

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

Feb 2023

### Worship Services Schedule

9:30 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:30 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:30 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

### Pastor's Message

#### The Joy of Lent

Say what? The joy of Lent. How can there be joy in a time of self-examination and penitence? I've been reading a book by Esau McCaulley, an assistant professor of New Testament at Wheaton College and a contributing opinion editor for the New York Times. He's written a book for entitled, Lent. Catchy title, huh? But Lent isn't supposed to be the most marketable of Church seasons. It doesn't come close to Advent anymore or Halloween. Wait, Halloween isn't a church season – just wanted to see if you are paying attention.

In the opening to his book on Lent, McCaulley makes this statement: "Lent, then, is about turning away from our sins and toward the living God. A season dedicated to repentance and renewal should not lead us to despair; it should lead us to praise God for His grace."

Lent, a time of renewal, I hadn't thought about that way. Being raised Catholic, I always had the impression it was about giving things up that hindered our faith or were just plain bad for us, spiritually, physically or emotionally. Lent was all about giving up TV, radio, ice cream and even soap operas as we all know watching "As the Stomach Turns" isn't a positive spiritual experience.

Clearly, even though as Martin Luther told us in his Ninety-Five Theses that we should repent every day, Lent is a special dedicated time of repentance. It can be either a time of initial repentance and baptism as it was for candidates for baptism in the early church or a time of renewal for believers. McCaulley asserts, "The goal of beginning again and beginning for the first time is the same. We are seeking communion with the risen Lord."

The early church moved from extemporaneous, on the spot baptisms as evidenced in Acts 2 – Pentecost and Acts 8 – Philipp and the Ethiopian Eunuch, to a time of preparation for those desiring to become Christians.

According to McCaulley, Lent came to be about three things: (1) preparation of new converts, (2) the reconciliation of those estranged from church and (3) a general call to the whole church to repent and renew its commitment to Jesus.

It's clear Lent is about repentance - changing our minds about ourselves, our sin - and wanting to do God's will instead of our own. But how can Lent renew us as McCaulley says it can?

Professor McCaulley refers us to the Anglican liturgy for Lent. He says, "All the prayers of Lent assume a loss of zeal. Over time we get comfortable in our sins. They become a part of who we are, a portion of the spiritual architecture of our lives. They are a limp we get used to walking with. Ash Wednesday (and Lent) is a call to remember our first years of our journey with God. Sin must become repulsive again. We need our hearts set aflame with love for God."

He contends part of the Collect for Ash Wednesday helps our hearts rekindle our love for the Lord. It reads, "Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

McCaulley contends that "this prayer shows us we cannot be healed of sins we refuse to acknowledge. There is no greater joy or relief than to know we are forgiven by God. The first step in receiving that forgiveness is in seeing them for what they are. In order to do that, we need hearts that are made new over and over again, because untended our hearts grow cold and unresponsive."

Remember God is rich in mercy (Ephesians 2:4) and he has plenty of grace to go around. His very nature is one of grace. Ash Wednesday and Lent lead us to a recognition of our sinfulness but it also, as the old hymn tells us, should lead us to a recognition of "grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all my sin." That's the joy of Lent.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bruce

## **OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch**

Last year at this time I submitted my first Newsletter article as the newly elected Council President, and here I am once more, having been elected by the Council to serve another year as your Council President; again, with Gail Gildemeister serving alongside me as the Council Vice-President. Twelve months ago, in my initial Newsletter article, I mentioned the challenge that it would be to represent a congregation made up of members with varying viewpoints, contrasting opinions, diverse backgrounds, and at different points on their individual journeys of faith. And I can attest that it has indeed had its challenges, but it has also been an honor and a privilege to serve this church, to serve the members of this congregation, and to serve the one true Triune God in whom we all share a common faith. I have been blessed to be supported by so many members of the congregation, as well as being taken to task by some members to help me stay on track. I also had a tremendous group of Council members to serve with, and with the additional of Adam Nourse and Alan Huss, I believe it will be an equally great team moving forward.

