

LENT 2017: "EVERYDAY REFORMERS"

This year will begin the observation of the 500th year of the Lutheran Reformation. It was on October 31, 1517 that Dr. Martin Luther, a German monk and Old Testament professor at the University of Wittenburg nailed his "95 Theses" to the castle church door there in Wittenburg. This document was simply an invitation to the university staff and church hierarchy to talk over and debate these 95 items of concern in the church's theology and practice. It wasn't a particularly Everyday Joe or Jane kind of document.

But one of the most revolutionary pieces of theology to come out of the Lutheran Reformation was DIRECTLY aimed at Everyday Joes and Janes. Luther's *Doctrine of Vocation*—the assertion that one does not need to be a pastor, monk, nun, or bishop in order to serve God in meaningful or vibrant ways—focused on daily life as the arena where faith is lived out and explored.



As a pastor, Luther wrote words about parents being pastors, bishops, and evangelists to their children. He declared that changing a dirty diaper does as much good (maybe more!) in caring for the world than all the work of popes, bishops, and priests combined!

He encouraged ordinary craftspeople in his town to consider their work of serving others as holy work, whether they made shoes or barrels or sold fish. And he understood the family table to be as important for faith formation and practice as the church's altar.

So. What does this mean? (A VERY Lutheran question!)

What if we could hear from every day, regular Joes and Janes about how the Reformation impacted them?

THAT is the invitation of this year's Lenten theme: **"EVERYDAY REFORMERS."**



How is it that our baptisms commission us for every-day ministry?

How is it that God equips us through the Holy Spirit and through the gifts and talents with which we have been created and borne?

We will be meeting NOT the Reformers themselves, who tended to be pastors, scholars, and theologians (not that those folks are all bad!); we will be hearing from EVERYDAY REFORMERS like yourselves, people who found their lives taken up in meaningful and purposeful ways of devotion, prayer, and service.

AND...each week's faith story will be presented from a different preacher from other area congregations:

Katie Luther—Pastor Julie Anderson, Faith Lutheran in Becker

A student at Luther's Table—Jeremy Hallquist, Director of Youth & Family Ministries, South Santiago Lutheran Church, Clear Lake

Luther's Barber—Pastor Mike Pancoast, South Santiago Lutheran, Clear Lake

A Nazi Prison Guard, ordered to guard Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer—Pastor Steve Seiffert, Hope Lutheran, Orrock

A Printer, charged to spread the writings of the Reformers—Pastor Steve Timm, Rejoice Lutheran, Clearwater

An accountant for traveling priest collecting money for Rome—Pastor Tim Wittwer, Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran, Foley

OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

5:30 PM Soup Supper

7:00 PM Worship—Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

Wed., March 1—Ash Wednesday

Wed., March 8—Katie Luther, Keeper of the Household

Wed., March 15—An Accountant for Rome

Wed., March 22—A Nazi Prison Guard

Wed., March 29—A Printer

Wed., April 5—A Barber

CHURCH NEWS

First Communion Instruction to Begin

First Communion Instruction begins this month and continues through Holy Week.

Instruction is opened to almost any child, but the main guidelines are as follows:

- Is your child baptized?
- Is your child able to sit through worship?
- Can he/she participate in a 45 minute to 1 hour time of instruction and activity?
- Does your child have some basic sense of basic Bible stories, including especially Noah's Ark, Moses and the big stories of Exodus, and at least 3 stories about Jesus, including his Last Supper, his death, and resurrection?
- Has your child been asking questions about Holy Communion?
- Is your child aware enough of others in the congregation and the needs of others to show a degree of respect for the communion experience? Does your child have the ability to conduct himself/herself well during Holy Communion?
- Are you prepared to continue to fulfill the promises you made at your child's baptism to bring him or her regularly to the Lord's Table?



If you aren't sure about your child's readiness, talk to Pastor Mike. He'll be happy to guide and advise.

Or, you can pick-up our booklet called *Let the Children Come to Me: A curriculum for Holy Communion for Household Instruction*. It is in our pamphlet rack in the entry way of the church. (Note: there is also a curriculum for households for PRE-READERS, as well, if you would like to begin working even with your smaller children.)

There are 3 sessions to attend this year across a wide span of options to make it work with your family's schedule.

Session 1 Opportunities: the Passover (choose 1)

Sun., March 26–9:15 AM Instructor: Pastor Mike

Wed., March 29–5:45 PM Instructor: volunteer*

Session 2 Opportunities: the Last Supper (choose 1)

Sun., April 2–9:15 AM Instructor: Pastor Mike

Wed., April 5–5:45 PM Instructor: volunteer*

- To be announced

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Session 3–Bread Baking & Learning How to Take Communion*

Sun., April 9–11 AM Instructor: Pastor Mike

* There is only **ONE SERVICE** on this Sunday (Palm Sunday), 9:30 AM. So we'll meet following this service, and this session includes lunch. If you can't attend this one, please let me know, and we can make some other arrangements.

First Communion Recognition & Blessing–Maundy Thursday, 7 PM.

