

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Savior's
News FROM THE PEWS

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For several years, the ELCA has set aside a date for God's Work, Our Hands. The purpose is to focus on what happens when we leave the building and live as the church in the world, serving.

This year, Our Savior's will participate by serving in many different ways on Sunday, November 18. The plan is to provide opportunities for varied interests and to several area ministries. Or...one you wish to include is also fine, just let us know in order that we may celebrate what you are doing.

Watch for a "skinny sheet" sign-up the first couple of weeks in November with the ministries we're planning to participate with. The worship service that day will be abbreviated, we'll share in a "brunch" meal, and be sent out to serve, a way we are church together.

Another way we are the church together is by being connected to a wider denomination. Ministries like Lutheran World Relief who receives the school kits, personal care kits and quilts, among so much more, and Lutheran Disaster Response, who receives donations for those in the path of storms, etc, sending relief workers, money, and more, are but a couple of examples..

There is information on the bulletin boards in the hallway by the office. Also, watch your weekly email Happenings for more about the MT synod's work. What's that? You don't receive a weekly email? Just send a request to pastor@oslgreatfalls.org to be added to the list.

As we enter the month of November, giving thanks for all that God provides, may you be a blessing to others as you have been blessed.

Blessings, Pastor Anna

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FISH and Town Pump Food Bank Fundraiser

FISH has been selected by Town Pump for a food bank fundraiser! Town Pump will match up to \$20,000.00 during a three month span: September 1-November 30. This is truly a blessing for the FISH program. Please consider a donation during this time to help raise the goal of \$20,000.00.

FISH Week Thanks

Thank you to the FISH volunteers who worked during OSLC's FISH Week, October 8-12; Harlan Orham, Darla Dillabough, Juanita Hogenson, Vicki Dunham, Fred Martens, Kay Krezelok, Jerry and Lorraine Myhr, Daryle and Sharon Odden, Bob Fox, Doris Seaton, Nancy Traner, Emil Vanni, Marlene Copenhaver, Gloria Johnson, Ted and Carol Anderson, Harold and Judy Spilde. During the week, Our Savior's provided food to 33 families, 53 adults, 7 children, and gave out 1,338 pounds of food.

Can Do

What an overwhelming response there has been to the Can Do food drive this year. Four area school food pantries will be receiving many items to help at this critical time of year. Thank you for each can, box, and item!!!! Now it's time to sort all those cans between the four schools. Are you available Saturday, November 10, at 10:00 am Come, enjoy some donuts and fellowship and help get these items ready for delivery the following Monday. See you then!

Blue Plate Special

The Blue Plate Special is a freewill offering full lunch fundraiser for Human Concerns and ministry(ies) supported through Our Savior's. So...plan now to stay for lunch following worship on Sunday, November 11, to enjoy a wonderful meal and help others. Oh, what a perfect Sunday to invite a friend to worship—and lunch!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

This year, First Presbyterian will be hosting this annual Ecumenical event at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 21. Come and worship.

Our Savior's Lutheran

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NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Jan Dahle	Ed Forslund
Jerry DeMarco	
Bob and Sue Dickenson	
Phil and Vicki Dunham	* <i>name is the month's coordinator</i>
Jerry and Lindy Eberl	
Jim and Judy Fisher	
*Ellen Forslund	



Blessings to all who celebrate birthdays in:
November!

If we have missed anyone's birthday, please call the Church Office.

Michelle Converse	11/01	Teagan Anderson	11/10
Sophie Luoma		Odetta Arcand	11/12
Jennifer Woodward		Jordi Hansen	
Steve Childers	11/02	Emilia Johnson	
Alyssa Deshaw		Petra Lingjerde	
Carol Struck		Tara Dello Iacono	11/18
Haley Milton	11/04	Marjorie Hill	11/24
Wesley Urquhart		Duane Shumaker	
Sharon Childers	11/05	Beulah Jordan	11/25
Jamie Vestre	11/06	Dick Doughten	11/26
Raelynn Brown	11/09	Bob Fox	
Greg Milton			

Reminder:

Turn your clocks back an
hour on Saturday,
November 3, as Daylight
Savings comes to an
end.



Directory Update

Dear Friends, Thank you for the lovely reception given in my honor on Sunday. It was so great to greet friends, colleagues, former students, and community people whose lives have been a part of mine for over a half century. God has blessed us as we have traveled the Great Falls journey. GOD IS SO GOOD -- ALWAYS! Blessings to all, Jan Nerem, 2008 14th St NW, Minot, ND 58703

What's More Fun Than Going To A Book Fair?

