



the Kindred Spirit

April 2020

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

Sunday Worship Online
9:00 am

Sunday School &
Joyful Noise Online
10:00 am



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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>3/29 On Facebook Live: 9am Online Worship Service 10am Online Sunday School & Joyful Noise 12pm Delivery of Worship audio cds</p>	<p>3/30 6:30pm Zoom Holy Yoga</p>	<p>3/31</p>	<p>1 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm Online Lent Worship on Facebook live 7pm Confirmation Homework Gr 6-8</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 <i>Palm Sunday</i> On Facebook Live: 9am Online Worship Service 10am Online Sunday School & Joyful Noise 12pm Delivery of Worship audio cds</p>	<p>6 6:30pm Zoom Holy Yoga</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 1:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> At Home Worship, instructions on our website & Facebook</p>	<p>10 <i>Good Friday</i> At Home Worship, instructions on our website & Facebook</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 <i>Easter Sunday</i> On Facebook Live & KASM radio 1150 AM: 9am Ecumenical Easter Celebration with Seven Dolors</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6pm Zoom Congregational Council Meeting</p>	<p>15 1:30 Staff Meeting 7pm Confirmation Homework Gr 6-8</p>	<p>16 11am Zoom Conference Pastors' Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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<p>Please check the website calendar for schedule changes and/or cancellations: OurSaviorsLutheranAlbany.org</p>						



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Home is where the heart is, they say. And now when we are all in our homes, I am praying that your home is one of love and as much peace as you can muster, for sometimes feeling “stuck” at home (especially with children) can be stressful. For those of you at home alone, I pray that while you may be physically distancing, you are not socially isolated. The council is working hard to check in on folks and to form a team of people who will check in on a regular basis with those who need it. If you would like to be someone who calls others, or you know someone who could benefit from receiving a call, please let Deb Feeney know so she can add to her list!

Home is the first and best place for forming faith. Whenever I leave the home of a visitation, I say “Be at Peace, Christ is with you.” For Christ is in our homes with us, and it is in our daily lives that we have the opportunity to learn from Christ. If you have extra time now that you are part of #StayHomeMN, I suggest you take out your Bible, maybe read

something from the Gospel of John that we have been studying this Lent, and consider what Jesus would have us do at home. (Hint: Start with John 15).

Home should be a place of safety and security. And I hope yours is. If your home is not safe, please call me so that we can get you appropriate resources to be safe. Security will not save us indefinitely. Our security comes from knowing God is with us no matter what comes our way. Breathe deeply, the Spirit is with you. Go outside for a walk, see God in nature. Leave the tv off, find God in some beautiful music that has been made by God’s creative creatures.

For now, we will see each other at Home for online worship, livestreamed for you at 9:00am Sundays. For Holy Week we are creating something special for you to worship At Home, and Easter Sunday, tune in to your local radio station, KASM to worship with us and Seven Dolors at 9:00am. We will also be livestreaming online that day, per usual, and there may be some visuals, so you won’t want to miss that.

Be at Peace, Christ is with you at Home too.

Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt

PS: Please send the office your email if you are not getting emails from me!

Our Savior's and Seven Dolors
Ecumenical

Easter Sunday Celebration!

Live Online and on the Radio!

Facebook: Our Savior's Lutheran
Church - Albany, MN

Radio:
KASM, 1150 AM

Ideas to Love One Another At Home:

- Pray for your neighbors, those most vulnerable, those most anxious. I will include a prayer below, and you can always make up your own. God hears you.
- Volunteer to call someone and check in with them. Tell Deb Feeny you are willing to help out 320-260-6666 or dahrenholz@charter.net
- Go check out the faith resources on our website to do with your family, or on your own!
- Volunteer to record a piece of worship or an encouraging word at home, submit to a staff member to add to our Facebook page. Contact Diana if you would like to contribute 320-260-7651 or diana.oslc@gmail.com
- Tell the church office if someone you know can't worship online, so we can deliver them an audio CD.
- Donate to the church for

Christ's work to support spiritual for all.

- Donate to the financial needs of those who have lost their jobs or are financially struggling in this time by donating to OSLC "Good Samaritan-Community Crisis Fund." This is also an opportunity to give anonymously to someone you know is in need, simply designate the person/family, and Pastor will deliver your gift.
- Staying connected matters, God created us for connection. Don't be surprised if someone reaches out to you.
- Take a breath. Read Psalm 46.

OSLC **YOUTH &** **FAMILIES**

Sunday School & Joyful Noise

All lessons are available online,
10:00 am on Sundays.

