

The Sentinel

May 2021

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

Our Current Context

Pastor Laurie Eaton

Our city, state, and nation were on pins and needles, anxiously awaiting the verdict in the trial of Derrick Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd. The city invested millions in “security” equipment and personnel, determined to prevent any version of the property destruction that we witnessed last summer immediately following Floyd’s death. Tensions ran high. The jury deliberation was swift, and the verdict was “guilty” on all three counts.

It seemed as though the whole city breathed. I personally felt a strange combination of relief and grief, satisfaction and the tragic recognition that a guilty verdict was far too little, far too late, for any real justice for George Floyd. He died at the hands of a system that claims to protect and serve, that for him, and his family, did neither. “The system” simply decided to hold one man accountable for one terrible injustice.

It’s not enough, dear friends. One conviction does not change a system that brutalizes black men (and others) for the color of their skin. But it does...it might...provide an opening, and an opportunity for the white dominant culture to face the truth, confess to our complicity in a system that generally serves people with lighter skin just fine, and to demand change. Change that will recognize the God-given, precious humanity of all people. This really shouldn’t be a radical idea. God has been telling us to love one another from the beginning of time. As followers of Jesus, we have (more) work to do.

Over the last several years we have been working to provide opportunities for our congregation to pull back the veneer of white respectability, and to tell the truth about what our Black, indigenous, people of color (BIPOC) siblings have always known. We have read books and had discussions, we have watched videos and invited guest speakers, and we have invited each other to look into our own implicit bias and at the history of our church. Telling the truth is only the first step. In church language we call this confession. It is the place from which we are freed to live in repentance – to no longer be bound by the sin that insists on shaping us. The miracle of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection is that God declares us forgiven and liberates us from the chains of systems, beliefs, and old behaviors that bind us. We are freed by God’s amazing grace to change the systems of oppression and our participation in them. And this is really, really Good News!

One man has been held accountable by the legal system for a murder rooted in a deeper system of white supremacy culture. It is a step. Together we will continue our commitment to dismantle white supremacy, to work with others on transforming our society, and to see the holiness in every one of God’s beloved creatures. May it be so.

Zoom Worship with Holy Communion Sundays at 10:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84676141042?pwd=eEVQV04wTDFETUZWjRXQXpqeEZqdz09>

Meeting ID: 846 7614 1042, Passcode: 654340

If you are joining just for Coffee Hour, use the same link above.

Worship Folders

To get your worship folder, head over to oursavioursmpls.org and find it under the Worship, Music and Arts tab.

Adult Forums in May

May 2 – Join the Covid Advisory Team for another update regarding the current state of vaccinations, variants, and safety recommendations and protocols.

May 9 – The Racial Justice Team will explain about the Police Abolition Discussion Circles: what they are, how you can participate, what to expect. Let's come together to discuss possibilities for genuine public safety.

Wednesday Night Zoom Gatherings

Greetings, all!

As we continue to be physically apart from one another, this May, we will have a chance to come together on zoom for a time of grounding in different practices. Where it can feel really disengaging at the moment, we'll offer some exercises similar to lectio divina and some others that'll be a new practice to engage with ourselves, one another, and the Divine. Our time will be brief - around 30 minutes. Wednesdays in May (the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th) starting at 7:00 p.m.

tskorburg001@luthersem.edu is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: OSLC Wednesday Night Zoom Gathering

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/97295185254?pwd=aGpTcXlIVFozMUIMRGVhV0RsVjdhdz09>

Meeting ID: 972 9518 5254 Passcode: 676151

Email tskorburg001@luthersem.edu if you're interested at all or to ask any questions!

First Wednesday Evening Prayer

Mark your calendar to participate in **Evening Prayer at 7:00pm on May 5th**. We will gather via Zoom for silence and song, for reading and prayer, for candle-lighting and meditation. Give yourself the gift of this healing space and time.

