



*... from the President's pen*

Spring is upon us, and signs of new life are showing their sleepy heads in all of the gardens and trees. Our New Year's Resolutions have all come and gone. Our Lenten journey will soon be passed. It is indeed a time to be joyous! We know that our Savior lives with us and within us!

Our Church is settling in to our new life with Pastor Jon and Organist Ron. We have never before had such uplifting music, and our sermons have been terrific. We have brought in new Members, and are entertaining new guests almost every week. We have been blessed, and thank the Lord for our many blessings. Our Council has new blood and fresh ideas. Our Congregation is as friendly and welcoming as ever.

Our website has been getting an average of almost 800 hits every month. The weekly bulletins appear there as well as the weekly sermons (all in living color!). Miss coming this week?

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



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

As of February 29, 2016

Savings Account	\$ 67,684.74
Checking Account	\$ 31,829.84
Building Fund	\$ 29,099.94
Benevolence Fund	\$ 6,056.96

### On the Funny Side!

(who said church has to be boring?)



### The End Is Nigh- er Than You Thought

A Priest and a pastor are standing by the side of the road holding up a sign that reads "The end is Near! Turn around NOW before it's too Late!"

A passing driver yells, "You guys are nuts!" and speeds past them. From around the curve, they hear screeching tires—then a big splash.

The priest turns to the pastor and says, "Do you think we should just put up a sign that says "Bridge Out" instead?"

As the Holy Week approaches, I hope that all will be looking forward to our Maundy Thursday dinner at the Church. On Good Friday, we will be having a wonderful evening Service.

And, of course, on Easter Sunday we will all be celebrating the resurrection of our Savior. Invite your neighbors and friends and relatives to come and share the journey of Christ with you and us. Blessings, and a Happy Easter to all! ..... *Dean*





### CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE WWW.OSLC-LCMC.COM

If you haven't visited our new web site, check it out! Dean Carson, our new web master, has done a fabulous job creating and fabricating our new site. Need to know times of our services, special events, or who to call for information?

Or how about Biography's of our staff? Do you know we have a Mission Statement and a Statement of Faith? Missed Church service on Sunday? Now you can get caught up on the sermons ! Yes its all there in our web site. THANK YOU DEAN!



### AHH THE GOLDEN YEARS!

Special poem for older Folks: A row of bottles on my shelf, caused me to analyze myself. One yellow pill I have to POP, goes to my heart so it won't stop. A little white one that I take, goes to my hands so they won't shake. The blue ones that I use a lot, tell me I'm happy when I'm not. The purple pill goes to my brain, and tells me that I have no pain. The capsules tell me not to wheeze or cough or choke or even sneeze... The red ones, smallest of them all, go to my blood so I won't fall. The orange ones, very big and bright, prevent my leg cramps in the night. Such an array of brilliant pills helping to cure all kind of ills. But what I'd really like to know..... is what tells each one where to go!

#### \*\*\*\*\* Upcoming Events \*\*\*\*\*

Maundy Thursday Soup & Sandwich Supper

March 24th 5pm Food items needed. See Geri McGary

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Good Friday Service March 25 6pm

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Bible Study

Every other Wednesday morning 10 am

Check Bulletin for dates

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Easter Sunday Service March 27th 10 am



Upcoming Council Meetings

Tuesday April 5 @ 7pm

Tuesday May 3 @ 7pm

Tuesday June 7 @ 7pm

July & August Council is in recess unless there is an emergency

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### PLEASE HELP!

It is Building and Grounds job to ensure that the Church is set up according to the directions of the Worship Committee. If you could volunteer an hour or two during the month to help with set up or other areas please contact Bev or Bob Wilgus 941-698-0886.

*Always remember, "Jesus wants you for a sunbeam to shine on Him each day".*



# CHURCH LIFE AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

**Correspondence**, a letter was received from Gordon and Terry LeClair advising that due to health issues they do not plan to return to Florida. Their membership will be moved to an inactive status.

**President**, there were 737 hits on the OSLC website in January.

**Vice-President**, after some discussion it was confirmed that we will continue to print a newsletter with a goal of producing a newsletter quarterly. All are encouraged to send information to Jeanne as soon as possible. Twenty-five copies will be printed and the newsletter will be posted on the website.

## **DO YOU KNOW ? ...Our Savior Lutheran Church Council**

**Pastor—Jon Kosec**

**President/Treasurer - Dean Carson,  
Vice-President - Jeanne Keyser,  
Recording Secretary - Beverly Cisco  
Property/Facility Chair - Bob Wilgus,  
Worship Chair - Beverly Wilgus,  
Outreach/Evangelism Chair -Geri McGary,  
Stewardship Chair - Stephanie Ings,  
Members-at-Large Roy McGary and  
Bubbles Burress.**



The Council meets monthly with the exception of July and August when there is a recess. Please note that during the recess a meeting will be called should the need arise.

Council Meetings are open to all members of the congregation. Any member of the congregation can address the council or ask a member of council to address an issue at the next Council Meeting. Please remember only Council Members can make a motion and vote.

Now you know who the Council Members are and when they meet but do you know your role? Many of the Council Chairs need assistance. So volunteer your time and talents to one or more of the committees and don't worry if you don't think you know how a particular committee works. Each of you will bring your own strength. Also bring suggestions or questions to either a member of council or the entire council.

