Our Savior’s Shared Journey
“Live Among God’s Faithful People”

“Live among God’s faithful people" is a phrase from the baptismal promises parents make for their children when they are baptized. That promise is echoed when those children grow up to affirm their baptism on Confirmation Day, as 9 young people recently did here at Our Savior’s. If an older child or an adult is baptized, they are asked to make that same declaration, “Live among God’s faithful people.”

I try to explain to parents preparing to baptize their children what that looks like. I try to teach young saints preparing for Confirmation how that can be real in their lives. In the coming month, as we invite new people into a more formal relationship with Our Savior’s—new members—that promise will be the framework for the discussion (see note below).

Maybe you already have images in your heart and mind about what that promise means. Prayer, service, inviting others, encouraging each other, giving, worshipping, studying (the marks of discipleship) may have come to your thoughts. Maybe you have specific memories of connections to the family of Jesus in church, or to ways you have been touched by the love of God through other people’s hands. Maybe you have joined a group of folks in some of those faith (discipleship) practices. All those pictures in your mind are part of the way God empowers you to keep that promise.

God empowers you to keep that promise, to “live among God’s faithful people.” When we claim that promise as a marker in our lives, in the ceremonies we use for Baptism or Confirmation, or in other personal, private, or public ways, we echo a spiritual reality: “I make this promise and I ask God to help and guide me.” It was the same response Jess declared when we installed her as Children Youth and Family Ministry Director. It was the same response Pastor Karen declared when we installed her as Associate Pastor. In was in our response to them; we proclaimed together that living together is a gift, empowered by God.

In a few weeks, we will gather to celebrate the Divine Example of that promise made and kept by God, in the birth, the incarnation, the “in-flesh-ment” of God in Jesus. The Nativity, the birth story of Jesus, points us to a baby, birthed in a real human way (even though under rather remarkable circumstances). Christmas reminds us that God chose to “live among God’s faithful people,” who then grew into his place among those faithful people. Baptism, Confirmation, joining a congregation, any of the ways we embrace the God-powered promise, are all reflections of that example. We too get to grow up in the community of “God’s faithful people,” just like Jesus. That growing is the journey of “living among God’s faithful people.”

I am on that journey with you!

Pastor Chris

Note: There will be Sunday workshops each of the first four Sundays of December during the normal “Sunday School” time: “Living Among God’s Faithful People: Life At Our Savior’s” (watch for a special edition of this on the 16th Advent Festival “Drawn To The Word” Event). Everyone is welcome to Rooms 3,4,5 across from the Kitchen for these workshops; it will be especially helpful to those considering becoming “new members.”
CHURCH NEWS

OUR SAVIOR’S UPCOMING EVENTS
Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 9th-8:30 and 10:45 am

WELCA Luncheon
Thursday, December 13th-10:00 am

Liz Sinisalo Student Piano Recital
Thursday, December 13th-6:30 pm

ADVENT FESTIVAL-SUNDAY, DEC. 16TH
Paul Oman (Drawn to the Word)
Sunday December 16th—9:30 am (One Service)

Advent Festival Bake Sale and Coffee
Sunday December 16th—10:30 am

Preschool Christmas Program
Thursday, December 20th-6:30 pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services
3:00pm      5:00pm        10:30pm
(Communion served at all 3 services)

No Christmas Day Services

Can you help?
The local sexual assault and abuse victim service for Carlton County, “Windows” has a need we can help with. There is a need for a bag filled with: underwear, sweatshirt, socks and sweatpants (or something similar). We are looking for clothing in the sizes: medium, large and extra-large. When the women are released from the hospital after the examination they have to leave their clothing behind for DNA testing. Our Savior’s will be collecting these items for delivery to the “Windows” program during December and January. Also, the abused women sometimes leave their homes without their purse, so some “purse” items such as hair brush, tissue, nail clipper, comb, etc. would also be welcome. Bring your donations to the church office. All of these items would be a real blessing for the women who have been traumatized. Unfortunately, our area of the county saw approximately 50 such situations last year. Thank you for your help.

WINDOW Victim Services

Our Savior’s has purchased an AED
What is an AED? An Automated External Defibrillator. The use of an AED can increase the chances of survival for someone experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest due to irregular heart rhythms. AED’s are designed to save lives! Who can use an AED? AEDs are so simple to use, they can be used by virtually anyone. You do not need to be a medical professional! The AED walks a rescuer through the event from the time the AED is turned on until the ambulance arrives, using both visual and voice prompts. Our new AED is scheduled to be installed at church the first week of December. Are you interested in learning how to use the AED? We will be offering two training sessions. Each session will last about one hour. Everyone is invited to attend either session. You do not have to attend both sessions.

