



# Our Savior's Good News

## Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone

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### Ponderings from the Pastor.....

The season of Epiphany has as its basis the story of the great revelation of the Birth Story of Jesus to the entire world. The Good News that God has birthed a man, Immanuel, to save His people from their sin begins in Bethlehem and travels out to all the world with all of our lessons from the Epiphany cycle.

On the first of March we celebrated another season within the church year, the Season of Lent. This season will serve to tell us and all who care to hear about the salvation story of how Jesus would take on the sin of the world, suffer at the hands of mankind, and then be killed to fulfill God's purpose. We dare not stop there, though, for the

story is more involved than that.

While Epiphany traces the news traveling through all of mankind, Jew and Gentile alike, and Lent, highlights how



Jesus would die, the great and glorious message of the Easter season frames everything else for our consideration. Jesus is raised from the dead. God completes His promises to man-

kind. Salvation has been won on the cross of Calvary, and now the Empty Tomb. What a glorious moment in the story of God's great creation.

Join us each week as we

celebrate these seasons in our worship. God's love and grace are made plain to us as we hear His Word and share in His Meals .

We are Blessed!

*Pastor Jon*

The Ladies of OSLC preparing lunch for the Jesus Loves You Ministries.



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### Council Highlights

- **Approved capping Benevolence Fund at \$5,000.**
- **Evangelism/ Outreach Yard sales on March 17 was successful**
- **Report of Audit**

*...from the President's pen*

"In the Bleak Mid Winter" certainly hasn't pertained to us this year! The winter has been mild, and now the temperatures are in the 80's! You couldn't ask for better weather. Overall, the health of the Congregation has been good, but there has been a lot of tiredness as people travel to visit their families, and, more often, their families come there to visit them.

The main excitement of this year is that the Church turns 5 years old! We were blessed to have Pastor Clyde with us for the first 3 1/3 years, and now we have been blessed in having Pastor Jon with us for the past 1 and 2/3 years. We will celebrate his 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary in a couple of months. Time flies.....

Shirley Lowing held a Church Garage Sale a few weeks ago. Clean treasures were accepted in the week preceding the sale (currently set for March). Proceeds will go directly to the Church. Help was provided to supply the treasures, and to sell them on that day. It's also a great chance to tell the neighborhood all about our friendly little Church.



We had a lovely Ash Wednesday Service yesterday, and everybody went home with big ashy splotches in the middle of their foreheads. I think it was because everybody moved while Pastor drew the Cross on their foreheads.

Remember to ask all your family and friends to come visit us for Holy Week and Easter, as we celebrate the Freedom and Grace that our Lord has bestowed on us! You bring them to the Church, and then sit back and watch the Holy Spirit go to work!

Blessings to all,

*Dean*

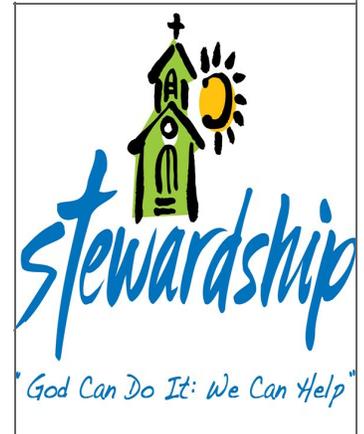
### Treasurer's Report \$\$\$\$



Our Heavenly Father has blessed our people with a strong Stewardship faith !

As of October, 2016

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Savings Account  | \$ 36,878.65 |
| Checking Account | \$ 28,210.43 |
| Building Fund    | \$ 30,839.94 |
| Benevolence Fund | \$ 8,081.21  |



### On the Funny Side!

(who said church has to be boring? )

A Bible group study leader says to his group, "What would you do if you knew you only had four weeks left before the great Judgment Day?" A gentleman says, "I would go out into my community and minister the Gospel to those that have not yet accepted the Lord into their lives." "Very good!" says the group leader. One lady speaks up and says enthusiastically, "I would dedicate all of my remaining time to serving God, my family, my church, and my fellow man with a greater conviction." "That's wonderful!" the group leader comments. One gentleman in the back finally speaks up loudly and says, "I would go to my mother-in-laws house for the four weeks." The group leader asks, "Why your mother-in-law's home?" "Because that will make it the longest four weeks of my life!"