Trip to Palisade, MN to witness and learn about Line 3 Saturday, May 15

Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell

We have been invited by Indigenous leaders as communities of faith and spiritual practice to be present, helpful, and prayerful at the Water Protector Welcome Center in Palisade, MN, which is directly adjacent to the proposed crossing under the Mississippi River of the Line 3 oil pipeline. It is an active construction site, a place of creative resistance, a place of prayer, and a place to build community for the Indigenous-led movement to protect land, water, and climate for future generations. Our role is multifaceted but boils down to the request from Indigenous leaders to join them in prayer at the river, to build people power that is visible and grounded in our deepest values of moving toward a hopeful future. We need all of us to stop this pipeline, and now is the time to show up in solidarity.

It is a little under 3 hours each way, so it will be a long day. We imagine caravanning up there in several cars. It will be a Covid safe event - we will wear masks and physically distance outdoors the whole time. Engaging in creation care and climate justice is one of our strategic goals; here is a chance to connect even more deeply with this particular issue. You can read more about the trip guidelines here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a8w40T8NAPb8RPUw-a-QyZEg9f6zq1PdYTWIkEqvgrM/edit>

If you would like to go on this trip, please contact Pastor Martha, and she will be in touch with more information and details.

Day Camp update – Soil and Spirit, June 21-25

Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell

Our ecumenical day camp for kids is back this summer! Our theme is ‘Soil and Spirit.’ We will be digging into the bible, doing art together, writing a song, learning about soil from a soil scientist who goes by “Dr. Dirt,” and more. We will be doing a virtual camp again for elementary kids with live Zooms in the morning followed by some other online video content that kids can access during the day, supplemented with a couple of evening in-person, outdoor, masked gatherings. We also are offering a middle and high school camp in the afternoons during the week and are hoping to have a crew of high schoolers help lead the elementary kids online and at the in-person gatherings.

Please keep day camp leaders in your prayers as we put together a meaningful, safe, relational, faith-forming camp together. It’s a joyful challenge to prepare for another camp experience as the pandemic continues. I look forward to the day when we can have OSLC volunteers helping out on site and in person – here’s hoping 2022 is a different experience!

You can check out our website is here to learn more and to register kids. The camp is for kids who are 5 and older, but if littler ones want to register to be part of the morning Zooms, by all means you can!

<https://sites.google.com/view/southminneapolisdaycamp2021/home>

Summer Intergenerational Event at Baker Park

Saturday, July 31

Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell

Save the date for a day of fun for our church family! Baker Park is located on scenic Lake Independence and offers 2,700 acres of natural landscape and accommodations for many activities: swimming, hiking, camping, and picnicking. Explore the lake with your own watercraft or rent from the park. Try out the newly constructed playground. There are so many fun things to do. Baker Park Reserve is 29 miles or 23 minutes from church: 2309 Baker Park Rd, Maple Plain, MN 55359.

If you would like to camp at Baker Park on Friday or Saturday, you can find more information about reserving a campsite here: <https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/baker-campground>

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 31st. There will be more information to come. We will have Covid protocols in place and will communicate those closer to the date.

Calling all graduates!

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

We'd like to celebrate all our High School, College, and Grad School graduates in June. Please contact Alex in the office (alex@oursavioursmpls.org) or call the church office (612-871-2967) so we can recognize you in the June Sentinel and at a Drive by celebration at church.

From the Property Committee

We don't know yet when we will be able to return to worshipping in the building, but we do know that the grounds around the building are in regular need of care and attention. Mark your calendar for these monthly clean up days and join in tending to our property. Tasks will include things like picking up trash, maybe light gardening (ok...pulling weeds), and whatever else might need sprucing up. Come once or come every month – wear a mask, plan to maintain safe distance, and bring whatever tools you think you might need. Thanks!

