

# EyeOpener



*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*  
302 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East, Aurora, MN 55705

*April 2018*

*"We are our Savior's servants in our church, community and the world"*

**Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Happy Easter Northern Lights Parish!

Easter is not a one and done event. Easter is an ongoing event which is marked by the season of Easter which lasts 50 days. The Easter seasons lasts from Easter Sunday, which we just celebrated this year on April 1, through Pentecost, which falls this year on May 20, when the church on earth receives the Holy Spirit as we remember these events in Acts 2. During the Easter season, we will also celebrate the ascension of Jesus which happens 40 days after the resurrections. This year that falls on May 10. Throughout the Easter season, we are given accounts of post-resurrection appearances by Jesus as well as assurances from Jesus that the church on earth will continue to thrive when Jesus ascends. Throughout Easter we hear about stories such as "Doubting Thomas" in John 20 and the Road to Emmaus in Luke 24 where two disciples walk with Jesus, recounting the scenes of the crucifixion to Jesus himself but the two disciples do not recognize that it is Jesus until Jesus breaks bread and disappears before they realize it. Then throughout the remainder of the Easter season we jump into parts of what is known as the Farewell Discourse in John 14-17 (yes, that section is simply Jesus talking for 4 chapters). This is Jesus' attempt to assure his disciples and us that though Jesus will be gone from the earth, the work of God on earth will carry on through them and now, through us. Ultimately, though, the season of Easter is about us celebrating the resurrection and the new life we have in Jesus.

Throughout the Easter season and beyond, we remember the ways in which Jesus conquered death, the ways new life is being created, and the renewal of the church on earth. During this time we also take into account the ways in which our church, both as the Northern Lights Parish and throughout the world, is being made new, being changed, and finding ways for people to experience the resurrection through the work of the Holy Spirit. Recognizing where God is at work and pointing to these things is not always easy or obvious, yet it remains our goal to point to the places and people through whom God is at work.

Remember, we, as the Northern Lights Parish, are a people, a place, and congregations that are always being made new and always listening to God for what we are called to do and to be in this world. We are always being led by the Holy Spirit into new ministries and into a new reality. God is always going ahead of us to prepare us for the ministries to which we are being called. May you experience this resurrection during this Easter season and beyond.

In Christ, Pastor Eric

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

March 20, 2018

### **Opening Remarks / Presidents Report:** 6:35 pm by Trustee, Don Barstad

Furnace update, the furnace has been repaired after two weeks of waiting for parts. The heat exchanger itself cost almost \$3000.00, but will be covered under warranty. We will be responsible for tax and shipping of the part and a few other components that were replaced in the repair process. There will be a meeting of the three church councils with Bishop Thomas Aitkin of the NE MN Synod on Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM at Our Savior's. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the fact that there are members of the LGBT who are ordained pastors and deacons, who could possibly be called to fill the positions that we will have open as Pr. Barb leaves. The Bishop will have a presentation and will be open to discussion on the topic. This is a very important meeting and I hope all council members will attend. We received a thank you from World Hunger for gifts given from OSL. Thank you from Habitat for Humanity.

### **Pastors Report/Devotions:** Pastor Eric shared a reading from Mark 11, as we enter into Holy Week.

Pastor went over his monthly report with the council and his report is placed separately in the Eye Opener for all to read.

### **Released to Boards at 6:50**

**Council Meeting 6:50 PM:** In attendance D Shuck, J Dickinson, H Dickinson, T Salo, R Salo, M Castle, Kathy Baxter, C Worshek, J Moore, Pastor Eric, & D Maki.

**Approve Minutes of Feb 20, 2018**— Motion to approve by J Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Castle. Motion approved.

**Approve Treasurers Reports of Feb 2018** – Presented by T Salo. Motion by D Barstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Maki. Motion approved.

### **Board Reports**

**Board of Deacons:** J Dickinson reported that she would be the chairman and C Worshek would be the secretary for 2018, J Norman will be the April Deacon and K Undeland and K Baxter will provide Eucharist Ministry for the month.

**Board of Education:** D Maki reported the young kids will be receiving Spark Bibles on April 15 and that the Sunday school is enjoying the Spark "Holy Moly" video series and this month's videos lead us to Holy Week.

