

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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# Grapes from the Vine



## From the Pastor

Beloved,

We're using the theme "Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News" from [Sanctified Art](#) for Lent this year. Here's what inspired the creators:

*We often describe Jesus' ministry as "radical" which comes from the Latin word "radicalis," meaning "root" or "ground." Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots, back to what grounds us: loving our neighbor, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice and mercy, and resting in God's unending grace. This Lent, may the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. Let the good news ground us. And let that good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good. (Sanctified Art)*

Some of the weekly foci include **The Good News is...**

Ash Wednesday ... **all are invited**. Lent 2 ... **great love for God and neighbor**. Lent 4 ... **protection and care for the vulnerable**. Lent 5 ... **inspiring us to act**. And Easter ... **alive in the world**.

*A Sanctified Art* emerged as a ministry to support worshipping communities in integrating art and creativity into their spiritual practices. They believe in the unique creativity of all people. "Created in the image of the Divine Artist, every person contains the capacity for creativity and imagination."

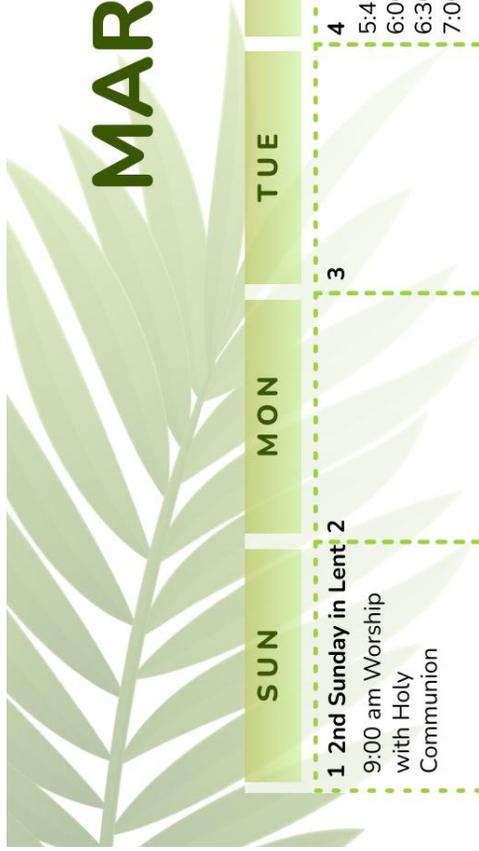
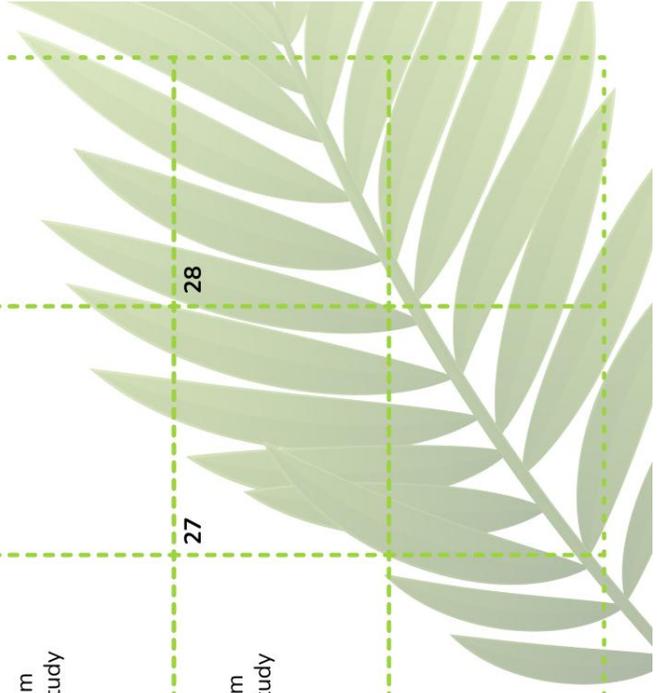
I hope that OSLC can engage with and enjoy *Tell Me Something Good* this Lent. The worship committee, Vicki, and I chose it because, with all that is going on in the world right now, we were hungry for hope and goodness that only God can offer us.

