

The Sentinel

*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,
centered in Christ, called nurtured and sent --
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*



OUR SAVIOUR'S
Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship Service
10:30am (Coffee at 10)

Prayer Requests

Kay Knutson
Ed Lewis
Sue Olsen
Marki's sister, Karen Wogstad
Amy Hartman's mother, Naomi Hartman
Pastor Laurie Eaton, as she travels on sabbatical

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While Pastor Laurie's Away...

Pastor Laurie Eaton

I am so very grateful for the gift of sabbatical that you are giving me! After 13 years of full-time ministry, seven of them here at Our Saviour's, I am longing for some time to rest, reflect, and rejuvenate, in order to return to my pastoral responsibilities with energy and enthusiasm. During

my time away, though I will be resting from the work, I anticipate having time to ponder and imagine what is possible for us in ministry together in the future. You will be with me in my thoughts and prayers! I will be traveling overseas from April 23 through May 17 – first to the Holy Land and then to the part of England and Wales from which my Eaton ancestry derives. I plan to “walk the earth and breathe the air” of my spiritual and biological ancestors. The remainder of my time will be spent catching up on sleep and reading, friendships and creative pursuits, which tend to be a bit neglected during ordinary time.

Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell will expand her hours during my absence, from $\frac{3}{4}$ time to full time. This will be compensated by additional paid time off during her upcoming parental leave. Pastor Martha will cover most of the regular pastoral duties of the congregation, with the support of the many theologically trained leaders in our church. Our program staff works collaboratively in most matters, so in my absence I trust that Pastor Martha and Mary Preus (with Mary's long history and experience) will manage the responsibilities very well. Here are a few specific items to note.

I've prepared a schedule for worship leadership and distributed that among the whole staff and the rostered leaders that will be filling in. Preaching and Presiding roles will be divided and shared much the way we have been doing. Guest preachers include Grant Stevensen, Mike Troutman, Paul Rogers, and Chris Scharen. Sharing in presiding at the table are Grant Stevensen, Gary Simpson, and Chris Scharen. I'm so grateful that we have an abundance of trained, gifted, and generous colleagues willing to serve in these roles.



*...the mice will play?
Pastor Laurie Eaton will
be on sabbatical April
through June of 2017.*

Paul Rogers and Karin Craven have agreed to assist with various pastoral care duties. Paul and Karin will take on some of the regular visits that I make, as well as stepping in to help as needed, in the event that multiple funerals, hospitalizations, or other concerns should arise. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church office and they will connect you with the appropriate person.

Pastor Martha is already a member of the Church Council, so she will be the primary liaison with those leaders. Practical questions of administration will be shared by Pastor Martha and Mary, in consultation with the office staff, Diane Palmer and Deb Smith. We've updated the list of eligible check signers, so finances will continue as usual.

Holy Week and the Easter Vigil are always a collaboration of many committed volunteers, and work on those services is well underway. Mary Preus and the Chair of the Worship Table, Sheryll Mennicke, will oversee the details of that week in the skillful way they always do.

After Easter things begin to take a turn toward a slower pattern of activity. Living Questions culminates at the Easter Vigil and so will be finished for the season. Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Wednesday Connections come to a pause around the middle of May, so there is somewhat less in the way of planning for Pastor Martha and Mary to manage. Tables and Committees will continue their work and consult with Martha if pastoral guidance is needed. Other committees are ably staffed by you! And I will return from my time away at the beginning of July, rested, refreshed, and ready to re-engage with you all as we continue, "called, nurtured, and sent – to celebrate, serve, and do justice" in the name of the Living Christ. Grace and peace be with you all.

Welcome, Christine FREE Belfrey!

Pastor Martha Bardwell (This article was inadvertently omitted from last month's printed newsletter, but email readers will already have seen it.)

Christine is a student at Luther Seminary working on her M.DIV degree, and she has chosen to do some contextual education at Our Saviour's between now and May. You will see her around engaged in leadership and learning. We are thrilled to welcome Christine and her family to Our Saviour's! Here is a bit more about Christine:

Christine FREE Belfrey is a multidimensional artist; Singer/Songwriter, Published Author, Recording Artist and Educator. She also owns a small publishing company, Belfrey Books Publishing LLC. Christine has obtained a BA in Radio/TV/Film from Clark Atlanta University, A Post Baccalaureate degree in K-8 Education from Concordia St Paul University and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from St Mary's University. She is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and Key of Faith COGIC. Presently, she is attending Luther Seminary as a M.DIV Student where she is a ELCA Fund for Leaders Scholar Recipient. In addition, she is an ELCA Global Musician as a Worship Leader. She has directed and led choirs and worship teams throughout the past 12 years. She has been featured as a Emcee and performer throughout the Twin Cities Metro Area where her ultimate message is to inspire, educate & empower! Christine has four children: Imani, 19, who is a student at Augsburg College; Caleb, 10; and twins Elis and Issa who are 8.

Mission of the Month: Cherish All Children

Deacon Amy Hartman

Thank you, members of Our Saviour's, for your contribution of \$388.55 given to Cherish All Children in January – you and your generosity are amazing!

