

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

Kay Knutson **Ed Lewis**
Elton Claussen **John Thurow**
Karen Wogstad (Marki's sister)
Naomi Hartman (Amy's mother)
Mary Strom (Diane Rowe's mother)
Sarah Hepner (Cindy Devereaux's
daughter-in-law)
Shayne, Sequoya and Matias
Knutson
Mike Troutman's parents

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A New Season

Pastor Laurie Eaton

Pastor Martha is back! After a combined six months of rest and renewal for me and a major life transition for Martha, you finally have your full staff back together. We are delighted and excited to be working together again, and hope you are excited as well! Thank you for the generous support of this congregation that made both my sabbatical and Pastor Martha's maternity leave possible.

This time of late autumn is always something of a bittersweet season. As I write, the bright sun sparkles through the rust and golden leaves, against the brilliant blue background of the sky. Leaves waft gently down in the breeze and the still-green grass is covered more and more by the accumulating piles. Though it's warm and beautiful today, all signs are pointing to the darker, colder silence of winter that hovers just around the corner. As the natural world around us prepares for its long winter's nap, preparations in the church are of a different kind.

Both contrasting and compatible, we move into a season of reflection on the gifts we have been given, the faith community that we share, and the work we have accomplished together even as we turn our attention to the new liturgical year that lies before us. The month of November seems often a "season unto itself." Bracketed by festival Sundays of Reformation (Oct. 29) and Reign of Christ (Nov. 26), we give thanks for the lives of the faithful departed on All Saints Sunday (Nov. 5), celebrate our Community and Commitment (Nov. 19) through our fun-filled silent auction of the time and talents of our many members and our financial commitments to the ministry we share, and join the secular world in pausing for a day of Thanksgiving (Nov. 23). Then, as the world turns to the commercial frenzy of the holiday season we prepare again to welcome God's Incarnation into our lives and the life of the world.

We can honestly admit that we live in a time of constant demands and hectic, even frenetic activity. Many of us are unsettled, disturbed, even frightened of the social, political, economic and environmental challenges that seem to surround us at every moment. It is exactly in response to these worldly threats and demands that the Good News of Jesus holds its power to heal, restore, and redeem. As you make

your way through this season of transition, I invite you to notice the rhythm of creation, the rhythm of the worldly demands, and the rhythm of the church year. Choose to engage in a rhythm that grounds you in the blessedness of life and the promise of God's everlasting love and care. Find your center in the Body of Christ, that you may carry grace and peace into the rest of your days.

Mission of the Month: Coming Home Collaborative

Coming Home Collaborative (CHC) is an open and growing volunteer association of people concerned with the psychological and spiritual healing of veterans, especially vets currently reintegrating with their families and communities. War injuries are not just physical. They affect not just vets, but also their families, colleagues and community. Coming Home Collaborative

- Encourages congregations of faith to address the moral and spiritual wounding experienced by some veterans.
- Promotes pathways to healing.
- Convenes bi-monthly vets' ministry roundtables to facilitate networking and promote best ministry practices.

Please write "Coming Home Collaborative on your check or pew envelope, and thank you for your support!

November 11— Armistice/Veteran's Day

Amy Blumenshine

The national holiday now celebrated as Veteran's Day began as a commitment to peace in the aftermath of the armistice (end of killing) of World War 1, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 1918. Before ten years had passed, the nations of the world signed the Kellogg-Briand pact which declared aggressive war illegal. At the time, all but one of the US senators voted in favor of signing. Imagine that today!

Of local note, Frank B. Kellogg was a Minnesotan who was Secretary of State at the time; Kellogg Boulevard in St. Paul is named in honor of him.

One appropriate way to observe Armistice/Veteran's Day would be to watch the documentary *Almost*

Sunrise, described in the previous *Sentinel*. It will be shown on Twin Cities Public TV November 13 (10:00pm, but check local listings), and be available at the POV website for free viewing for a short time afterward. It tells the story of two Wisconsin vets' trek across the United States in search of healing and peace.

Here are additional words from two peace educators and authors to ponder:

- Our US military aren't dying for their country. They're dying for the indifference of their countrymen and women who can't be bothered to pay attention to the reasons why we are sending people to war. —Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer
- War is a self-fueling, self-perpetuating phenomenon. Warring nations create the instability that leads nations to feel the need to make war, and worse, we project our own evil onto others and adopt indefensible double standards. —Kent Shifferd

Mark your calendar!

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 7:00pm

First Congregational Church
500 8th Ave. SE, Minneapolis MN 55414

Birth to Three Faith Formation

Pastor Laurie Eaton

Wow! Have you noticed? Just a couple of years ago we had a handful of babies gracing our community with their sweet smiles and chubby cheeks. Now we have more than two dozen children between birth and three years old! We have dancers and singers, toddlers and runners, outgoing and daring, serious and observant...an abundance of new life both needing and demanding our care and our attention. What a delight!

This baby boom has required us to be creative and inventive as we address the needs of the littlest ones and their faithful parents while continuing to meet the needs of the entire congregation and the ministry that we share. Space in our building is at a premium. We are bulging at the seams!