Thursday December 6th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday December 11 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall
A special thank you to an anonymous member of the congregation who has donated a significant amount of money to help us purchase this AED.
Church News

Advent Festival Bake Sale
The Fellowship Team and WELCA are sponsoring a sale of homemade baked goods, including Christmas cookies, Scandinavian cookies, lefse and other assorted items. The sale will take place after the Advent special worship service.

DRAWN TO THE WORD on Sunday December 16. There will be only one service that Sunday at 9:30am. All funds raised will be used for future fellowship events and WELCA projects. If you are baking for the holidays why not make some extra cookies, breads, candies or other assorted homemade items and donate them to the bake sale? We are looking for other cooks to join in. Call Jan Larson at 878-1281 or email Jan at janbruce@mchsi.com if you are able to donate any goods. Drop off your donations at the church kitchen on Friday December 14th between 9am and noon or between 9am and 11am on Saturday December 15th. Then plan to be in church on Sunday December 16th and stock up on homemade goodies for the holidays.

Advent Festival Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for our Salvation Army Giving Tree Families. You have made someone’s Christmas very special. The gifts need to be in the church office by December 13th. Do NOT wrap the gifts. Please attach the paper ornament from the tree to your gift so we know what family it is for.

While you are making your year-end stewardship plans, please remember that the IRS requires contributions be received by Monday, December 31st in order to be record-ed as a 2018 contribution. Regular Sunday morning offering on December 30th, will be allocated to 2018. So that offerings received directly in the office can be processed in a timely manner, we will accept those donations only until noon on Monday, December 31st. Any offering received in the office after that date will be allocated to 2019.

MORE Giving Tree Opportunities
Would you like to buy a Christmas gift for our church? How about some coffee, dish soap, napkins or lemon-ade? Or a gift to help support our New Horizons Preschool? After December 13th all the ornaments for the Salvation Army families will be off the Giving Tree, the tree will be redecorated with more ornaments. This time they will be supplies used in our church and preschool all year round. You can select an ornament off the tree and donate the item to our church. Bring your gifts to the church office anytime.

The Fellowship Team

The church has ordered 35 poinsettia plants to enrich the beauty of our church sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to sponsor a plant as a memorial, gift, or in celebration, please fill out this order blank and drop it in the offering plate or in the mail. Proceeds from the poinsettias will benefit the New Horizons Christian School.

Please turn in before December 15th, 2018 Please include the following information:

Name (of buyer) ____________________________________________________________

Cost: $17.00 per plant Quantity _________ x $17.00 = _________ total

For whom: __________________________________________________________________

Check one: Gift ______________ Memorial ______________ In Celebration of _______
Betty Lavan has moved and now lives with her daughter Beth. Her new address is:
627 Franklin Avenue Crosby, MN 56441-1237
Her new phone number is: 218-546-8191

Dear Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Thank you for your gift of $950 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

As the long green season of Pentecost rings images of seeds and bread, deep and abiding growth and abundance in Christ, so your generosity brings deep and abiding hope to communities dealing with a disaster, providing water, supplies, shelter and support. Your generosity makes possible both short and long term care, sustaining communities throughout the recovery process and into new life.

Thank you for joining with the whole church, Lutheran Disaster Response and our local partners. Your gifts are bearing the love of Christ to man in need.

With Gratefulness,
The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

The 2019 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are on a table in the Narthex.

MATCH CHALLENGE 2018!
In order to close Our Savior’s projected year-end ministry support shortfall, several members have offered to match new contributions up to $5,000! If we can raise the $5,000 match, our Church ends up with $10,000 to help fund on-going ministry. All you have to do is indicate “MATCH CHALLENGE” on your check memo line or your offering envelope. The key to assuring adequate funding for all Our Savior’s important day-to-day ministries is that these contributions need to be over and above your regular giving. It’s that simple! Please help your church finish the year with robust ministry support. Thank you!

WELCA Christmas Potluck Brunch
Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018 at 10:00 am
All women of the church are part of WELCA.
We would appreciate a great turn out!

All women of Our Savior’s are invited to attend WELCA events.

