



# *Kindred Spirit* February 2020

Newsletter of Our Savior's Lutheran Church · Albany, MN · 320-845-2405

Sunday Worship  
8:00 & 10:30 am

Education Hour  
9:15 am



## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26 · Services at 4:00 & 7:00 pm

# February 2020

Additions to the calendar? Email Our Savior's Lutheran Church office: oursaviors@albanytel.com or call 320-845-2405

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1/26 8am · Worship 9:15am · Adult Ed 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship, choir, Sunday School sings 11:30am · Potluck &amp; Annual Meeting</p>	<p>1/27 6:30pm · Holy Yoga</p>	<p>1/28 7pm · NA Meeting</p>	<p>1/29 10am · Staff Meeting 12pm · Bible Study@ Cornerstone 6pm · Confirmation Gr 6-8 7:30pm · Choir Practice</p>	<p>1/30</p>	<p>1/31</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2 <i>Communion at the rail</i> 8am · Worship Service 9:15am · Adult Ed 9:15am · Sunday School 9:15am · Baptismal Milestone Party 10:30am · Worship Service</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7pm · NA Meeting</p>	<p>5 10am · Staff Meeting 12pm · Bible Study@ Cornerstone 5:30pm · Life&amp;Mission Mtg 6pm · Confirmation Gr 6-8 6:30pm · Building &amp; Grounds Comm Meeting 7:30pm · Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 1pm · Prayer Circle Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:30am · WELCA Quarterly Meeting</p>
<p>9 8am · Worship Service 9:15am · Adult Ed—CeCe Terlouw, Terebinth Refuge 9:15am · Sunday School 9:15am · Parents of Toddlers 10:30am · Worship Service 3pm · Girl Scouts 248 &amp; 251</p>	<p>10 7pm · Garden Club</p>	<p>11 7pm · NA Meeting</p>	<p>12 10am · Staff Meeting 12pm · Bible Study@ Cornerstone 1pm · Quilting Squares 6pm · Confirmation Gr 6-8 7:30pm · Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 9:30am · Great River Conference PALS</p>	<p>14  <i>No school</i></p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 8am · Worship Service, choir 9:15am · Adult Ed 9:15am · Sunday School 10:30am · Worship Service 11:30am · Grief Support Group 2:30pm · Heart to Heart Party</p>	<p>17 6:30pm · Holy Yoga</p>	<p>18 9am · Lady Generators Meeting 6:15pm · All-Committee Night 7pm · NA Meeting 7:30pm · Congregational Council Meeting</p>	<p>19 10am · Staff Meeting 12pm · Bible Study@ Cornerstone 1:15pm · Mary's Circle 6pm · Confirmation Gr 6-8 7:30pm · Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9am · Council Retreat</p>
<p>23 8am · Worship Service 9:15am · Adult Ed 9:15am · Sunday School 10:30am · Worship Service, SSchool sings, choir sings 11:30pm · Farewell Party for Pastor Bobbi Bell 2pm · Conference Assembly</p>	<p>24 10am · Visitation and 11am · Funeral, Harry Hildreth 6:30pm · Holy Yoga</p>	<p>25 7pm · NA Meeting</p>	<p>26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10am · Staff Meeting 12pm · Bible Study@ Cornerstone 4pm &amp; 7pm · Ash Wednesday Services 7:30pm · Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Equipping Congregations Day</p>



## 1 Corinthians 10:1-18

*<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, [a] by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. [b] <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God [c] that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that,*

*I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

Dear Our Savior's,

There is a very curious expression that has floated into my ears during the first several months of my time here as your Interim Pastor. It tells us something about where you are as a congregation in terms of your mission, vision and purpose.

The phrase is, "They don't want to get blamed."

Several people have told me that they observe many folks in this congregation afraid of being blamed for making a decision that not everyone likes. Afraid of risking anything because they fear how everyone else will respond.

It seems like a good number of us here at Our Savior's might be hesitant to be in the deciding roles because we have seen our neighbors treated poorly when a tough decision needs to be made.

