## MISSION STATEMENT

"We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love."

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## In Person Worship Reservations

### Call, Text, or Email

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Shrove Tuesday Pancakes:

2 cups all-purpose flour
3 Tbs sugar
1 ½ tsp baking powder
1 ½ tsp baking soda
1 ¼ tsp kosher salt
2 ½ cups buttermilk
2 large eggs
3 Tbs unsalted butter, melted, plus more for the pan.

- Mix dry ingredients together. Make a well in the center for the wet ingredients and whisk together.
- Heat cast iron on med-low heat for 5 min. Add butter or oil. Ladle 1/3 c of batter into skillet. Flip pancake after bubbles rise to surface and bottoms brown, about 2 -4 minutes. Cook until the other side is lightly browned.
- Serve with MORE butter and maple syrup.

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN

The Lord God formed human kind from the dust of the ground, and breathed into it's nostrils the breath of life; and it became a living being.
Genesis 2:7

February 5, 2021

Beloved of God,
Grace to you and peace from the one gives life and life eternal.

When I was growing up, the day before Ash Wednesday was "Pancake Day" or Fat Tuesday, or Shrove Tuesday, or if you're anywhere near Louisiana, Mardi Gras! "Laissez les bon temps rouler!" (*Let the good times roll!)* Though named for its former religious significance (shrove comes from the verb shrive, which means to absolve), it is chiefly marked by feasting and celebration, which traditionally preceded the observance of the Lenten fast. It all started in 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII made it an official holiday. When the weather's chilly and people have nothing but Lent to look forward to, they need a way to cut loose, right? So for as long as I can remember, we had a pancake supper at church the night before Ash Wednesday. It was always a fun night before the solemnities of the Lenten season.

This year there will be no pancake supper at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Dalton, GA. This year we will all begin Lent in much the same way we ended it last year—socially distanced with many safety precautions against the spread of the Corona Virus and its variants. But as we begin another Lent under altered circumstances, there are reasons to hope and plan for a better future. For one thing the vaccine is here and slowly working its way out to our communities, for another, it is still daylight as I sit writing to you at 5:00 pm!

Sometimes it's the little things that make the biggest difference in our lives—a few more minutes of daylight each day, hope fore a cure to all manner of sickness and disease, and sweet syrupy pancakes for supper. It can also be as simple as taking a deep breath. With the next breath you take, breathe in and think, "Spirit of God fill me," breathe out, "Hope in Christ guide me." That is the promise of Lent. We begin by remembering that we are fearfully and wonderfully made from the earth we walk upon. And we journey through these 40 days guided by the hope and surety of the resurrection.

May we all be filled by the Holy Spirit (and lots of pancakes) as we begin the season of Lent.

Peace be yours,

Pr. Jay

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Minutes
December 8th, 2020

**Present:** Pastor Liz, Ginger McCabe, Ginny Grabow, Kevin Hewitt, Kay Wendelschafer, Deb Gehrke, Ben Olsen

**Absent:** Sharyn Gregor

**Secretary's Report:** November council meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

**Financial Report:** Approved by council.

- The general fund received gifts of $14,719.40 in December, versus last year of $20,642.42, giving us a difference of ($5,923.02).
- Year to Date: The general fund received gifts of $120,220.55 versus last year of $127,708.45, giving us a difference of ($7,487.95).
- We are $20,000 under budget this year.
- The Council approved the 2021 Budget Proposal provided by Brian Block.

**Old Business:**

- Roof has been repaired for $2580.00.
- The furnace filter was cleaned and put back in.
- All services through CenturyLink will be cancelled (landline and internet).
- The Council reviewed the COVID Preparedness Plan for Our Savior's, completed by Ginny Grabow and Cindy McCabe. This is a fluid plan that will be reviewed and changed as needed, depending on the current state of the pandemic.
- All Cleveland School students are now in distance learning, so they have not needed to use our church building for classes.

**New Business:**

- Online worship is going better since getting MediaCom and Video Services, Inc. Video and sound quality are much improved.
- Pastor Liz would like to make DVD's of the Christmas Eve service (since it will be pre-taped) to share with the congregation members who do not have access to technology.
- Ginger and Deb will work on Christmas cards and gifts for congregation members who share their gifts and talents with Our Savior's on a regular basis. The Council approved $650 for these gifts.
- The Council decided that online-only worship services will continue through January 11th when the current governor's order, which prohibits large gatherings, expires. The Council will decide how to move forward at the next Council Meeting.
- Our Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31st, immediately following worship, via Zoom.
- Pastor Liz will be on vacation the last week of December.

Next meeting will take place online via Zoom on January 12th, 7:00 pm. Minutes prepared by: Ginger McCabe

## News and updates:

### Ash Wednesday Worship - In-person & At Home

We will have in-person worship on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 pm. Reservations are required.

If you would like to participate virtually, you may watch live on our Facebook page. We will also be offering Ashes-to-Go kits with all you need for the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at home!