For more information, questions, or to register for First Communion Instruction...

Visit our website: www.sslcmn.org/first-communion-at-south-santiago-lutheran-church.html

Contact the church office (763-662-2048 or sslcoffice@izoom.net)

Contact Pastor Mike (763-333-4499 or pastorsouthsantiago@gmail.com)

CHURCH NEWS

HELP WANTED: After a 9 year run, Karla Zerwas is stepping down as Sunday School Superintendent. We are looking for a person (or 2 or 3) to continue this ministry for our children. She will be able to help during this time of transition for anyone who is interested. Please contact the church office or Karla for more information.
We are extremely thankful for her service to this ministry!



SSLC's Newest Ministry Partner



Are you looking for a way to help those in need this year? South Santiago Lutheran has partnered with a ministry organization in North Minneapolis called Hope Avenue. Our next date to partner with this organization is **March 12th**. This organization provides clothing, food, winter shelter, and a variety of other services to those in need. We partner with them every second Sunday of the month. We ask that volunteers arrive at 7:30am and typically finish the morning about 10:30am. We invite all ages to join us for a great experience. The work can be as demanding or as light as needed to accommodate physical limitations, or health concerns. Sometimes the best act of service is listening to other people's stories. We invite you to join us throughout the year as we aim to bring awareness to some of the issues happening in our state and our world. Talk to Jeremy if you have questions or wonder how to make a lasting partnership with this community!

You can sign up at : <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49a4a922a6fa7-hope>

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FLOWER FUNDRAISER
Mission trip youth will be taking orders for potted and bedding plants from March 1 until March 22.
Get your list ready! Delivery will be on May 8.



Head Ushers Needed During Lent-



We are looking for some help during our Lenten season this year. If you are going to be around during Lent on Wednesdays and are willing to help turn off lights, turn down the heat, and ensure the doors are locked we could use your help. If your schedule only allows for one night we can work with that. Speak with Pastor Mike, Jeremy or Shelly to sign up as much as you are able. We will give you direction and help you out for the evening.

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER BIBLE CAMP?

Here are some ideas.....



- *Green Lake Lutheran Ministries near Spicer at <http://www.gllm.org/>
- *Luther Crest Bible Camp near Alexandria at <http://www.luthercrest.org/>
- *Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp near Slayton at <http://shetek.org/>

Contemporary Worship Schedule:



.March 12th- Worship Team Leading Worship at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Practice at 7:20 am.

March 26th- Worship Team Practice. 11:30 am.

If you would like to sing, play, or work with the team we would love to have you! Regardless of skill level we would love to witness where God is using your talents to invite people into a worship experience. The team would also love to hear your suggestions for music, or ways we can improve or grow. Connect with Jeremy if you would like to offer suggestions or jump in and share your gifts.

CHURCH NEWS



Labels for Education is a fun and easy program where families and members of the community work together to “Earn Free Stuff” for their school!

By collecting UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from our many participating products and supplementing your earnings with our bonus offers, your school earns points that can be redeemed for Arts, Athletics, and Academics merchandise.

We have a designated area to use for trimming and collecting Labels for Education in the narthex in front of the church mailboxes.

Whenever you have some free time, whether in between services, or on Wednesday evenings, please feel free to help trim coupons for redemption to the program.

The Community Furniture Program

serves low-income households in the Tri-county area.



We are in need of gently used & stain free beds, sofas (please no sofa sleepers), dressers, nightstands, easy chairs, kitchen/dining tables & chairs, coffee tables, end tables and lamps.

Drop off & Pick up service available.

Please call: 320-656-9004, Mon-Wed-Thurs 9 am–5



SSLC CHOIR

They meet to practice on the first three Sundays of the month, and sing at worship one Sunday of each month. All are welcome to join in praising God with our voices!

RECYCLING TRAILER IS OPERATIONAL!
FEEL FREE TO DROP BAGGED ALUMINUM CANS AT TRAILER.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



SOUTH SANTIAGO BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND



Please consider a special donation to SSLC’s Building Maintenance fund. We have established a savings account to build up to use for major church repairs.

We anticipate more repairs as our beautiful building ages.

To make a special donation, just designate “Building Repairs” on your check or offering envelope. We hope you can help us grow this account to allow us to keep SSLC in the best condition we can. Thank you!

Buildings and Grounds Committee



HELP NEEDED!!! Are you

interested in learning to run the worship slide presentation? We are looking for volunteers (age 16 and up) that would be able to be here for worship on Sundays. Training will be provided. Please contact Shelly or Jeremy in the church office.

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY



Meets each month during the school year on a Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

Please contact Barb Marsh for more information.



Are you looking for a way to stretch your grocery dollar and help others at the same time?

Fare For All at:
Salem Lutheran Church
in St. Cloud

Save up to 40% on groceries!

Fare For All sells packages of fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meats

For more information, visit
www.fareforall.org
763-450-3880 or 1-800-582-4291

FARE FOR ALL
Food that makes cents

SUICIDE HOTLINE

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800-273-8255

CHURCH NEWS

Did You Know?