Now, maybe none of you reading this feel that way. But please hear me, somebody must. Otherwise, I have no idea how I would have

heard that message from so many different folks in very different conversations. The one thing those conversations often have in common? Money.

Making decisions about the congregation's money is a difficult thing to do because we fear offending one another. We fear our decision will not be honored or our work appreciated. We fear our efforts will be regarded as unworthy.

How many of you want to be in a position where that is what you feel? Does that make you want to volunteer to help lead the congregation?

I am fairly certain that there are a good number of you here who do want to honor and appreciate the work of your neighbors. I am completely confident that all of you want to find a way to support and love your leaders, just as you do all your neighbors in God's kingdom.

So how?

We spent the month of Sundays in January talking together about Stewardship. Our themes were first Ownership, then Gratitude and last week, Generosity. Under these themes we talked about how we are given the gift to live together as a community, and together we steward (or care for) what we have been given. This includes financially supporting your ministry as well as doing the ministry. And that takes leaders

and ground workers and people of all gifts working together in unity, as Paul says to the church in Corinth above.

Like the church in Corinth, the church in Albany is full of people who are grateful and responding generously to what God has done for them. I know, I get to sit with you one on one! This year, I would like to invite you into a new spiritual practice. Like the offering, it is a practice most of you already do, but we can do it with more intention. Let us join in a spiritual practice of sitting down one on one with other members of this congregation and getting to know each other more deeply. You already know some of these people really well, well, some of you do. But there are many people here who have not formed those deep relationships. Folks who didn't grow up here or folks who have moved from a different church to OSLC.

How might it transform our community if we sat down and asked each other this one question: How has Our Savior saved you this week?

Yes, you can talk about whatever else you want to. If you are intentionally in a one on one, deeply listening to that other person, the spiritual practice is on the right track. But if we can take it one step deeper and ask and answer this question, just think what God might do!

I am looking forward to the annual meeting happening this coming Sunday, as I write this. I am looking forward to watching your faithful leaders do their best to lead you as a community. I am grateful for the opportunity to listen deeply to them and to you as I spend time with you for a little while, in this Interim time. And I challenge you to use this Interim well. Take this time to deeply know someone in the congregation you do not yet know. Learn about their faith, the rock that God has built this church upon, and share your own. Let us be blessed by God's ever-present love showing up in each and every one of your lives.

May Our Savior make visible the ways he has saved you this week!

Peace,  
Pastor Kirsten

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## Equipping Congregations Day: Saturday, Feb. 29

in Willmar. Keynote speaker Pastor David Lose will be presenting *Entering the Bible with Heart, Mind & Soul*. With 24 workshops to choose from there will be something for everyone! Childcare available!

Information coming soon on the SW MN Synod website or in the church office. The cost is covered by the church and all are welcome to attend!

## Cornerstone Bible Study

### Wednesdays at Noon

Grab your lunch at the counter, then join us just down the block to the Cornerstone event space, downtown Albany.

## Albany Food Shelf

*The following items are needed this month at the Albany Food Shelf:*

Pork and Beans  
Chili Beans

*Remember...*the first Sunday of every month is Food Shelf Sunday. Bring a food item donation for our local food shelf. The need is great, and with your help, people right here in our community are able to provide food on the table for their families. Donations can be dropped off in the designated bins in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

## OUR MISSION:

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church is one people united in Christ, empowered by God's grace through worship and the study of His Word, to glorify God by serving and witnessing in the community and the world.*

# OSLC YOUTH & FAMILIES

## Sunday School

*Sundays 9:15 to 10:15 am*

February 2 - Four Friends

February 9 - Ten Healed

February 16 - Winter Break -  
GIFT Sunday School

February 23 - Good Samaritan

*Sunday School Sings at 10:30  
Worship on February 23! Come  
early for a good seat!*

## Joyful Noise Children's Church

*Sundays during 10:30 am Worship*

February 2 - The Beatitudes,  
Matthew 5:1-12

February 9 - Salt and Light,  
Matthew 5:13-20

February 16 - Jesus Teaches about  
Anger, Matthew 5:21-37

February 23 - The  
Transfiguration, Matthew 17:1-9

## Confirmation, Grades 6-8

February 2 - Matthew

February 9 - Mark

February 16 - Luke

February 26 - Ash Wednesday  
Service, 6:00 pm

## Parents of Tots (POTS)

Wondering how to get through the day? Wondering how to let baptism seep into the rest of your lives? Wishing life was a little more balanced, more faithful?