Peace be yours,

Pr. Liz

# MARCH 2026

| SUN   | MON   | TUE                                    | WED   | THU  | FRI                        | SAT |
|---|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|-----|
| 1<br>2nd Sunday in Lent<br>9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion            | 2   | 3                                      | 4<br>5:45 pm Soup Supper<br>6:00 pm God Squad<br>6:30 pm Worship<br>7:00 pm Choir | 5<br>10:30 am Bible Study  | 6                          | 7   |
| 8<br>3rd Sunday in Lent<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:00 am Church Council     | 9   | 10                                     | 11<br>5:45 pm Soup Supper<br>6:30 pm Worship<br>7:00 pm Choir                     | 12<br>10:30 am Bible Study   | 13                         | 14  |
| Daylight Savings Time Begins  | 15<br>4th Sunday in Lent<br>9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion<br>10:00 am 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Conf. | 16                                     | 17  | 18<br>5:45 pm Soup Supper<br>6:00 pm God Squad<br>6:30 pm Worship<br>7:00 pm Choir | 19<br>10:30 am Bible Study | 20  |
| 22<br>5th Sunday in Lent<br>9:00 am Worship                               | 23<br>Easter Flower Deadline  | 24                                     | 25<br>5:45 pm Soup Supper<br>6:30 pm Worship<br>7:00 pm Choir                     | 26<br>10:30 am Bible Study   | 27                         | 28  |
| 29<br>Palm Sunday<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:00 am - 1st Communion Workshop | 30  | 31<br>6:00 pm - 1st Communion Workshop | 1   |  |                            |     |



# Our Saviors Church - Council Minutes

## February 22,2026

**Council Members Present** - Pastor Liz, Scott Lassiter, Marcia Carlson, Brian Block, Tom Christensen. Tom provided a devotional.

**Financial Report** - Brian Block presented the January 2026 Financials:

- The general fund received gifts of 8,913.00 versus last year of 8,707.76, giving a difference of 205.24.
- The Checkbook balance is 10,996.67.
- Brian purchased a CD at First State Bank, at a 3.8% rate using the 5,000.00 memorial donation
- The financial report was approved by a motion from Marcia and seconded by Tom.

### **Old Business:**

- Drinking fountain: The drinking fountain needs to be replaced. Tom called and got quotes from Eco System for \$1400 or \$1554 with filtration. Was also quoted at \$3500 for a fountain with a water bottle filler, similar to the ones in Cleveland School. Eco Systems thought that the hard water caused the water fountain to fail.
- Discussed possibly purchasing a water softener. Currently the church does not have a water softener and it was recommended we get one to help keep other appliances from failing in the future.
  - Eco System quote \$2600
  - Culligan quote \$3685
- A motion was made by Marcia and second by Scott to hire Eco Systems to install a water softener and drinking fountain at a cost of \$4,000.00

### **New Business**

Welcoming of our 2 new council members

- Marcia Carlson
- Scott Lassiter
- Marcia Carlson has agreed to become Vice President
- Scott Lassiter has agreed to become Secretary
- Tom Christensen will be on vacation for 3 weeks and Marcia Carlson will lead the Council meetings while Tom is on vacation.
- Cherry Creek days have been moved to August.
- There will be a first communion class on March 29<sup>th</sup> or April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The next council meeting is March the 8th.

Tom closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

# Called to Let Our Light Shine!

## OSLC News and Announcements

### Tell Me Something Good - Lent

Lent was originally a season for new converts to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. *Tell Me Something Good* is a series that covers what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—all of which are meant to be very good news for us all.

Join us on Wednesdays March 4 – March 25:  
5:45 pm Soup & Sandwich suppers  
6:30 pm Worship  
7:00 pm Choir

Mar 11 – Julie Wagner (Group #3)

Mar 18 – Leann Sexe/Barb Bacon (Group #4)

Mar 25 – Deb Gehrke (Group #1)

### God Squad

The kids are loving the VBS format with a Bible story, music time, games and crafts, and a snack!

