

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Crookston, MN First English Church, Eldred, MN

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Steven Bohler, Pastor

From the Pastor-May 2024

This month we will be celebrating Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the believers in Jerusalem 50 days after Easter. You all remember the Bible account of that day. The sound of loud, rushing wind. The tongues of fire upon their heads. The speaking in all sorts of other languages. The boldness and power of their message.

But even more important than these outward signs of the Spirit's power and presence is WHAT the Spirit caused these men and women to say. If you look at the account of Pentecost from Acts 2, you will see that message clearly put forward: it is about Jesus. How He is the Son of God who came to be our Savior. Who lived and died for us, to pay for our sin. Who rose on Easter to prove His conquering of sin/death/devil and to open heaven to us. Who will come again on the Last Day, to give us the new heaven and earth for which we so long.

You see, it is ALWAYS about Jesus. Even Pentecost and the coming of the Spirit points us to Him. And that should come as no surprise, for Jesus said as much when He promised that He would send the Spirit: "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father — the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father — He will testify of Me" (John 15:26). That is the work of the Holy Spirit — to make known to us our Savior. The SIGNS of the Spirit cannot compare with the WORK of the Spirit. And that is precisely what we confess in the Meaning of the Third Article of the Creed:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He forgives daily and richly all sins to me and all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will give to me and to all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

The Holy Spirit has come upon you, no less than He did upon those Jerusalem believers. Maybe not with the same sights and sounds, but definitely with that same faith in that same Savior. He has called you; He has enlightened you; He has sanctified you. And He keeps you in that faith. But He does all this by means of the Word and sacraments. That is why it is so important to regularly and frequently hear His Word, remember your baptism, receive the Lord's Supper — because it is through these that the Spirit works in You and joins you to Christ. As we move toward the end of the school year and the start of summer, remember to keep church attendance and Bible study a vital part of your week!

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Baptisms:
 New Members:
 Funerals: Leland "Bud" Ellingson
 (April 2, 2024)
 Jean Thomforde
 (April 5, 2024)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday School all students that are in preschool (or at least 3 years old) through high school are invited to join us in our Sunday School program on Sundays starting at 9:30 AM. Our last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 19th.

Baccalaureate Sunday: Baccalaureate Sunday will be held during the late service on Sunday, May 19th. Graduating seniors will receive a letter in the mail inviting them to a Baccalaureate reception.

Teacher Appreciation: Teacher Appreciation Week will be held on Monday, May 6th-Friday, May 10th. Make sure to thank a teacher this week!

April 24th was Administrative Professionals day-a huge thanks to Mary in the school office that does so much for both the school and the church! May 1st is Principal's Day-we should all thank Sandra for giving tirelessly to our school and children. Our church and school family are so grateful for you all!

Choir: There will be no choir practices, however, we will sing on May 5th, 12th, and 19th. Rehearsals will be 15 minutes before worship time in church basement.

Church Projects: If you would like to donate towards the new dishwasher or new carpet in the 1st/2nd grade classroom, please make a note on your check or envelope!

-The dishwasher costs \$5,700; we've raised \$5,075 (89%). We still need \$625 to pay for the appliance in full.

-Our carpet goal is to raise \$10,000. We've raised \$9,060 (91%). We still need \$940 to meet our goal. Thank you for all that donated towards these projects already!!

-Lutheran Island Camp Scholarship applications are now available in the back of the Narthex for this summer! Please turn these into the office by May 5, 2024.

To get the most current church announcements, make sure that we have your email address and follow the church on Facebook.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

Current Mission Focus:

Pastor's Conference Ingathering

All congregations in the MN North District are invited to collect new socks and undies (mens, womens, and childrens). There is a great need especially for children aged 3-6th grade, as they will meet the needs of children in Texas missions and other countries. The children are not allowed to go to school without socks and shoes, though many do not have these items. Pastor will bring these collected items to the Pastor's Conference in the middle of May for the Orphan Grain Train.

BINS IN NARTHEX

ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS:

-Candles & Wax: partially used items are appreciated for making fire starters at the DAC.

-Glasses: used glasses that are no longer needed will be donated to those in need.