Joy to the World
**Haiti Mission**

Earthquake update: You may have seen on the news that a 5.9 level earthquake hit the northern part of Haiti. This earthquake was a bit to the north and west of the region of the country where Dr. Manno’s clinic is, but close enough that the Limbé felt some effects. Dr. Manno and his clinic are OK.

It is time for the Ministry in Medical Mission (MMM) group to begin fund raising in earnest for the next trip to Limbé in support of Dr. Manno’s clinic. (February 26th, 2019 to March 12th) All of those who volunteer to work for this trip pay their own transportation, food and lodging. However, we raise funds to purchase the medicines (antibiotics, wound dressings, vitamins, de-worming meds etc.) which we need in order to support the mobile clinics. This year we need to raise $5000 to cover these expenses.

Many thanks to all who have been generously supporting this work.

Blessings
Mary Krohn

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**IRA MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITY**

If you are at least age 70 1/2 and are subject to the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) rules regarding IRA distributions, you have an opportunity to maximize your tax savings!

Any RMD amount you request your custodian send DIRECTLY to Our Savior’s from your account will be a Qualified Charitable Distribution, which means it will roll over without tax consequences. No need to worry about whether you will itemize your deductions under the new tax law, the distribution is not included in your income in the first place!

We have a form in the office you can use to request the transfer DIRECTLY to Our Savior’s. However, before you do, make sure you consult your financial advisor FIRST. They will be able to determine your eligibility, let you know how much your RMD is for the year, answer your questions and advise you as to whether this transaction makes sense for you.

So, pick up a form and contact your financial advisor. This could be a WIN-WIN for both you and your Church!

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**New Member Workshops**

“Living Among God’s Faithful People; Life at Our Saviors” Sunday mornings beginning in December

Contact the church office if you are interested in becoming members.

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**Volunteers Needed**

Second Harvest Food Distribution
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
3rd Thursday of Every Month from 10:00am-Noon

Come help us REACH out to our community.

Contact Krista Barber
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**Dear OSLC Mission Endowment,**

Thank you so much for donating $950.00 to Feed My Starving Children on Oct. 11 at the Cloquet Northland edition Event! Your gift has provided 4,318 nutritious meals to those who are desperate for food. Thank you for handing hope to them in Jesus’ name with a daily Manna Pack meal for an entire year.

Mark Crea
Executive Director/CEO
Feed My Starving Children

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**Dear friends at Our Savior’s**

Thank you so much for your recent donation for the Northland Edition FMSC Mobile Pack event. Your gift will provide 12 children with a daily Manna Pack meal for an entire year.

We are grateful you are partnering with us to feed God’s starving children, hungry in body and spirit.

Until all are fed,
Katie Olson
Development Associate/Monthly Giving specialist
Feed My Starving Children

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**Silent Night**

**Holy Night**
With Grateful Hearts

What a celebration on September 21\textsuperscript{st} when we were officially installed into our new positions here at Our Savior’s. Thank you to Deacon Brenda Tibbetts, Assistant to Bishop Tom Aitken, who presided for one of the installations and to Tom Cawcutt and the bell choir for the special music during worship. Thank you to the congregation for the beautiful corsages and cake. We look forward to getting acquainted with you and serving in our new roles.

Jess Pederson, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry
Rev. Karen Linné, Associate Pastor

Share checks

One of the workshops I attended several years ago suggested an idea for encouraging giving with our children and grandchildren. If one is giving a child a check as a gift (and we do know it gets more and more difficult to know what to purchase as a gift as kids get older), one could also give another check to the child that has no payee on it but just the amount. Then the child could choose an organization to receive that check: to help feed hungry kids, help take care of homeless animals, help someone who lost a home to a flood, fire, etc. You could give younger children three or four ideas and the older kids may have ideas of their own. My five grandchildren range in age from 5 months to 4.5 years so I think they are a little young for this. If you give this a try (and I think it’s a great idea to help get rid of “the gimmees” as the Berenstein Bears called the view of only receiving gifts), let us know how it went!