REPORT OF 2016 YEARLY AUDIT

The report of audit was conducted on Saturday March 4, 2017. Present were the Treasurer Dean Carson, Beverly Cisco, Beverly Wilgus, and Jeanne Keyser. All Income and expenses were well documented and in order. Dean has done a fantastic job of keeping the books of accounting in an organized and accurate fashion, according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Our Savior Lutheran Church is very fortunate to have Dean. Thanks Dean for all you do!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Keyser, Audit Chair



Did You Know?

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Celebrated its 5th Year Anniversary On  
Feb 12th!

We made it through the most difficult stages of a church start up! All we need to do is focus on growth. So bring a friend to church!



## CHURCH LIFE AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN



Enjoying a Pot Luck after a Sunday Service

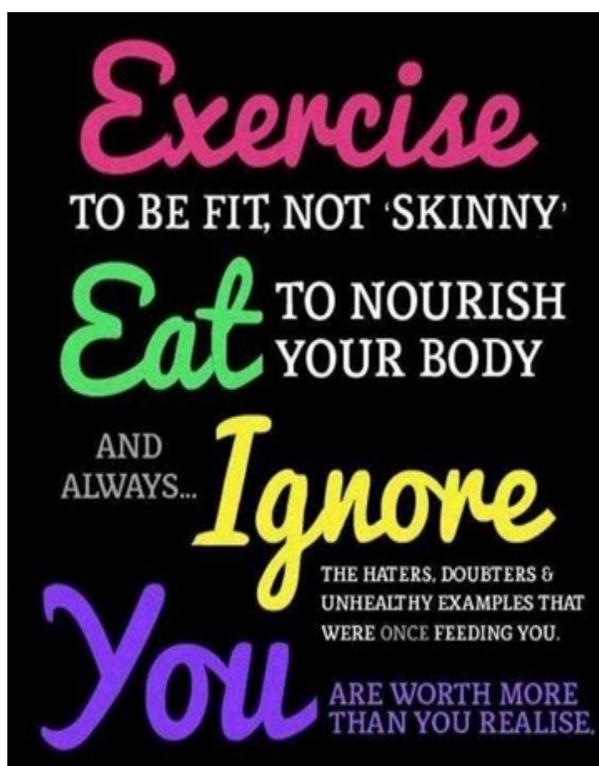


## Upcoming services

Palm Sunday April 9th—10 am  
Maundy Thursday April 13 - 6pm  
Good Friday April 14— 6pm  
Easter Sunday April 16—10 am



# Take care of the body GOD gave you !



### Strawberry Summer Protein Smoothie

5 min prep time , 74 calories, 10 g Protein

Ripe, sweet Strawberries with a touch of fresh basil, give this protein smoothie recipe a light, fresh flavor

#### Ingredients

1 1/2 C fresh strawberries  
1 cup of ice cubes  
2 tsp fresh basil or mint chopped  
2/3 cup egg whites

#### Instructions:

Combine all ingredients in blender. Cover and blend on medium speed until smooth. Serve immediately.

Tip: If berries aren't quite sweet enough add Stevia to desired sweetness.

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### Foods That Accelerate Fat Burning!

Grapefruit.....



Rolled /Steel cut Oats

Green Tea .....



Jalapenos, Habaneros, Cayenne  
peppers

## Anniversaries & Birthdays

### Birthdays

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Sheryl Sinico   | 4/2  |
| Jeri Hope       | 4/8  |
| Dean Carson     | 4/14 |
| Joyce Smolar    | 4/22 |
| Jeff Cisco      | 4/27 |
| Sharon Tessmer  | 5/3  |
| Dan Shaughnessy | 5/5  |
| Shirley Lowing  | 5/11 |
| Bob Wilgus      | 5/13 |
| Sue Whiteman    | 5/16 |
| Pam MacKinnon   | 5/23 |
| Gerd Fagerholm  | 5/26 |

### Anniversary

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Bill & Kay Morlock | 4/5  |
| Roy & Geri McGary  | 4/23 |



Please Pray for :

- All those who are sick or injured.
- OUR TROOPS here and abroad!
- Our Country's Leaders