Cherish All Children engages congregations in preventing child sexual exploitation. We have been working closely with several south Minneapolis congregations to attend to and resist the trafficking along Lake Street. We have hired a Coordinator to expand awareness of trafficking in the Saint Paul Area Synod. We are connecting with the Women of the ELCA nationally through workshops at their Triennial Gathering this summer. In May, I will be speaking to women from around the world in conjunction with the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Namibia, sharing stories about how congregations like Our Saviour's are addressing trafficking in the United States. Your dollars make all of this possible.

In April, you have four ways of getting involved in this work yourself:

- **Provide hygiene items for trafficking survivors.** There is a box near the coat rack for collecting these items. They will be distributed through Breaking Free, PRIDE, and the MN Indian

Women's Resource Center in May. Here are the types of items that are needed:

Toothbrush/toothpaste
soap
deodorant
brush/comb
nail clippers
shampoo/conditioner – especially for women
of color
razors
tampons

• **Participate in the Our Saviour's Prayer Vigil on Thursday, April 27** at 7:30 am. We will meet at the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church parking lot, 3045 Chicago Ave. (More details are in the article which follows.) Please let me know if you are interested in being involved. Call 612-280-1259 or email ahartman@cherishchildren.org.

• **Attend the Caritas Vocal Ensemble benefit concert for Cherish All Children** at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m. Caritas is an a cappella choral group that performs music from all genres to raise money and awareness for non-profit organizations. A freewill offering will be taken to support Cherish All Children.

• **Make a financial contribution to Cherish All Children** as the Mission of the Month. Just note this on your offering envelope or your check.

Again, thank you for your generosity, your service, and your commitment to prophetic witness to end the injustice of sex trafficking!

Abuse and Assault Prevention

Anna Scott, Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach and Ministry, Mount Olive Lutheran Church

April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month, as well as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Churches in the area are working together in the neighborhood to combat any form of abuse and the proliferation of prostitution that harms our beloved community. Here are upcoming opportunities to act and intervene against abuse and human trafficking;

Each Thursday morning in April, a partner church will host a Prayer Vigil on a designated street corner. Between 6:00am-8:00am are busy times of day for trafficking. Together in faith we will create a positive,

prayerful force in our neighborhoods and on our city streets. We'll support victims and ask for an end to the demand. Meet at 7:30am on these dates at these locations:

- April 6: Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Ave S
- April 13: (St. Paul's Lutheran Church) – meet at the corner of 15th Ave S and Lake Street
- April 20: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E 31st St
- April 27: (OSLC) – meet at 3045 Chicago Ave S (Mount Olive's parking lot)

Holy Week at Our Saviour's

Maundy Thursday Worship
Thursday, April 13, 7:00pm

Good Friday Worship
Friday, April 14, 7:00pm

Easter Vigil Festival Worship
Saturday, April 15, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 16
Easter Breakfast, 9:00am
Worship Service, 10:30am

Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Walk

Our Saviour's won't host our own Good Friday walk this year, however, we encourage you to join with our neighbors in a walk hosted by Living Table UCC and Bethel. Meet at Midtown Global Market at 1:00pm; finish by 3:00pm. The route is a little over one mile; shuttle available for longer parts. Pray for international and interfaith relationships, healthcare, education, environment, and more. Questions, please email Pr. Rachael (rachael@livingtable.org) or Pr. Brenda (pastor@bethel-mpls.org) or call Living Table (612-729-7556) or Bethel (612-724-3693).

Easter Breakfast

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Join our youth at 9:00am on Easter. Your freewill donation goes toward youth trips. This year, three

youth are attending Flathead Bible Camp in Montana. A Thrivent Action Team is providing funding to help cover the cost of most of the food.

Host Family Needed

Vistas In Education (www.vistasineducation.com, 1422 W Lake Street) is looking for a host family for an intern from anytime in April through early July.

Ismail, the new intern, will work daily in their Uptown office, so the ideal host family would live close by, or on a bus line which could bring him there easily. The host family need not have anyone his age at home, nor speak French. A stipend is paid to the host family to cover food and similar expenses. Ismail will have his own phone, a bus pass and a small internship stipend.

Ismail is quiet, nice and easy going. He is pescoterian, doesn't drink alcohol, and has no allergies.

If you or someone you know is able to offer him a home for a few months, please contact Pastor Martha.

Wilderness Canoe Base Work Weekend

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

All ages are invited to join our annual trek to the Gunflint Trail to help open up the camp at Wilderness

Canoe Base. We leave Friday, May 19, and return Sunday, May 21. There will be a variety of jobs inside and outside, and plenty of time for play! Sign up at church. Cost, timing, etc., info is coming. questions – talk to Nancy Nygaard Johnson.