-Soap: new bath sized bars will go to the Orphan Grain Train.

LEAVE IN SEWING ROOM

-Sheets: cotton or cotton-blend for quilts (will take any color and printed sheets).

-T-Shirts: cotton (at least 50%) large t-shirts or bigger (any color). NO side seams (for diapers).

-Blankets & Mattress Pads: any color can be used for fillers in quilts.

-Yarn: used for quilt ties and Orphan Grain Train.

-Mittens, Hats, & Scarves: you can bring these in any season.

-Shoes: If you have shoes that you don't use, we can donate to Lutheran Island Camp. They take used dress shoes, tennis shoes, work boots, etc. in any conditions.

-Used Jeans: Items must be clean, but can be used (holes are okay).

-Fabric: any amount for quilts/pillowcase dresses.

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A Not so Terrible Parable

Please join us as our students share the great message of love in their spring musical. The well-known story that Jesus told, called The Parable of the Good Samaritan, comes to life as a fun, over-the-top whodunit (think the movie *Clue*). Solving this mystery means discovering again just how far our Savior would go to rescue helpless sinners!

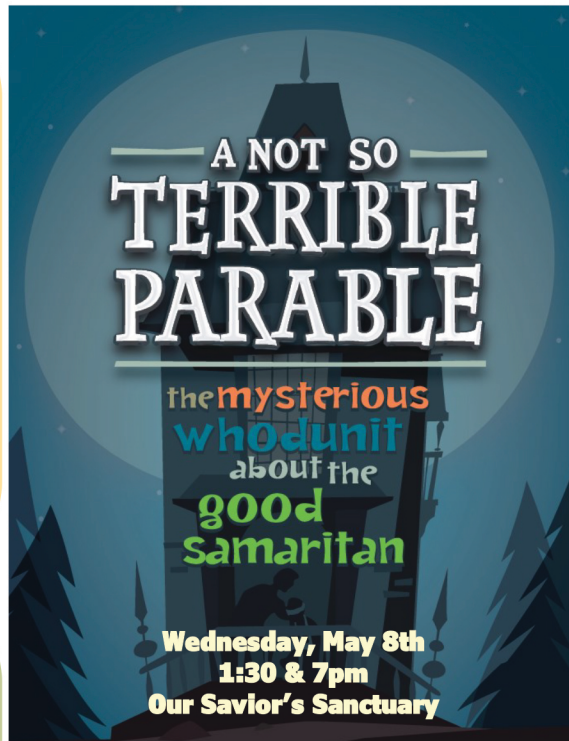
It was a dark & stormy night . . .

A man lay injured by the side of the road. Two travelers passed him by. Mysteriously, he is delivered to the doorstep of the quaint Mountain Vista Inn, where the startled guests, the butler and the maid (of course!), and the famous detective must use their wits to sleuth out every clue to get to the bottom of this mystifying whodunit. Mystery, candlelight, organ music, and strange pizza toppings all await as we join host Alistair McAlister in this Master's Peace Theater re-creation of the parable that Jesus told about the Good Samaritan, A Not So Terrible Parable.

Our McTeacher's Night fundraiser raised \$700 for our school! What a fun night to see our teachers working at McDonald's and to share some dinner with our school family!



Thank you to everyone who bought a Domino's Slice the Price card through our recent fundraiser! We sold 248 cards between online and paper order forms, and raised \$2,480 for our school!



Online Silent Auction

Sunday, May 5th, 9:00am
to
Sunday, May 12th, 6:00pm

Visit our auction site at
www.32auctions.com/osls2024



Important Dates:

May 5-12: Online Silent Auction

May 8: Spring Musical @ Our Savior's, 1:30pm & 7pm

May 10: Track Meet @ Perham

May 16: Community Cleanup and PTL Picnic Lunch

May 19: Family Fun Day @ Wildwood Park, 1-3pm

May 20-21: 6th grade trip to Lutheran Island Camp

May 22: 6th grade graduation, 7pm church service

May 24: Last day of school—Picnic @ Wildwood Park, 9:30am-2pm

Check us out on [Facebook](#) for reminders and fun pictures!

