

# 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**

### **Prayer Requests**

**Ed Lewis**

**Sue Olsen**, recovering from knee replacement surgery

**Karen Wogstad**, Marki's sister

**Naomi Hartman**, Amy's mother

**Tom Lawrence**, Catherine Preus' uncle, recovering from a broken neck

**Pastor Laurie Eaton**, as she travels in Israel/Palestine

The **Herrick family** as we give thanks for the birth of Anja Erin

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## **The Spirit Has Been Poured Out!**

### **Extraordinary Hospitality in Ordinary Time**

*Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell*

On June 4, we celebrate Pentecost and marvel at how God pours out the gift of the Holy Spirit on *all people* – on people of all ages, nations, races, sexualities, gender identities, abilities. I'm reminded of a story about a Midwestern urban church that read the Pentecost story (Acts 2:1-21) in worship, as we will do on June 4. That week at their food shelf, a newcomer who had been to the service stood in line and started filling out a form so that she could get food for the week. All of the questions on the form were about what she lacked – food, money... She turned to one of the church members running the food shelf and said, "I heard you say on Sunday that the Spirit has been poured out on all flesh, giving everyone gifts to share. Where can I share about my gifts?" After her question and the conversation that ensued, this church added a question to their forms about what people's gifts are, and what they'd be able to teach another person about. And then, much more began to change around the church, beyond their forms – they began seeing people differently, not as simply "needy" but as "gifted" – and they started making room for those gifts to be known and shared.

How do we make room at Our Saviour's to receive and share each other's Spirit-given gifts?

This is a question that the Ministry of Community and Faith Formation Table (MCFF) has been pondering for a while as we have thought a lot about how we practice hospitality at Our Saviour's. Hospitality is the practice of making room for each other and for extending God's welcome to strangers and friends. In working with council, MCFF has proposed some changes to how we embody hospitality at Our Saviour's, and we will be rolling out these changes over the summer and into the fall. Some of these changes were inspired by reading Paul Hoffman's book on hospitality, *Welcome One Another*.

During Ordinary Time – the liturgical season after Pentecost up through Advent – here are some ways we plan to practice extraordinary hospitality.

1. **Nametags:** We will no longer use official printed nametags at Our Saviour's. They create an insider-outsider dynamic (who has one vs. who doesn't). Instead, we will foster a culture of actively introducing ourselves and taking risks to ask each other's names, even when we think we may have met someone before.
2. **Coffee Hour – and Lemonade!** Our current 10-10:30 coffee hour/hospitality time doesn't work well for newcomers to our services, since newcomers don't come early in general. And, it doesn't work well over the summer, since we have no programming from 9-10. So, over the summer beginning June 11, we hope to have some treats and coffee available after worship in the narthex area (as well as a couple of potlucks – stay tuned for dates!), to encourage people to stick around after service, meet new folks, and connect. We also hope to serve lemonade out on the patio – perhaps both before and after worship.
3. **Hospitality Teams:** We are going to reintroduce a pattern from past OSLC days, with some new twists. Instead of having folks sign up each week to usher, bring treats, do coffee, etc., members will be part of large "hospitality teams" that are in charge of all things hospitality for a month or two of the year. These teams will be big, and will be responsible for being ushers, "floating" greeters, coffee makers, and treat providers. MCFE will be working on creating this system over the summer, with a goal of launching these teams in the fall (likely September). Each hospitality team will have a "lead."

If you are interested in being a hospitality lead or curious to learn more about any of these changes, please get in touch with Pastor Martha.

## **Mission of the Month for May: Our Saviour's Housing**

*Deacon Sandy Aslaksen*

Our Saviour's Housing operates with the following mission statement:

*We are a community of hope for those who need a home. Our mission is eliminating homelessness by providing shelter, support and a chance to start over.*

One of our core values, stated clearly in this mission statement, is community. When an individual experiences homelessness, loneliness and isolation are quick to set in. Warm beds, warm meals and a safe secure environment are certainly a first priority. Once those essentials are covered, the staff quickly works to establish good relationships within the context of a healthy community. We find that residents have their best chance to grow and thrive when they enjoy the support of a supportive, healthy community.

This is illustrated well in Johnnie's story, "A New Chapter for Johnnie":

Our Saviour's Housing is known as a place for second chances, and that's exactly what Johnnie was hoping to find when he arrived at our shelter.

