

New
Worship
Schedule

EyeOpener

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

302 South 2nd Street East, Aurora, MN 55705

Pastor Eric Thiele

June 2018

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

**NEW WORSHIP TIME
STARTING JUNE 3RD**

9:30 A.M.

Please note: The June 10th bulletin will be printed on Monday, June 4th. All announcements are due on Sunday, June 3rd. Anything that comes in after that can be verbally announced during the June 10th service. Thank You.
(Secretary is on vacation June 5th- 9th.)

June: A Time of transition

June is a great time of the year. School is finished, some are celebrating graduation, and many are getting ready for a summer of fun, relaxation, and taking time to catch up on needed rest and time with family to recharge batteries.

This year, June is a time of transition for the Northern Lights Parish. There will be many changes that happen throughout this month and before I jump into those changes, I first want to assure the parish that the leaders you have called to serve on councils, the call committee, and I am hard at work making sure that we can make this transition as smoothly as possible. We are also doing everything we can to keep you informed and up to date on the latest changes.

First, it is important to acknowledge that the first transition is that Pastor Barb's time as a pastor in our parish is coming to a close. Her worship leadership came to an end in May and the other aspects of her ministry with our parish will also conclude this month. We give thanks for her ministry with our parish and we wish her God's richest blessings in her own time of transition.

Second, our worship times are changing. As has already been announced in worship and is listed out on the schedule in this newsletter, all three churches have changed their time of worship. The decision to do this did not come without much conversation, prayer, and discernment. This was the result of several months of conversation between the councils.

Third, as a result of worship times changing, there will be others who come to lead worship when I am not leading a service most Sundays throughout the year. This means that we will have more pulpit supply, more visitors to our churches, and a little bit of an adjustment. Please work to welcome those visitors who are coming to do pulpit supply and any other visitors who come to worship with us.

Finally, as your pastor, I ask for your understanding, patience, and more importantly, your prayers, not just for me but for everyone in our parish. The call committee is already working with those from the synod office to prepare a place for another pastor to come. This process will take an indefinite amount of time. Could be short or it could be long. Whatever the case, keep the call committee in your prayers as they work hard to call another pastor.

Remember, as we are reminded on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways. We do not know how, when, or through whom the Holy Spirit will work. What we do know is that the Holy Spirit is there to guide us, to lead us, to love us, and to prepare a place of ministry for us, both now and into the future. We trust that we are being led by the Spirit and sometimes that means into the unknown. I encourage all of you to take time for prayer, worship, both here or throughout your summer travels, and to lift up this parish in your own prayers knowing that God hears us.

In Christ,
Pastor Eric



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
May 15, 2018**

Opening Remarks / Presidents Report: 6:35 pm by President, M Boback

Before releasing to the individual board meetings President Boback went over items of discussion for the meeting. *The Call Committee was formed on May 3,2018.

*Sue Sowers of OSL and Sherry Johnson of St Mark's will co-chair. They will meet with Brenda Tibbetts of the Bishops staff on May 21, 2018 to start the process. Please encourage them and keep them in your prayers.

* Baccalaureate will be held at our church because of a scheduling conflict at the school auditorium.

*I have attached a copy of the pulpit replacement schedule for the remainder of the year for your thoughts and approval. *Need for summer council meetings?

Pastors Report/Devotions: Pastor Eric shared this upcoming Sunday is Pentecost Sunday which is celebrated ten days after Ascension Thursday and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Ascension, some Christians believe this event represents the birth of the church.

Pastor Eric led us in prayer before going over his monthly report. Pastor Eric's report is placed separately in the Eye Opener for all to read.

Released to Boards at 7:00

Council Meeting 8:00: In attendance D Shuck, T Salo, K Baxter, J Moore, Pastor Eric, D Barstad, M Boback, M Nelson & D Maki.

Approve Minutes of April 24, 2018 – Motion to approve by D Barstad, 2nd by J Moore. Motion approved.

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

Board Reports

Board of Deacons: K Baxter reported D Shuck is the Deacon for June and D Maki is on Eucharist Ministry. K Baxter asked those supplying Eucharist Ministry to contact her if they can't find the time to visit all the shut in's and asked that those supplying Eucharist Ministry keep Pastor Eric informed of the visits. Kathy reported this Sunday the Deacons will be honoring Robbie Peterson our only graduating senior with cake and fellowship and that the women of the church will present Robbie with a beautiful quilt. Congratulations to Robbie! Thank you to Mary Hess for providing pulpit supply on May 13th.