And we have much to look forward to in 2023. We will begin seeing the benefits of the funds that were approved to be reallocated from the Building Fund, with the bathrooms in the sanctuary getting a makeover, replacement of the sign out front with a new LED sign, converting the grass area between the church building and Fellowship Hall into an outdoor gathering area, and even more to come after those initial three projects. The Grow Ministry is planning to host a Vacation Bible School this summer. The Worship & Music Ministry has initiated a 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service, with more and more volunteers stepping up to support the two services. The Service & Outreach Ministry is shifting its focus to outreach more into the local community, where there can be more engagement and the impact better felt. And the Connect Ministry, although still in search of a new Leader at the time of this writing, I am sure will come together and host great events again this year like Wine & Cheese, the Steak Fry, and support of Golf for the Son, now officially The Sylvia Jones Memorial Golf for the Son Tournament. So yes, there are great things on the horizon. The table is set, we just need to come together in faith and fellowship.

To conclude, like last year, I again ask for your prayers for myself and the other members of the council; that we may have wisdom and discernment as we strive to make decisions which may not always necessarily seem to best serve your individual interest, but which will be in accordance with our Constitution, and which will best serve the general membership and God's church as a whole; and which in the end will best serve all of us.

## MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

**MUSIC AND WORSHIP Ministry:** Mark Nourse (Chairman) Alan Huss (Counsel Liaison)

Nothing to Report

**GROW Ministry:** Justine Ashcraft (Chairman) – Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)

Happy month of LOVE!

“We love because he first loved us!” 1 John 4:19

What a perfect example Christ has set for us and I hope each week the children are learning the many ways we can love our family and friends and strangers as well!

We are planning to host a Vacation Bible School this year! I will be reaching out to those who've helped in the past because I've never organized a VBS before so as a rookie I'll need your guidance! Any and all who would like to help will be much appreciated! Be watching for more info as summer gets closer. It'll be here before we know it!

With Gods Love,  
Justine

**Connect Ministry:** **VACANT** (Chairman) - Annie Baugh (Council Liaison)

God is Good! Yep...All the Time! Greetings from your Council liaison for the Connect Ministry. Why might your Council liaison be writing this Newsletter? Well, I have been part of the Connect Ministry in one way or another for over 10 years, you might ask yourself how this can be, well the Connect Ministry has quite a bit going into it. We have the:

**Fellowship Ministry-**Hosting Potlucks, and gatherings of Fellowship throughout the year.

**Men's Ministry-** Feeds us, Worships gatherings, Golfs with us and does some darn good Fund Raisers.

**Women's Ministry-** Hosting so many fun thigs for all (not just women) Paint nights, Bunko is starting up again, Secret Sisters, Yoga, and Lot's of Praise and Worship with all in Connect.

**Hospitality Ministry**-This one is helping all within and outside of the Church and Welcomes all in our Church.

This is where I have done most of my time. Planning and making sure we as a Church are Connected in our Faith and with each other. Some of our committees are looking for Leaders, Women's currently and the overall Connect Ministry. So...In essence we have no one to write the Newsletter! I will be stepping in to conduct meetings until one of YOU step up for some real fun. Not much to it, but wanting to have Enjoying Fellowship with friends and family. Planning events throughout the year and updating the Council on what we do.

Please pray and ask the Lord if any of these voluntary positions would be something you could help with. :O)

Here are some of our current projects and updates on what I do know is happening soon.

**Bunko Bash!** Bunko is a fun game played with four players, three dice, and simple rules. New and seasoned veteran players are both welcome to come play. The Ladies Bunko Bash is set for Sunday, March 5 from 3pm to 5pm at the fellowship hall. Please bring an appetizer to share - bottled water will be provided. If you have a card table that we can use or wish to donate a prize for the bash please contact Vicki Ramirez at 801-643-3695. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the back as so we can set up the appropriate number of tables and chairs and have the correct number of dice on hand.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be on February 4th, to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. The Prayer Breakfast is open to all men, young and old, members and friends of OSLC. Come one, come all! Great food, a Devotional, and good Christian discussion (and usually some fun bantering back and forth) can be expected by all who attend. Dave Engen and Pastor Bruce will host this month.

Last but to me one of the best for the year is Lent Services! Ash Wednesday comes early this year Feb. 22! We are working on setting up Soup Suppers beforehand and I will be reaching out to ALL of you for some help with this. Please watch for my CCB email coming soon to an email box near you!

