindi

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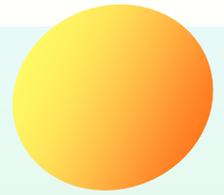
Why I Make Sam Go to Church

Sam is the only kid he knows who goes to church – who is made to go to church two or three times a month. He rarely wants to. This is not exactly true: the truth is he never wants to go. What young boy would rather be in church on weekends than hanging out with a friend? It does not help him to be reminded that once he’s there he enjoys himself, that he gets to spend time drawing in a little room outside the sanctuary, that he only actually has to sit still and listen during the short children’s sermon. It does not help that I always pack some snacks, some Legos, his art supplies, and bring along any friend of his whom we can lure into our church web. It does not help that he genuinely cares for the people there. All that matters to him is that he alone among his colleagues is forced to spend Sunday morning in church.

You might think, noting the bitterness and the resignation, that he was being made to sit through a six-hour Latin mass. Or you might wonder why I make this strapping, exuberant boy come with me most weeks, and if you were to ask, this is what I would say: I make him because I can. I outweigh him by nearly 75 pounds.

But that’s only part of it. The main reason is that I want to give him what I found in the world, which is to say a path and a little light to see by. Most of the people I know who have what I want – which is to say, purpose, heart, balance, gratitude, joy – are people with a deep sense of spirituality. They are people in community, who pray, or practice their faith; they are Buddhists, Jews, and Christians – people banding together to work on themselves and for human rights. They follow a brighter light than the glimmer of their own candle; they are part of something beautiful . . .

Our little church is filled with people who are working for peace and freedom, who are out there on the streets and inside praying, they are home writing letters, and they are at the shelters with giant platters of food.



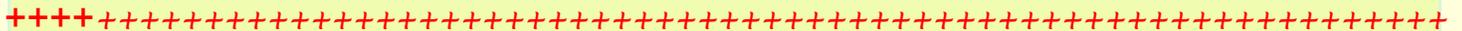
When I was at the end of my rope, the people at St. Andrew tied a knot in it for me and helped me to hold on. The church became my home in the old meaning of home - that it's where, when you show up, they have to let you in. They let me in. They even said, "You come back now." . . . I do not leave family gatherings with the feeling that I have just come out of some kind of spiritual chemotherapy. Bu I do when I leave St. Andrew . . .

I first brought Sam to church when he was five days old. The women there very politely pretended to care how I was doing but were mostly killing time until it was their turn to hold Sam again. They called him "our baby" or sometimes "my baby." "Bring me that baby now!" "Hey, you're hogging my baby."

I believe they came to see me as Sam's driver, hired to bring him and his gear back to them every Sunday.

. . . It's funny; I always imagined when I was a kid that adults had some kind of inner toolbox, full of shiny tools; the saw of discernment, the hammer of wisdom, the sandpaper of patience. But then when I grew up I found that life handed you these rusty, bend old tools - friendships, prayer, conscience, honesty - and said, Do the best you can with these, they will have to do. And mostly, against all odds, they're enough.

Peace & Joy, *Pr. Cindi*



"CHURCH IN THE COURTYARD"

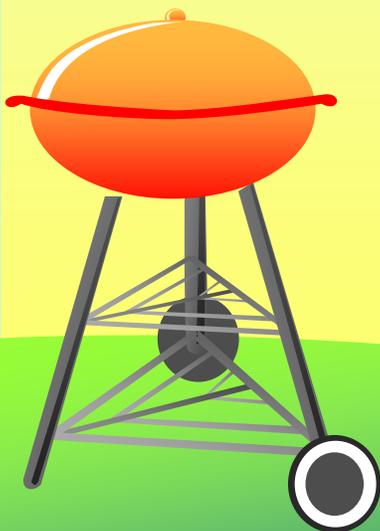
Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, August 26th - 9:00 AM

(weather permitting)

Our Savior's Lutheran

Bring your own lawn chair!