Board of Education: D Maki reported May 6th was the last day of Sunday school the kids had a wonderful year and ended it with singing, fun and games. Thank you to T Honkola for her years of dedication to our Sunday school she will continue to love and support the program but not as the Superintendent; the Board of Education welcomes C Long as our new Sunday School Superintendent and know she will be a wonderful teacher for our children. Vacation Bible School "Day Camp" begins June 10-15 at Faith Lutheran, parents and Grand Parents contact D Maki to enroll.

Board of Stewardship: J Moore reported we had 7 people help with the road side pick-up, Jan informed the council that a Sing along at Carefree Living is still being talked about, no date has been chosen; discussion was held regarding a focus project for Service Sunday in the fall which will be the 2nd Sunday in September.

Trustees: D Barstad informed the council the trustees approved the treasurer's report, that a hornets nest had been removed, that the ground squirrels burrowed near the west front door was taken care of; the rotted board below the front west door was replaced by K Norman; the heater in the old kitchen basement is now working; the trustees are getting insurance quotes and looking for a more affordable policy; the trustees have looked into the replacing the cracked caulk in the siding joints with T shaped inserts now being recommended by manufacturers. Lastly D Barstad informed us that there were some loose shingles that will be repaired soon. Thank you to the Trustees for all you do!

Old Business: With Pastor Barb retiring the NLP board worked and came up with a pulpit replacement schedule that keeps a Sunday worship service in each church every Sunday; service times will change to: St Mark's 8:00, OSLC 9:30 and Faith Lutheran 10:45; every 3rd Sunday each church will need pulpit supply. President Boback called for a motion on the presented schedule; a motion by J Moore to approve the proposed worship schedule, 2nd by K Baxter. Motion approved. In other business it was discussed and decided that there will be no regular council meetings in June and July and if matters do come up we would call a meeting to address items that need attention.

New Business: All churches were asked by the Synod to increase their benevolence by 1%, a motion was made by D Maki to approve the 1% increase, 2nd by J Moore. Motion approved. In other action a motion was made by M Boback, 2nd by D Barstad to approve the monthly payment to MN energy for furnace and appliance repair split 3 ways with the parish churches. Motion approved. D Maki informed the council that 11 mattresses are needed for the cabin our church supports at Vamp Vermilion and asked for support of purchasing the 11 mattresses with the money coming out of Youth Activities that is funded by the 4th of July food stand. A motion was made by D Barstad, 2nd by J Moore. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn by D Barstad, 2nd by M Boback. Motion approved 8:30 pm

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, D Maki, Council Secretary

NEW WORSHIP TIME STARTING JUNE 3RD ~ 9:30 A.M.

Pastor Ponderings - June 2018
Greeting in Christ,

The first Pentecost gifted the disciples with a miracle of communication. When the disciples began to speak about the amazing things that God has done in Christ all people in that diverse and cosmopolitan crowd hear about God's love in their own language. Usually when we think of the gift of tongues, we think of

unintelligible sounds and syllables. The Pentecostal experience is different. It is an experience of remarkable connection across the divisive boundaries of race, gender, age and nation that we so often create.

What does this mean for us? That communication means so much more than just getting across some information about Jesus to someone else. It involves us in the miracle of communication with the Holy Spirit to make known the stories of Jesus to the people we are with.

We should all yearn for the gift to communicate the availability of Jesus' love, grace, and mercy to those around us. Those who are teenagers, elderly and all those in between, in the broken and battered, in rich and the famous and privileged, in the overemployed and unemployed and underemployed, in the lonely, the rejected, and ostracized and to the sick, the bereaved, and the dying. The opportunity to share Christ is endless.

Go beyond your ordinary group of friends, share the good news, and watch what happens. Remember- we must first start by communicating with each other on a daily basis, we are not mind readers, only God can read our minds, not family, or friends. Live Expectedly.

Blessings,

Pastor Barb

Membership

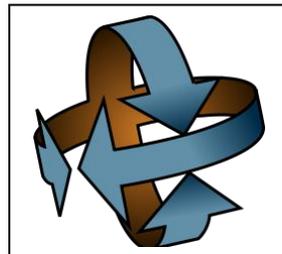
If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, please
Contact Pastor Eric @ 715-295-4366.

Day Camp

Cost for each camper will be \$10. Please contact Cassie Polla via email at kcpolla@yahoo.com
or via cell at 218-410-0723 for further information or with questions.