The Saint John’s Bible returning to Duluth

This Bible is the first handwritten and illuminated Bible since the invention of the printing press in the mid-1400’s. Several special events are being held at the College of St. Scholastica:

- **Friday, Nov. 30\textsuperscript{th}** 7:00-8:30 p.m.  The Making of the Saint John’s Bible
- **Saturday, Dec. 1\textsuperscript{st}** 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.  The Saint John’s Bible: Why Does it Matter
- **Tuesday, Dec. 4\textsuperscript{th}** 4:30 p.m.  Advent Vespers Service
- **Monday, Dec. 10\textsuperscript{th}** 7:00 p.m.  Taize Prayer Service
- **Sunday, Jan. 6\textsuperscript{th}** TBA  Closing Ritual

Information about each event is posted on the bulletin board outside of the fireside room and available on the website www.retreatduluth.org. I have attended some of these events in the past and will attend some of these offerings, let me know if you are interested. A couple of volumes are in my personal library and will be available in the office to look at. I do calligraphy so this is especially interesting to me; a new font was developed for this project by a calligrapher in England.

Happy New Year

Happy New Year! No, it’s not January first but it is the beginning of a new church year on December 2\textsuperscript{nd} when the season of Advent begins (the four Sundays prior to Christmas). This church year we will be in Cycle C which means that the majority of our Gospel Readings will come from Luke. (Cycle A Gospels are from Matthew and Cycle B Gospel Lessons come from Mark). All three lectionary cycles also include some texts from the Gospel of John. Most of our congregations in the Lutheran Church (ELCA), use the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) as the source of our Sunday scriptures. Our brothers and sisters in the Catholic and Episcopal churches also use the RCL. Therefore, one would hear the same scriptures on the same Sunday in these different denominations. One of the benefits of using the RCL is that we as pastors preach on challenging texts which we might not choose on our own!!

By the way, pay attention to the placement of the characters in the nativity scene on the Sundays in Advent. They may not be up by the altar the entire Advent Season!

Membership changes

Sometimes people find a new church home. If this is the case for you, please call Connie in the office (879-1535) so we can take you off of our membership rolls and transfer your information to your new congregation (baptism date, confirmation date, etc.) We never take someone off the list unless we hear directly from them (even if someone else reports that you are attending XYZ congregation). Thanks for helping us keep our records updated.

As members, we all have responsibilities to the congregation. One needs to contribute financially at least once a year and also commune at least once a year. These responsibilities are defined in our congregation’s constitution. Of course worshiping regularly is also an important part in our spiritual growth. There are no defined numbers for the number of times that a member must worship annually!

If you would like to become a member of OSLC, let the office know (and see the other article in the newsletter).

Making worship a regular part of your week can give you that reminder that you are loved by God (we all can use this) and you also have a better chance of getting acquainted with other members.

And speaking of getting acquainted, please wear your name tags! This helps Jess and Pastor Karen learn your names and allows your name to be said when you receive the wafer and wine or juice for communion. Name tags also help other members; we all need a memory prompt at times!!

In the Works....

We will be developing a resource bulletin board outside of the kitchen with contacts for various agencies: Mental Health, Food Programs, Domestic Abuse, etc. If you would like to see a resource about a specific topic, please let the office know.

OSLC Deacons need a new name

In the November issue of The Messenger, we reprinted an article from Bishop Tom Aitken. Deacons in the ELCA are now ordained into Word and Service. pastors are ordained into Word and Sacrament. Deacon Brenda Tibbetts was present at the installation service on September 21\textsuperscript{st}. You may have noticed that her stole was more like a sash while the pastors’ stoles hang down on each side.

Because of this change in the ELCA, we at OSLC need to find a new name for our deacons to help prevent confusion. You may recall that our nine deacons meet weekly, pray for individuals, look at the upcoming gospel lesson and assist with communion. Do you have any ideas for a new name? Let the office know as the deacons have been wrestling with this unsuccessfully! Thanks for putting on your thinking cap!
Youth News

Congratulations 2018 Confirmands!
On Sunday, November 18th, 9 students were confirmed at the 10:45 service. Join us in wishing them well as they continue their faith journey through this milestone. We are proud of their accomplishments!

High School Open Lunch
For students in 11th and 12th Grade and their friends
In fellowship hall at Our Savior’s
Sponsored by Zion and Our Savior’s Lutheran Churches

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
Wednesdays After School until 4:30pm
At Our Savior’s
For youth in grades 6-8
Devotion, snacks, games, and service projects
Friends welcome!

Youth Ministry and Mental Health
On October 16th, Pastor Chris, Pastor Karen and Jess went to a seminar at First Lutheran Church in Duluth. The event was put on by the North Eastern Minnesota Synod and over 80 people from the synod attended. The seminar was about mental health, mental illness, and suicide. We learned ways that we can support youth and families who struggle with mental illness and suicide. We were given many resources that have helpful information. We would love to share these with you if you are interested.