Come together with parents who are figuring it out, just like you. Sunday, February 9th, 9:15 am. *Hope to see You there.*

## Summer Camp

The goal of Luther Crest Bible Camp is for each participant to grow in his/her understanding, appreciation and knowledge of: God, Others, Self and Creation.

OSLC is headed to Luther Crest the week of July 19th. Early Bird savings now through February 15th. Camper Scholarships available. Talk to Diana.

**Recycle your  
aluminum cans and  
support the Youth &  
Family Ministry!**

Drop off your cans in the fenced area next to the garage at the back of the parking lot.

**Newsletter deadline  
is the 15th of the month**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church,  
Albany, MN

Communication Covenant  
November 19, 2019

In order for us to build healthy, open relationships throughout the congregation and solve any concerns, the Council & Staff have adopted the following communication covenant to encourage equal voice, diversity of opinions, consensus and support for the group decision. In order to accomplish this task, we agree to the following:

- We offer and seek clarity in communication. We will not make assumptions about one another because they can damage our relationships and prevent us from doing God's Work.
- We will be honest and straightforward with each other. We will not manipulate each other.
- We will bring our contributions to the whole group, not burdening individuals with a concern the whole group needs to figure out together.
- To maintain strong relationships in our fellowship, we will go directly to any person with whom we have a concern and speak with them about it in Christian love. (Matthew 18)
  - If someone has a problem with an individual and comes

to you instead, encourage them to go to that person.

- If someone consistently will not go to the person they have a concern with, go with them to meet with the person.
- We will respect confidentiality.
  - Reasons to share confidential information include:
    - A person that is going to do physical harm to someone else or themselves.
    - A child has been physically, emotionally or sexually abused.
- So that we might respond, we expect signatures on any written critiques or letters.
- Council meetings are open and welcome for all congregation members to listen.
  - We will utilize executive sessions for discussions that need to be confidential.

Signed by the 2019 Council  
& Staff.

Tuesday, February 18  
All-Committee Night

Any committee reports or  
information can be sent to  
the office to be shared.

## Holy Yoga

In the craziness of life, Holy Yoga offers an opportunity to slow down and breath. Classes begin with reflection on scripture along with time to be still. Experience praise and worship while moving on our yoga mats. This class is for all levels as options will be given. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your yoga mats.

Classes are Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the lobby/narthex. A new three-week session is **February 17, 24 and March 2**. Donation for all three classes is \$24.00.

Our March four-week session will be **March 9, 16, 24 and 31**, with a four-class donation of \$32.00. Walk-in are always \$10.00 per class. *All are welcome!*

You can Support  
Kristin Wolford,  
missionary to the Dominican  
Republic, with a gift or set up  
monthly support at:  
[www.igo-worldwide.org/ramas-vivas](http://www.igo-worldwide.org/ramas-vivas).

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## Lent GIVING 2020

Lent is a time of reflection and repentance, of sacrifice and self-examination. But Lent is also a season of hope — hope in the work God is doing in the world.

For OSLC's Lent Giving 2020, Congregational Life & Mission Committee will be asking you to support the ministry of Kristin Wolford, missionary to the Dominican Republic.

Kristin grew up in Our Savior's Lutheran. She lives in the Dominican Republic with her husband Joselo and two young boys, Elliot and Evan.

In 2011, Kristin Wolford began working with a group of young adults from Iglesia Centro Cristiano Shalom in Hato Mayor del Rey. She helped these young people start a ministry that works with children living in poverty right in their cities. Today, this ministry includes over 30 young adults from four cities who travel to eight different neighborhoods to reach over 250 children every week, all year long.



*Next meeting:*  
Wednesday, February 5  
at 5:30 pm  
in the Fireside Room. Join us!