Going to one in your congregation's basement. Yes, the month of November, Our Savior's is hosting a Book Fair through Beaming Books (formerly Augsburg Fortress Publishers). Discounts available, entry to win, free shipping, and more—all in time for Christmas gift-giving. Watch for more information.

SCHOOL KIT PACKING

Thank you for generously donating toward the school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Now it's time to put them all together. Plan to help on Sunday, November 4, following worship, in the Memorial Room. Many hands make the packing go quickly.

Book Club

If you like to read a variety of books, the monthly Book Club may be for you. The November meeting will be on Monday, November 26, at 6:30 pm at Cynthia Thomas' home. Check with Cynthia for the name of the book for November.

Ladies: Let's Do Lunch

Come enjoy no-host lunch, fellowship, and one another's company at the next Ladies: Let's Do Lunch on Thursday, November 8, 11:45 am, at Beef O'Brady's, 1600 Fox Farm Rd. Please let Pastor Anna know if you plan to attend by Monday, November 5. We have a fun time—come and bring a friend!

John Floridis in Concert

Montana musician John Floridis will be performing in concert as a fundraiser for Family Promise of Great Falls on Thursday, November 29, at Our Savior's at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars now for this evening of music and joy.

WELCA News

- The WELCA Board will meet on Wednesday, November 14 at 1:15 p.m. At this meeting the distribution of Funds for 2018 and officers for 2019 will be decided. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and help the Board make these decisions.
- Love Day Quilters – School Bags will be filled after church on November 4. Quilt Sunday will be November 11. Quilts will be arranged on the pews on Friday, November 9 at 9:30 a.m. along with the school kits and personal care kits. These will be packed up for shipping to Lutheran World Relief on Tuesday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. Love Day will meet on Thursday, November 1 and 15 at 9:30. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy fellowship and making quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
- Circles – Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, November 29 at 10:30 in the Memorial Room. Miriam Circle will meet December 6 at 1:30 at the home of Darla Dillabough.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the WELCA Harvest Offering. Funds are used by the local WELCA unit to fund events during the year.
- Thankoffering Letters will be mailed to the congregation in November for the Thankoffering on November 18. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart thanks Marlie Rowell for her insightful presentation in October, and thanks to Marillyn Thomas for recruiting so many new folks from her book clubs who attended. Each of us can do this as well. It was a great trip to Africa, experiencing resilience in its many forms. In November, we plan to travel northward to the Baltic Republics—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Jean Price, our tour director, is unfortunately going through chemo as we read this, so we are saying hopefully and prayerfully that she will be there to lead us through these republics. All 3 are fearfully watching the growing aggressiveness of Russia and the ambivalence of some countries in NATO. Join us in Lunde Hall, Nov. 19, 1PM for the trip, refreshments, and fellowship. The more the merrier. A backup plan is in place but let's all pray than Jean is doing well in November.

**OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT**

September 2018		YEAR TO DATE	
Beginning Balance	-9,510.31	Beginning Balance	0
General Offerings	14,775.00	Offerings YTD	140,754.19
Disbursements	16,087.95	Disbursements YTD	151,577.45
Ending Balance	-10,823.26	Ending Balance	-10,823.26

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The September 30 total was \$125.11

Thank you for your generosity!



YOUTH Check this Out!!

- **Mark your calendars**, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will be at Our Savior’s on Sunday, November 25, from 1:30—3:00 pm for a time of games and learning. This is for all school ages, so come and bring a friend. It’s lots of fun!
- **Three of Our Savior’s youth**, Dylan Hamill, Jordi Hansen, and Paige Muston are learning all about serving in J.A.M. 2.0. The children have agreed to take on a monthly service project to get the full picture of what serving means to them! In October the three kiddos listed above folded, stuffed, labeled, addressed, sealed and stamped the WELCA Harvest letter that many of you received. When asked what was learned by serving the WELCA of OSLC, Dylan said, “ **It’s actually fun to do these projects and be included.**” Stay tuned to see how the youth in OSLC plan to serve those around them throughout this year of J.A.M. 2.0.
- **One last reminder!!!** Trunk or Treat will be on Halloween Night at 5:00pm. Start your trick or treating with us as this will be a safe family fun event! Bring your friends, neighbors, and family to collect all the goodies! We are so excited to see your costumes. Confirmation youth will be serving at this event, let’s get out and support our youth. Happy Halloween. (If you would like to help out at the event—pass out candy or decorate your trunk—please contact the church office.)