We have a Meals Ministry program at SSLC! There have been a group of women who have been making and providing meals for members of our congregation when there is an illness, a health concern, or a need. If you would like to find out more and get connected contact Roberta Bistodeau or Dee Punton. You can either provide meals, storage dishes or cooking dishes for them to use for those families. You may bring gently used or new cookware to the church office. Please contact either Roberta or Dee if you would like to help make meals for families.



ALL MILITARY FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

We have a bulletin board to recognize those members and friends in their service for our country.

We would like to include all active and retired personnel from all branches of service, all law enforcement, and all firefighters.

The information we are gathering: Name, Rank, Dates of Service, Branch of Service, Where stationed or area. We would like to place a 4 inch by 6 inch photo with the description of each person. If you have photos and bios to be added to this board, please bring them to the church office.

BREAKFAST AND THE BIBLE



Breakfast and the Bible is **open to anyone of any age looking to grow in knowledge, devotion, and fellowship.** **We will be meeting about twice a month, please check your newsletter calendar for dates.** We **begin at 8 AM sharp and end at 9 AM,** leaving you nourished in body, mind, and spirit and with a full day to get things done. Breakfast is usually donuts, rolls, or coffee cake provided by volunteer participants. Pastor Mike occasionally cooks breakfast.

Parents with children asking about Holy Communion



Did you know we have a curriculum prepared by Pastor Mike and supported by church council to aid you in having a conversation and teaching your children about Holy Communion?

You can find it in the pamphlet rack in the entry way of the church. It's called "*Let the Children Come to Me: A curriculum for Holy Communion for Households with Pre-Readers.*"

Most of the material is **FOR YOU** as parents, including...

An Introduction to the topic;

A Brief History of the practices and teaching within our denomination (the ELCA);

A Brief History of the practices from within our congregation.

Two Images to get you thinking about how we pass on faith and practice to our children; and

Some Teaching Strategies for Households with Pre-Readers.

This is material that is geared toward households with children in the 3 to 5 year old range.

It may not be for every single household in our congregation.

All of the strategies recommended are accessible and activities that any family might be able to do as a matter of course in their regular practice of faith, including...

Reading from an age-appropriate children's picture Bible;

Bringing your child to worship and help him/her both become comfortable with the place and enjoy the time there;

Introducing them SLOWLY to the practice of Holy Communion and being watchful over their reaction and behavior around Holy Communion.

The curriculum will also be available on our website under **MINISTRIES/First Communion at South Santiago Lutheran Church.**

If you are going to be working with your child(ren) around this, please schedule a meeting to talk to Pastor Mike before you start to let him know that you will be intentionally working on this.

CHURCH NEWS

3rd Year of PATHFINDERS



Pathfinders has become our congregation's way of answering questions and providing a "pathway" for questions like,

"What do I need to do to be baptized?"

Or "How do I join the church?"

Or "What does it even mean to 'join' the church?"

Or even "I was baptized and confirmed a long, long time ago—is there a 'refresher course?'"

It is for those newest to the congregation AND for those who have been members for a long time.

It seeks to provide a way to get to know people in the congregation, especially those newest to our fellowship.

It seeks to impart knowledge about fundamentals of Christian faith and practice; the Jesus story; and Lutheran particularities.

It seeks to encourage connection and participation in our congregation.

It seeks to provide a forum for asking questions—about God, about worship, about our congregation's practice, and more.

Here is Unit 1's (Inquiry—Laying a Foundation) schedule:

March 5—9:15 am

March 12—9:15 am

March 19—9:15 am

March 26— 5pm

Note: the Sunday evening sessions include a meal (usually potluck of some kind), and childcare is provided if you let the office know that is needed.

ART TIMELINE—Illustrating the Word



Do you know what the definition of "an artist" is? Simply someone who creates art!

Once again, we'll be continuing our illustration of the Word, inviting YOU to try being an artist this year by illustrating the week's text.

The sign-up sheet for this, where you can find the text for each week, is in the office—we really, really, REALLY would like to have the art in on the Wednesday BEFORE the Sunday it is to be used. That way we can use it in the bulletin or as projection background and so on.

The point is to be creative and to invite others into how you heard or "SAW" the story.

Questions on getting the art done? Contact Dawn at :
thedraynas@frontiernet.net

Need a little help with the story for your art? Contact Pastor Mike.

Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49a4a922a6fa7-bible1>

NOISY OFFERINGS COMING UP

March 26

Feed My Starving Children



Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children.

Our 5th and 6th Grade students are planning to attend a packing event for this organization, and would welcome anyone who would like to join them. Date of packing—March 24.

April 23

Becker Area Food Shelf

Our local food shelf provides food and non-food items to all families in need in the Becker area community.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



**SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS
SING AT WORSHIP ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, AT 9:30 AM**

Planning ahead for summer?

Our 2017 Vacation Bible School will be held from July 16–20, at 6pm–8:30 pm.

Watch for more information and signups!



