



Northern Notes

February/March 2023

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Outing, MN

From the Pastor's Desk

"...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)

Many of you may not know that I serve on Together Here Ministries (THM). Some of you who do know this may not know much about THM or what we do. Others may have never heard of THM. I decided to dedicate my bi-monthly newsletter article to describe this specialized ministry and my roles within it.

TOGETHER HERE MINISTRIES prepares congregations in Northeastern Minnesota Synod to engage in the process of learning, listening and relationship building grounded in truth-telling and the reconciling love of Christ so that transformational change is possible, and healing can occur between diverse groups of people.

Together Here consists of an Advisory Board and two ministry teams: The Bridge Building Task Force and the Racial Justice Team. Both teams assist in creating space for healthy conversation and learning to occur, whether in person or digitally. We work with pastors and church leaders, civic leaders, and private employers in a variety of settings, including congregational settings, schools, and government departments. We lead book studies, confirmation classes, cultural sensitivity training, and workshops.

The Bridge Building Task Force accompanies congregations in Northeastern Minnesota Synod as we work to repair breached trust between Indigenous peoples and descendants of settler communities. The Racial Justice Team accompanies ministries and congregations as we work to form and re-form systems that celebrate, honor, and reflect the vast diversity of God's creation expressed through humanity. The Advisory Board works to set the mission and vision of Together Here Ministries by carefully discerning an annual strategy, aligning the budget to meet the needs outlined in this strategy and accessing the successful implementation of the strategy.

I serve on both the Advisory Board and the Racial Justice Team. As treasurer on the Advisory Board, I manage the annual budget, work with our Synod to pay our expenses and manage donations, and report our financial viability to the rest of the Board. On the Racial Justice team, I am specially trained to administer the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) and have administered over 100 IDI's to date in that role. The RJ Team is also developing a workshop designed to deliver training on dismantling racism and building beloved community across differences. I am not the only person at Our Savior's who serves on the Racial Justice team. Lloyd Singh recently joined us as well! If you have questions or would like to serve on any of THM's teams, let me or Lloyd know.

I am a believer in the ministries THM offers. I have seen a lot of positive change emerge from the work THM does. I appreciate your prayers for all of us who serve God through THM and for all those who could benefit from our various ministries. THM also accepts donations. We have put forth our most ambitious budget to date, a budget which we believe honors our Creator's great dream for a world reconciled to each other and to God. We share that dream and have full faith that it will come to be because of the love and grace bestowed upon us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Get to know Together Here Ministries, join one of our teams, request one of our services, or donate by visiting www.togetherhere.org

Pr. Luke

Sunday Worship Leaders

February	March
USHERS	
5 Gary & Joleen Nelson 12 Sheldon & Jane Matheson 19 Jerry & Jackie Hagel 26 Jim & Lynn Remington	5 Galen & Alice Wittenberg 12 Cy & Nancy Kruse 19 Jim & Lynn Remington 26 Cy & Nancy Kruse
SCRIPTURE READERS	
5 Kathy Pfaff 12 Jane Matheson 19 Jerry Hagel 26 Lynn Remington	5 Kathy Pfaff 12 Cy Kruse 19 Lynn Remington 26 Cy Kruse
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	
5 Caroline Switzer 12 Jane Matheson 19 Jackie Hagel 26 Lynn Remington	5 Caroline Switzer 12 LeAnn Werner 19 Lynn Remington 26 Charlee Genz
TELLERS	
5 Kami Genz & Gary Nelson 12 Kami Genz & LeAnn Werner 19 Jackie Hagel & Jan Peterschick 26 Gary Nelson & Dave Purgett	5 Kami Genz & Galen Wittenberg 12 Kami Genz & LeAnn Werner 19 Jackie Hagel & Jan Peterschick 26 Gary Nelson & Dave Purgett

Green Tips

The Lakers Lions began recycling plastic bags/wrap in April of 2022. To date we have recycled over 4,000 pounds of materials to the Bags to Benches program with NextTrex. For each 500 lbs, Trex donates a bench to our organization. We are currently working on our 9th bench. You can put your clean and dry plastic in the box in the downstairs entry way - plastic grocery bags, ziploc bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap, plastic packaging from beverage cases. See a complete list of items on their website.