Lectionary Texts for Home Devotions

April 2: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

April 9 (Palm/Passion Sunday): Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14--27:66; Matthew 27:11-54 (alternate)

April 14 (Good Friday): Isaiah 52:13--53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 (alternate); John 18:1--19:42

April 15 (Easter Vigil): Romans 6:3-11; John 20:1-18

April 16 (Easter): Acts 10:34-43; Jeremiah 31:1-6 (alternate); Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Acts 10:34-43 (alternate); Matthew 28:1-10; John 20:1-18 (alternate)

April 23: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 30: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

April at Our Saviour's

Sat Apr 1	9:00 – 3:00pm	Bread Oven Bake for Breaking Fr (oven, HC, K)	Fri Apr 7	Office Closed 6:30 – 7:30am	Men's Breakfast @ Butter
Sun Apr 2	9:00 – 10:00am 9:00 – 10:00am 10:00am 10:30am After Worship 11:30 – 1:30pm 4:30 – 7:30pm 5:30 – 7:30pm	Godly Play Education for all ages Hospitality (HC) Worship (S) and Baptism of Loren Exec Comm (CR) Worship Table (HC) Living Q Prep/Clean Up Living Questions (whole church)		8:00 – 12:00pm	Window Washing (S, office)
			Sat Apr 8		
			Sun Apr 9	Palm Sunday 9:00 – 10:00am 10:00am 10:30am 11:30 – 1:30pm	Education for all ages Hospitality (HC) Worship (S) Lunch Trip Prep for Youth and Chaperones (HC, K) Living Q Prep/Clean Up Living Questions (whole church)
Mon Apr 3	9:00 – 11:00am 12:00 – 2:00pm 7:00 – 8:30pm	Archives Committee (basement) ELC Staff Lunch (HC) Church Council (CR)		4:30 – 7:30pm 5:30 – 7:30pm	
			Mon Apr 10	6:00 – 7:30pm	OSCS Board Mtg (CR)
Tue Apr 4	12:30pm	Staff Meeting (CR)	Tue Apr 11	12:30 – 2:00pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
Wed Apr 5	10:15am 12:00 – 1:00pm 1:00 – 5:30pm Wednesday Connections (K, HC, S) 5:30 – 6:30pm 6:30 – 7:30pm 6:30 – 7:30pm 7:30 – 8:30pm	Bible Study (CR) Prep for Q(HC) Neighborhood Quilting (HC) Community Meal (HC) Evening Prayer (S) Godly Play (GP) Choir Rehearsal (S)	Wed Apr 12	10:15am 12:00 – 1:00pm 1:00 – 5:30pm (No Wednesday Connections)	Bible Study (CR) Prep for Q(HC) Neighborhood Quilting (HC)
			Thu Apr 13	7:00 – 9:00am 10 – 11:00am 7:00pm	Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood ESL Social (HC) Worship -- Maundy Thursday
Thu Apr 6	7:00 – 9:00am 4:00 – 6:00pm	Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood ELC Yoga Class (HC)	Fri Apr 14	Office Closed 1:00 – 3:00pm 7:00pm	Ecumenical Walk (offsite; see text) Worship -- Good Friday
			Sat Apr 15	7:00pm	Easter Vigil

Sun Apr 16	Easter 9:00 – 10:30am Easter Breakfast (HC) 10:30am Worship (S)	Mon Apr 24	Afternoon? TENTATIVE 24 th & Elliott Townhomes Mtg (HC)
Mon Apr 17	Office Closed 9:00 – 1:00pm ELC Event (HC) 6:00 – 9:00pm ELC Event (HC)	Tue Apr 25	12:30 – 2:00pm Staff Meeting (CR) 6:00 – 7:30pm OSCS Exec Com Mtg (CR)
Tue Apr 18	12:30 – 2:00pm Staff Meeting (CR)	Wed Apr 26	10:15am Bible Study (CR) 12:00 – 1:00pm Prep for Q(HC) 1:00 – 5:30pm Neighborhood Quilting (HC)
Wed Apr 19	10:15am Bible Study (CR) 12:00 – 1:00pm Prep for Q(HC) 1:00 – 5:30pm Neighborhood Quilting (HC) (No Wednesday Connections; Choir?)	Wednesday Connections (K, HC, S) 5:30 – 6:30pm Community Meal (HC) 6:30 – 7:30pm Godly Play (GP) 6:30 – 7:30pm Community Gathering (HC) 7:30 – 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal (S)	
Thu Apr 20	Sentinel Deadline ELC End of Term Parties (HC, K – all day) 7:00 – 9:00am Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood 6:30 – 8:30pm MCFF mtg (off site)	Thu Apr 27	7:00 – 9:00am Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood
Fri Apr 21	Office Closed	Fri Apr 28	Office Closed
Sun Apr 23	9:00 – 10:00am Education for all ages 10:00am Hospitality (HC) 10:30am Worship (S) 11:30 – 1:30pm Finance Comm Mtg (CR)	Sat Apr 29	9:00 – 11:00am Communion Bread Baking (HC, K)
		Sun Apr 30	9:00 – 10:00am Education for all ages 10:00am Hospitality (HC) 10:30am Worship (S) After Worship Executive Committee (CR) TENTATIVE -- MCFF Retreat (location, times TBD)



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