THANK YOU TO:

- *Mark Swanson for reprogramming the light board;
- *Mark Bistodeau for building a cover for the light board;
- *All families who shared gifts of food and helped for the Norma Fors funeral;
- *Tim Gallus for security system maintenance;
- *The 9th grade boys class for setting up the tables and chairs for the Norma Fors funeral.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 5, at 9:15 am to plan for our spring "It's A Girl Thing" event. All are welcome!



DID YOU KNOW.....?

****Our group's new booklet is updated for 2017.**

Please pick up a copy in the church entry.

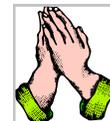
****We also have a separate email group for all women. If you are not receiving emails from this group, please contact the church office to add your address.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family of Margaret Heinen (Marianne Lindsey's Mom); Family of Dean Warren (Ella Arneson's Dad); Family of Norma Fors; Harley Lindsey (Gary Lindsey's Dad), Robert Hollinder, Jeff Peterson, Jaida Hamacher (Jenn Bluhm's day care family member); Nancy Stang (Dennis & Brenda Stang's sister-in-law; Janice Culp (Joe Berthiaume's sister); Sammie & Tony Bistodeau, Charlene Doorn (Joy Hurd's friend), Dan Roberts (Shelly Roberts' dad), Miles Weske (Margaret Macaulay' son), Jan Dahlberg, Penny Vanscoy (Amy Lear's aunt), Laura Garding (Jason and Robin Garding's sister-in-law), Julie Jarvi, Corey Faust, Tim Scherber (Dan Haus' uncle), Patrick Hallquist (Jeremy's step brother), Jarrod Johnson (Donna Pozorski's friend), Shirley Schnobrich (Dennis Stang's sister), Marianne Bakken (Lavonne Gilyard's friend), Ingvar Larsen (Esther Gunderson's friend), Margie Bragelman (Donna Pozorski's cousin), Doryce Kooiman (Cheryl Ellingson's sister), Ginny Lysdal, John Mezera (Don Erickson's friend), Roger Page (Sarah Hales Dad), Marco Martinez (friend of Pastor Mike), Craig Dahlberg, Mary Anderson (Kaas' friend), Ben Hales.

MILITARY PRAYERS: David Bley, Derik Smith, Gordy Heinen, Logan Gallus, Richard Buckalew, Blake Sandeen, Luke Nierengarten, Matthew Peabody, Adam Thom, Meghan Raygor, Zach Hurd, Ted Freese, Zac Heinen, Michael Jacobs, Jeremy Schuch, Daniel Kydd, Logan Draack, Brandon Wiltsey, Derek Schleif, Lindsey Donelson, Ryan Munsterman, Larry Hoffmann.

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MIKE.



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE

GET BUSY...AND CHILL OUT: Luke 10:25-37 is where we find that familiar parable Jesus tells that we have come to call “*the Parable of the Good Samaritan.*” In the story he tells, of course, the people (a priest and synagogue official) who are *expected* to stop and render aid to the man left for dead, pass by on the other side, so afraid they are of soiling their perceived holiness. On the other hand, the despised outsider, the Samaritan, is the one who not only stops, but gives of himself sacrificially for the sake of the other. The Samaritan doesn’t just dump the man at the hospital. He pays for his recovery. “*Go and do likewise,*” Jesus says to the lawyer who originally asked Jesus, “*What must I do to inherit eternal life?*” (Luke 10:25). It’s not just “nice stuff” that we do to and for those who look and sound like us. If the Law of Love—love God and love the neighbor—doesn’t convict us in our overlooking care for the last, the lost, the lonely, the least, and the lowly, then we’re missing the point. **It’s a Law that commands us to action; convicts us when we fail and make excuses; forgives us; and sends us out yet again to serve the needs of our neighbors. Maybe we’d even say that the point is, “Get busy!”**

But push on a little further in the 10th chapter of Luke, and it’s kind of interesting to see **what immediately follows the Parable of the Good Samaritan: Jesus’ visit in the home of his friends Mary and Martha** (Luke 10:38-42). In this episode, the older sister Martha hustles and bustles to make sure that everything is just so for their guest. If part of the point of the Good Samaritan is “Get busy!”, Martha seems to take that completely to heart.

At the same time, her sister Mary reclines at Jesus’ feet, listening to every word that comes from his mouth. And you remember what happens, right? Martha tries to triangulate Jesus into a family fight. (I’m guessing this is a pattern in their house.) “*Don’t you care that I’m slaving away here while my slacker sister does nothing?!*” Martha exclaims. Jesus, for his part, offers a diagnosis and a blessing. First, he diagnoses Martha’s problem, which is not “busy-ness” but worry and distraction. Her work isn’t the problem—the fact that she is not being noticed; that she is worried about what her sister is or isn’t doing; the credit poor Martha isn’t receiving—these things are the problem. And then he turns to Mary and says, “*Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her*” (Luke 10:42). **Or, if we were to try to sum the whole thing up in one phrase like we did for the Good Samaritan, the point might be, “Chill out!”**

Interesting, then, isn’t it, that Luke pairs these two stories together? One that invites us to GET BUSY in meeting the needs of our neighbor? And one that invites us to CHILL OUT at the feet of our Lord?