Questions call Jan Peterschick, 763.244.4563

<http://lakerslions.org/bags-to-benches/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

7 Kami Genz
8 Lloyd Singh
11 Phyllis Wake
16 Judy Engen,
16 Charlee Genz
16 Vic Stanchfield
19 John Elmquist
21 Hunter Wake
21 Hailey Wake
27 Lilly Wake
28 Shirley Johnson



MARCH

3 Leigha Switzer
3 Leland Wake
7 Corey Wake
10 Nancy Kruse
10 Jane Matheson
11 Pat Maranda
13 Keith Ahlquist
22 Lloyd Thyen
23 Dave Purgett
27 Jackie Hagel



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

To the family of these members who have passed away
Arlene Lindahl December 18th, age of 85
Patrick Gough December 30th, age 75
Bennie Trutwin December 30th, age 88
Glenn Mechelke January 3rd, age 99

March is Food Share month.

Spring is around the corner and just a reminder that March is food share month. Please donate money, food, and hygiene products. Place all donations at the wooden cross in the narthex.

For it is in giving that we receive.

Noisy offerings are always collected on the last Sunday of the month. Clean out your pockets and purses then drop them off in the cans at the church. All proceeds go to World Hunger.



Please mail in your offerings to
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
PO Box 62
Outing, MN 56662

Soup Suppers

It will soon be that time of the year again when we enjoy our Soup Suppers after our Lenten services. We all know that we love our soup, breads, crackers and desserts but we also need to help out in the kitchen. Anyone who is bringing soup on a certain date in the five weeks that we have the suppers, we ask that you help with set-up and/or clean up.

We have several designated volunteers that coordinate everything but they need your help.

Set-up is arriving earlier than the service begins to get the coffee made, water in pitchers, the serving table arranged, utensils out, cups, glasses, napkins, etc.

Clean-up consists of cleaning up the serving table, wiping tables, washing dishes, and making sure everything is put away, along with the garbage out. If you are last to leave, turn out the lights and lock the door.

If everyone pitches in to help with the suppers, it makes it enjoyable for everyone to have an opportunity when they can sit and have fellowship with the others. So, consider helping out when you sign up for bringing soup. It is only an extra half hour or so before the service and after supper that you can volunteer. We look forward to some very delicious soups, breads, and desserts this coming Lenten season. Thank you!



Ash Wednesday Service February 22 @ 5:00 pm
Service and Soup Following March 1 - March 29 @ 5:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Worship Service April 6 @ 5:00 pm
Good Friday Worship Service April 7 @ 5:00 pm
Easter Worship Service April 9 @ 9:00 am

Greetings~ I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful and COLD, winter wonderland that we have.

The women's group did not meet in January or February. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 13th at 9:00 am. Join us!

A big thank you to everyone that came to help decorate the church and pack cookies for the Christmas season. Also to those you came to take the decorations down.

We continue to quilt on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am. If you can tie a knot come join us. We would love to have you, it is fun and good fellowship.

The Women's Bible study group will meet again on March 15th at 9:00 am. All women are invited!

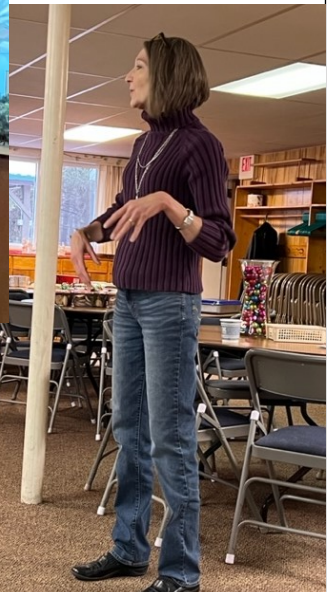
Soon we will be into the Easter season and we will need help with the soup suppers on Wednesdays.

The Living Waters conference spring gathering will be held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, March 18th.

Stay warm and God's blessings to you, Caroline Switzer Coordinator



Christmas 2022





GAME NIGHT



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FUN



FELLOWSHIP



CRAZINESS



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