We also have an account through [Amazon Smile](#)—so every time you make a purchase at Amazon, our school gets a donation! Check it out at www.amazon Smile.com

Please support our school by purchasing [SCRIP](#) gift cards. We have local and national gift cards available—you pay the face-value of the card, and the school gets a percentage of each sale. Order forms and a retailers list are on the school secretary's door.

Mission Statement

Our Savior's Lutheran School effectively educates, trains, and equips students of our church and community to achieve their God-given potential by providing a Christ-centered education.



The preschoolers enjoyed learning about magnets. In this picture they are going to a magnet adventure around the building to find things that attract to the magnet.



The kindergarten class was blessed to have Miss Hina as student teacher for 15 weeks. We wish her the best as she graduates!



The first and second grade had nine participants in the Knowledge Bowl in Thief River Falls on April 13. They had a marvelous time, plus were very successful!

PRO Winner!



Congratulations to Ryann, recipient of April's "People Respecting Others" award!



The third and fourth graders really hoped to see a partial solar eclipse. They learned about it and were prepared, but clouds obstructed their view.



The fifth and sixth graders have been learning about solids, liquids, gases, and non-Newtonian fluids!

OUR SAVIOR'S YOUTH GROUP



Earlier in April, we did a series of escape rooms—all based on Psalm 139.



Common Ground held it's 3rd annual "Spring Thing" event at Crookston High School in April. It was a great night of games, worship, snacks, and socialization with other Christian teenagers from the Crookston area!



Upcoming youth group events & times:

May 15th: 6:30-8pm, Activity TBD

May 22nd: 6:30-8pm, End of the Year party! Games, mocktails & sundaes.

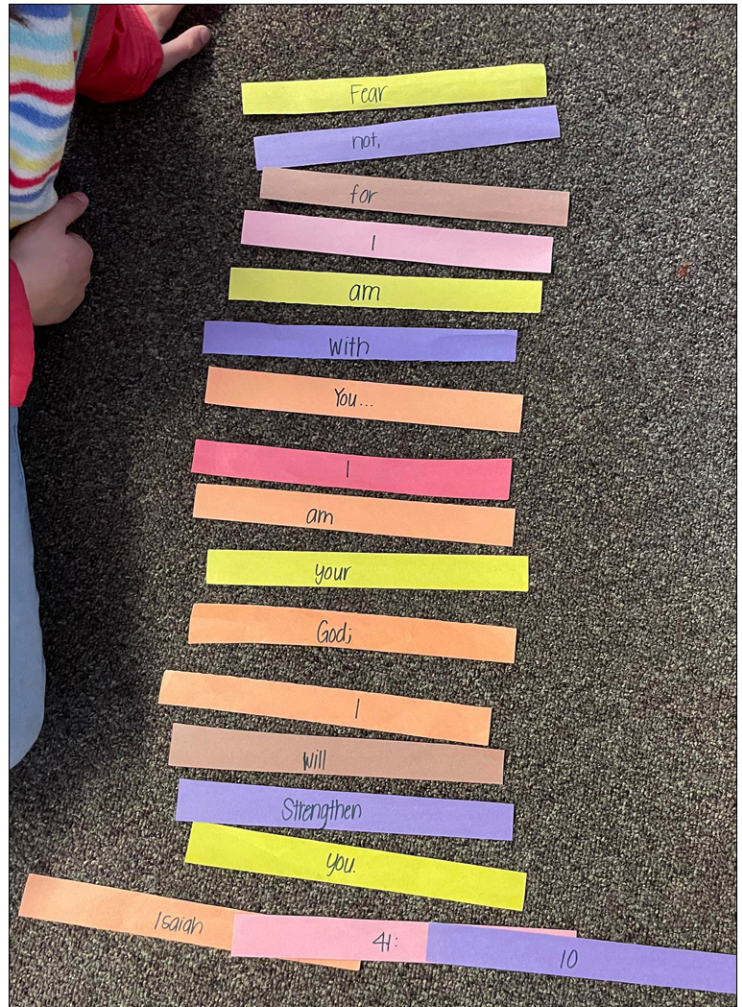
Don't forget—Our Savior's in-house registration forms & \$100 deposit for the LCMS National Youth Gathering Trip is **due June 1st.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL



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Our Savior's and First English Lutheran Women's Missionary League May 2024

Mission Statement: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

In the Word:

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

Of the Word:

Jesus did not suggest we love each other — He commands we do it. So does that include showing love to the car mechanic who swears and smells bad, the check-out girl with all the tattoos and piercings, and the woman in the office who gossips about each of us, and my enemies? Yes, it does. The command is "love each other" (John 15:12b).