What if it’s BOTH-AND? What if the point of Luke 10... What if the point of our shared life together of faith and practice is an invitation BOTH to GET BUSY with the needs of our neighbor (including the neighbor the world tells us to fear and hate) AND that when we CHILL OUT at the feet of our Lord, we become more like our Lord?

OUR LENTEN THEME: EVERYDAY REFORMERS: That is what our Lenten theme this year—“*Everyday Reformers*”—is inviting us to explore. Ash Wednesday (March 1), of course, is the beginning of Lent and will also serve as the introduction to our theme. In addition, the day invites us to confess, to come clean with

- ...the ways that we ignore the needs of our neighbor;
- ... the ways we choose to overlook the needs of our neighbor;
- ... the ways that we convince ourselves that the needs of our neighbor are not our concern;
- ... the ways that we deny “that person” is our neighbor;
- ... the ways that we do not take opportunities to hear what Jesus has to say to us.



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE

THE FORMAT: Each Wednesday following—and you can find the full schedule and description of the theme on the front page—we will hear a faith story. These faith stories will be presented to us from the point of view of individuals throughout history who were impacted in keen ways by the teachings of Martin Luther and the Lutheran Reformation of the Church. **Particularly, one of the most revolutionary concepts of this time focused on daily life as the arena where faith is lived out and explored. (Like, when you're on a journey, and you bump into someone on the side of the road in need. Or, when you get to serve those within your household.) Today we call this *Luther's Doctrine of Vocation*.** And that's what we'll be hearing each week of Lent—NOT from the Reformers themselves, but every day, regular Joes and Janes. How did the fire of the Reformation impact them? How did they learn to “get busy”? How did they learn to “chill out” at the feet of their Lord?

A CHALLENGE: In addition, you will find a Lenten calendar in this newsletter, as well—ways for us to “GET BUSY” in caring for the needs of our neighbors. There are various activities, challenges and invitations for you be collecting items that will be donated to our area food pantries and ministry partners. **For example, on Sunday, April 2 we are challenge to donate 1 package of toilet paper for each bathroom in your house.**

Make sure you look at the week ahead—what kinds of things are you going to need to add to your weekly shopping list? Get the whole household involved in counting rooms, collecting items, and setting them aside in a bin or a box. We will also be collecting clothing, shoes, towels, blankets and toiletries for donation.

You can bring these items to any worship service during Lent, or bring them on **Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday**, as part of your offering. We will be placing them around the wooden cross in the sanctuary.

May this season...

May your daily life...

May your house and job and everywhere you go...

...become places for lived-out faith and for us to be EVERYDAY Reformers.

See you in worship—Pastor Mike

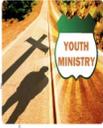
PASTOR MIKE'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays:	Day Off	
Tuesdays:	9 AM – 3 PM	
Wednesdays:	9 AM – 4 PM	Note: We meet as a staff from around 10 -11:30 AM.
Thursdays:	9 AM – 3 PM	
Fridays:	All day—Visitation Day.	Pastor Mike is not in the office at all.
Saturdays:	As needed.	



Please note: These hours just reflect posted office hours. They do not reflect evening meetings, hospital visits, confidential pastoral care, etc. These hours will flex with personal family needs (i.e., school programs, etc.); conference, synod, or other outside board meetings (i.e., Lutheran Campus Ministry at St. Cloud); and other as-needed daily and weekly interruptions where ministry happens.

If you call or come to the office looking for Pastor Mike, and he's not available, **please leave word with the staff that you are looking for him. He will get in touch with you and return your message ASAP.** You can also contact him any time by cell (763-333-4499, call or text); by email at pastorsouthsantiago@gmail.com); or by Facebook private message (Mike Pancoast).



YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation Schedule:

March:

- 1st- Soup Supper 5:30 pm -Ash Wednesday
- 8th- Soup Supper 5:30 pm -Lent
- 15th- Soup Supper 5:30 pm -Lent
- 22nd- Soup Supper 5:30 pm -Lent
- 29th- Soup Supper 5:30 pm -Lent

April:

- 5th- Soup Supper 5:30 pm - Lent
- 12th- No Youth. Holy Week-Thursday/Friday/Sunday
- 19th- Youth 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.
- 26th- Youth 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

A word about the Lenten Season.

We ask students to be present throughout the season of Lent as we experience the sacred together. This is a chance for our young people to help lead the congregation through service and worship. We know that some students may not feel comfortable reading, or serving. However, we provide the opportunity to try something new, to stretch and grow in faith and conversation. We encourage young people to give it a try and experience what happens when we broaden our horizons. If you as an adult want to try something new you are invited to do so in a safe, friendly, grace filled place. Come join us, share a meal, and experience the holy this season.