For children's faith activities visit
our website:

OurSaviorsLutheranAlbany.org

Facebook: OSLC56307

YouTube: OSLC56307

Confirmation, Grades 6-8

Digital lessons are emailed to
our confirmation students on
Wednesday afternoons.

Don't Forget Your Offering...

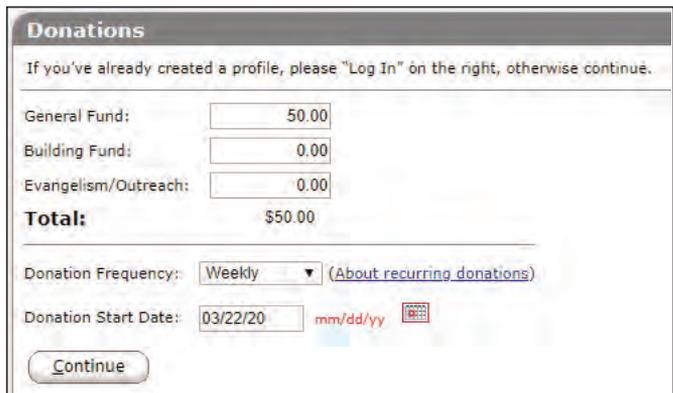
During this time of Social Distancing while you are away from weekly services, it's important to remember the financial needs of the church remain ongoing.

Now is the time to enroll in Online Giving using a convenient link on our website at www.OurSaviorsLutheranAlbany.org. New users must create an online profile by providing an email address and creating a secure password. Next, you will Add a Transaction to setup your donation amount and frequency as shown below. Enter and review your giving information and choose Process. Once the donation is processed, a confirmation screen will appear. And you're DONE—it's that simple!

Vanco (the servicing agent of OSLC online giving) also provides the Give Plus+ app you can access from your Smart Phone or tablet.

You can also put a stamp on your offering envelope and drop it in the mail.

Please know your church is here to provide healing and comfort to help you through these uncertain times, and we appreciate your continued support of our mission.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Donations". At the top, it says "If you've already created a profile, please 'Log In' on the right, otherwise continue." Below this are three input fields for donation amounts: "General Fund:" with a value of 50.00, "Building Fund:" with a value of 0.00, and "Evangelism/Outreach:" with a value of 0.00. A "Total:" label shows a sum of \$50.00. Below the amounts is a "Donation Frequency:" dropdown menu set to "Weekly" with a link "(About recurring donations)". The "Donation Start Date:" is set to "03/22/20" with a calendar icon and the format "mm/dd/yy". At the bottom is a "Continue" button.

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.*

Baptisms

March 1

MacKenzie Marie Dirkes

Parents: Kelsi & Derrick Dirkes,
Sponsors: Andrew Wachman &
Christina Dirkes

March 15

Bryant Edward Wilson

Parents: Melissa & Ross Wilson,
Sponsors: Kathleen & Jared
Wagner, Reece & Kenzie Wilson

Worship & Music Committee

Easter Flowers have been ordered! A heartfelt Thank You for those who preordered; the flowers will be at church and on display for Easter Sunday. You will be notified when you will be able to take them home, they will be labeled for you to find.

Easter Flowers sponsored by:

Kathy Schei—In Memory of Lyle H. Schei

Howard & Jan Koglin—In Honor of all of our loved ones

Sharon Lehner—In Memory of Loren Lehner

Angie Aronson—In Memory of Lynn Wang

Kristi Mueller—In Memory of Dale & LouAnn Schultz & Edward Mueller

Sandy Brutger—In Memory of Gerald R Brutger

Carissa Stark—In Memory of Grandpa Norman

Kelly & Dale Rafteseth—In Memory of Dale & Lou Ann Schultz & Darlene Rafteseth

Jan Klug—In Memory of Don Klug

Mary Adelman—In Memory of Andy & Emily Ingemansen

Sue Koplín—In Honor of our parents

Kaye Schmainda—In Memory of Orlando & Eleanor Loftsgard and Charles & Emma Schmainda

Judy Fischer—In Memory of our family & friends

Deb & Jim Kurtz—In Honor of God for guiding us through the Covid-19 crisis

Judy Evenson—In Honor of our parents & grandchildren

Vicki Heimsoth—In Honor of our grandchildren

Kevin & Lisa Beuning—In Honor of our godchildren; Araya, Grace, & Tommy

Worship & Music Committee—In Memory of Eddie Katzner & Laverne Radtke



Spring Cleaning?
Remember the Church
Garage Sale is in May

Spring is almost here and with that comes Spring Cleaning! Once again we are planning to have our large garage sale at church in May. As you pack your items for the sale, mark them and they will be ready to bring to church when the time comes.