Blessings and God's Great Love to all of you,

Annie Coyle Baugh  
801.808.1999

**Service & Outreach Ministry: Ashley Kaiser (Chairman) – Leo Seeber  
(Council Liaison)**

This year the Super Bowl takes place February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be having our own “Souper” Bowl that Sunday. It’s, “The Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive.” Bring canned foods and place them in the basket for the team you are routing for to win. All food will be donated to Open Hands Food Pantry. The Second Sunday Offering for February will also go to Open Hands. Open Hands offers food and prayer for those in need.

We will also be helping with Family Promise this month. If you would like to help by offering a meal or your time with Family Promise, please see me. It is a wonderful organization, and the families are very appreciative.

Prayer Team Update: Would you like to join and assume a more active role on our Prayer Team? Simply let me know your wishes. I will add you to our current Prayer team list. Where there is a prayer request submitted to me, I post it on Church Community Builder (CCB). You will receive an email with the prayer request and you are welcome to pray accordingly. (801)391-2537 Text or call. Email- [RenaSchmidMK@comcast.net](mailto:RenaSchmidMK@comcast.net)

Prayer with Power  
Rena

**CONGRATULATIONS, BLESSING & THANK YOUS**

**Thank you so much to everyone that offered up prayers for my recent hip replacement surgery. A special thank you to Bobbi Spring, who took the place of my family, as they were delayed by storms. She spent hours at my bedside, and kept my family updated. Thank you again, God is so good.**

**Marilyn Gour**

**Thank you, Josh Ashcraft & Trent Schmid, for your years of service on our council. You have made a difference.**

**Welcome Alan Huss & Adam Nourse to our council. We look forward to great things.**

**A huge shout out to Boston Barrett for always being there and willing to fill in as an acolyte.**

**Thank you to the snow removal angels. Your efforts don’t go unnoticed, especially on those snowy Sundays. John Crossfield, Adam Nourse and Josh Ashcraft to name a few.**

# Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Acolytes Sheila Courtney 385 626-8291	Greeters Gail Gildemeister 801 564-2357	Ushers Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Projectionist Antonio Ramirez 801 425-3356	Camera Barb McFarland 801 668-9709	Altar Guild Sandee Isaacson 801 388-6694	Communion Assistant
5 Feb	9:30	Luke Ashcraft	Pat Simonson	Bill Lange	Jack Baldor		Kim Fasig	Kim Fasig
5 Feb	11:30		Stacy Ames	Gail Gildemeister			Kim Fasig	Kim Fasig
12 Feb	9:30	Callie Cooper	Pat Simonson	The Campbells	Antonio Ramirez	Anden Ramirez	Kathrine Redwine	Kathrine Redwine
12 Feb	11:30		Katherine Redwine	Stacy Ames			Kathrine Redwine	Kathrine Redwine
19 Feb	9:30	Wyatt Colvell	Ashley Kaiser	Russ Smith			Sandee Isaacson	Sandee Isaacson
19 Feb	11:30		Stacy Ames	Gerri Wessner			Sandee Isaacson	Sandee Isaacson
22 Feb	6:30p							
26 Feb	9:30		Kris Gibson	Larry Underwood				
26 Feb	11:30		Stacy Ames	Stacy Ames				

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**2 Feb – Nik McLaughlin**  
**2 Feb – Luke Ashcraft**  
**3 Feb – Jean Sojourner**  
**4 Feb – Minuette Greutz**  
**5 Feb – Ken Rueckert**  
**7 Feb – Dave Mansfield**  
**7 Feb – Dan Kartak**  
**9 Feb – Carla Cross**  
**9 Feb – John Deitsch**  
**11 Feb – Bill Lange**  
**15 Feb – Sue Allen**  
**16 Feb – John McFadden**  
**17 Feb – Debbye Boe**  
**18 Feb – Kris Gibson**  
**19 Feb – Dave Engen**  
**20 Feb – Sabrina Wolfe**  
**21 Feb – Mary Kartak**  
**22 Feb – Stephanie Nourse**  
**25 Feb – Pam Campbell**  
**26 Feb – Tim Fasig**

## FEB HOSPITALITY TEAM

Kim Sparkman – Coordinator  
 Josh & Justine Ashcraft  
 Joey & Mallory Carpenter  
 Bill Lange  
 Kati Colvell  
 John & Kim Showman  
 Corinna & Ken Rueckert

## Volunteers needed

We need your help. There are several volunteer positions open – Please pray and let us know if you would like to help.