The Conference Room, located at the back of the office suite, is being converted each Sunday morning to serve as a safe and welcoming space for small children. Grown up tables and chairs come down and the room is transformed by a brightly colored rug, children's books and toys, and tables and chairs that fit their size. We're calling it the Children's Space, and the time spent there is known as Nursery Faith Formation.

Sheridan Story Update

LaVonne Batalden

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thanks to the generosity of so many, we are able to provide weekend food for 42 children who attend Hope Academy. The money may even go a little further since the program is starting a little later this fall. I was able to meet with a person from Hope Academy and one from Sheridan Story to work out some of the organizational issues and learn more about the program. The food distribution should begin on November 11.

Each student will receive food adequate for four meals over the weekend. Each meal includes a protein, a grain, a vegetable and a fruit. There are standard food bags and ones designed for East African students or Latino students to fit with the ethnic desires of the family. In January there will be bags designed with homeless families in mind so a kitchen would not be needed. This will be particularly helpful for their older students who may be on their own.

Schools vary in their need of volunteers to distribute the food on Fridays. Hope Academy will need to have volunteers to distribute the food packs. Two people are required each Friday. The estimated time for the task is thirty minutes to an hour. If you are interested in helping in this way, please let the office know or LaVonne Batalden at lavonnemb@gmail.com

Again, thanks!

Thank You from Daily Work

Julie Hoff, Executive Director & Maryellen Skan, Volunteer

One-by-one, Daily Work is providing the emotional and tactical support needed to turn at-risk job seekers into valued employees who have good jobs with growth potential.

In 2016, Daily Work served 250 clients with more than 50 percent securing work. At first glance, these

numbers seem small, but it is part of a hard-earned increase of serving 92% more clients and 117% more operational expense over three years. It also represents more than 125 Minnesotans who, against all odds, tirelessly invested in themselves – learning English and interviewing skills, polishing their resumes – for the opportunity to break out of poverty forever.

It is these job seekers' kids who are the real winners. Research shows that children whose families have incomes of twice the poverty level lead healthier lives and graduate high school. Rather than remediate the many struggles related to poverty, tax payers can reap the benefits of communities where all people can support themselves through sustainable, well-paid work. Daily Work is proud to be a trusted resource that takes direct aim at closing these equality gaps.

Thank you for your recent gift of \$200. We appreciate your partnership in this effort.

To learn more about Daily Work, go to www.Daily-work.org; click on subscribe to sign-up for our e-newsletter.

Safe Church, Safe Kids

Amy Blumenshine

A strong turnout of over 40 parishioners learned from our expert Karen Stevenson how to protect our children from being molested. We watched videos where sexual predators explained how they targeted children and church activities. We want all those who will be caring for our children to watch the training and clear a criminal background check. Please see Pastor Laurie if you'll be caring for our children and missed the training in order to see the video and get on the list for the background checks. Read our Safe Church policy:

<http://oursavioursmpls.org/uploads/pdf/OSLC%20safe%20church%20policy%202015.pdf>

We each have a role in protecting our children.

Another OSLC effort to prevent sexualized violence concerns ending sex trafficking, which commonly starts with childhood sexual assault and substance addictions. The play *Body and Sold*, being shown through November 2, features actors voicing the actual words of those who have been sex trafficked. See <http://chainreactiontp.com/body-and-sold/> for performance venues and times. A coalition of southside churches are addressing this sadly local issue.

Getting on the Calendar

Deborah Smith, Office Manager

Recently I was asked how to get a church event onto our church calendar. Here's how: if possible, before choosing a date, check the paper calendar (in the office) and/or the online calendar:

oursavioursmpls.org/calendar

Email or call me, or leave a Post-It Note on the paper calendar. (Please do not write directly on the paper calendar. The Post-it Note alerts me that there is a new request so that your meeting gets on *both* calendars.)

On your Post-it Note, add your name so I may contact you if there's a problem. Add the date you are requesting, too. Even though you stick it on the correct date, those pesky office elves have been known to move pieces of paper around.

"Why two calendars?" Many of you remember a time when there was only one paper calendar in the office – and it was a lot simpler!

Now, however, many of our prospective members find us through our website or through social media. Among current members, even some of our most active don't attend worship services as often as our parents and grandparents did. Consequently, we strive to keep an up-to-date public calendar – one that's right out there where anyone can see what's going on at church.

Our Google calendar serves this purpose. It is also used to print the calendars you see in our Worship Folders, *Sentinel*, and other publications. Increasingly, it has

become our "main" calendar. It is updated at least weekly.

Announcements

Sharing our Joys and Sorrows. Share your important events – births, hospitalizations, etc. Any church member is welcome to join our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/32874369619/.

Thank You from Dr. Gobeh: "Thanks for this substantial support towards the Current for Curran Project. May the Good Lord continue to touch you at all times with His Endless Blessings. We will provide updates along the way. We are receiving Delegates from the ELCA who are coming to celebrate the solar project at Phebe [Lutheran Hospital in Liberia]. They will pay a visit to Curran hospital on the 28 Nov."

Lectionary Texts for Home Devotions

November 5 (All Saints): Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

November 12: Amos 5:18-24; Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 (alternate); Psalm 70; Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 (alternate); 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13;

November 19: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30;

November 26: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46



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