Right now, the dates for the sale are May 7–9. If we need to, we will postpone to a later date this year.

Our well thoughts and prayers go out to everyone!
Deb Solarz, Women's Group
President

The WELCA Spring Gathering has been cancelled.

Quilt Auction at
Luther Crest Bible Camp

On August 1st, Luther Crest will be having a quilt auction at the camp. If you would like to donate a quilt of any size, please contact Deb Solarz at 320-250-0273 for more info. The quilts need to be at the camp May 31st, so they can be put online for display. Money from the quilts will go for camper scholarships.

Women's Ministry

Lady Generators

We hope to
meet in May!



Mary's Circle Bible Study

We pray that we can
gather in May.



Quilting Squares has been going great! We have four to deliver this month to Terebinth Refuge. Thanks to all the quilters and sewing done on our gifts of quilts—made with love.

I have a sign in my quilt room:
“Those that sleep under a quilt,
sleep under a blanket of love.”

We will not meet in April, look for us in May. Our group meets on the second Wednesday of the month.

Come and tie quilts with us!

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

Lent GIVING 2020

For OSLC's Lent Giving 2020, we ask you to support the ministry of Kristin Wolford's Ministry Expansion for the Water Center:



The total cost of the Water Center is \$145,000. \$101,000 has already been raised. **The amount needed to complete the center \$30,000.**

This business will allow the ministry to sell safe and affordable drinking water to the community and provide jobs for it's people. It is also a means to provide sustainable income to the ministry.

We know it has been difficult to support this Lent Giving project for Kristin since we have not been able to be together for most of Lent. You can support by:

Check—write a check payable to Our Savior's Lutheran Church with "Ramas Vivas" in the memo line and mail it the church:
P.O. Box 670, Albany MN 56307.

Online—www.igo-worldwide.org/ramas-vivas. This money will go to Kristin's ministry.

Coin Bottle—You may have been using a coin bottle to collect money in your home as a way of giving thanks when you enjoy your meals—or, if you haven't, please start collecting! We will ask you to bring these bottles to church when it is safe for us to gather together again. *Thank you!*

Albany Food Shelf

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

Shampoo and Conditioner
(even trial-size or motel-size are welcome)

*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!*

Holy Yoga... via ZOOM

We “meet” for yoga virtually by using the Zoom app, online, Mondays at 6:30 pm. Rebecca (our instructor) will email the link to class participants.

Yoga classes will run April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18. A free class will be offered April 6, for new participants. What a great time to experience gentle movement, breath and peace that only comes from Jesus—all from the privacy and comfort of your own home.

Zoom classes will run approximately 40 minutes. Fee per class is \$6. Please contact Rebecca Pierskalla (the instructor) at 320-291-5129 or by email rebecca.pierskalla@gmail.com with any questions/concerns or to sign up!

**All-Committee Night
is cancelled until further
notice**

Please send any committee reports or information to the office to be shared.

Sally Sands, our local public health official (and Member of OSLC) has asked us to pass on this message to everyone:

Please share the message that business owners should not require doctor’s notes for employees that are absent from or returning to work. This is creating an undue burden on the already strapped healthcare system.

Please conserve masks and gloves for medical professionals, they are not necessary for home use.

Keep washing your hands and keeping social distance, 6 feet apart

“Give Kids the World” Mission Trip · Postponed

This mission trip has been postponed to a later date this year. We will still have room for a few more people, too. Please watch for more information!

If you have questions, contact Carissa Stark, 320-249-9221 or Deb Solarz, 320-250-0273.

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

from Ramas Vivas (Kristin Wolford), March 13, 2020

Onward!

This past quarter has been incredible! I'm excited to report on so many wonderful things going on in the Dominican Republic.

In addition to our regular ministry with children and weekly discipleship classes, here are just a few of the special things we've been up to:

- In January we had our annual team retreat—a time of reflection, goal-setting, team-bonding, celebrating accomplishments & great learning.
- We celebrated three weddings with members of our team: Yahson & Yela, Lisiana & Richy,

Kenia & Roberto. Congratulations to all three couples!

- A neighborhood clean-up day in our newest community: Don Juan. We spent the afternoon cleaning up garbage, washing, cutting and braiding hair, and sharing joy with friends and neighbors.
- Putting the mortar and paint on our first Ramas Vivas house and celebrating the way God brought this all together for Yolanda and her family. It was the first house built entirely by our team, construction sponsored by Cherry Grove Church, and Rita from Pennsylvania covered the cost of the mortar and paint. Truly a team effort and a joy to be a part of this gift.