- March 4 – Psalm 23
- March 18 – The Empty Tomb

### First Communion Workshop

Do you have a child who is ready to taking Holy Communion? Would you like a refresher on the meaning and practices around the Eucharist? (Fancy word for communion). There will be a workshop for those interested on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> after worship from 10:00 am – noon **or** Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm. Their first communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Traditionally at OSLC, first communion has been celebrated once a child reaches 5th grade. We are opening up the experience to all ages depending on whether the family/child feels ready to participate. It is the Lord's table and all are welcome.

### Choir Notice

Come join us to sing for Easter – kids and adults are welcome! Practice is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., right after the Lenten service. We will rehearse on March 4, 11, 18, 25 and Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will sing on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

### Easter Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for our Easter Services, there is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the narthex or you may contact the church office. If the plant is given in memory of a loved one, please indicate when you sign up. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, March 15th. The cost is \$20 each. You can put your payment in the offering plate, drop it off in the church office, or in the basket next to the sign-up sheet. Please write “flowers” on your payment. Thank you!

### Bible Study Schedule

Adult Bible Study continues on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. Come share faith, fellowship, and treats!

### March Make and Pray

We're taking a break in March. Make & Pray resumes on *April 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm* with *Knitting 101*. If you've always wanted to learn to knit or if you knitting questions, join Pr. Liz for a lesson. Please, RSVP by 4/6 and indicate if you need supplies or will bring your own.

### WINTER WEATHER POLICY

We follow Cleveland School District for all weather-related closings. If our school is closed or dismissed early due to weather, ALL church related activities, particularly God Squad activities on Wednesdays are cancelled. Our Sunday worship and other scheduled meetings will be announced. Sunday worship will be announced through email and KEYC News.

## Birthdays

**1st** Tim Koppelman  
**2nd** Alexia Hollerich; Scott Seely  
**4th** Brittany Lindblom  
**6th** Noah McCabe  
**11th** Viginia Grabow  
**13th** Jerry Rausch; Scott Zuhlsdorf  
**17th** Adam Eppmeyer  
**20th** Charlie Voit  
**21st** Janelle Bauer; Rhea Block  
**24th** Brady Hahn  
**26th** Dan McCabe; Cole Stocker  
**28th** Peter McCabe  
**29th** George Bauer; Andrew Eppmeyer  
**30th** Sonja Koppelman  
**31st** Alan Zimmerman

## Anniversaries

**3rd** Phillip & Sherry Johnstone  
**19th** Leo & Sandra Koppelman  
**28th** Paul & Connie Cink  
Dean & Terri Heimerman  
**31st** Mark & Lori Zimmerman

## Prayer Concerns

**Members:** Charlotte Jacoby+, George Bauer+, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+, Jean Seely+, Jayne Martin+, Dianne Hansen+, Doug Starkweather+, Joanna Starner+, Dan McCabe+

**Non-Members:** Aiden Domras, Cindy Wieland+, Holly Kallestad+, Deb Vieth+, Gary McCabe+, Corey Hicks, Shawn Heckman+

### *Those in the military service*

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

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

Please contact [oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com](mailto:oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com) to request changes or prayers.

*Prayer concerns will be listed for three weeks unless marked with a "+", which indicates a long-term concern.*

### Preparing for Worship

#### **3/1/26 Second Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 58:9b-12, Psalm 121, Luke 7:36-50

#### **3/8/26 Third Sunday in Lent**

Ephesians 3:20-21, Psalm 95, Mark 6:32-44

#### **3/15/26 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Deut. 24:17-22, Psalm 23, Matt. 19:13-15

#### **3/22/26 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Ephesians 5:8-14, Psalm 130,

John 8:2-11 & Matthew 23:23

#### **3/29/26 Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 100, Mark 11:1-11