**Board of Stewardship:** J Moore reported she would be the board chairman, M Mulari will be the secretary with D Maki assisting, D Peterson will be in charge of the Adopt A Highway program, M Castle will be sending out welcome cards to guests and J More will be sending out birthday and sympathy cards. The members of the stewardship board divvied up the months to monitor the volunteer coffee an' sign-up sheets, and will be sure coffee an's are covered and will call people if necessary. J Moore informed the council that the "Souper Bowl Sunday" can collection brought in \$186.97 to the Food Shelf. A Spring Sing was discussed and D Maki will talk to Talicia to find a possible date to go to the Aurora Carefree.

**Board of Trustees:** D Barstad informed the council that the trustees approved the treasurer's report that M Boback worked diligently with Addy Heating to get the furnace up and running, a big Thank You to M Boback! D Barstad talked briefly about those with 401K and IRA mandatory distributions that you can minimize your income tax paid by donating to the church, anyone with questions please talk to D Barstad or your tax advisor. You will be helping the church do God's work with your hands!

**Old Business:** We continue working with the Synod to find a replacement for P Barb who's last preaching day will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. Each of the churches in the NLP has been assigned to find 2 members and 1 alternate to serve on the call committee.

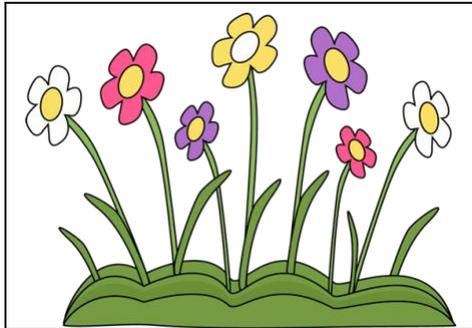
Call Committee Options: There will be a meeting with bishop Thomas Aitkins on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6 pm to discuss options available to us for replacing Pastor Barb. This meeting is for the congregational councils of all three churches of the NLP.

**New Business:** Approve Y Trowbridge and S Sowers as Call Committee members for OSL and D Maki as alternate. A motion was made by J Moore to accept those presented to the Call Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Worshek. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn by D Barstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Dickinson. Motion approved 7:50 pm

**Adjourn with Lord's Prayer**

**Respectfully submitted,  
D Maki, Council Secretary**



### *April WELCA Happenings*

The WELCA Laurentian Spring Gathering will be held on April 14 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mt. Iron. The speaker for this Gathering is Tammy Walhoff, a representative from Virginia's Foyer Youth Shelter, addressing hunger, poverty and the environment. More information on this Gathering is posted in the Narthex. Carpooling is available. Please let me know if you're interested so we can give them an estimated number for lunch.

The ladies at Our Savior's will be hosting the supper for the confirmation class and instructors on April 25. As always, we appreciate your response when called to help out with food preparation, setup and cleanup.

Our rummage sale is scheduled for April 27 – so time to start cleaning out closets. Items can be brought to the church any time after April 25. On April 26 we'll be looking for helping hands to set up this rummage sale, starting at 9:00.

June 4, 5 and 6 is the NE MN Synodical Women's Convention/Gathering at Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids, MN. The theme for this year's convention is "God's Amazing Grace!" All ladies are welcome to attend this gathering; and if you are interested in being a delegate, please let me know. More information will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Also, you are always welcome to join us at our circle gatherings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

Any questions on any events, please contact me.

Kate Undeland 218-780-2436

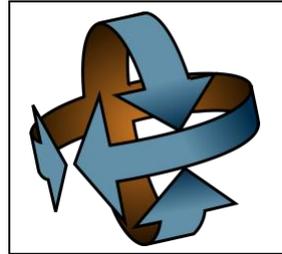


## ***Membership***

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, please  
Contact Pastor Eric @ 715-295-4366.

### **Pastor Rotation**

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Barb Hegfors</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Barb Hegfors</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Eric Thiele</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Eric Thiele</b>
<b>April 29</b>	<b>Barb Hegfors</b>



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Our Savior's has a prayer shawl ministry through WELCA. Shawls are available for anyone who is in need of a shawl as a sign of our support & concern during a crisis they may be facing. Please contact Eleonora Lesar 225-6197 or Lorraine Ekman 229-3328 for a shawl. If you would like to crochet or knit a shawl, please contact Eleonora for direction & supplies.

