



The Tidings

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Can you believe it is already April?

We have had an eventful year so far at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We are a blessed congregation with a bright future ahead of us.

Thank you for all that you are doing for this community!

As we move into the Easter Season we are going to be reading through the book of Acts.

The Book of Acts, also known as "The Acts of the Apostles," is like a thrilling sequel to the Gospels in the New Testament of the Bible. It picks up right after Jesus' resurrection and ascension into heaven and follows the adventures and challenges of His closest followers as they set out to spread His teachings across the world.

The ministry of Jesus is taken up by Peter and later Paul, who start in Jerusalem and then spread the Gospel message out into the wider Roman Empire. They're on a mission to share the news about Jesus and His message of love, forgiveness, and salvation. They face all sorts of challenges: from dramatic healings and miraculous escapes to serious opposition and even jail time. Despite all the obstacles, they manage to kickstart a movement that grows beyond their small group into communities of believers across the Mediterranean.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4/21 – Earth Day celebrations
5/27—Memorial Day
5/28—Office Closed
6/1 Church Tag sale
8am-2pm

Sometimes as a church we get stuck in what we do and how we do things. A guest to a Christian podcast on the topic, “How to unstuck stuck churches,” gave this answer to the host’s question, “What are people looking for these days that the church can respond to?” His short answer was, “Friendships are primary.” He then added, “If you think you are a friendly church, but you are only friendly to each other, that will not reach others for Christ. You have to be intentional. Each one has to have at least One person that they can pray for and be a friend to – not as a project or someone to fix – but as someone to love, be a friend to and devote time to know and enjoy. This is not for their sake but for your sake, so that you can grow as a disciple of Jesus. They may or may not come to believe in Jesus – but that is not your job. That’s God’s job. Your job is to love them and be a friend.

The early Christians in the book of Acts did not stay inside their homes or places of worship. When they received the power from God through the Holy Spirit, they went out to be with the people in their community. For sure they loved one another, supported and prayed for each other, and broke bread together in remembrance of Jesus. But they did not stop there. They widened their circles of friendships, and went out of their way to meet people in order to lead them to Christ. In some cases, they dared to talk to strangers and reach out to enemies.

If we are to be a church who is serious about being Jesus’ witnesses, “Are we willing to be hospitable and friendly to people beyond our church walls? “ If the answer is “Yes,” then we can begin by going out of our way to welcome newcomers to our church, be intentional in reaching out to family, friends and neighbors and invite them to get to know Jesus, and work together to be the church who is open to new things that God is doing in our midst to renew and empower us to be witnesses of our Risen Lord.

In this season of new life and growth, I pray that we will be open to receive the power from on high and become joyful witnesses in our community and wherever God leads us.

Be Blessed.

Pastor Joe



Easter Sunday
“This Little Light of Mine”



Ruth Manke with
her Easter Garden of
great grandchildren

Easter Egg Hunt









Mission Committee

You may return your “piggy banks” anytime now. I would like to have them all in by April 21 if possible. If you prefer to write a check, please use the ELCA World Hunger 50th Anniversary envelopes at the back of the church. We are making a difference in this world!

The food pantry table in the Narthex is empty. I delivered all of it on Monday to our town social services department. Let’s try and fill up the table once again. There is a list on the table of needed items. Thanks to all who donate to our neighbors in need.

Jan Levett

“We Can” for Camp Calumet 10¢

With the new bottle deposit guidelines we now accept even more containers. In addition to regular cans and bottles we can now return juices, sports drinks, teas and coffee containers. **Reduce/Reuse/Recycle.** Bring bottles here or contact Jan Levett. OSLC is collecting bottles & cans for Camp Calumet. Help support this great cause.

Circle of Concern
Thank you to
Eileen T. for
sending cards
in April



Shed shenanigans

What was the most unique item that was “donated” to our shed this past month?



Council Meetings at 7pm

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 16

April Birthdays

4/4 Claire Turner

4/15 Lori Doll

4/15 Tyler Hunsinger

4/16 Jason Dunn

4/17 John deHaas

4/17 Logan McGarry

4/18 Tyler Aldieri

4/21 Lindsey D'Appollonio

4/26 Zachary Aldieri

4/26 Stephanie Anderson

4/26 Wendy Clarke

4/27 Waltraud Streib



Church pledges and finances

Year to Date (YTD) General Fund Income vs. Expense – Period Ending (PE) February 29, 2024

Actual Pledge Income Received YTD	\$9,446.00	\$9,446.00
Anticipated Budgeted Pledge Receipts YTD	(\$11,174.88)	
Actual Pledge Shortfall YTD	(\$1,728.88)	
Total General Fund Income YTD, including Other Income (Hall rental, loose offerings, fellowship, special donations, Grant, holiday offerings, St. Pauly Textile, United Way, etc).		\$2,288.23
Total YTD General Fund Income		\$11,734.23
Total YTD General Fund Expenses		(\$24,158.81)
YTD Loss		(\$12,424.58)



Check out our new oven!

Holger Gadegard was passionate about both cooking and eating. The family decided to use the memorial donations that were made for Holger to buy and install a new oven for OSLC.

Earth Day Celebration



Come and plant
flowers and beans

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1655 Main St. Newington, CT 06111

There will also be crafts, music and pizza

Sunday, April 21, 2024
11:15 am - 12:30 pm

The conference gathering
should read April 21

The Greater Hartford Lutheran Conference invites you to an

EARTH DAY EVE GATHERING

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
311 Capital Ave Hartford, CT



SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2024
3:00 - 5:00 P,

Join with others from Greater Hartford Congregations in this dynamic, interactive program. Using resources from New England Green Team, Lutherans Restoring Creation and Awakening the Dreamer, we will explore our current situation and hopeful possibilities for now and into the future.

A light supper will be served.



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

TAG SALE

JUNE 1, 2024
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GET YOUR TREASURES TOGETHER

Time to starting gathering
your household treasures.
Clothes, furniture, tools,
games, cookware, etc.. And
don't forget those items
that "you were going to get
to one of these days!"



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA 6-8pm	2 AA 7-9pm	3 Stove installation	4	5 CINTAS 10:30-11:30 w/ Dixie	6 AA 9-11am
7 HORM 1-3pm	8 AA 6-8pm	9 AA 7-9pm	10	11	12	13 AA 9-11am
14 HORM 1-3pm	15 AA 6-8pm Council meeting 7pm	16 AA 7-9pm	17	18 GFWC-B CR 1-4pm	19	20 AA 9-11am
21 HORM 1-3pm	22 AA 6-8pm	23 AA 7-9pm	24	25 GFWC-G FH 6-9pm	26	27 AA 9-11am
28 HORM 1-3pm	29 AA 6-8pm	30 AA 7-9pm			AA Meetings: Monday 6-8pm Tuesday 7-9pm Saturday 9-11am CR = Council Room FH = Fellowship Hall	



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 HORM 1-3pm	6 AA 6-8pm	7 AA 7-9pm	8	9	10	11 AA 9-11am Wauline Falce celebration of life noon— ?
12 HORM 1-3pm	13 AA 6-8pm	14 AA 7-9pm	15	16 GFWC-G FH 5-9pm buffet	17	18 AA 9-11am
19 HORM 1-3pm	20 AA 6-8pm Council meeting 7pm	21 AA 7-9pm	22	23 GFWC-B CR 1-4pm	24	25 AA 9-11am
26 HORM 1-3pm	27 AA 6-8pm Memorial Day	28 AA 7-9pm OFFICE CLOSED	29	30	31	