Construction Zone

Construction continues for the water purification center, a small business we are starting to provide safe, affordable drinking water to members of the community, full-time jobs for at least nine individuals and serve as an economic engine sustaining our ministry here in the Dominican Republic.

The cistern, septic and well have been dug. The security wall around the property has been built, and the pillars for the building are going up.

The rain has slowed us down some, but we are still on track to finish construction by May.

During my recent visit to Minnesota, I visited with several churches and individual donors.

Once again, I'm amazed by the generosity of so many people and God's faithfulness.

Our total amount needed to complete the project is down to \$20,623!

We are so thankful for all of you who partner with us and make this ministry possible through your prayers, investments, encouragement and visits to the Dominican Republic.

May God bless you more!

Kristin, Joselo, Elliot, Evan and the entire Ramas Vivas team.



Albany Southsiders 4-H Community Service Project

We are accepting donations to create chemo treatment bags for local cancer patients and the Coborn's Cancer Treatment Center. Below are a list of items that we are looking for to include in the bags. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

- Knitted stocking hats
- Sugar-free gum
- Recyclable bags
- Starlight mints
- Chapsticks
- Biotene dry mouth oral rinse
- Queasy pops
- Journals
- Hand sanitizer
- Pocket tissues
- Note pads
- Pens
- Gift cards for gas and food
- Popcorn
- Lap blankets
- Positive notes and words of encouragement
- Quilts
- Fake flowers
- Bubble bath
- Nail clippers
- Coffee
- Crosswords//activity books
- Playing cards
- Socks

- Magazines
- Individually packaged snacks

Thank you for your donation and support.

Albany Southsiders 4-H Club

Donations can be dropped off in the collection box at Teal's, located by the register.

Our Savior's Church Staff

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Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt

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Ministry Associate for Youth &
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Music Coordinator:

Mike Aronson

Receptionist / Secretary:

Angela Mosman

Custodians:

Bestman & Josephine Dennis

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by appointment at this time

Connecting with church staff during this time:

OSLC office hours are currently by appointment only. Please contact us by phone for assistance, 320-845-2405, or by email, OurSaviors@albanytel.com.

For pastoral emergencies, contact Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt, 508-422-6277.

For youth & family needs, contact Diana Brown, 320-260-7651.



“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings.”
—Joel 2:12-14

“I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.”
—Philippians 3:10-11

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”
—1 Peter 5:6

“At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert forth days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ‘The time has come,’ he said. ‘The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!’”
—Mark 1:12-15

“I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish!”
—Luke 13:3

“They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify then by your truth; your word is truth.”
—John 17:16-17

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.”
—Matthew 11:21

“These people worship me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules made by men. You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.”
—Mark 7: 6-9

Faith at Home Resources

During this time of worshipping at home, it could help add comfort and structure to our lives by adding a Home Altar. This kind of space (or basket that can be brought to the dining table) could be used for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday this year.

OSLC Worship at Home in April

Online Worship Services are shown live on Facebook at: Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Albany, MN

Or go to the website OurSaviorsLutheranAlbany.org and click on Watch Worship Services

If you would like an audio cd delivered to you, please contact the church office, 320-845-2405.

Home Altar Suggestion

Here is one suggestion on how to do it from our Lutheran siblings in the LCMS:
<https://blogs.lcms.org/2016/infographic-the-family-altar/>

"Pandemic Hope"

A Family Devotional for Life During COVID-19

https://unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/trinityol/attachments/231128/Pandemic_Hope_Devotional.pdf

Christ in our Home complimentary e-mail subscription

Christ in Our Home is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary.

With the outbreaks of coronavirus disease 2019 in North America and around the world many people may be without a physical copy of Christ in Our Home. To assist with devotional life during this time, we are offering a limited-time complementary email subscription. Sign up and we will deliver the daily devotional to your email at 4am Central Time for the remainder of March and April 2020.

https://go.augsburgfortress.org/christ-in-our-home-email-subscription?utm_campaign=AF%20Subscription%20Devotionals&utm_content=122713140&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&hss_channel=fbp-373501085464

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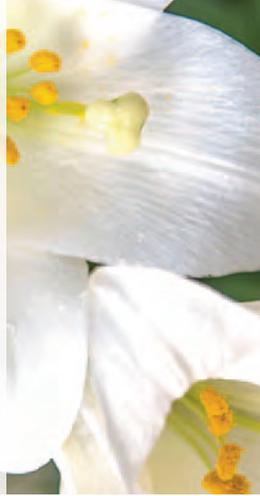
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