Pastor Karen and Jess also went to a showing of the movie Suicide: The Ripple Effect at the College of St. Scholastica as a way to expand on the seminar we attended. The movie focused on hope that we can give to those in need, and many of the ideas were in line with what we learned at the seminar. We plan to use both experiences to strengthen our support of families connected to the congregation who may be suicide loss survivors or supporting a struggling family member at this time.

We have resources, listening ears, caring hearts, and support to give to anyone who may need it. We are appreciative for opportunities that give us the chance to learn about topics like this.

Cragun’s Middle School Gathering
Brainerd, MN
On Saturday November 17th and Sunday November 18th five youth and two adults from both Our Saviors and Zion made a journey to Cragun’s Resort in Brainerd, MN to attend the Synod’s Middle School Gathering. The event was led by the Synod’s LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) Board, which is composed of high schoolers and supporting adults.

The theme of the weekend was the Sacraments, so we spent a lot of time talking about baptism and communion. We participated in large group activities, small group activities, learning clusters, and hotel life. Hotel life was a favorite for the group as they were able to swim, participate in active games, and participate in many other activities. The youth were able to meet new friends from other congregations and strengthen their relationships with those from our congregations.

We all had a good time, and are excited for next year already!
New Horizons Christian Preschool News

We hope you are having/had a blessed Thanksgiving. It seems we just put up turkeys and now are preparing the room for Christmas. We were honored to sing at the CMH Auxiliary Christmas Open House. We were excited to be able to add to the Christmas Spirit with our gift of songs.

Now is a busy time of the year for us as we prepare for our program on the 20th of December. We hope to see you all sometime during the month to serenade you with a song or two. Have a wonderful December and a Very Merry Christmas. See you in the NEW YEAR.

Thera Wiersma

Tuition Prices and Schedule for NHCP 2018-2019

**Half-day options**
- Tuesday and Thursday from 9-12pm; $80/month
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-12pm; $110/month
- Monday-Friday from 9-12pm; $150/month

**Full-day options**
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-3pm; $227/month
- Monday-Friday from 9-3pm; $345/month

Greetings from the Preschool,

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

I cannot believe the Christmas season is upon us! The children have been busy practicing their Christmas songs for our program. Our Preschool Christmas Program is Thursday, December 20th, at 6:30. We would love if you would join us in celebrating Jesus’ birth.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poinsettia through the Preschool. They look so beautiful in the Sanctuary. What a wonderful reminder of God’s love and how He sent Jesus to be our Savior!

I pray that all of you a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. As we say in Preschool, "God is good, all the time! And all the time, God is good!"

In God's Hands, Angel Gamache

If Cloquet schools are closed or have a 2 hour late start, New Horizons’ Christian Preschool is closed for the day.

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
Wed. Evenings at 5:30
Sunday performances once a month.

Helpful skills include past musical experience and the ability to count simple rhythms. Handbell ringing technique can be learned! Beginners are welcome and instruction in rhythm, note reading and ringing is available!

Interested in Our Savior’s Handbell Ensemble?
Please contact Carol Hedquist
text or phone 218-499-5245.

FOOD FOR 5 MEALS - $1.00
The first Sunday of the month is designated as Food Shelf Sunday. Just $1.00 can provide food for 5 meals through the program at 2nd Harvest Food Bank in Duluth. The monetary gifts collected will help both 2nd Harvest and Cloquet Salvation Army. This is a real bargain that every family can take part in. May we share our blessings with those in need.

THANK YOU for your continued support. It’s greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Katie & Jerry Nisula - Co-chairs
November’s Contribution was $404.00

Bible Study

Meets in Triple Rooms 3-4-5
Read and discuss the upcoming Biblical text for Sunday
This group is led by Pastor Chris
Please Come Join Us!
Christian Education

We are celebrating 120 years of Sunday school!
Our first challenge is complete! Collect 120 box tops for MT Tummies! We collected 189 box tops!

Our next challenge will be to collect 120 clothing items for the mission trip to the Dominican Republic. These should be lightweight children's clothes and women's sun dresses. No jeans please. We will start collecting these right away.

Christmas Program!
Our Christmas program is December 9th at both services. Please plan on bringing your child to Sunday school about 8:15 on the 9th.

Sunday school Schedule
December 16th was going to be a Christmas party for Sunday school but we are combining our services for a special worship experience beginning at 9:30. You won't want to miss it.

