

### Our Savior's Good News

#### Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone

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

One of the definitions of the word "liturgy" is "the work of the people". It is the corporate act or actions that we follow as we gather together on Sunday to actually share the words, thoughts, and activities connected with the worship service. Of course, our work is not limited to the hour we are together on Sunday. That is the "way station" for our shared work as disciple making disciples of Jesus. While we may spend the moments in shared words, it gives way to a greater shared work of the other hours in the week.

I was excited to get an extra day this year. Wow! 24 extra hours to balance the calendars of the created good, and it just is an amazing thought that once every four years you get to celebrate the extra day. Many retailers are hoping you spend the day with them in the malls to keep business alive and well. It doesn't matter what you chose to do with that day, what matters is what we choose to do with the many days of our lives in Christ.

We have been blessed as a people of God in this time, in this El Jobean community, to share the words of our Sunday liturgies together, as well as sharing our works helping one another through prayer and activity outside our community center walls.

We are blessed to be able to of love each and every day. really care about the difference ... We study it, we hear it, we we can make in the lives of other live it, and we share it. We people, and to that end, that is continue each and every the goal of the "work of the peo- day that God blesses what Our worship lives are we do in His name. equally at home in the Word, as we as the Work of sharing the Gospel of Jesus.



It is my pleasure to be getting to these past few months. Before Paster know you all as your pastor over vear, and we will be amazed at vinced beyond a shadow of a fonathon Kosec doubt that Cod beauty doubt that God has brought us together, for a purpose that combines our words with our actions. We don't just talk about the love of Christ, we live it out with deeds

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As LCMC continues to grow \* in faith and in numbers, many of you have asked for \* more information about it. The LCMC website provides the following description:

- Congrega- \* Lutheran tions in Mission for Christ is an association of congregations and individuals who are:
- Free in Christ;
- Accountable to one another

- Rooted in the Scriptures and **Lutheran Confessions:**
- Working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations.
- We have a great respect for the reality that the church is where the people of God gather together around Word and Sacrament. The local congregation is where the church becomes a concrete reality for God's people

2015 Statistics from LCMC:

- \* Total # of Congregations:
- \* US Congregations: 715
- \* US States represented: 40
- \* US Territories represented: 2
- \* Countries represented: 14

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#### **Council Highlights**

- Thank you note received from Homeless Coalition for \$200 donation
- Thank you note from Jesus Loves You Ministry for \$200 donation & Sandwiches...
- Copies of Thank you notes will be placed on Bulletin Board.
- 4 bags of stone purchased for parking lot repairs
- \$867 received from Thrivent
- 587 hits on the Web site
- Council Chairs will be arranging meetings to discuss future plans

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### . . 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?

You don't have to miss the sermon. Want to see the friendly faces? We constantly are adding new pictures. Not sure who the new people are? Ask for a copy of the new 2016 Picture Directory.



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



### 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 Nigher 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?





#### 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!

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Maundy Thursday Soup & Sandwich Supper
March 24th 5pm Food items needed. See Geri
McGary

Good Friday Service March 25 6pm

Bible Study
Every other Wednesday morning 10 am
Check Bulletin for dates

Easter Sunday Service March 27th 10 am



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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

### 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

Stewardship Chair - Stephanie Ings, Members-at-Large Roy McGary and Bubbles Burress.

McGary,



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.

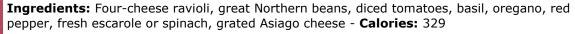
Now you know who the Council Members are and when they meet but do you know your role? Many of the Council Chairs need assistance. So volunteer your time and talents to one or more of the committees and don't worry if you don't think you know how a particular committee works. Each of you will bring your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

**Bev Cisco, Recording Secretary** 

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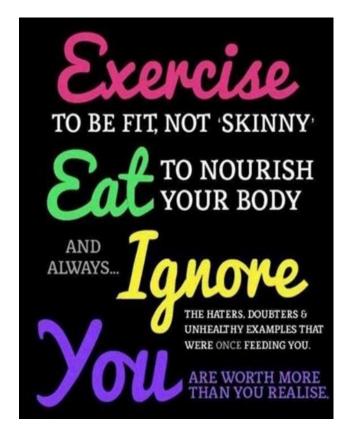
#### Ravioli with Tomatoes, White Beans, and Escarole

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



- 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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### History or 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!