Soup Suppers:

Youth will be serving soup on March 8 and March 15. Please plan to have your items here at church by 4:30 pm. If you cannot be here by then please let Jeremy know and we can arrange a time for you to drop it off earlier.

We are looking for a few adults to head up these nights and to organize the evening's activities. Connect with Jeremy if you are available to help.

Head Ushers Needed During Lent-

We are looking for some help during our Lenten season this year. Our typical Sunday morning head ushers may not always be able to attend on Wednesday nights due to busyness of schedules. If you are going to be around during Lent on Wednesdays and are willing to help turn off lights, turn down the heat, and ensure the doors are locked during the season we could use your help. If your schedule only allows for one night we could really use the help. Speak with Pastor Mike, Jeremy or Shelly to sign up as much as you are able. We will give you direction and help you out for the evening.

Mission Trip Team!



If you are interested in selling flowers in the spring flower fundraiser and have not received the information packet, please pick one up in the office.



Youth Fundraisers:

Youth Soup Supper: [March 8th](#).



Youth Soup Supper: [March 15th](#).



Youth Breakfast: [March 19th](#).



****Dates of events are links to Signup Genius pages****

Youth Board

will be meeting March 14, at 6:30 pm. We invite and ask for your input for the program. If you would like to have a voice in the youth ministry at SSLC please consider attending these meetings. All are welcome to join us to share ideas, concerns, and joys for what is happening with the youth of SSLC. Connect with Jeremy if you have any questions.

Your Help Is Needed: Mentor Help: We have one more hole to fill. We are looking for help with a small group of 7th grade boys. We will equip you for all of the important details of the program, provide talk sheets, and discussion notes as well as support you along the journey. We are looking for adults who may not necessarily have a 7th grader, but that have a desire to accompany young people and help them grow in faith. See Pastor Mike or Jeremy.

	3/5	3/5	3/12	3/12	3/19	3/19	3/26	3/26
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HEAD USHER	R. Johnson	Priebe	R. Johnson	Priebe	R. Johnson	Priebe	R. Johnson	Priebe
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GREETERS	Bistodeau		Empting				Bistodeau	
KITCHEN HELP	Bistodeau						Bistodeau	
GOODIES	Bistodeau, Johnson, Hochsprung, Empting	Martin	Johnson, Spizka	Spizka		Martin	Johnson, Bistodeau	
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ACOLYTE								
MONEY COUNTERS		Klinker		Klinker		Klinker		Klinker
PROJECTION								
ALTAR GUILD	Harshman, Empting	Harshman, Empting	Harshman, Empting	Harshman, Empting	Harshman, Empting	Harshman, Empting	Harshman, Empting	Harshman, Empting

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Board of Education • Karla Zerwas 763-262-8077
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 Family Service Group • needed
 Head Ushers • needed
 Historian • Holly Klinker 320-345-0040
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 Money Counters • Barb Marsh 763-262-0500
 Nominating Committee • needed
 Pig Roast Committee • needed
 Stewardship Committee • needed
 Long Range Planning • needed

**CHURCH
COUNCIL &
GROUP
INFORMATION**

Active Groups

Altar Guild • Sandy Empting 320-743-2626
 Befrienders Ministry • Marlene Olson 320-743-2524
 Funeral Coordinator • Church Office
 Graduate Quilters • Shelly Bluhm 763-662-2468
 Men's Bible Study • Mark Swanson 763-262-2734
 Mission Quilters • Shelly Bluhm 763-662-2468
 Nursery Contact • needed
 Prayer Chain • Carol Michaletz 320-743-5199
 Prayer Shawl Ministry • Tammy Alickson 763-856-3320
 Relay for Life • Donna Pozorski 763-856-8474
 Sharing Meals • Dee Puntun 320-743-3438
 Sunshine Committee • Sandy Empting 320-743-2626
 Women of SSLC • Cheryl Ellingson 763-662-2224
 Faith Chests • needed
 Backpack Buddies • needed

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, FEBURARY 9, 2017

In attendance: Luke Bluhm, Scott Bursch, Steve Bachler, Jeremy Hallquist, Todd Drayna, Pastor Mike, Joy Hurd, Bert Robb, Jim Kocherer, Barb Marsh, Mark Swanson- via Google Hangout.

Meeting called to order by Joy Hurd at 6:30 PM.

- Approve Agenda: Motion- Bert- 2nd- Luke. Discussion none- vote passed.
- Review our mission & purpose/value statement: Mission Statement: "Teaching the Word, Reaching the World"

Purpose/Value Statement: We will pursue our mission in this way: We are a congregation whose core values seek changed lives through the power of the Holy Spirit by forming & sustaining life-long personal faith in God through Christ Jesus. We practice this by engaging in cross-generational ministry and radical hospitality as it is revealed by God's Word, connecting with others within our congregation, our community, and the world. All in attendance read out loud mission and purpose statement.