### **Pastor Eric's office hours are 8:30am ~ 4:30pm**

Monday @ Faith Lutheran Church

**\*\*Tuesday @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church\*\***

Wednesday @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Thursday ~ around town or by appointment His telephone number is 715-295-4366 and his email is

[ericthiele58@gmail.com](mailto:ericthiele58@gmail.com)

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**Pastor Barb Hegfors**

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## Monthly EyeOpener & Weekly Bulletin Deadlines

The deadline for the Monthly EyeOpener is the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month. Submissions may be emailed to Kelly at the church office [oslc1@frontiernet.net](mailto:oslc1@frontiernet.net) . That’s oslc (lower case)....the number 1.....@.....frontiernet.net (all lower case)



### Schedule for April 2018

April 1	Evan Skelton
April 8	Siiri Hakala
April 15	Colt Long
April 22	Stevie Hakala
April 29	Patrick Douglas



## April Birthdays

April 3 Dorothy Nelson  
April 4 Jan Moore  
April 6 Karen Plemons  
April 5 William Utley  
April 9 Louise Ellingson  
April 10 Rod Salo  
April 13 Charles Olson  
April 14 Matt Hill  
Zachary Jackson  
April 15 Patrick Douglas  
April 16 Pryce Robertson  
April 17 Lorna Kallio  
April 18 Wanda Fisher  
April 20 Mary Castle  
DuWayne Peterson  
Susan Sowers  
Melissa Skelton  
April 24 Eisa Olson  
April 27 Brian Mann  
April 28 Tyann Jackson  
April 29 Sarah Douglas  
Debbie Maki



### Happy Birthday Everyone!

May God bless you on this special day and for many days & years to come.

### If we have inadvertently omitted

anyone, or have an incorrect date, please contact the church office at 229-3214 so we may update our records.



When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor, Kelly or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Members: Lorraine Ekman, Janet Salo, Yvonne Trowbridge, Joanne Barstad, Debbie Maki, Linda Loeffler, Jan Kaster and Judy Marn.

If anyone else would like to take part in this ministry, please let a member know. We welcome anyone else who would like to share in supporting others in prayer.

## Our members who are homebound, in nursing homes, and in assisted living

**Irene Undeland** ~ 741-5598

Edgewood Vista, Apt. # 240

705 17<sup>th</sup> Street North

Virginia, MN 55792

**Christine Caldwell**

522 Aspen Groves

Chisholm, MN 55746

219-263-7330

**Leonard Pylka** ~ 218-722-1866

Edgewood Vista

4195 Westberg Road # 429

Hermantown, MN 55811

**Louise Ellingson** (Aurora Carefree Living)

304 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South apt # 26

Aurora, MN 55705

**Ruby & Clayton Okstad** 218-404-9079

**Essensia Health VCC**

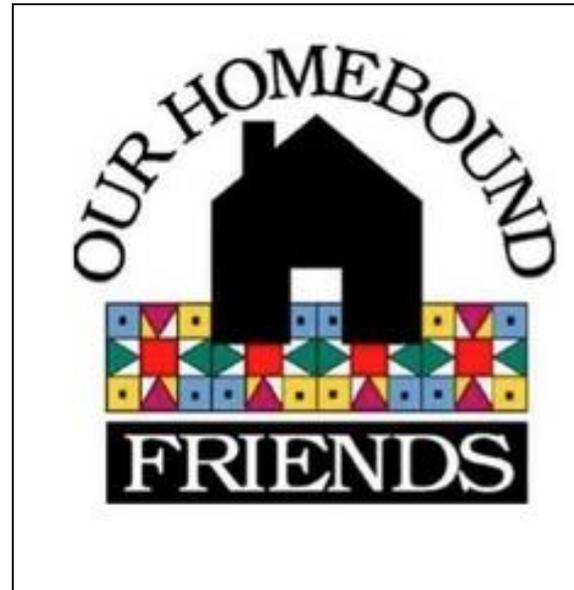
901 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Virginia, MN 55792-2325

**Herb Moore** (Aurora Carefree Living)

304 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South apt. # 33

Aurora, MN 55705



### Tables and Chair Use Policy

Spring and summer are right around the corner, and that means rummage sales, graduations, and gatherings, ect., and the need for borrowing tables and chairs for your event. Here is a reminder of our table and chair policy.