We will resume Sunday school on January 6th.

Christian Education Team
Do you have ideas or suggestions for Christian Education? Please feel free to talk to any member of the Christian Education team.
Juli Lattner – Team lead
Jennifer Hamilton
Kali Kadelbach
Brian Kazmierczak
Shannon Krikava
Roxanne Macfarlane

Dates to remember

**December**
No Sunday school on
12/16
12/23
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Volunteers for December

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Pastor Chris & Our Savior’s members,

Thanks for supporting Second Harvest Northern Lake Food Bank. The third Thursday of the month is an impressive site in the OSLC parking lot. Usually over 300 households are served by the Second Harvest/Carlton County Mobile Food Bank. There have been supportive volunteers including, in October, players from the MN Wilderness hockey team. It is a great effort and I’m glad we are part of it!

Steve Korby and Jan Salo Korby

Deacons are looking to fill one open spot. We have (1)-three year opening. Please contact a Deacon or Pastor Chris if you are interested.

We are in dire need of sound board operators for both services. When four people are scheduled, you only have to run it one Sunday a month. Please contact Dave Templeton.

Just want to thank you, the church family, for your prayers, cards and calls after my shoulder surgery. I am recovering very well.

Thank you and God Bless,
Jan Beberg
Sunday Readings for December

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The Sunday Service May or May Not Be Using All Of These Texts.

Church Records

FUNERALS
Joanne Anderson
October 27, 2018
Reynold “Bud” Angell
November 2, 2018

Gifts and Memorials:
- Jim & Linda Boyd, in memory of Gene Lavan, to Choir Fund
- Dennis & Jeanne Morreim, in memory of Jeanne’s brother’s mother-in-law, Phoebe Nosker, to Haiti Mission
- Jane Oswold, in memory of Joanne Anderson, and Arnold Jerde to Matching Fund
- Bonnie & Chris Vanderpool, in memory of Steven Martin to the Dominican Mission
- Carol Lyle, to Handbells
- Dave & Julie Beal, in memory of Mariam Hella, to Matching Funds
- Steve Korby & Jan Salo Korby, to NHCP
- Jerry & Katie Nisula, to Haiti Mission
- Dennis & Jeanne Morreim, in memory of Arnie Jerde, Steve Martin, and Aaron Essala, to Mission Appeal
- Jane Oswold, in memory of Joanne Anderson and Arnold Jerde, to Matching Fund
- Bonnie & Chris Vanderpool, in memory of Steven Martin, to Dominican Mission
- Dennis & Jeanne Morreim, in memory of Phoebe Nosker, to Haiti Mission
- Duane & Sharon Putikka, in memory of Bud Angell, to Gifts & Memorials.

November Radio Broadcast Sponsors:
- Beth Lavan, in honor of what would have been Betty & Gene Lavan’s 70th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 15.
- Sharon Harney, in memory of her parents

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PPC Minutes

OSLC- Parish Planning Council
October 16 at 7:00 pm
“To know Christ and to have others know Him”

Present: Rob Macaulay, Rich Krikava, Jan Larson, Brad Bowers, Carrie Rye, Juli Lattner, Keith Matzdorf, Pastor Chris Hill, Jess Pedersen, Duane Buytaert

Share Highs & Lows/Opening Prayer/Devotion.
Approval last meetings minutes-Juli motioned to approve minutes as written, Carrie seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Pastor’s Report
Faith5 verse: Psalm 91:9
You have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation.

Member Contact:
Baptism: Peter Lewis Hamilton (Jennifer & Josh); October 21, 2nd
Sebastian Raul Robles (Oscar Robles Tornel & Marianne Robles) October 21, 2nd
Madelyn Michelle Smeshhammer (Travis & Breanna) October 21, 1st

Funeral: Sue Ann Nelson Roe (Service on 9/27)

Staff
Office: Connie; Week vacation coming up in Nov; office covered; Pledge Card Letter and mailing coordinated for this week.