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Our specific focus for Lent Giving will be the expansion project for Kristin's ministry:

### Ministry Expansion: Water Center

Their ministry is growing rapidly. In order to support and sustain the ministry financially, they are purchasing land, drilling a well and starting a small business to purify and sell drinking water. This will provide jobs, clean drinking water for the community and the economic boost needed to commission youth to new locations and reach even more children and families for Christ.



Water is very dear to people in this area. They have to travel long distances to have safe water in their homes.

The total cost of the Water Center is \$145,000. \$101,000 has already been raised. To open the center another \$44,000 is needed.

This business will allow the ministry to:

- Sell safe and affordable drinking water to our neighbors and the surrounding community
- Disciple and empower more youth to lead as agents of change in their neighborhoods
- Expand our ministry to reach more children with the Gospel and academic tutoring
- Provide full-time jobs for at least nine people
- Add sustainability to our ministry right here in the Dominican Republic

*Watch the bulletin and March newsletter for details on ways to support our Lent Giving 2020.*

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### "Give Kids the World" Mission Trip · April 13–20

We are again planning this mission trip to Kissimmee, FL to serve children who have critical illnesses and their families. Everyone age 13 and older is welcome to join us. We can take a total of 13 people, so contact Carissa Stark, 320-249-9221 or Deb Solarz, 320-250-0273. Deposits are due now!

# Heart Heart Gathering

Sunday, February 16  
2:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

All women of Our Savior's are invited to attend our annual Heart-to-Heart gathering on February 16th. Even if you did not participate in 2019, come and enjoy FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP. Please read the information below and consider being a Heart-to-Heart friend for 2020.

The Heart-to-Heart program is an outreach ministry for women in our church fellowship. It is about encouraging, praying for, and supporting each other in small ways as well as with personal notes, cards, and small gifts.

All of the ladies of our church are invited to participate in this caring and sharing program. At our February gathering, each lady who wishes to participate will fill out an information form. You will draw the name of one of the ladies present and that woman becomes your Heart-to-Heart friend for a

year. KEEP HER NAME SECRET! You become her silent prayer partner and her secret up-lifter. She doesn't know who you are, but she will know you are there, and praying for her and her needs. Likewise, someone will be caring for you in that way too.

What kinds of things should I do? What you do is entirely up to you, but here are some suggestions.

1. Pray for her daily
2. Encourage her: Cards, thoughtful notes, poems, or bookmarks (Suggestion: if you mail a card, put her name and address as the return address. This way you won't mistakenly put your name.)
3. Support her: Send a Bible verse or a special quote that you feel she would like. Maybe it is a comic strip for some laughs!
4. Gifts: If you wish to send her a small gift for a special occasion (birthday or anniversary), please keep it simple. (Homemade goodies are always a good choice). If you do not have money for gifts, your heartfelt words on a blank piece of paper can be very meaningful. Let the ideas flow from your heart. They do not need to be expensive.

At our next Heart-to-Heart gathering in **February 2020**, we will have a big REVEALING



*A Shelter for Hope and Healing*

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party where those of you who were participating in 2020 will reveal yourself to your Heart-to-Heart friend. We ask that you bring a gift for her.

If you did not participate in 2019, please come and share in the fun.

**We will be drawing for a new Heart-to-Heart friend for 2020, and we would love to include you.**

If you have questions, please talk to Sharon Lehner or Kaye Schmainda.

Terebinth Refuge is a Christ-centered shelter and safe home that brings hope, healing services, and freedom to sexually exploited and trafficked women.

CeCe Terlouw, Executive Director will be visiting Our Savior's between services in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 9th. Please join us to learn more about the vital work of this organization!

### Women's Ministry

*Lady Generators*

Tuesday, February 18,  
9:00 am



**BIBLE STUDY**

Mary's Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, February 19,  
1:15 pm

Women's Group  
Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, February 8  
9:30 am



Our Savior's Quilting Squares have been making quilts for the people who stay at Terebinth Refuge.

Twelve new quilts will be presented to CeCe when she visits OSLC on February 9th.