Regular clean up days/yard work days through the fall: (start time is 10:00am, except for the hottest months, see below)

May 8

June 12

July 10 at 9:00 (it can get hot early in the day)

August 14 at 9:00

Sept 11

Oct 9

1st Quarter Statements

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

You should have received your 1st Quarter Giving statement thru email or thru the mail the week of April 19th. If you have any questions about your statement, or if you didn't get one and expected one, please contact Nancy Nygaard Johnson at n2j2@comcast.net, or call the church office on Mondays between 10am and 2pm. If you got your statement thru the mail, and would like to sign up to get it thru email to help us save on paper and postage, email Nancy with that request.

News from the Synod Assembly

Pastor Laurie Eaton

The Minneapolis Area Synod met in Assembly via Zoom for the very first time on the weekend of April 23rd and 24th. Thanks to our elected voting members from Our Saviour's: Cindy Devereaux, Per Halaas, and Freya Hauer for representing us at this event.

We began with keynote speaker Drew Hart, professor in theology at Messiah University, author of *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* who reminded us that the white Christian church needs to be "explicitly and intentionally" anti-racist and de-colonizing. He said the challenge for white congregations is that we don't want to talk about "power" and this stands in the way of any real change or reform in the church. He used the image of inviting visitors to your home to "make yourself comfortable" versus remodeling the whole structure to make space for everyone.

We learned of the many ways congregational financial support is being used – both in the synod and at the national level – to meet the needs of our neighbors; from investing in primarily black neighborhoods, to addressing addiction and mental health, to caring for people dealing with the aftermath of natural disasters. Our contributions reach far beyond our walls.

We heard again from Dr. Michael Osterholm about the current situation around the Covid-19 pandemic, and his remarks were both encouraging and cautionary. We will hear a summary of his remarks at our Adult Forum on Sunday, May 2.

We took up and approved several resolutions:

- Updating the synod budget according to current financial reality
- Acknowledging the situation of violence in Ethiopia and urging national and international leaders to seek resolution to the violence and human rights violations of Oromo people.
- Opposing the construction of the Line 3 pipeline
- Urging our church leaders to reach out to our national legislators take a leadership role in efforts to bring together the nine nuclear nations to work toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons as stipulated in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- Asking the Minneapolis Area Synod to resource conflict-free materials when purchasing any new computer equipment, support companies to do the same, and urge all congregations of the Minneapolis Area Synod to consider the same. This resolution points to the Enough Project Conflict Minerals Company Rankings for everyone to learn more.

Several of these resolutions had parallel memorials, which ask the ELCA in Assembly to take up and approve the same measures.

It's important to remember that our congregation is knit together with other ELCA congregations in our own region and the US, to extend the work of loving our neighbors around the world, with a reach that is beyond our individual capacity. God is at work even through our flawed human institutions.

Mission of the Month: Our Saviour's Housing

Greetings Friends,

It's been a year since my first message to you about Our Saviour's Housing, and what a year it has been. Thanks to your support – through donations during Mission of the Month and throughout the year – and the support of other individuals and faith communities, we have more than weathered this storm. Building on the lessons we've learned, *we are transforming our model of service* for people experiencing homelessness in our community.

Last May we moved our guests to individual hotel rooms to protect them from the pandemic. We succeeded. Of more than 200 guests we've sheltered this year, in partnership with St. Stephen's Human Services, *only 6* have tested positive for COVID. Just as important, we've been thrilled to observe how people thrive in more private, stable housing. As a result, we have renovated our shelter to provide more individual rooms. And when our guests return in June, we plan to continue providing services 24/7, as we have at the hotel.

Of course, this costs more than the traditional model of higher-density, evening-only shelter. But now that we've seen what's possible, *we aren't going back*. With your continued support, we are committed to preserving this “new normal,” which better ensures the dignity, stability, and wellbeing of the most vulnerable among us.