Originally from Milwaukee, Johnnie was raised by his mother after his father left when Johnnie was young. As he approached his teenage years, Johnnie says he struggled with not having a stable father figure in his life. He turned to the streets to rebel and find friendship. Instead, he found trouble, which eventually put him in prison.

Johnnie moved to Minnesota after he completed his sentence. Once he got here, however, Johnnie found that it wasn't so easy to make a fresh start. Even though he's served his time, his past mistakes continue to haunt him. Necessities like stable employment and housing are hard to find; no one wants to hire or rent to someone with a criminal background. In addition, Johnnie never went to trade school to learn a marketable skill because he was locked up. Despite these challenges, Johnnie is determined now to stay on the right side of the law. "I'm fighting going back to [crime]. Even though I'm kind of desperate, and I need a place to live, and I need my car fixed."

While Johnnie figures out his next steps, OSH meets Johnnie's most immediate need for shelter. "Our Saviour's [Housing] is the best facility I've been to. They make you get up. You have to go look for work, school, something. When you come back, you can have a shower, use the free phone. That's a blessing – a clean, safe environment. There are a lot of resources here."

To learn more about Johnnie's path to housing, find his story on our website:

www.oscs-mn.org/oursaviourshousing

To make a contribution, please write "OSH" on your pew envelope or the memo line of your check. To volunteer, please email [volunteer@oshousing.org](mailto:volunteer@oshousing.org).

## Looking Forward to Looking Back

*Our Saviour's celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019. As we approach that date, we thought you might enjoy reading what concerned the congregation in previous eras. Elaine Degelau found the following article published in the "Parish Paper" of February, 1941. The article was titled,*

### "Savior" or "Saviour"

There are some who have noted the difference in the forms of spelling of this word and inquired about it. Since that name is part of the name of our church, it may be well enough to consider it.

The difference in spelling is not just a matter of older or newer forms. The translation of the Bible (the King James version, the American Standard Revised version, and even Weymouth's translation of the New Testament into modern speech) always spell the name "Saviour."

Webster's New International Dictionary (Unabridged) gives this explanation; "1. Savior—one who saves. 2. Saviour—Specif: *the* Saviour, He who brings salvation to men: Jesus Christ, the Redeemer."

A "savior" then is anyone who saves another from some difficulty. But "Saviour" is the *name* given to the one and only Jesus.

While the official legal title of this congregation is "Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis," might it not be more fitting to use the correct appellation of "Our Saviour's" and, at a proper time, effect a change in the corporate title?

## "Plotting" a Community Garden

*Mary Bargaen. (Ed. note: Mary and Lynn Bargaen are new members. We didn't get their bio into last month's Sentinel, but provide it here. Mary's article continues below.)*

*We both grew up in Nebraska and have lived and worked in many communities in Washington, Idaho, and Wyoming. We moved to the Minneapolis area 7 years ago in order to help take care of our grandchildren. Two years ago,*

*we bought, together with our son Jon and his wife, an old Victorian house in which we are "experimenting" with multi-generational living. Lynn was a postmaster for many years before retirement and now has a part-time job at a hardware store. Mary was a speech-language pathologist and was director of a family resource center before retiring. Mary's favorite volunteer activity now is as a teacher in the English Learning Center.*

During the last two weeks of April, we (the Lynn & Mary Bargaen and Jon & Mackenzie Turner Bargaen families) worked on developing an application for a community garden at the city owned lot at 2710 Bloomington Avenue South (the lot next to the fire station). On Friday, April 28, we received that we had been awarded the lease, pending a sponsoring community organization willing to support the effort.

So at the church council meeting on May 2, we presented a request to Our Saviour's to consider sponsoring the garden. Jon said, "Our goal is to grow food for community consumption and donation to those in need, and to provide a community space to help reconnect us to the earth that sustains us." After discussion, the council voted unanimously to support sponsorship of the garden.

While we would gratefully accept contributions from the church or individual members, we have no expectations of such. At this point, all fees will be paid by us (the Bargaens) as the organizers of the garden.

The community garden can provide spaces for church members and other members of the community to grow their own food, and/or space to grow food for donation to food shelves and other organizations that feed those in need.

