

FROM THE PASTOR-**WHAT BREAD DO YOU NEED?**

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A while ago I was making a cake. Sierra was in the kitchen playing. As I added the ingredients, Sierra started crying. I assumed she'd gotten hurt and asked what happened. She wouldn't tell me. Finally, after 5 minutes of her crying and me trying to detect the problem, she blurted out, "I wanted to pour in the sugar!" Apparently, my mother gene came without telepathic receptors, so I hadn't known that she wanted to add the sugar. Since then (and since many similar episodes), we've talked about how she needs to communicate her wants and needs in order for them to be met.

Frieda went to her women's Bible study. All her friends asked how she was doing after her surgery. Frieda said, "Fine, but I'm ready to quit the church. Nobody came and visited me in the hospital!" The other women began to say how horrible that was. Then one quiet woman said, "Did any of us let the church know that Frieda was in the hospital?" None of them said a word. She continued, "You know, the pastor can't visit if he doesn't know you're in the hospital. Next time, the rest of us need to make sure to let somebody know if Frieda or anyone else can't do it herself."

Reminder: If you or someone you know would like to be visited, please do call the church office. We don't always hear when people are hospitalized, and we can always use a reminder if we do know.

When I meet with couples preparing for marriage, we talk about assertiveness. Assertiveness is being able to ask for and work for what you need or want in your life. It's not about being forceful or intruding on other people's lives, but it is being able to communicate your needs in a positive and productive way. So many times we assume that our loved ones know what we want or need, and when they don't act as we'd like them to, we get disappointed or angry. But so many times, it's just a matter of being clear in our communication. It's not wrong to ask for what you need. Jesus told us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, not more than we love ourselves or instead of loving ourselves. We all have wants, needs, and hungers in life. And in order to be satisfied and fulfilled, we often have to be assertive and to share what our needs are. Being assertive doesn't always mean we'll get what we want, but it's a starting point.

This Lent, as we talk about Bread for the Journey, what "bread" do you need to satisfy your hunger spiritually, physically, or emotionally? How can you seek and ask for what you need in order to be more fulfilled in your life? And how can you use your gifts to help fulfill the needs of others? How can you share your bread with others on their journeys?

In Christ, Pastor Jennifer



NEW MINISTRY COORDINATORS

The Personnel Committee has hired Jon and Megan Nelson as the new Ministry Coordinators for the church. Jon and Megan will work on scheduling worship assistants, coordinating ministry volunteers, as well as doing a great deal of computer work for us. Please welcome them, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Troop 608 says, "Thanks! We're going to camp!"

NEW OSLC STAFF

Jon and Megan Nelson are excited to be taking over as Co-Ministry Coordinators at Our Savior's. Megan is a Business Education teacher at Beloit Turner High School, where she is also the adviser for Mock Trial and Forensics. (By the way, the Mock Trial team just earned a bid to the state tournament!) She is currently in her third year at Turner. Jon works in Communication Services for the Association of Lutheran Development Executives, a nonprofit organization that provides educational and networking opportunities for people who do faith based fundraising and/or communications work. Jon is also Principal of Nelson Business Communications. Jon and Megan enjoy reading, playing Nintendo, Wii and going to Brewers games. Both of them graduated from Luther College. They look forward to serving you in their new role, and encourage you to come to them if you have any questions, ideas or wish to serve the congregation in some way. Thank you for your prayers and support!

-Jon and Megan

LOOSE OFFERING FOR MARCH: MEALS ON WHEELS

I thank thee, heavenly Father, for Thine angel guard about my slumbers during the night past and for the day of grace and service into which Thou hast awakened me. Keep me steadfast in the sense of Thy protection and in faith in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Lord, make me mindful of the temptations of sinful care, sluggish selfishness, and impure desires, which beset me on every side and from within. Help me in this hour to put on anew the armor of light, that I may be fitted with every weapon of offense and defense against the perils that threaten my spiritual life. Let Thy Gospel call me with new sweetness to be reconciled to Thee; let Thy Spirit call me with new power to follow Thee. Teach me to live this day as though it were my last on earth, knowing that, whether we live or whether we die, we are present with Thee. Be Thou my Protector, my Guide, my Father, for Jesus' sake. Amen

*LBP

LENTEN BREAD RECIPE

(For Bread Machines)

Ingredients:

1 1/8 cup warm water (110 degrees)

3 Tablespoons honey

1/3 teaspoon of salt

1 1/2 cup whole wheat flour

1 1/2 cup bread flour

2 tablespoons canola or olive oil

1 1/2 teaspoon active dry yeast

Put the ingredients in the above order into your bread machine. Use the wheat bread cycle and the light color setting. Open you heart, and say a prayer while the machine is baking. Feel God's love on your face, in your heart, and share the bread with someone you love when it is done. Blessings.