On behalf of everyone at Our Saviour's Community Services, thank you for your generous and steadfast support during this transformative year. *We couldn't have done this without you*. And thank you in advance for the support we know we can count on, as we move ahead with renewed purpose and hope.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David G." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Interim Executive Director, OSCS

Helping Hand Fund

Pastor Laurie Eaton

At the beginning of the pandemic a year ago, donations streamed in from many generous donors, with the understanding that people might be facing financial challenges in the midst of all the unknowns. It turns out that last year we had very little in the way of requests for assistance, but I anticipated it might take a little time for the effects of the economic downturn to reach our congregation, and that is what happened. In recent months we have received quite a few requests for assistance with rent, utility bills, phone bills, and other basic expenses, and our balance in the Helping Hand fund is running quite low. This fund won't be the Mission of the Month until December of 2021. If you are able to make a special donation to this fund, so that we can help members and close neighbors as financial needs arise, your pastors, and the people you support through us, will be very grateful. Thanks for considering.

Join us for Daily Work's 2021 Steps to Success!

This year's Steps to Success benefit honors our collective strength and resiliency with inspiring stories from the Daily Work Community. Experience the impact of Daily Work's employment and mentoring services on job seekers in our community. As one of Daily Work's founding congregations, your continued support is vital to our organization and the success of our job seekers.

The event will be hosted by award-winning actor, vocalist, arts educator and community contributor T. Mychael Rambo – known for his baritone voice and principal roles on the stages of every major theater in the Twin Cities, Carnegie Hall, and venues in Africa, Europe and South America.

Date: Tuesday, May 18

Time: 7:00-7:45 pm (Virtual Show)

RSVP: steps-to-success-registration.eventbrite.com

(Free to attend but you must register in order to receive a link to join the event.)

Questions: contact Maryellen (skan@umn.edu or 612-623-7805)

Police Abolition Learning Circles

Allyson Green

Though it seemed this summer that the tragedy of George Floyd's death would be enough to galvanize our police force to shake off its racist and violent trappings, the list of names of POC murdered by the police continues to grow, with Daunte Wright, Adam Toledo, and others we have not seen and heard about yet. More and more white people have woken up to the reality that our system of policing needs to change. But at the same time, many white people are still deeply invested in the police. Many of us condemn the most violent thing the police do, but are uneasy about questioning policing as a whole; while others get defensive when people make any critiques at the police. Many believe there is no other way that our communities can be safe; but, is that true? Who has said that we must do safety this way? Where did policing come from? While the police protect many white people, hasn't this system also diminished our skills and relationships so that we rely on a violent system to solve many problems that it is not equipped to solve?

This spring the Racial Justice Team is coordinating participation in Showing Up For Racial Justice's (SURJ) Police Abolition Learning Circles. These circles are designed for white people to learn about white supremacy culture and abolition. The police abolition circles are facilitated groups consisting of 5-7 people coming together to work through learnings and reflection around the roots of policing in the US, combined with ongoing reflection about our own associations with police, teachings about what keeps us safe, and opportunities to connect with what happens in our bodies when we think about a world without policing. These circles are designed for white people to get more clear on our own barriers, both conscious and unconscious, towards supporting this vision of abolition. The circles are designed to be challenging and educational while also prioritizing connection with one another and with our own bodies.

We will have two circles for OSLC members beginning in May and running for about two months. On average, circles meet every other week for about 1.5-2 hours, but each group will decide on a schedule that works best for them. The curriculum was created by SURJ Leaders in partnership with Black Visions Collective and Reclaim the Block.

If you're interested in signing up for a circle or learning more, reach out to Allyson Green at green.allyson@gmail.com.

Morality and Weapons

Amy Blumenshine

The OSLC resolution to ban nuclear weapons was passed by the synod assembly April 23. Give yourselves a pat on the back for helping our greater church boost its efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons! We ally with the rest of the world taking advantage of the opportunity of the new international Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We hope to shift funds internationally from bombs to balms.