**Contact the church office to reserve your Ashes-to-Go kit.** Let us know how many communion cups you need and if you will be picking up your kit or are in need of delivery. Pick-up will be on Tuesday February 16th from 5-7 pm. Stop by for your kit and a Mardi Gras Treat! oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com (507) 931-1564.

### Mid-Week Lenten Worship

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Get ready for a round robin like no other! Pr. Liz and four other women in ministry from all over the country are leading a series on the Beatitudes. Tune into our Facebook page on Wednesdays.

In addition to Pr. Liz, leaders include:

- Rev. Kerri Clark, Trinity Lutheran church, Connellsville PA
- Rev. Ann Gonyea, Eden Lutheran Church, Munising, Michigan
- Rev. Sarah Rossing, St. James Lutheran church, Youngstown PA (Pr. Liz's sister!)
- Rev Marie Sager, St Timothy's Lutheran Church, Aston, PA

Our Mid-Week Lenten worship will be available online only this year. This helps us to continue with in-person God Squad and allow time for sanitizing our space in between activities.

### Annual Meeting—Thanks and Oops!

Thanks to all who participated in the Annual Meeting and apologies to those who tried to log-in at home at 10am. There was a hour gap between the end of worship and the scheduled meeting time, so we started and finished early! If you would like to view the recording, it can be sent electronically. Contact Pr. Liz for more info.

### God Squad and Confirmation

The Schedule February and March is as follows:

2/3 Group 1
2/10 Group 2
2/17 No Class—Ash Wednesday Worship
2/24 Group 2
3/3 Group 1
3/10 Group 2
3/17 Group 1
3/24 Group 2
3/31 No Class—Holy Week

9th grade confirmation class will meet at 10:00 am on February 21st. Final project proposals are due at this time.

## Ongoing Concerns:

### Green Lake Bible Camp

This year, OSLC Youth Coordinator Victoria Sawyer will be coordinating the dates our kids go to camp and some fun fundraiser opportunities to support them. Email oslc1youth@gmail.com for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES:
- Summer Camp Registration opens • January 25
- Early Bird Discount ends • March 1
- First Day of Camp • June 20

### Technology Volunteers –Update

We need volunteers who are interested in learning how to video and stream worship on Sunday mornings. The Church Council has decided to make the position of Video Technology Helper a paid position ($25 per service). Contact Ginger McCabe for more information or to apply: 763-350-4970, ginger.larae@gmail.com

### E-Giving

Sign–up for **Simply Giving** (automatic withdrawals) by requesting a form from the church office. Give online with **Tithe.ly**. A link can be found on the church website under the "Donate" tab. After filling out your information, you can choose to donate through a checking account or credit card. Contact the church office or Ben Olsen 507-351-7098 or baolsen85@gmail.com for more info.

### 2020 Contributions

2020 Contribution statements will be sent by mail. Please, make sure the church office has your correct mailing address.

### Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2021 are here, contact the church office to collect them.

### OSLC-Online

https://oursaviorscleveland.org/
https://www.facebook.com/OSLCleveland/

### Sunday Worship

Watch online through our Facebook page at 9:00 am or any time thereafter.