OSLC BOARD...The March Meeting of the Congregation Board will meet on Thursday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Ave. Weekly Attendance for January 2009: 243	Ave. Weekly Attendance for January 2010: 260
Offering for January 2009: \$25,353.33	Offering for January 2010: \$34,965.27
Average Weekly Offering 2009: \$6,338.33	Average Weekly Offering 2010: \$6,993.05

Heavenly Father, eternal God, by whose grace I live and by whose mercy I have been redeemed, look upon me with thy favor, and remove from my heart and life all evil, worry, trouble, sorrow, and grief. Forgive me all my sins. In Thy love let me find peace; in Thy Word, hope; and in Thy promises, comfort and strength. Banish all sinful thoughts, and draw me with tender love closer to Thee. Let Thy Word, with which Thou hast fed our hungry souls today, at all times revive my faltering faith. Keep me throughout the night from every danger, and bless me with peaceful sleep that I may awake refreshed and strengthened to face the new day with all its problems and trials. Watch over the sick and the suffering, and let Thy divine presence fill them with hope and patience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *LBP



GREEN PAGE

GREEN NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE...The newsletter is available to be received via e-mail. If you are interested in receiving it via e-mail instead of through the mail, please sign up on the sheet in the Commons or contact the church office (362-0716) or at oslc1@sbcglobal.net.

COMPUTER TEAM**NEW ON THE OSLC WEBPAGE**

Starting in February we have added a new section to our webpage – a video series called “Faithsteps Videos.” Every few weeks we will be adding a new video and invite you look at it and let us know what you think. The OSLC webpage is www.oursaviorsbeloit.org. Remember to visit Pastor Erik’s blog at www.pastorefaithsteps.blogspot.com.

DINER’S DELIGHT...A celebration of food, fun, and fellowship! Diners enjoy rotating as host/hostess and bringing different courses for dinner including appetizers, salad, side dish and dessert. The rounds for 2010 will be scheduled, so if you are interested in participating, just give Chrissy a call 361-0340 and she will get you into the Diner’s Delight rotation.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart will meet on Tuesday, March 9 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be Gary Percell speaking about the various operations of Kandu Industries. Lunch will be by Betty Johnston. Please call the church office at 362-0716 by Friday, March 5th or Monday, March 8th so we can prepare accordingly. Join us for interesting presentations, food, fellowship in this season of Lent thoughtfulness.

THANK YOU...to all those who say special prayers for us on our Prayer Chain, all those who help each week with worship as leaders, lectors, with communion, music, set up and take down. Thanks to all those who support our pastors, staff, church board, committees and chairs, those who help with the weary, sick, homeless, send cards, send donations, pack items to be sent, and deliver those donations, those who have been helping with the winter snow, assemble the many bulletins, newsletter, mailings, bean counters and nursery care for our precious little ones.

Lift me to Thyself, and let Thy Holy Spirit breathe into my heart the joy of forgiveness and the peace that passeth all understanding. Grant me the grace to appreciate Thy Word and follow daily Thy precepts, believing Thy promises. Strengthen my faith. Guard me against the temptations that beset me, and make me hopeful, confident, cheerful, and courageous. I ask this in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen *LBP

LENT THEME: "BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY"

This Lent, during our midweek services, we'll be exploring the theme "Bread for the Journey." Each week we'll hear a different bible story of how bread was important for the life and faith of God's people. Each week's theme will bring us a different kind of bread to consider, smell and taste. The morning services will feature monologues on bread themes, and the evening services will feature dramas written for each week's themes. And as we enjoy bread in this part of our faith journeys, we also want to help provide bread for others who may not have bread on their tables. During Lent, there will be a special bread box in the front of the sanctuary to collect "Bread Money" for the hungry. All funds will go to ELCA World Hunger.

ATTENTION: BREAD BAKERS

We are looking for a few people who feel the need to knead. Each week of Lent we will be baking bread for our midweek worship series. If you've got a bread machine you're willing to share, or if you'd like to make bread the old fashioned way, please talk to Pastor Jennifer for more information on joining the Lenten Bread Team.

BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY

As we explore Bread for the Journey through this season of Lent, we also want to reach out to provide bread for the hungry in our world. Throughout Lent, there will be a special offering station near the front entrance to the sanctuary, for us to share some of our "bread" with those who don't have enough to live. All contributions will be sent to ELCA World Hunger in order to help feed those who are hungry and in need.