Contact Kelly in the office at 229-3214 or 750-4195, leave a message if no answer. A log book and calendar is kept in the office. (The executive board does not keep track of the reservations, so that is why it is best to contact Kelly first to see if they are available for the dates and times you want.)

Kelly, then requests approval from the executive Council (usually a quick process via email)

You will get a call back with the approval or non approval.

Once approved. Please remember the following:

There are times when events happening at the church when the tables and chairs are

needed, so that may affect if and how long you may have them.

The policy States that:

NEW LIGHTER WEIGHT TABLES AND THE ROUND TABLES MAY NOT BE  
BORROWED AT ANY TIME.

ONLY THE OLD HEAVIER LONG TABLES MAY BE BORROWED.

## Snow Shoveling List 2017-2018

Mar 30-Apr 6	Kim Norman
Apr 7-13	Rich Jackson
Apr 14-20	John Long
Apr 21-27	Doug Shuck
Apr 27-May 4	John Nelson



## Monthly Volunteers

### April Ushers

1  
8  
15  
22  
29

### April Readers

1 Dave Skelton  
8 Sue Sowers  
15 Steve Ekman  
22 Kim Norman  
29 Colleen Sprink

### April Musicians

1 Diane Boback  
8 Diane Boback  
15 Judy Marn  
22 Judy Marn  
29 Diane Boback



April Deacon ~ Joy Norman

April Altar Guild ~ Pam, Cheri, Lorraine, Lorna, Joanne

Trustees ~ Kim Norman & John Long

### **News from Interchurch**

Food Shelf Report – Letters of Appeal will be going out be sent out because donations are down. 70% of food shelf participants are working, but still need some help.

Children and the elderly are the most vulnerable.

Volunteers are still needed, especially for a couple of hours on Friday to unload fresh food from WalMart starting at 11:15 a.m.

May 1, 2018 – Tuesday : Mexican Dinner Fund Raiser

Watch the East Range Shopper for details!

#### **Community Events**

Saturday, April 7 – St. Mark's Rummage Sale

Loon Lake Community Center, Palo

Saturday, April 7 – Shop For Free – First Baptist

Saturday, April 28 – Sexual Assault Program at

First Baptist

### **News from Quilting**

We meet on Wednesday mornings. You can join us

anytime after 9:00 a.m. We try to break for coffee at about 10:30 a.m. You can join us just for coffee if you wish.

If you would like to see our products, feel free to visit the basement at anytime. Diane Boback loves to decorate, so we have many quilts decorating the walls. They are on the way down the basement stairs, hanging over doors, in the old kitchen and be sure to check out the bathroom. We quilt in beauty!



## The SWEET Truth of Easter

These candies tell a story~  
the best news you'll ever hear.  
~It's about Jesus dying on the cross  
so that we could be brought near.

So hold them and turn them and you will see...  
the "M" become a "W" an "E" and then a "3"

The "E" stands for... Easter....  
God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.

It reminds us of the cross  
and the way God rescued sinful man

The "3" represent the 3 days Jesus spent in the grave....  
By His death, His children He did save

The "M" reminds us of the mercy the Messiah showed  
as He died in our place.  
and the miracle of the resurrection  
so we can see Him face to face.

The "W" reminds us... that He alone  
is worthy of our worship and praise  
and calls us to be His witnesses  
around the world for all of our days.

by Bethany Tapp

<http://ministry-to-children.com/easter-poem/>

**FAMILY MEXICAN DINNER**

TO BENEFIT THE FOOD SHELF

AURORA, BIWABIK, EMBARRASS, HOYT LAKES, AND PALO AREAS

SPONSORED BY THE  
INTERCHURCH MINISTRIES

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018

4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

COST: \$8.00/PERSON

AURORA COMMUNITY CENTER

MENU:

TACO BAR, TAMALES, ENCHILADAS, REFRIED BEANS, AND RICE

DESSERT BAR AND BEVERAGE

DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLE!

CHILDREN 7 YEARS AND UNDER RECEIVE A

FREE TACO