Confirmation Retreat at Camp House
August 5-9



NINJA Kick-Off

Wednesday, August 29th at 7:30 PM

We will welcome a new group of freshmen and kick-off our programming year!

RSVP to Alyssa

Program Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 year is available for Preschoolers through 12th Grade online. Go to our website at www.oursaviorsjackson.com/forms.

Rally Day!

Sunday, September 16th

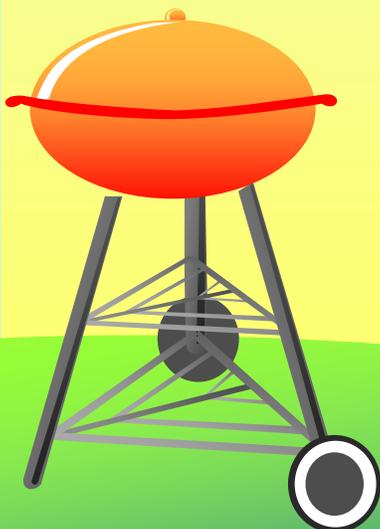
Junior High Youth Gathering

6th, 7th and 8th Graders

Friday, November 16-Saturday, November 17

Willmar, MN

More info to come!



Operation Christmas Child



AUGUST

School Supplies





Martha Lydia Circle

Martha-Lydia Circle will start again the 3rd Thursday in September (on the 20th). Interested ladies are invited to join us. We will study the book, Angels by Douglas Connelly. A book will be ordered for the circle members. If anyone else is interested, please call the church office (847-2856) by August 17th so a book can be ordered for you. Check the church bulletin for the arrival of the books and the cost.

Small Group

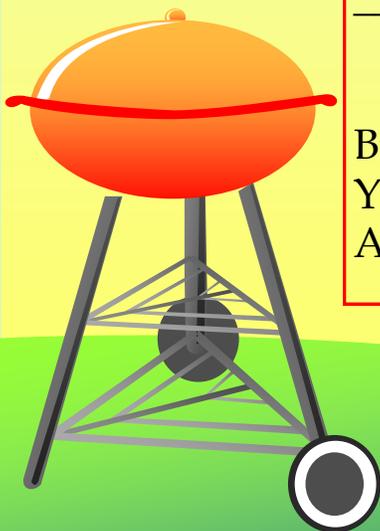
The Friday Small Group will study a Max Lucado book starting the middle of August. Please call Janice Christopher (847-2934) by Friday, August 3rd, if you are interested in joining us. A book will be ordered for you. Our small group meets every Friday at 2:00 at the Pines.

Current Fund Update

Bank Balance 1-1-18	(\$4,354.38)
YTD Income	+\$154,509.25
YTD Expense	<u>-\$198,120.71</u>
Bank Balance 4-30-18	(\$47,965.84)

Missionary Sponsorship Update

Budget	\$12,000.00
YTD Income	\$4,673.04
Amount needed to reach year end budget	\$7,326.96



BIRTHDAYS



August 1

Danielle Jorgensen

August 2

Sarah Withers
Kyle Edlin

August 3

Taylor Briggs
Kayla Daberkow
Justin Koskovich
Jenna Stade
Ashley Heinrichs
Landon Tusa

August 4

David Hansen
Alexa Hanson
Ethan Withers

August 5

Stacey Tweedt

August 6

Kylin Bass

August 8

Lucas Beseke

August 9

Jeff Gay
Kim Hinkeldey
LaVonne Kruse
Barbara Seim
Freeman Scott

August 10

David Nestegard
Kent Ringkob
Steven Henderson
Elizabeth Priest
Leah Berkner
Aaden Nauman
Julia Rossow