LENT SCHEDULE

March 3 - 11:00 a.m. at OSLC
7:00 p.m. at St. Paul
March 10 - 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul
7:00 p.m. at OSLC
March 17 - 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul
7:00 p.m. at OSLC
March 24 - 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul
7:00 p.m. at OSLC



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Maundy Thursday
one service at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday
1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
No 5:00 p.m. service on Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday
6:30, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

LIBRARY CORNER

We are compiling a bibliography to go along with our "Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith" DVD's. If you would like additional information on these faiths, you can refer to the books shelved next to the DVD's. Remember to always consult the Church Library for information and research as well as for fun reading. We are fortunate to have some amazing reference books as well as many novels and children's books for you to read. If you have any questions, or can't seem to find something please feel free to ask either one of us.

-Sue Stoddard and Wendy Young

KNITS-WITS...Do you like to knit or crochet or always dreamed of learning? Would you like to help make items that could be distributed through Lutheran World Relief and other agencies or projects for yourself? Do you feel you would like to be a part of a new program that shares your interests, patterns, and fellowship as well? If you do then come join the Knit-Wits who will have an organizational meeting on March 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the church Board room (W/ELCA Bible Study meets there). We will discuss times and location options. If you have questions or cannot make this meeting, please call Jean Lincoln (346-0370) or Nancy Lindsey (363-9175). Also, if anyone has needles or supplies from their stash they would like to donate to get us started, it would be appreciated.

SILVER SNEAKERS...Silver Sneakers will be taking a break until further notice. Please watch for news in the next Messenger and in the bulletins. Thanks you.

HONORING OUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH

COMPARING LUTHERANISM WITH OTHER DENOMINATIONS AND RELIGIONS

We are hosting a series of classes comparing the Lutheran faith to different denominations and religions. These classes are held on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 12:00 (noon). Every week we will look at a different denomination or religion. The schedule for March is:

March 2 and 4: Unitarian/Universalist

March 9 and 11: Presbyterian

March 16 and 18: Islam

March 23 and 25: Lutheranism in America

March 23 and 25 will be the last week of this study. Thanks to everyone for joining us as we have learned more about the religions and denominations around us.

OSLC EVENTS

KID'S CLUB — THE NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH PROGRAM

Kid's Club is the Wednesday Night Youth Program for youth ages 3 and up. We meet every week on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. This program is a very interactive way for the youth to grow in their journey of faith. The theme this session is "Close Encounters with the Messiah." Over 12 weeks we will learn more about Jesus and build our own Nazareth House. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Erik or Amy Lang.

TRIPLE-H YOUTH — WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE

Wednesday Night Live continues to meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room. All high school youth are invited to join us.

LOCK IN FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

From Friday, March 5th at 8:00 p.m. to Saturday, March 6 at 8:00 a.m. Bring \$3.00, your favorite snack, pop, sleeping bag and pillow. See Amy to sign up by February 28th! Or call: 815-977-0291.

KIDS' CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be rehearsing again soon as we enter the Lenten season. Rehearsal has resumed on Sundays, at 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. See you there!

DAUGHTER'S EYES — A GATHERING FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE GIRLS

Daughter's Eyes is a group for High School age girls where we deal with issues that we are facing today. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Lang.

GIRL SCOUTS —DAISY TROOP

Melisa McMahan leads a Girl Scout troop at Our Savior's on the first and third Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Any young girl who is kindergarten age now, or will be next fall is welcome to join in the fun and activities. Girl Scouts meet in the Commons just as you come into the building off the parking lot through the glass doors. We hope that your kindergarten age girls will become a part of our troop. Contact the church office for other information or call Melisa McMahan at 364-0027.

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

LISTENING AND ACTING

As Lutherans, we believe that it is good to set aside times daily to pray privately, and that it is equally important to pray with others corporately in various contexts, including our homes and in worship. We believe that it is good to begin and end the day with prayer, offer prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at meals, and pray for guidance before making important decisions.

Because in prayer we are being held and guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe that our prayers take the form of actions. As our lives are to be interwoven with prayer and prayer interwoven in our lives, so a loving touch, a helping hand, an act of mercy; advocacy, witness or justice can come before God as fragrant incense (Psalm 141:2 "Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice." [The lifting of one's hands, palms open toward the heavens, is the traditional ancient posture for prayer, and remains so for many Christians today.]

Our prayers — in silence, in the company of others or as actions — need to incorporate time to listen and meditate. Since we believe in prayer's power to sustain and change life, and to influence God's action in the world, it is good to surround our prayers with reflective listening so that we may discern God's response. For ELCA Lutherans this praying, listening, discerning dialogue with God provides guidance for faithful living in Christ.