**Treasurer** – Don McFarland 801-814-7486

**Part Time Secretary** – Pastor Bruce, John Deitsch, Gail Gildemeister or Barb McFarland

**Communion Team Visits** – Janet Tow 801-309-6969

**Ushers** – Gail Gildemeister 801-564-2357

**Greeters** – Pat Simonson 801-721-7678

**Projectionist** – Antonio Ramirez 801-425-3356

**Streaming** – Barb McFarland 801-668-9709

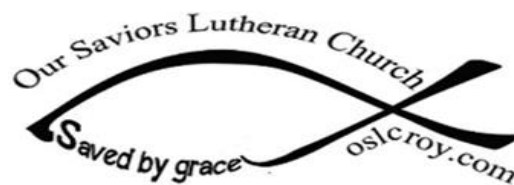
**Acolytes** – Shelia Courtney 801-385-626-8291

**Altar Guild** – Sandee Isaacson 801-388-6694

**Sunday School** – Justine Ashcraft 801-528-8826

**Connect Leader** – Annie Baugh 801-808-1999

**Counters** – We are in need of counters for weekly & special service offerings. Each week we have a different 2-person team counting – so you're only tasked once per month, plus an occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Please call or text Gerri Wessner at 801-920-4681 if you're interested or would like more information.





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10 Jan 2023

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Ministry		Ministry Liaison	Ministry Leader
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>			Mark Nourse
	Wedding Coordinator		
	Funeral Coordinator		
	Musicians		
	Altar Guild		
	Pulpit Supply		
	Audio Visual		
	Acolytes		
	Communion Assistants & Lectors		
	Ushers & Greeters		
<b>Grow</b>			Justine Ashcraft
	Children's Education		
	Adult Education		
	Bible Study Groups		
	Vacation Bible School		
<b>Connect</b>		Annie Baugh	
	Fellowship		
	Men's Activities		
	Women's Activities		
	Hospitality Team		
	Home Visits		
	Visitor Bags		
<b>Service &amp; Outreach</b>		Leo Seeber	Ashley Kaiser
	Communion Teams		
	Card Ministries		
	Angel Team		
	Prayer Warriors		

## 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Offerings

January	Journey Clinic
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
February	Open Hands
March	Lantern House
April	Ogden Rescue Mission
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
May	OSLC Quilters
June	Family Promise
July	Utah Food Bank
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
August	Open Hands
September	Intersivity at Weber State
October	Lantern House
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
November	Ogden Rescue Mission
December	Family Promise
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support

God loves each of us as if  
there were only one of us.

Saint Augustine

## February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970 6:00p Band Practice	<b>2</b>  8:00a Life Line Screening 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #807 6:00p Praise Band Practice	<b>3</b> 5:00p Girls Scout Pinewood Derby	<b>4</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>5</b> 8:15a Band Practice 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Sunday School 11:30a Contemporary Worship	<b>6</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #773	<b>7</b> 7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	<b>8</b> 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970 6:00p Band Practice	<b>9</b> 9:00 Quilter 5:00p Girls Advisory Board (GSA) 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #578 6:00p Praise Band Practice 6:30P Church Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710	<b>11</b> 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry
<b>12</b> 8:15a Band Practice 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Sunday School 11:30a Contemporary Worship	<b>13</b> 5:30p Suncrest Service Unit (GSA)	<b>14</b>  6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #111 7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	<b>15</b> 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970 6:00p Band Practice	<b>16</b> 6:00p Praise Band Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:15a Band Practice 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Congregational Annual Meeting 11:30a Contemporary Worship	<b>20</b>  5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #773	<b>21</b> 7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	<b>22</b>  12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970 6:00p Band Practice 6:30p Ash Wed Service	<b>23</b> 5:00p Girls Advisory Board (GSA) 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #578 6:00p Praise Band Practice	<b>24</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710	<b>25</b> 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry
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**Feb Lectionary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
5 Feb	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Isaiah 58:3-9a	Psalm 112:1-9	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matthew 5:13-20
12 Feb	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:31-37
19 Feb	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Exodus 24:8-18	Psalm 2:6-12	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
22 Feb	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-19	Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19)	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
26 Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	Genesis 3:1-21	Psalm 32:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11