**Bev Cisco, Recording Secretary**



# CHURCH LIFE AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

## Ravioli with Tomatoes, White Beans, and Escarole



This recipe combines Mediterranean spices and white beans to get protein-packed pasta.

**Ingredients:** Four-cheese ravioli, great Northern beans, diced tomatoes, basil, oregano, red pepper, fresh escarole or spinach, grated Asiago cheese - **Calories:** 329

1 (9-ounce) package fresh four-cheese ravioli

1 (15- to 16-ounce) can Great Northern or navy beans, rinsed and drained

1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained

1/2 teaspoon dried basil

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper

6 cups chopped fresh escarole or spinach

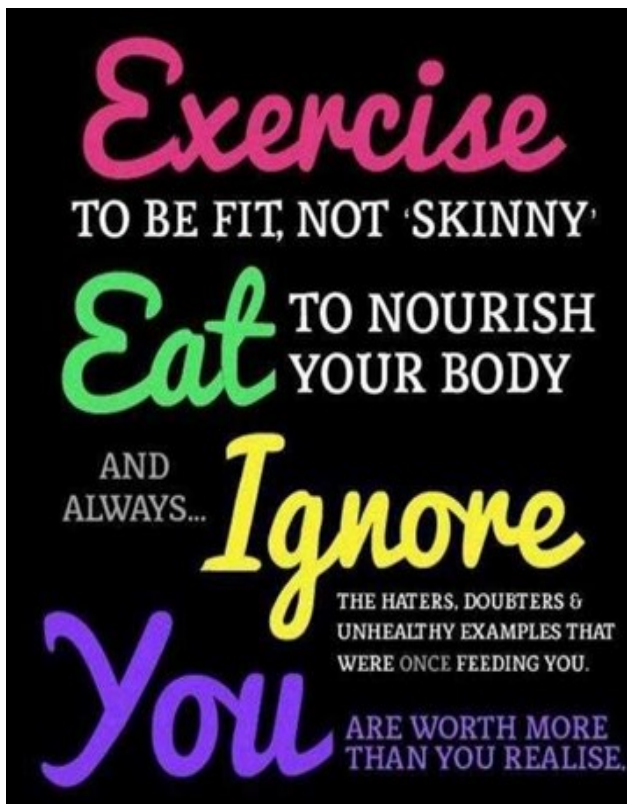
1/4 cup water

1/4 cup (1 ounce) grated Asiago cheese

1. Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt and fat.

2. Combine the beans, tomatoes, basil, oregano, and red pepper in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil; stir in escarole. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 3 minutes or until escarole is wilted. Stir in pasta and 1/4 cup water; cook 1 minute or until thoroughly heated. Sprinkle with cheese.

## Take care of the body GOD gave you !



### *The 8-Hour Myth*

It is often touted that the average person's sleep needs are 8 hours of sleep each night. In fact, research suggests that 8 hours and 10 minutes of sleep are required, on average, to avoid the effects of sleep deprivation.

When examining a large population, however, considerable variation exists. There are some who only need 6 hours of sleep, and more time spent in bed will result in insomnia. Others, who require nine or even 10 hours of sleep, will be sleep deprived by consistently getting 8 hours per night.

Moreover, there is evidence that older people beyond 65 years of age may need less sleep on average, perhaps 7-8 hours. This may require spending less time in bed – or else experiencing more insomnia.

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*Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture  
Alone*



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## History of Our Savior Lutheran Church

In early January, 2012, a group of enterprising Lutherans met at the Wilgus residence to talk about forming a new Mission Church in the area. Conversation quickly became planning. The group determined to:

- Find a place to Worship
- Affiliate with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (L..C.M.C)
- Name this new congregation: "Our Savior Lutheran Church"
- Ask Reverend Doctor Clyde W Kaminska to come out of retirement in order to be our "start-up" Pastor
- Assemble for worship "as soon as possible".

Sixteen worshipers gathered on Sunday February 12, 2012 for the first Service with Holy Communion at the El Jobean facility. On March 2012, 38 worshipers became Charter Members. Since then our enrolled Membership has risen to 59 with an average attendance—due to sickness and shut-ins—of 45. One of the first actions taken was to resolve that 10% of every unrestricted dollar received would be set aside in "Benevolence Fund" to help individuals and/or Christian associations in need. Thanks to the generosity of Members and Friends the church is outfitted not only with the usual staples which support worship, but also are able to celebrate Christian Holidays with special emphasis. If you happen to be reading this newsletter and are looking for a church home, it has been said that "Our Savior Lutheran Church" is the friendliest Church in the area. "Try Us! You'll like us!"

## Anniversaries & Birthdays

### Birthdays

#### March—May Birthdays;

Janette Barker 3/18

Shirley Kligerman 3/17

Dean Carson 4/14      Joyce Smolar 4/22

Jeff Cisco 4/27      Sheryl Sinico 4/2

Jeri Hope 4/8

Gerd Fagerholm 5/26

Sharon Tessmer 5/3

Shirley Lowing 5/11

Bob Wilgus 5/13

### Anniversaries

#### March -May Anniversary

Steve & Lil GaNun 3/17

Bill & Kay Morlock 4/5

Roy & Geri McGary 4/23



### Please Pray for :

- Family of Chuck Kennedy
- All those who are sick or injured.
- OUR TROOPS here and abroad!