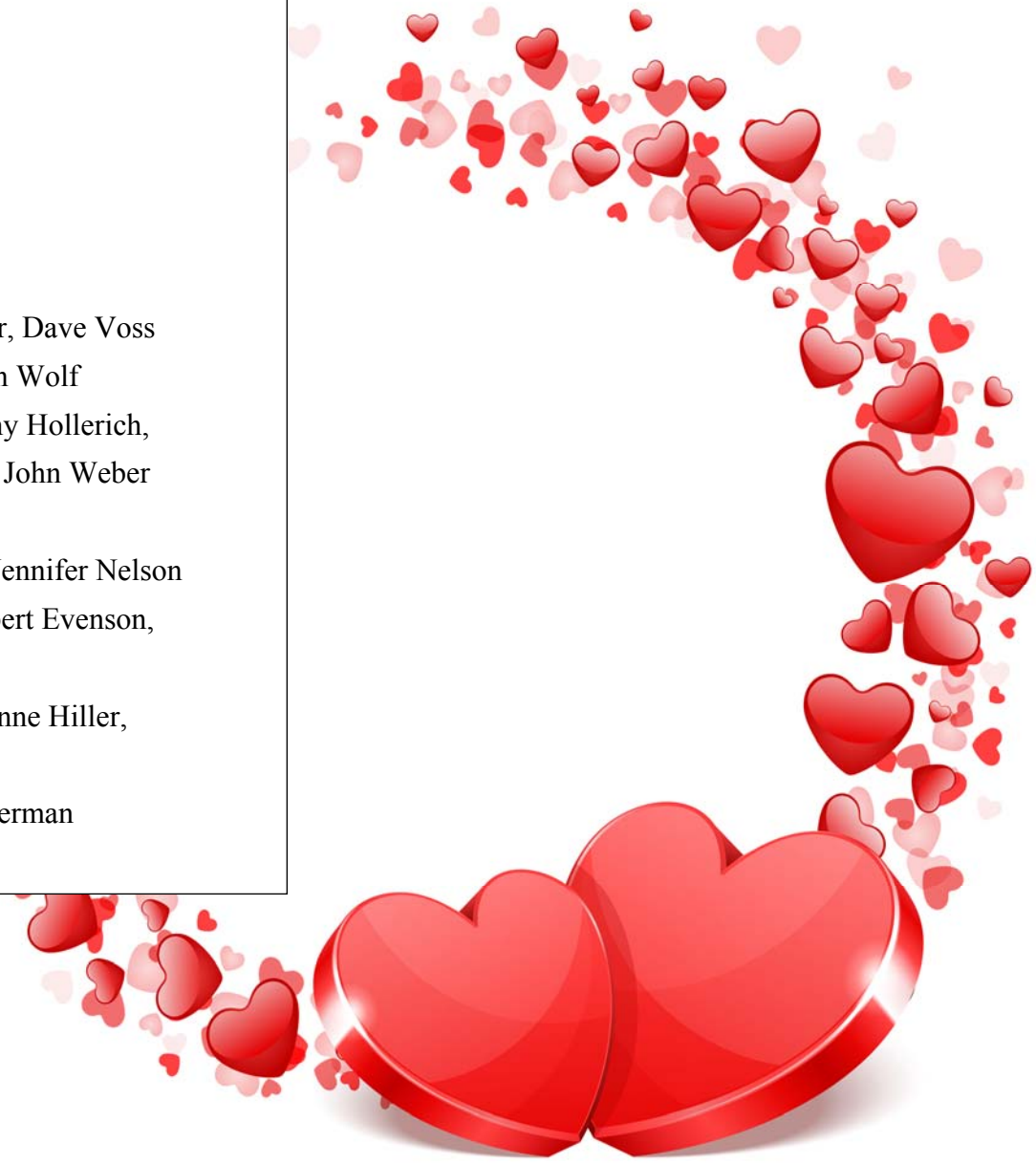
## February Birthdays

3rd Tony Smith, Rylan Wargelin, Leanne Wolf
4th Cade Olson
5th Joe Biehn, Timothy Iten, Peter Koppelman, Karna Ziebarth
6th Leo Koppelman, Joel Nore
7th Kristin VanEck, Walter Glaser, Mattea Grandaw, Jordan Wolf
8th Ravae Biehn
10th Gaylord Martin
11th Neenah Lassiter
13th Lori Mueller
14th Greg Berry
17th Terri Heimerman
18th Reid VanEck
19th Molly VanBinsberger, Dave Voss
21st Layla Schafer, Myron Wolf
22nd Allison Cink, Anthony Hollerich, MacKenzie Johnson, John Weber
23rd Louise Goede
24th Jonathan Anderson, Jennifer Nelson
25th Cheryl Evenson, Robert Evenson, Jeremy Hahn
28th Wendy Friedrichs, Anne Hiller, Vicki Walechka, Andrew (A.J.) Zimmerman
29th Joe Oliver

## February Anniversaries

1st Scott & Cindy Hass
14th Brian & Rhea Block
22nd Matt & Jill Danley
24th Patrick & Karen Johnson

Do you have a birthday or anniversary to add to our list? Contact the church office to let us know!



## COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE—CLEVELAND FIRE AND RESCUE

We will be helping people that are elderly and have underlying health conditions procuring supplies that they need without them having to leave their homes.

If you have an emergency please dial 911. If you need assistance getting supplies and don't want to leave your home because you're high risk, contact us through the following means, in this order please.

1) City hall Monday—Friday 8am-4pm 507-931-6380

2) Through Facebook messenger

3) 507-484-1315

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**Prayer Concerns**

***Members:*** Mike Enter, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+.

***Non-Members:*** Natalie Boelter+, Chantha Eckman+, Holly Kallestad+, Glen Zabel, Dean Grabow.

**Those in the military service:**

***Active Military:*** Brendon Brown, Alex Garrison, Chris Glassel, Jim Grandaw, Tyler Seitz and Tyler Piotter.

***Veterans:*** We also pray for all veterans who have served in our nation's Armed Forces.

**Pray for** First Responders, Medical Professionals, and Essential Workers.

# February 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3<br><br>6:00 pm God Squad - Group 1<br>7:00 pm Bible Study* | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 **5th Sunday After Epiphany**<br><br>9 am Worship& Holy Comm (in-person/online) | 8 | 9<br><br>6:00 pm Church Council* | 10<br><br>6:00 pm God Squad - Group 2<br>7:00 pm Bible Study* | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 **Transfiguration Sunday**<br><br>9 am Worship (in-person/online)<br><br>2 pm MN River Conference Annual Meeting * | 15 | 16<br><br>5-7pm Ashes-to-Go Pick Up | 17<br>Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm<br><br>*No God Squad or Bible Study* | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 **1st Sunday of Lent**<br><br>9 am Worship & Holy Comm (in-person/online)<br>10 am 9th Grade Confirmation (in-person) | 22 | 23 | 24<br><br>6:00 pm God Squad - Group 2<br>7:00 pm Bible Study* | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 **2nd Sunday of Lent**<br><br>9 am Worship | | | | | * = online only | |