Our synod committee that prepares for the votes considered our resolution non-controversial, so it was passed without debate. Watch what youth delegate Freya Hauer was prepared to say at https://youtu.be/N_GvAlxkBFA

{ Learn more about the current peril and opportunity regarding nuclear weapons at <http://oursavioursmpis.org/additional-resources.html>

And it's important to remember the moral injury cost to the military members whom we task with carrying out nuclear annihilation orders. A former USAF participant in the regular "war games" that practice making nuclear war has reflected on the personal impact. She prepared this statement in support of our resolution:

"It is part of our biology that will we fight to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Our leaders have historically exploited this quality for the mutual defense of our cities and nations. But sometimes the morality of this breaks down. It did so in the crushing industrialization of the First World War. And it did so again with the introduction of nuclear weapons in the Second World War. Both involved gross distortions of scale. Scale of numbers, scale of power, and now in drone technology, scale of distance. The soldier's morality is that of an individual. Scale ascends to the gods. Our native sense of fair play impedes an easy acceptance of these means. We use the term moral guilt. Moral guilt is soul numbing. Why should a just society burden its most courageous and selfless citizens with such despair? My own limited exposure to nuclear power when I served in the USAF was surreal and cataclysmic. Let the leaders speak. Let the airmen carry out their orders. Mutual annihilating destruction would be the end result. We could only carry out these discussions by suspending our disbelief."

And that willing self-deception was mentioned to me by other veterans who were in the chain of command of nuclear weapons. "Just try not to think about it" was the common mantra. It's too much to expect of any individual, but as a church, as a society, surely we must examine what we are investing to do.

In a just released report, US military expenditures grew by 4.4 per cent in 2020—despite the pandemic -- to \$778 billion. That's more than the total of the next 11 countries combined. {If possible, include chart} Worldwide military expenditure in 2020 are estimated to have been \$1981 billion, the highest level since 1988.*

Can we now with our painfully earned 2020 vision move into the maturity of 21 by examining the likely consequences of our actions?

We need to challenge the myth that spending ever more money on warfare will make us safer. Communities know what makes them feel safe, and it's not increasing nuclear warheads or building killer robots. It's things like secure housing, decent work, tackling the climate crisis, pandemic preparedness and ending institutional racism.

(* 1988 is the earliest year that the Stockholm International Peace Institute, SIPRI, has a consistent estimate for total global military spending. https://www.sipri.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/fs_2104_milex_0.pdf)

percentage shares may not add up to stated totals or subtotals due to the conventions of rounding.