In His command Jesus is not talking about emotional love. He is talking about love in action: the kind of love that is more patient and forgiving, a love that will not react in anger to the gossip in the office, a love that uses kind words and shows a smile to the car mechanic and check-out girl, a love that is not prejudiced, a love that is not too busy to listen to someone who is hurting.

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth (1 John 3:18). This love in action is a learned love and our teachers are a loving Father and His Son who show us how love can be accomplished: We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19).

Walking with the Lord:

Dear Lord, when I am confronted with people I find hard to love, show me how I can be loving. Remind me that in spite of all my sins You still love me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Looking ahead:

Sewing: Anyone interested in sewing can meet in the sewing room on Tuesdays 1-6 PM.

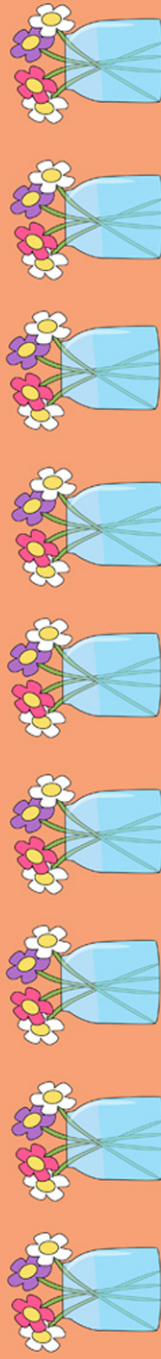
LWML Zone Board & Planning Meeting: The LWML Zone Board & Planning Meeting will be on Saturday, July 17th at 10 AM at our church. Save the date!

LWML MN North District 2024 Convention: The theme is "Walking as Children of Light." This will be held June 3rd-5th at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN. More information will be available soon.

Women's Bible Study: We will meet on Thursday, May 16th at 1:30 PM in the church board room #3. The study and discussion will cover Ephesians 2. All are welcomed to attend!

May

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			8:30 AM- Day School Chapel			
8:00 & 11 AM-Our Savior's Worship Service 9:30 AM First English Worship Service 9:30 AM- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study		8 AM-Bible Breakfast 1:00-6 PM-Sewing	8:30 AM- Day School Chapel 1:30 & 7 PM-OSLS Musical		OSLS Track Meet in Perham	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22		24	25
8:00 & 11 AM-Our Savior's Worship Service 9:30 AM- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM First English Worship Service	Memorial Day School/Church offices Closed	8 AM- Bible Breakfast 1:00-6 PM- Sewing		Newsletter Deadline 23	Last Day of School 24	
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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THEY SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY...

May Birthdays

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| 2. Jennifer Del Vecchio
Eugene Hanson | 11. Kayse Thompson
Jolynda Dragseth | 24. Megan Swenson |
| 3. Shane Briggs
Blake Brockpahler
Justin Erdmann | 13. Beverly Johnson | 25. Wyatt Hanson |
| 5. Ella Kiel | 14. Myrna Dyrdal | 26. Caden Perry
Corey Uttermark |
| 7. Joan Reitmeier | 15. Caitlin Hulst | 27. Bruce Erdmann
Angela Wagner |
| 8. Kim Dans
Marlan Johnson
Michael Perry | 17. Gage Nelson
Grant Nelson | 29. Hailey Eidenschink |
| 10. Clayton Briggs
Debra Knutson | 18. Sasha Lyczewski
Scarlet Nelson
Jude Seddon | 30. Madilyn Abrams |
| 11. Stacy Olson
Janice Ross | 20. Dustin Perry | 31. Harold Unke |
| | 21. Laurain Jurchen | |
| | 23. Kendra Overgaard | |
| | 24. Madisyn Sanders | |