Some of the needs for the garden, besides potential gardeners, are mulch (for example, straw), small garden tools, more compost (we have seven cubic yards free from the city), and possibly the loan of a large rear tine tiller, depending on the soil test results (still pending). We are also still accepting suggestions of a name for the garden.

For more information or to volunteer your green thumb, contact any of the Bargaens. Mary can be reached at [mkbargaen@yahoo.com](mailto:mkbargaen@yahoo.com) or 763-486-2504.

And THIS is how you "plot" a community garden!

**Honoring Our Grads** -- join us on Sunday, June 18, right after worship for a reception in honor of our graduates. Congratulations to these members and friends who mark significant milestones this spring. Please pray for their continued success and well-being as they move on to new challenges. (Know of anyone else we should include? Please let us know.)

**Emmanuel Clinton**, graduating from Luther Seminary with an MDiv degree.

**Karin Craven** received her PhD in Congregational and Community Care from Luther Seminary.

**Elena Geiger-Simpson** is graduating from the University of Minnesota with a doctorate in nursing practice, specializing in psychiatric mental health. She hopes to do some teaching, and also work as a practitioner in her field.

**Jakob Johnson**, graduating from Robbinsdale Armstrong High School, will be attending the University of Minnesota, Twins Cities in the fall.

**Liza Johnson**, graduating from Roseville Area High School, will attend Gustavus Adolphus College next year.

**Ethan Kehrberg**, graduating from Hopkins High School, will attend St. Olaf College this fall.

**Isaac Lewis**, graduating from St Paul Central High School, will attend the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

**David Eufinger** (Esther Goodell's son), graduating from Great River School, will attend Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois.

**Daniel Wojta**, graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, with a degree in environmental geography, and has a job as an arborist.

**Nathan Wojta**, graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, with a degree in economics. He has arranged a series of internships.

## **Thanks, Bread Bakers!**

Many thanks to the Communion Bread bakers who made it all happen on Saturday, April 29. Jim, Nancy, Jakob, Jane, Sheldon, LaRue, Maggie, Linda, Jeanne and Shar (who contributed delicious rhubarb bars). We made 109 rounds. We do this about four times a year. If you're interested in participating, please talk to Jane, Sheldon or Jeanne.

## **Assisting Minister Training – June 18 and 25**

*Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell*

Have you ever wanted to be an assisting minister for Sunday worship? Or, are you already an assisting minister, wanting to “brush up” on your prayer postures and prayers of the people petitions? Are you just curious about what an assisting minister does, but not ready to commit yourself?

Join us! Mary Preus is coordinating two assisting minister trainings in June. We will meet after worship from 11:30 - 12:30 to discuss the role of the assisting minister and to walk through what it looks like. Bring your questions and curiosity! If you know you're coming, contact Mary ([mrmpreus@gmail.com](mailto:mrmpreus@gmail.com)). Or, just show up.

## **Changes to Envelopes**

*Nancy Nygaard Johnson, Financial Secretary*

For those you who receive envelopes in the mail for your contributions to church: you'll notice a new line in June. We have added Property Fund, along with Current Offering, Mission of the Month, and Life's Blessing. Money designated for the Property Fund will be put in the Property Reserve Fund. This fund was created to save money to be used when we have critical needs with our property that aren't covered in the budget.

## **CES/ MN FoodShare Thank You**

*Chris Nelson, Director of Development, CES*

On behalf of Community Emergency Service, thank you for partnering with us to transform lives through serving neighbors, sharing resources and becoming community. Your March donation of 520 pounds of food is greatly appreciated and important to the work of CES. Monthly, we serve over 1300 clients ... with our Food Shelf, Home Delivery food shelf, East African Food Program and our Bonus Friday program that gives away produce and other foods ...

As you know, food insecurity hits many in our society. It is silent and affects kids and retirees alike. During this year, one in ten Minnesotans will experience not knowing where their next meals will come from. Eight percent of all seniors experience hunger and will have to skip meals for lack of food this year.

Thanks for your partnership in this fight! It is through gifts like yours that CES continues to be, *“a place where people come hungry and leave hopeful.”*

## Lutheran Night at Target Field

See the Twins play the Milwaukee Brewers. The game is Tuesday, August 8, at 7:10pm. Tickets are \$22 and are in the left field bleachers. Sign up at church. Questions? Contact Nancy Nygaard Johnson at n2j2@comcast.net.