Rank	2020	2019 ^a	Country	Spending (\$ b.)	Change (%)		Spending as a share of GDP (%) ^b		World share (%)
				2020	2019-20	2011-20	2020	2011	2020
1	1		United States	778	4.4	-10	3.7	4.8	39
2	2		China	[252]	1.9	76	[1.7]	[1.7]	[12]
3	3		India	72.9	2.1	34	2.9	2.7	3.7
4	4		Russia	61.7	2.5	26	4.3	3.4	3.1
5	6		United Kingdom	59.2	2.9	-4.2	2.2	2.5	3.0
Subtotal top 5				1 224	..	..	..	..	62
6	5		Saudi Arabia	[57.5]	-10	2.2	[8.4]	[7.2]	[2.9]
7	8		Germany	52.8	5.2	28	1.4	1.2	2.7
8	7		France	52.7	2.9	9.8	2.1	1.9	2.7
9	9		Japan	49.1	1.2	2.4	1.0	1.0	2.5
10	10		South Korea	45.7	4.9	41	2.8	2.5	2.3
Subtotal top 10				1 482	..	..	..	..	78
11	11		Italy	28.9	7.5	-1.3	1.6	1.5	1.5
12	12		Australia	27.5	5.9	33	2.1	1.8	1.4
13	14		Canada	22.8	2.9	26	1.4	1.2	1.1
14	16		Israel	21.7	2.7	32	5.6	5.8	1.1
15	13		Brazil	19.7	-3.1	2.1	2.4	1.4	1.0
Subtotal top 15				1 463	..	..	..	..	81
16	15		Turkey	17.7	-5.0	77	2.8	2.0	0.9
17	17		Spain	17.4	-0.2	0.6	1.4	1.3	0.9
18	18		Iran	15.8	-3.0	-23	2.2	2.4	0.8
19	20		Poland	13.0	8.7	60	2.2	1.8	0.7
20	19		Netherlands	12.6	1.8	15	2.4	1.3	0.6
21	21		Taiwan	12.2	5.5	12	1.9	2.1	0.6
22	22		Singapore	10.9	3.4	23	3.2	3.2	0.6
23	23		Pakistan	10.4	-2.8	55	4.0	3.1	0.5
24	24		Algeria	9.7	-3.4	30	6.7	4.3	0.5
25	26		Indonesia	9.4	5.4	83	0.9	0.7	0.5
26	25		Colombia	9.2	-0.3	28	3.4	3.1	0.5
27	30		Thailand	7.3	1.0	26	2.5	1.5	0.4
28	28		Norway	7.1	-0.1	37	1.9	1.5	0.4
29	27		Iraq	(7.0)	-8.0	47	(4.1)	(2.3)	(0.4)
30	29		Kuwait	6.9	-5.9	17	6.5	3.5	0.3
31	32		Oman	[6.7]	1.7	22	[1.1]	[7.4]	[0.3]
32	33		Sweden	6.5	6.8	34	1.2	1.1	0.3
33	31		Mexico	6.1	-0.7	36	0.6	0.5	0.3
34	35		Ukraine	[5.9]	11	190	[4.1]	[1.3]	[0.3]
35	39		Romania	5.7	21	178	2.3	1.3	0.3
36	37		Switzerland	5.7	6.1	23	0.8	0.7	0.3
37	38		Belgium	5.5	12	6.4	1.1	1.0	0.3
38	34		Greece	5.3	-4.3	-7.5	2.8	2.5	0.3
39	40		Denmark	5.0	6.2	24	2.4	2.3	0.3
40	45		Morocco	4.8	29	54	4.3	3.3	0.2
Subtotal top 40				1 827	..	..	..	..	92
World				1 981	2.6	9.2	2.4	2.4	100

.. = data not available or not applicable; () = uncertain estimate; [] = SIPRI estimate; GDP = gross domestic product.

2015 Mother Emmanuel Massacre

Amy Blumenshine

Learn the true and remarkable story about the 2015 Emanuel massacre, where parishioners attending Bible Study at the historic Mother Emanuel Black church were reprehensibly gunned down by an ELCA Lutheran. Zoom in to watch a movie at 6:30 pm Monday , or, if you've seen it, just attend the discussion after the showing around 8 pm. The movie portrays both horror and inspiring forgiveness.

Various subgroups of OSLC have been grappling with White Supremacy and the call to transformation of our current moment. And we continue to lean on the strengths of our spiritual tradition. Contact amyblumenshine@mac.com if you'd like to get the Zoom link.

A trailer for the movie is at <https://www.starz.com/us/en/play/57965>

Broken bones don't stop ISALIAH volunteer

Mark Anderson

Last December, Marki Wogstad-Hansen was settling in for Christmas in the winter home she shares with husband in Florida.

Any holiday plans she was preparing were short-circuited, though, when Marki — a long-time Our Saviour's member — had a serious cycling accident that left her with a broken collar bone, limited mobility and an arduous six months of physical therapy and recovery.

A painful setback, but it didn't dampen Marki's commitment to advocate for police reform back in Minneapolis as an ISALIAH leader in Minneapolis and at Our Saviour's.

ISALIAH is a coalition of faith communities and individuals who work to establish economic and racial equity in communities throughout Minnesota.

In January, as work proceeded on the launch of ISALIAH's 2021 state and municipal agendas, Marki stayed in touch during her Florida recuperation via phone and emails. Thanks to Zoom, she attended core team meetings, phone-banking shifts, and was always available to provide brainstorming and support.