Bruce; Recruited $5k for a “Fall Matching Drive” by end of November
Associate Pastor: Pastor Karen; Started Oct. 15, Installation Oct. 21
What expectation for her attendance at CAT and or PPC? Discussed at CAT – committed to Qtrly or more.
Children Youth and Family Ministry Director: Jessica Pederson Began Sept. 15; Installation Oct 21
Moved into an apartment in Duluth; “Apartment Shower” a great success!
Will need van training; office furnishings/equipment need to be picked up
Fully engaged in Middle School Wednesdays and High School Wednesday Lunch

Ministry Staff (Pr. Karen, CYFD Jess and I) all went to “Mental Health and Youth Ministry” seminar on 10/16
A lot of excellent information was presented, including how to help and where to find help
NHCPS: Angel Gemache/Thera Wiersma & board: Angel back after surgery, Good numbers again this year
Chrs. Ed. Dir.: Juli Lattner (volunteer); “Traditional” Sunday School return in full swing
Van Coordinator: Gene Wiersma (vol.), requests 2 “snow” tires for van; NHCP will pay for 1. $168 m&b.
Sunday Lock-up: Jane Oswold (vol.),
Cleaning: Fonoti Family; Consulted about replacing “entry” rugs, suggested we could cut $140/mo in half
Music: Brad; Ryan; Carol; Tom; (Liz; special). Carol had successful back surgery, back soon

Other Ministry
+ Worship schedule; December 16, Drawn To The Word,
+ Confirmation
  11th grade getting done; Confirmation service Nov. 18, 2nd Service
  Meeting for New & 2nd Year Students and family, was October 3, Classes start Oct 24
  Bill Schlennvogt, Jess, sometimes Pastor Karen, helping teach
  + Bible Study: Wednesday Morning; Lectionary Study
  + Pre School: Door; Have plans from Architect; invoice for design has been sent to Northern Lights
  + Garbage and Recycling; 2nd Can for Recycling has been delivered

Other Ministry Opportunities:
Zion Sharing; High School lunches began Sept. 19,
  Middle School Wednesday After School Ministry started Sept. 26,
  Exploring transporting Esko students – is there already a school bus that gets close to the church?

Prayers? Ken Lindemood – had biopsy recently; People of Haiti in response to recent earthquake
PPC Minutes

Team Leader Reports

Christian Education: We now have 37 kids registered for Sunday school. We gave out 7 Bibles to 2nd graders and one 4th grader that was missed in 2nd grade. We started our 120 box tops collection for MT tummies and hope to have that wrapped up the first Sunday of November. Then will move to clothing items for the Dominican Republic mission trip. Hope to do Acolyte training on 10/28.

Church Properties: No report

Deacons: No report

Evangelism: Team is working on advertising for December special services, including the Paul Oman ‘Drawn to the Word’ and Christmas Eve services. Currently working on Pine Journal and Northland Shopper ads.

Fellowship: On Sunday September 25th the Fellowship Team and some friends served lunch for 165 people who worked on “God’s Work Our Hands” projects. We will be serving cake and coffee after both services on Oct 21st to celebrate the installation of Pastor Karen and Jess Pedersen. The Salvation Army Giving Tree will go up the weekend after Thanksgiving. Team has been doing a Christmas bake sale and they are interested in doing this again – currently planning for after the Drawn to the Word service.

Stewardship: Helped with developing a letter to accompany the Pledge Cards that have been sent.

Youth Ministry: Things are starting to pick up in the youth department! We have consistently had about 20 youth at the high school lunches (mostly seniors – looking for ways to reach out to juniors) and about 10 youth at the middle school youth group. We have a group of 4 middle schoolers going to the middle school gathering at Cragun's resort in November. I am beginning to become acquainted with my role here and have been taking charge of more activities as time has gone on. Things are looking great for Children Youth and Family Ministries here!

Worship, Arts and Music: Still waiting to hear form Organ repair contractor about a date.

WELCA: Still no response to someone taking over the Bazaar. Team has cleaned the appliances in the kitchen.

NHCP: 19 students registered as of mid-Sept. Butter braid sale is on-going. They have openings on the Board if anyone is interested. Looking for volunteers to be a sub or reader or band teacher, etc.

Old Business:

Office Configuration, furniture, computer update – Rich has been working with Essentia office staff regarding furniture donations and there are some items available. It will be ready for pick-up sometime this week. Gifts and Memorials will donate some funds to replace the oldest computer for the staff.

Fall matching drive progress report – $5k of matching funds has been donated by anonymous donors.

Pledge card update – Cards sent today, turn in day on Nov 4 during services.

Electronic directory – Team is looking for ‘yes or no’. A lot of good discussion on pros and cons. Question was posed to the PPC if we want to try the electronic version or proceed with the traditional method. Jan motioned that we try the electronic version for 12 months, Duane seconded and it passed unanimously.

Recycling update – 2nd recycling can was added to our service.