## Lectionary Texts for Home Devotions

**June 4:** Acts 2:1-21; Numbers 11:24-30 (alternate); Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-21 (alternate); John 20:19-23; John 7:37-39 (alternate)

**June 11:** Genesis 1:1--2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

**June 18:** Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

**June 25:** Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

## June at Our Saviour's

**Thu Jun 1** 7:00 – 9:00am Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood  
9am – 4:30pm ISIAIAH leader retreat (HC)

**Fri Jun 2** Office Closed  
9am – 3:30pm ISIAIAH leader retreat (HC)  
6:30 – 7:30am Men's Breakfast @ Butter

**Sun Jun 4** **Pentecost**  
10:00 – 10:30 Hospitality (HC)  
**10:30 – 11:30am** **Worship (S)**  
11:30 – 12:30pm Exec Committee (CR)  
After worship Liberian Food – Benefit for Dolokelen Paye School (HC, K)

**Tue Jun 6** (Council Meeting rescheduled for May 13)  
12:30 – 2:00pm Staff Meeting (CR)

**Wed Jun 7** 10:15 – 12:00pm Bible Study (CR)

**Thu Jun 8** 7:00 – 9:00am Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood

**Fri Jun 9** Office Closed

**Sat Jun 10** 10:30 – 12:30pm Private recital (HC, S)

**Sun Jun 11** **10:30 – 11:30am** **Worship (S)**  
11:30 – Noon Hospitality (HC)

**Mon Jun 12** 6:00 – 7:30pm OSCS Brd Mtg (CR)  
6:00 – 9:00pm Private food prep (HC, K)

**Tue Jun 13** 12:30 – 2:00pm Staff Meeting (CR)  
7:00 – 8:30pm Church Council (CR)

**Wed Jun 14** 10:15 – 12:00pm Bible Study (CR)

**Thu Jun 15** 7:00 – 9:00am Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood  
6:30 – 8:30pm MCFF mtg (off site)

**Fri Jun 16** Office Closed

**Sat Jun 17** 9:00 – 4:00pm Neighborhood Quilting (HC)

**Sun Jun 18** **10:30 – 11:30am** **Worship (S)**  
11:30 – Noon Hospitality (HC)  
11:30 – 12:30pm Asst Min Training (S)  
After worship Reception for Grads (HC)

**Mon Jun 19** 9:00 – 11:00am Archives Com (bsmnt)  
9:00 – 4:00pm Day Camp (@ Bethel)

**Tue Jun 20** 9:00 – 4:00pm Day Camp (@ Bethel)  
12:30 – 2:00pm Staff Meeting (CR)

**Wed Jun 21** 9:00 – 4:00pm Day Camp (@ Bethel)  
10:15 – 12:00pm Bible Study (CR)

**Thu Jun 22** Sentinel Deadline  
9:00 – 4:00pm Day Camp (@ Bethel)  
7:00 – 9:00am Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood

**Fri Jun 23** Day Camp (@ Bethel); Office closed

**Sat Jun 24** Twin Cities Pride Festival

**Sun Jun 25** Twin Cities Pride Festival and parade  
**10:30 – 11:30am** **Worship (S)**  
11:30 – Noon Hospitality (HC)  
11:30 – 1:30pm Finance Comm Mtg (CR)  
11:30 – 12:30pm Asst Min Training (S)

<b>Mon Jun 26</b>	9am – 4pm	Bible Camp (@Bethel)	<b>Wed Jun 28</b>	9am – 4pm	Bible Camp (@Bethel)
				10:15 – 12:00pm	Bible Study (CR)
<b>Tue Jun 27</b>	9am – 4pm	Bible Camp (@Bethel)	<b>Thu Jun 29</b>	7:00 – 9:00am	Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood
	12:30 – 2:00pm	Staff Meeting (CR)		9:00 – 1:00pm	ELC Event (HC)
	6:00 – 7:00pm	OSCS Exec Com Mtg (CR)		5:00 – 9:00pm	ELC Event (HC)
			<b>Fri Jun 30</b>	Bible Camp Week; 9am – 4pm	Office closed Bible Camp (@Bethel)



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