- Devotions: Read and reflect on scripture, pray for discernment/wisdom. Pastor Mike led. Sunday morning text- If you could, what would you ask Jesus? Are you the one?
- Approve meeting minutes/reports: Treasurers Report: Motion- Barb- 2nd Luke. Discussion- reviewed addition of budget column to compare current- no action proposed. Vote passed. Minutes from last meeting: Motion- Todd- 2nd – Barb. Discussion- none. Vote passed. Youth Report: Reviewed February report. Pastor's Report: Reviewed February report.
- Discussed and agreed on date for council retreat- March 31 –April 1 in Annandale.
- Discussion related to Round Robin pastor rotation- see New Business.
- **Old Business:** Personnel Committee- Pastor's Job Description: Motion to table until next meeting- Jim- 2nd – Luke.
Discussion none- vote passed.
- Nursery- minutes to reflect failed motion. Motion to add \$1,000 to nursery budget via email vote failed.
- Cemetery follow up: Mark Swanson will gather additional information for future discussion.
- Expo/ February Becker event: Motion to decline participation- Luke- 2nd- Barb. Discussion- no determination that participation is in line with purpose. Vote passed.
- **New Business:** Audit Committee – Ralph Johnson, Alberta Brown, and Rosalie Klinker. As per Joy, the Audit Committee has tentatively scheduled to meet Feb. 25. Motion for Rosalie Klinker to chair committee with Ralph and Alberta as assistants- Mark Swanson- 2nd – Jim. Discussion-none- vote passed.
- Council Retreat: Scheduled for March 31- April 1 in Annandale.
- First Communion Classes: 14 kids signed up.
- New Directory: Collecting photos.
- Parish Nurse: See pastors report.
- Money Counters needed- Barb.
- Round Robin Sermon series: Todd made a motion to accept Round Robin Sermon series during Lent- Pastor Mike and Director of Youth and Family Ministries- Jeremy will be visiting other churches while the participating churches will share their pastors with our church. 2nd- Steve. Discussion was detailed as there were questions from congregation members regarding who will teach first communion during the sermon series as both Pastor and Jeremy will be serving at other churches on Wednesday evenings. Pastor will be available on Sundays to deliver First Communion instruction to replace Wednesdays for those who prefer. Vote passed.
- Set new 30/60/90 day goals. 30 day: Complete review and approval of Pastor Job description. Review Pastor schedule. 60 day: Council retreat. Old speakers- donate? 90 day: Confirm date and time of next meeting. (Thursday, March 9th at 6:30).
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM. Closed with the Lord's prayer. Notes prepared by Scott Bursch.
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



SIMPLY GIVING ENROLLMENT

BIRTHDAYS

3/01 Dennis Schuette
 3/01 Melanie Gedde
 3/01 Olivia Stone
 3/02 Pauline Temple
 3/02 Kim Longley
 3/02 Ciera Hickman
 3/03 Madsen Temple
 3/05 Kristin McCollum
 3/05 Bridger Ament
 3/06 Shelby Zoller
 3/07 Brad Thom
 3/07 Marty Haessly
 3/07 Tom Gilyard
 3/07 Ali Christopherson
 3/08 Blake Sandeen
 3/10 Heather Gilyard
 3/12 Kathy Hochsprung
 3/12 Logan Gallus
 3/13 Van Zoller
 3/14 Walt Munsterman
 3/14 Madison Doucette
 3/16 Adam Ewald
 3/16 Hannah Klapak
 3/16 Grace Klapak
 3/16 Sophia Stone
 3/16 Benson Stang
 3/17 Adele Munsterman
 3/17 Marie Selin
 3/17 Kirk Christopherson
 3/18 Sandy Empting

3/18 Logan Fassler
 3/18 Grace Kampa
 3/18 Isabelle Swanson
 3/19 Jared Bistodeau
 3/19 Lily Schmidt
 3/20 Ashley Engdahl
 3/19 Carrie Gorman
 3/21 Morgan Puhl
 3/22 Wayne Bachler
 3/23 Carla Suckert
 3/23 Melody Swanson
 3/23 Colton Rauch
 3/24 Bonnie Fish
 3/24 Nicole James
 3/24 Emily Brovold
 3/24 Ellie Lawrence
 3/24 Mason Doucette
 3/25 Steven Tople
 3/26 Brandon Eid
 3/27 Lonnie Halvorson
 3/27 Jennine Conard
 3/28 Travis Eid
 3/28 Devon Hanzlik
 3/28 Paige Tomczik
 3/31 Mary Gustin
 3/31 Brett Baldry
 3/31 Lance Wipper

ANNIVERSARIES

3/06 Jason & Kim Graaf
 3/17 Ron & Melanie Gedde
 3/20 Jeff & Cinda Louden
 3/20 Mark & Helen Swanson
 3/20 Jeff & Kris Mateyka
 3/22 Steve & Shelly Gilmore
 3/27 Walt & Adele Munsterman
 3/27 Scott & Tonia Ulsby
 3/31 Al & Bonnie Fish

Churches have obligations just like families and businesses. When church members agree to an automatic payment arrangement, we can better budget our income because we know how much is coming and when. And if you leave town and miss worship, your giving and promised contributions are taken care of for you automatically so you don't have to worry about it.