*A Conversation with a Loving Parent Part 3 (Taken from the ELCA Website)

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATION

Because of the HIPAA laws protecting patient privacy, hospitals are no longer allowed to publicize when people enter the hospital. They may call the church to let us know when a member is admitted, only if the patient's paperwork requests that or if the patient specifically asks for the church to be notified. Even if those things happen, we may not always hear when members are hospitalized. If you or someone you know would like a hospital visit, please call the church office.

O Lord, by whose grace I live and move and have my being, guide me thorough the coming hours of this day. Have mercy upon me, and help me as I face the bitterness, the confusion, and the ugliness of this world of sin. Preserve me from selfishness, greed, vanity, and pride. Teach me to be thoughtful toward those whom I meet today, and, above all, keep me in Thy divide love, which has reconciled me to Thee in Christ Jesus, my Lord. Lift me to Thine heart, and breathe upon me Thy Holy Spirit. Open my understanding that I may find joy and delight in Thy Word, which alone can sanctify my heart and mind. Keep me from temptation, and let sin have no power over me. Bless everything that I do, that by honest labor and work I may obtain my daily bread. Bless my food, my life, and my home, and keep me standing in Thy grace; Through Jesus Christ, my All in all. Amen. *LBP

Let's hear it for the kids!!!

Happy March Y'all!!! Spring is around the corner I hope so we can get outside with the kids! Please sign up your family for March Movie Madness to come experience fellowship with pizza, Veggie Tales, and an Egg Hunt! Sunday, March 14th at 11a.m. I can't believe it, but with Kid's Club we will be wrapping up session two right before Holy Week. All are welcome to come on Wednesday, March 24th to see what the kids have learned and celebrated with the Journey of the Messiah.

Daughter's Eyes is going very well. Shopping and eating are favorite activities of ours, that is for sure! We are looking at doing a jewelry party as well. :)

The middle school and high school kids will be having their first lock-in on March 5-6th. Hopefully we will be having another to celebrate the start of SUMMER! Noah's Ark has an opportunity this summer for some fun in the sun on June 16-18 keep those days open!!! Until then, stay warm!
Best Blessings and Love, -Amy

CONFIRMATION CORNER

As Lent continues, we remind all students and families to attend our Wednesday evening worship services each week at 7:00 p.m. The March 3 service is at St. Paul, and the last 3 are at Our Savior's. Drama notes are available instead of sermon notes. Students should still be Acolyting as scheduled, working on reading through the Gospel of Mark, and completing mentorship service projects, if they haven't been finished yet.

March 3 – St. Paul March 10, 17, 24 – OSLC

Students and mentors should be closing in on a service project to complete, if they haven't already done so. Please see Pastor Jennifer with questions.

As I come to the close of this Lord's day, I acknowledge, eternal God, Thy loving-kindness and grace, for thou hast fed my soul with the heavenly Manna, the Gospel of reconciliation and through Thy Word hast spoken peace to me in Thy love. Joy fills my heart as Thou graciously forgivest sin through Jesus Christ and stengthenest my faith through the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit. Preserve me in the midst of a tempting world and a pleasure-minded people. Take me by the hand, and lead me safely through this coming week, providing me with the necessary food for each day and nourishing my soul with Thine everlasting Gospel through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Lutheran Book of Prayer

 WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

W/ELCA Bible Study -1st Sunday each month at 9:30 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH
 11:00 AM-1:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Menu

Hot Chicken Salad
 Variety of Salads
 Petite Cinnamon rolls
 Variety of Bars
 Coffee and Lemonade

\$5.00 Adults \$2.00 Children 12 and under

Tickets will be on sale the day of the luncheon at the door

(All Circles are asked to contribute and help with the luncheon).

 CIRCLES FOR MARCH 2010

Monday, March 8

6:00 PM Naomi Circle

Meet at Church in the Commons

6:30 PM Anna Circle

Meet at Church Reception Rm.

7:00 PM Rachel Circle

Hostess: Dorothy Jentoft

1348 Lincoln, Beloit

Wednesday, March 10

Salad Luncheon @OSLC

Shalom Circle-11 AM Meet at Salad Luncheon

Rebekah Circle at 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Marge Harris, 1136 Jackson, Beloit

Thursday, March 11 at 1:00p.m.

Hostess: Leah Circle

Mavis Daugherty, 2129 Poff St., Beloit, WI

Monday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Circle

Hostess: Marge Fresley

589 E. Berkshire Ct., Beloit, WI

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