August 12

Reilly Polz

August 13

David Wells

August 14

Peyton Hanson

August 15

Steven Handevitd
Tamera Erickson
Brooklyn Sukalski

August 16

Steven Hansen
Rheanna Nosbusch

August 17

Thomas Erickson
David Metli
Jerrod Simmons
Joyce Beseke
Thomas Lucht

August 18

Ariel Glover
Casey Jandera
Charlotte Nauman
Shaun Anderson
Crosby Klassen

August 19

Robert Bass
Brett Larson
Joseph Heckard

August 20

Becky Fowler
Casey Steffensen
Angela Shover

August 21

Alicia Drahota

August 22

Scott Johnson
Alyssa Herrig
Nicole Steffensen
Derek Schlager

August 23

Dennis Erickson
Steven Fransen
Barbara Perkins
Taylor Christopher
Scott Christopher
Ella Grover

August 24

Mary Ann Werner
Suzanne Lovell
Carson Kolander

August 25

Terri Jandera

August 26

Erin Olson
Karin Eggink
Dillon Kolander

August 27

Sandy Torgerson

August 28

Kathryn Thurmer

August 29

Marie Lovell
Angela Crees
Kimberly Klassen

August 30

Alexander Schwering
Abigail Jensen

August 31

Brian Johnson
Darcey Schultz
Brittany Bratrud
Cortney Shryock



ANNIVERSARIES



August 1

David & Rebecca Kruse

August 5

Jeremy & Jaimi Michelson
Gary & Gayl Berkner

August 6

Brent & Terry Chozen
Paul & Tara Hansen

August 7

Nathan & Hollie Holmes

August 8

David & Suzanne Lovell

August 9

Robert & Arlene Vee
Brandt & Leah Berkner

August 10

John & Terri Svoboda

August 11

Mark & Lori Olson

August 12

Richard & Dorene Polz
Barrett & Brooke Berkner
Gary & Sue Lusk
Ryan & Chelsea Honnette
Leo & Karen Porter

August 13

Tim & Katie Stai

August 14

Travis & Katie Carter
Gale & Julie Stark

August 15

Ronald & Sara Anderson

August 16

Daniel & Stephanie Johnson

August 21

Gary & Marilyn Krogman
Kenneth & Brenda Prochazka
Casey & Nicole Steffensen
Nicholas & Ellen VonOhlen

August 24

Eric & Barb Tvinnereim

August 26

Brent & Melissa Christopher
Ryan & Jennifer Heinrichs
Rob & Sarah Withers
Steve & Nicole Kapplinger
Rob & Holli Arp

August 27

Tom More & Amy Audette

August 28

Mark & Peggy Edlin
Merrill & Anne Eggstein

August 29

Roger & Kay Johnson
Roger & Marie Lovell

August 30

Brad & Kim Tusa



Office hours

Monday - Friday:
8:00 A.M. - 12 noon
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.



If calling after office hours, please leave a message on the answering machine. Or use our e-mail address: info@oursaviorsjackson.com
FAX: 507-847-5699

(Please do not leave messages if you are unable to acolyte on Sat./Sun.
Contact one of the pastors ASAP!)

Church Calendar

Please call or check with the church office (847-2856) regarding any events or meetings that need to be put on the church calendar.

LOOKING for a place to host your card club, book club, Bible study? The Pines has space available to host that special get-together. Call 847-5762 for more information.

NOAH'S ROOM - located at the 1229 North Highway to assist families to provide adequate clothing needs for their children. Need is for newborn to size 12 in children's clothing. Must be clean new or gently used clothing. Wearable shoes & boots also accepted.

Ruby's Pantry in Jackson will be on **Tuesday, August 28th** from 4:30 - 6 pm. It is a new year so this means that everyone participating must fill out a new registration. You can go to this site and print it off and bring it with you.

It must be filled out completely and Neatly. Go to: <https://www.rubyspantry.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Pop-Up-Pantry-2018-Guest-Registration-Form.pdf> We

are also in need of volunteers each and every month. To volunteer you must also fill out a new application for the new year. Go to:

<https://www.rubyspantry.org/volunteer-application/> This one can be filled out online and then print it off and bring it with you.

For questions contact EvVie Linscheid at 507-847-2369