Our group meets on the second Wednesday of the month.

**February 12, 1:00 pm**

Come and tie quilts with us!

Making quilts with love,  
Elaine Randall  
320-260-8977

## Prayer Chain

*“Is any of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.” —James 5:13*

Need a prayer? Want some help? Facing challenges, big or small? The power of many prayers can help you. Please contact the church office at 320-845-2405, to put Our Savior’s pray-ers in action. All requests are confidential and use a first name, initials, or just a friend from church. We will pray for you... God will hear, as He knows who you are!

### Our Savior’s Church Staff

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Music Coordinator:  
Mike Aronson

Receptionist / Secretary:  
Angela Mosman

Custodians:  
Bestman & Josephine Dennis

Church Office Hours:  
Monday–Friday · 9am–1pm

## 2019 Financial Recap

Total Income	\$235,497
Total Expenses	\$246,598
Year-End Deficit	(\$11,101)
Budgeted Deficit	(\$13,197)

*This does not include  
designated funds.*

## “Simply Giving” Program

The “Simply Giving Program” is a way to automate your giving online, in a secure, automatic recurring contributions.

There are two ways to enroll. You can pick up a form at the office and use that to enroll or you can enroll online. For those who enroll online, you can view your history anytime. To enroll online, follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at [oursaviorslutheranalbany.org](http://oursaviorslutheranalbany.org),
2. Click the Online Giving button

Click the Create Profile button. Then follow the onscreen instructions to create your profile.



Ephesians 1:7 “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.”

Psalms 111:9 “He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.”

Luke 21:28 “Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Romans 3:23-25 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.”

Colossians 1:13-14 “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Romans 8:23 “And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”

Job 19:25 “I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth”

1st Corinthians 1:29-31 “so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Hebrews 9:12 “He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.”

2nd Cor 5:21 “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God”

A Psalm of David: Psalm 25:1-5

“To you O LORD, I lift up my soul. I trust in you, my God! Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat. No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced, but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others. Show me the path where I should walk, O LORD; point out the right road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.

# Worship Ministers—February 2020

	Reader	Communion	Ushers
<b>Sunday, February 2</b>			
8:00 am	Tom Koplín <i>Soundboard: John Sundet</i>	Tom & Sue Koplín Jerry Stark	Dwight & Donna Christen
10:30 am	Steve Heimsoth <i>Soundboard: Pat Johnson</i> <i>Joyful Noise:</i>	Shelley Johnson Kenzie & Kourtney Faulk	Paul & Karla Faulk & family
<b>Sunday, February 9</b>			
8:00 am	Jolene Lobitz <i>Soundboard: Jerry Stark</i>	Jolene Lobitz Deb Solarz Mary Adelman	Sharon Lehner Jan Koglin
10:30 am	Denise Croatt <i>Soundboard: Matt Rafteseth</i> <i>Joyful Noise: Mike</i>	Denise Croatt Angie Aronson Deb Kurtz	Jim & Deb Kurtz
<b>Sunday, February 16</b>			
8:00 am	Angela Mergen <i>Soundboard: Kevin Beuning</i>	Angela Mergen Lisa Beuning Lisa Halvorson	Mike & Lynda Hartwig
10:30 am	Haley Power <i>Soundboard: Pat Johnson</i> <i>Joyful Noise: Mike</i>	Haley Power Ray & Cheri Salzer	Ed & McKayla Feia & family
<b>Sunday, February 23</b>			
8:00 am	Kathy Schei <i>Soundboard: Lisa Beuning</i>	Kathy Schei Marilyn Stonehouse Evie Fischer	Lee & Gerrie Komis
10:30 am	Dana Amdahl <i>Soundboard: Eric Ruch</i> <i>Joyful Noise: Mike</i>	Dana & Al Amdahl Paul Faulk	Dave & Lori Grabmeier
<b>Wednesday, February 26 · Ash Wednesday</b>			
4:00 pm	tbd	tbd	tbd
7:00 pm	tbd	tbd	tbd
<i>Soundboard: Kevin Beuning</i>			

Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:30  
Education Hour 9:15 am

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