"I wanted to stay connected with Minneapolis," she said. "I think this moment in history is giving us an opportunity to make the community safer for all Minnesotans," and to take another step toward establishing the "beloved community."

Marki's recent advocacy has targeted reform of police procedures and the climate that had resulted in a litany of local Black men who died or were injured in police custody.

The death of George Floyd at the hands of former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin, cast a bright light on the violent treatment of Black alleged offenders by police.

But the list of stories of police violence and misconduct has touched many more.

Members of Black congregations and Black barbershops that ISALIAH has organized, along with a coalition of mostly East African Minnesota mosques, interviewed hundreds of people from their communities after George Floyd's death last May.

In the streets they encountered the antagonism that's been splitting communities apart.

But Christ provides us with a powerful antidote for that despair, Marki says. "I believe the work is grounded in Christ's admonition to love one another as God loves us,"

Marki first got involved in advocacy in 2012, when ISALIAH led the Minnesota effort to defeat a proposed Voter ID amendment to the state's Constitution. That rule would have tightened voting procedures and, based on historical data, would also have disproportionately discouraged elderly, low-income and young voters.

"My sister moved to Minneapolis after a crisis in her life, and she didn't have a current driver's license," Marki remembers. "My brother-in-law, who's trained as a lawyer, needed nine months to work it out and get identification that enabled her to vote. That voting amendment was clearly an effort to suppress votes," she said.

ISALIAH's phone bankers and canvassers were able to reverse the popular support the Voter ID movement had built up by telling the personal stories of citizens, young and old, who faced new obstacles to voting if the amendment passed.

"The results made me realize how powerful it is to get on the phone and connect with many people, sharing our stories," Marki said.

Our Saviour's next ISALIAH Core Team

Sunday, May 23, 12:30-2 p.m.

De-brief on end of session at the Legislature, and challenges emerging in municipal elections in Minneapolis and beyond. Contact Paula Keller (612) 822-9122, and-kell@bitstream.net; or David Scheie (612) 232-2912, dscheie@touchstone-center.com for more information.

May 2021 at Our Saviour's

Sat, May 1	9-12pm	Intergenerational Event at Wabun Picnic area
Sun, May 2	9:00am 10:30am	Adult Forum– Covid Advisory Team Worship with Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom
Monday May 3	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting on Zoom
Tues, May 4	12:30-2pm	Online Staff Meeting on Zoom
Wed, May 5	10:15-12pm 7:00pm	Online Bible Study on Zoom Contemplative Prayer on Zoom
Fri, May 7	7:00am	Men's Breakfast at Butter Café and on Zoom
Sun, May 9	9:00am 10:30am	Adult Forum– Racial Justice Team Worship with Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom
Tues, May 11	12:30-2pm	Online Staff Meeting on Zoom
Wed, May 12	10:15-12pm	Online Bible Study on Zoom
Sun, May 16	10:30am	Worship with Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom
Tues, May 18	12:30-2pm	Online Staff Meeting on Zoom
Wed, May 19	10:15-12pm	Online Bible Study on Zoom
Sun, May 23	10:30am 12:30	Worship with Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom Isaiah Team Meeting on Zoom
Tues, May 25	9am 12:30-2pm	Sentinel Deadline Online Staff Meeting on Zoom
Wed, May 26	10:15-12pm	Online Bible Study on Zoom
Sun, May 30	10:30am	Worship with Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom
Monday May 31		Memorial Day– OFFICE CLOSED

Lectionary Text for Home Devotions

May 2	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8
May 9	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
May 16	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19
May 23	Acts 2:1-21 Ezekiel 37:1-14 (alternate) Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 Acts 2:1-21 (alternate) John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 30	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

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- Alison and Jared Brandell-Douglas
- Lila Zamora, (daughter of Julie Zamora)
- Joel Beard's sister-in-law Kelly, brother Nathan

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