Pastor Rotation

June 3	Pastor Ellen Taube
June 10	Eric Thiele
June 17	Eric Thiele
June 24	Pastor Ellen Taube
July 1	Pulpit Supply ~ Tauna Roth



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



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

Church Office ~ Our Savior's Lutheran Church

302 South 2nd Street East

Aurora, MN 55705

Telephone # 218-229-3214

oslc1@frontiernet.net

www.oslcaurora.org

Kelly West ~ Secretary

Telephone # 218-750-4195

Monday 6am-noon

Thursday 6am-noon

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

www.oslcaurora.org

Monthly EyeOpener & Weekly Bulletin Deadlines

The deadline for the Monthly EyeOpener is the 24th of each month. Submissions may be emailed to Kelly at the church office oslc1@frontiernet.net. That's oslc (lower case)....the number 1.....@.....frontiernet.net (all lower case)



Schedule for June 2018

June 3	Evan Skelton
June 10	Siiri Hakala
June 17	Colt Long
June 24	Stevie Hakala

June Birthdays

June 3	Patricia Undeland
June 8	Elsie Lehtinen Ruby Keskitalo
June 12	Kurt Peterson
June 14	Sarah Schroeder
June 15	Reid Lesar
June 23	Joy Norman Sarah Mann
June 28	Megan West Wyatt West



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.

Fun facts about June

1. The birthstones for June are the pearl, alexandrite, and moonstone.
2. The birth flower for June is the rose.
3. The zodiac signs for June are Gemini (May 21 - June 20) and Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
4. On June 1, 1792, the state of Kentucky, also known as the Bluegrass state, became the 15th state of the United States.
5. On June 1, 1796, Tennessee, also known as The Volunteer State became the 16th state of the United States.
6. On June 14, 1777, the flag of the United States was adopted by the Continental Congress.
7. June 14, 1900 - Hawaii was organized as a territory
8. On June 15, 1836, Arkansas also known as the Natural State, became the 25th state of the United States.
9. Finland's Flag Day is celebrated on the Saturday closest to June 24.

- 10. National Candy Month
- 11. National Dairy Month
- 12. National Iced Tea Month



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 17th Street North

Virginia, MN 55792

Christine Caldwell

522 Aspen Groves

Chisholm, MN 55746

219-263-7330

Leonard Pylka ~

Chris Jenson Health & Rehabilitation Center

2501 Rice Lake Road

Duluth, MN 55811



Louise Ellingson (Aurora Carefree Living)

304 East 3rd Avenue South apt # 26
Aurora, MN 55705

Ruby & Clayton Okstad 218-404-9079

Essensia Health VCC

901 North 9th Street

Virginia, MN 55792-2325

Herb Moore (Aurora Carefree Living)

304 East 3rd Avenue South apt. # 33
Aurora, MN 55705

Tables and Chair Use 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.)

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.

Lawn Mowing 2018

May 19-25	Don Barstad
May 26-June 1	Steve Ekman
June 2-8	Bill Maki
June 9-15	Mark Boback
June 16-22	Charles Olson
June 23-29	Dave Skelton



Monthly Volunteers

June Ushers

3
10
17
24



June Readers

3 Mary H.
10 Colleen S.
17 Don B.
24 Jan M.

June Musicians

3 Diane Boback
10 Judy Marn
17 Diane Boback
24 No one at this time

June Deacon ~ Doug Shuck

June Altar Guild ~ Cheri, Lorraine, Lorna, Joanne

June Trustees ~ Kent Dickinson & Steve Ekman

Bluegrass Festival

Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Camp Vermilion 1:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us for a day of great music, great food, and great family fun in God's great northwoods. This annual concert and fundraiser is an event you won't want to miss!

- Music by great bluegrass bands - "No Grass Limit" "Sloughgrass", and "Jerusalem Road"
- Fantastic food
- Games/activities for the kids
- Silent and live auction, raffle drawing, Church Basket Challenge raffle
- Free entry to the event

All proceeds from the event go to support the ministries of Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion.

2017 Raffle Prizes

First Prize: 2017 Lund 1600 Fury Tiller Mercury 25 EFI Four Stroke with Power Trim/Tile and Shoreland'r Roller Trailer (\$13,500 value)

Second Prize: A pair of Norco Storm 7.1 Mountain Bikes including helmets and water bottles (\$1,300 value)

Third Prize: \$500 Cash

Raffle tickets are \$10 each. Drawing will be held at 6:00 p.m. the day of the festival. Need not be present to win. Must be 18 years or older to win a prize.

Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring our prizes: Aronson's Marine in Tower, Bauman Family Funeral Homes in Virginia, Galleria Bicycle in Hermantown, Rural Living Environments in Babbitt, Short Stop Convenience in Virginia, Sundell Eye Associates in Virginia

Call the Camp Office at (800) 331-5148, or [email the office](#) to purchase tickets.

Tentative Worship Schedule

Date	St. Marks (8am)	OSL (9:30)	Faith (10:45)
June 3	8am	Pulpit Supply	10:45
June 10	8am	9:30	Pulpit Supply
June 17	Pulpit Supply	9:30	10:45
June 24 (Pastor Eric Vacation)	Pulpit Supply	Pulpit Supply	Pulpit Supply
July 1	8am	Pulpit Supply	10:45
July 8	8am	9:30	Pulpit Supply
July 15	Pulpit Supply	9:30	10:45
July 22	8am	Pulpit Supply	10:45
July 29	Noon (picnic w/PCC)	9:30	Pulpit Supply
August 5	8am	9:30	Pulpit Supply
August 12	Pulpit Supply	9:30	10:45
August 19	Parish Picnic @ Faith	Parish Picnic @ Faith	Parish Picnic @ Faith
August 26	8am (Confirmation)	Pulpit Supply	10:45
September 2	Pulpit Supply	9:30	10:45
September 9	8am	9:30	Pulpit Supply
September 16	8am	Pulpit Supply	10:45 (Confirmation)
September 23	Pulpit Supply	9:30	10:45
September 30	8am	9:30 (Confirmation)	Pulpit Supply
October 7	8am	Pulpit Supply	10:45
October 14	Pulpit Supply	9:30	10:45
October 21	8am	9:30	Pulpit Supply
October 28	8am	Pulpit Supply	10:45
November 4	Pulpit Supply	9:30	10:45
November 11	8am	9:30	Pulpit Supply
November 18 (Pastor Eric at Middle School Gathering)	Pulpit Supply	Pulpit Supply	Pulpit Supply
November 25	8am	9:30	Pulpit Supply
December 2	Pulpit Supply	9:30	10:45
December 9	8am	Pulpit Supply	10:45
December 16	8am	9:30	Pulpit Supply
December 23	Pulpit Supply	9:30	10:45
December 30 (Pastor Eric on Vacation)	Pulpit Supply	Pulpit Supply	Pulpit Supply

While Pastor Eric is on vacation from June 18-25, please contact the following pastors in the event of a pastoral emergency:

Pastor Erik Roth (Our Saviors-Virginia) 218-404-0007

Pastor Brian Birk (Faith-Chisholm, Holy Trinity-Hibbing) 218-780-6615.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ~ FOOD STAND

Our Savior's food stand will again be open for Aurora's JULY 4TH celebration. Please watch for the schedule on our narthex bulletin board and volunteer for at least one four-hour shift. If you are called, please say "yes". It is a terrific money maker for the programs for our younger members.

Our Savior's 4th of July Food Stand

PLEASE FILL the 4 hour SHIFTS- SIGN UP NOW

Monday, July 2 * 4 – 8 .p.m.

Tuesday, July 3 * 10 a.m. – closing

Wednesday, July 4 * 10 – closing

Sign –up sheet on the bulletin board

CONFIRMATION AGE KIDS - ADULTS

"CONFIRMSTION KIDS YOUR SHIFTS COUNT AS SERVICE HOURS"

BURGER - POLISH - HOT DOGS - AND WALKING TACOS

Call Joanne Barstad or Debbie Maki with any questions

NEWS FROM INTERCHURCH

MEXICAN DINNER – The Mexican Dinner to benefit the Food Shelf was a hit!

Everyone enjoyed themselves (we ran out of food). The word is that over \$ 3,000 was raised (final figures will not be available until fall).

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!!

BACCALAUREATE - The ceremony was held here at Our Savior's and had a very good attendance. Pastor Eric planned a wonderful program along with the Mesabi East students and Principal Erie. Robbie Peterson was one of the Speakers, the choir sang 2 lovely numbers and Pastor Eric delivered the Message to the Graduates. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!**

Refreshments were provided and served by Interchurch following the Progtam.

Many thanks to those who provided goodies (Our Savior's did cake).

Special thanks to the Kitchen Crew – Jan Mikolich of UCC and Pam Peterson, Lorna Kallio, Deb Maki and Janet Salo of Our Savior's.