AED update – a recommendation was made as to the unit we should get along with an alarmed box, a quote was handed out, there is some minor maint (replacing pads, batteries, etc.), some training for staff should be completed, we have approx. half the funds raised so far, plan to advertise to the congregation looking for funds. Carrie motioned that we proceed with ordering the AED and PC seconded and it passed unanimously.

Drawn to the Word update – plan to do this on 12/16 during a single service. A volunteer will assemble the canvas.

New Business:

November and December worship calendar – Pledge cards are due 11/4; Confirmation is 11/18, during 2nd service; SS program is 12/9 (both services), Drawn to the Word is 12/16 (single service at 9:30 am).

Installation Sunday, Oct 21st – plans are in place.

Treasurer’s Report:

For Sept, expenses came in slightly below budget and income was also slightly below, with a net change of $3k to the black. For YTD, we are about $10k short on envelope offering and $4k shortfall overall.

Next PPC meeting scheduled for November 13, 2018 at 7pm (early due to Thanksgiving week)

Closing Prayer with Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted by
Keith Matzdorf, Secretary
Are you interested in receiving the Messenger via email and not the postal service? Call Connie in the office at 879-1535 and give her your preferred email address. This option saves Our Savior’s paper, printing, and postage costs!

If you do not wish to use the regular coffee cups when serving coffee, there are paper cups in the metal cabinet in the kitchen. Be Kind To The Environment.

Please contact the church office when you or a loved one are hospitalized or when a death occurs so we can support and care for you or your loved one.

Smartphone Apps for Contributing! We can now accept contributions using a mobile application available for FREE. Simply go to your App Store, search for GIVE PLUS CHURCH, install the application and fill in the blanks. Thereafter, when you want to give, simply click on the icon, sign on and donate. SO SIMPLE!

This is our 68th year of radio broadcasts on WKLK!!

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship
The calendar for the 2019 radio broadcast sponsorship is up near the Fireside room. When signing up for a date, remember to pay the office. The rate for a sponsorship is $52.50. In order to keep this service, we need more sponsors. Thank you!

December Happy Quote
“Peace on earth will come to stay, When we live Christmas every day.” – Helen Steiner Rice

Prayer Chain
Please call the Church office with your prayer chain requests.

Please remember to call the office if you would like to schedule a meeting in the church so we may put it in the church calendar. Thank you.

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Deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of the month. Articles submitted after deadline will be published in the next issue. If possible, e-mail your articles to: email@oursaviorscloquet.org

**January 2019 news deadline:** December 15 by noon. Deadline for articles for Sunday bulletins is Wednesday by 9:00 am. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please remember the following members of our church throughout the year:

**Edgewood Vista**
Pat Meisner

**Evergreen Cottages**
Becky Eknes
John Manisto

**Evergreen Knoll**
Joyce Fuller
Charlene Hagen
Evelyn Buddish
Dick Nelson

**Larson Commons**
Audrine Johnson

**Suncrest**
Janith Wadman
Mabel Clemens

**Inter-Faith Care Center**
Russ McKibbon
Eleanor Jania
Ricard Puumala
Art Johnson

**Plainview-Scanlon**
Arlene Anderson
Maxeen Burns
Connie Hopp

**Sunnyside Health Care**
Anita Fountain
Elaine Huliares

**Bayshore**
Vicki Diver

**Plainview-Esko**
Donna Redding

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Jess Pedersen  
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Bookkeeper:  
Bruce Larson

**Sr. Choir / Praise & Worship:**  
Ryan Hanson, Director  
ryan.hanson77@gmail.com

Church Website:  
Administrative Assistant

**New Horizons Christian Preschool:**  
Director:  
Angel Gamache (ext. 19)  
NHCP.director@oursaviorscloquet.org

Teacher:  
Thera Wiersma  
NHCP@oursaviorscloquet.org

Church office hours:
Monday: 8-3  
Tuesday: 8-3  
Wednesday: 8-3  
Thursday: 8-3  
Friday: 8-12

**Sunday Worship Times:**
Traditional Service 8:30 am  
Contemporary Service 10:45 am  
Sunday School 9:30 am

**We’re on the web!**  
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Please keep in your thoughts and prayers for our members of our congregation currently serving in the military. Please contact the Church office for any other members we may have missed or if any of these names should be taken off.

Skylar Scheer  
Alex Lingren
Dane Kiehn  
Tim Schienvogt
Erika Blesener  
Chris Vanderpool