Visit the website: www.sslcmn.com or email sslcfinance@windstream.net, or the church office if you are interested in Simply Giving.



FACTS AND FIGURES

Funds	Month	Y-T-D
Total Income*	\$23,675	\$23,675
Total Expenses	\$23,369	\$23,369
Difference	\$306	\$306

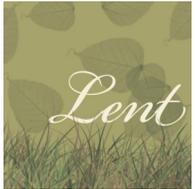
*Total Income combines all Offerings PLUS any other income we have received for the month.

ATTEN DANCE	1st/2nd service
1/1	46
1/8	87 / 51
1/15	102 / 62
1/18	83
1/22	80 / 41
1/29	68 / 69

JANUARY OFFERINGS

General	\$17,354
Building	\$4,530
Sunday School	\$62
Coffee	\$58
Youth	\$115
Women's Ministry	\$100
Backpack Buddies	\$10
Noisy Offering	\$191
Other Income	\$215
TOTAL	\$22,656

MARCH 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>Lent Begins Ash Wednesday</p>			1 ASH WEDNESDAY Soup Supper 5:30 pm Worship 7 pm	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am Graduate Quilting 9 am
5 Worship at 8 & 10:30 am FOOD SHELF SUNDAY Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am Pathfinders 9:15 am Women's Ministry meets 9:15 am	6 Fare for All-Salem Lutheran in STC 3:30- 5:30 pm	7 Men's Bible Study 10 am Altar Guild 6:30 pm Education Board 7 pm	8 Soup Supper 5:30 pm Worship 7 pm	9 Council meets 6:30 pm Esther Bible Study 7 pm	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am
12 Contemporary practice 7:20 am Hope Avenue 7 am Worship at 8 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am Pathfinders 9:15 am	13	14 Men's Bible Study 10 am Building & Grounds Meet 6:30 pm Youth Board 6:30 pm	15 Priscilla Bible Study 9 am Soup Supper 5:30 pm Worship 7 pm	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am Mission Quilting 9 am
19 Worship at 8 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Youth Breakfast 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am Pathfinders 9:15 am	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 Men's Bible Study 10 am Friendship Bible Study 6:30 pm	22 Soup Supper 5:30 pm Worship 7 pm Flower Fundraiser Ends	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am
26 Worship at 8 & 10:30 AM NOISY OFFERING-Feed My Starving Children Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am First Communion 1 9:15 am Contemporary practice 11:30 am Pathfinders 5 pm	27	28 Men's Bible Study 10 am College Finance Planning at Faith Lutheran in Becker 6:30 pm	29 Soup Supper 5:30 pm Worship 7 pm First Communion 1 5:45 pm	30	31 OFFICE CLOSED Council Retreat	

APRIL 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am Graduate Quilting 9 am
2 Worship at 8 & 10:30 am FOOD SHELF SUNDAY Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am First Communion (2) 9:15 am Pathfinders 5 PM	3 Fare for All-Salem Lutheran in STC 3:30-5:30 pm	4 Men's Bible Study 10 am Education Board 7 pm	5 Soup Supper 5:30 pm First Communion (2) 5:45 pm Worship 7 pm	6	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am
9 PALM SUNDAY Hope Avenue 7 am Worship at 9:30 am-SS Sings NO Sunday School Communion Bread baking 11 am	10	11 Men's Bible Study 10 am Building & Grounds Meet 6:30 pm Youth Board 6 pm	12	13 Maundy Thursday worship 7 pm	14 OFFICE CLOSED Good Friday worship 7 pm	15
16 EASTER SUNDAY Worship at 8 & 10:30 am NO Sunday School Mission Trip deposit due \$100	17 Mission Trip Student Leader meet 6:30 pm	18 Men's Bible Study 10 am Friendship Bible Study 6:30 pm	19 Priscilla Bible Study 9 am Worship/Youth 6:30 pm	20	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am Mission Quilting 9 am
23 Worship at 8 & 10:30 AM NOISY OFFERING-Becker Food Sh Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am Contemporary practice 11:30 am	24	25 Men's Bible Study 10 am	26 Worship/Youth 6:30 pm	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am
30 Worship at 8 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am						

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Sundays at 8 am and 10:30 am

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion offered every Sunday/Wednesday

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.



The BOLD GATHERING is a weekend for men to come together to learn, to worship, to network, and be equipped to BOLDLY live out their faith!
July 21-23, 2017 - Minneapolis, MN

Thursday, July 20, Noon – Friday, Jul 21, 3:00 PM

Bold Gathering Kick-off – Friday, July 21, 7:00 PM

Bold Gathering Closing – Sunday, July 23, Noon

Please visit the Bold Gathering Website at <http://boldgathering.com/>

Breakout topics include:

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Leading Others– The Art of the Invitation, How to Disciple Men, How to Go Beyond Sports and the Weather

Leading a Men’s Ministry – How to Build a Men’s Ministry, How to Equip Leaders to Disciple Men

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