



St. Olaf Lutheran Church - THE CALLER - February 2025

From Pastor Tom:

“A Season for Reading, Study and Writing”

I enjoy the seasons of Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn. Each of them brings unique opportunities to embrace. January through March/April is the season I do my most reading and deeper study on subjects.

This Winter I will focus on these 3 Primary Subjects:

1. The Gospel of Luke

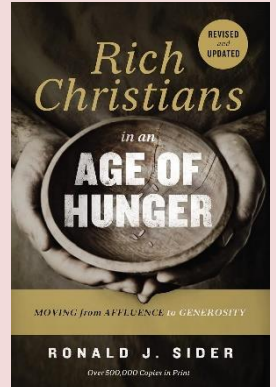
- a. I'll *read it*...multiple times
- b. I'll *listen to* it. Check out <https://www.biblestudytools.com/audio-bible/> it's free!
- c. I'll *study it*... 6:30am Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays at St. Olaf
- d. I'll *live it*- Application= craft 2025 goals like “I will accompany the poor in spirit, the grieving and oppressed as a Grief Coach, pastor, friend and Funeral Specialist.”

2. Generosity Books

- a. *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*
- b. *The Soul of Wealth: 50 Reflections on Money & Meaning*
- c. *Living Forward*

3. Wild Church & Celtic Spirituality

- a. *Pilgrimage: The Sacred Heart-Journey to the Center of the Heart*
- b. *Water from an Ancient Well: Celtic Spirituality for Modern Life*
- c. *Listening for a Heartbeat for God: A Celtic Spirituality*
- d. *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul*



Writing- You will hear my reading/listening/study/living these major themes in my upcoming messages (that I craft via PowerPoint and writing) during this 2025 year. I'm always a student learning and then sharing what I learn. I am open to dialogue with anyone who wants to go deeper on these topics.

All of this said, I want to know Jesus more: his passions, purpose and what & how Jesus, God in the flesh, wants us to live a full life loving God, loving people, and honoring the earth he asked us to take care of and appreciate. To live a life that ***bears much fruit is*** to live/think/be like Jesus, serving the poor and poor in spirit and sharing our abundance with open hands and open hearts. And finally, in the countryside we live in, how do we reconnect more intimately with the land and nature that surrounds us. Kris and I are planning at least one intentional hike a week. I will be doing 8-12 mile hikes with pastor friends in Ireland in May. We are exploring planting a prairie and forest on St. Olaf's Church acreage. I'm so inspired by what God is teaching me right now. I encourage you to be more intentional in 2025 to live for Jesus in perhaps a way you haven't before. I'd love to hear what God is doing in your life in 2025. Shalom, PT

FEBRUARY LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Asst. Minister	Musicians
Sat., Feb. 1 5:00 p.m.	Mary Hershoff	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sun., Feb. 2 9:00 a.m.	Mary Hershoff	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sat., Feb. 8 5:00 p.m.	Cindy Schlieve	Cathy Paquette Steve Stretz
Sun., Feb. 9 9:00 a.m.	Mary Hershoff	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sat., Feb. 15 5:00 p.m.	Scott Siegrist	Clara Birkel
Sun., Feb. 16 9:00 a.m.	Scott Siegrist	Praise Band
Sat., Feb. 22 5:00 p.m.	Mary Hershoff	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sun., Feb. 23 9:00 a.m.	Mary Hershoff	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz

February Altar Guild: Jane Christenson

February Counters: Paul Christenson
Sue Grulke

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

No February Anniversaries

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Dave Johnston
- 5 Kathleen Bennett
- 6 Mary Hershoff, Andrea Roth
- 9 Ronelle Christenson
- 10 Marilyn Carlson
- 11 Sally Pietz
- 12 Blondie Green, William Smithyman
- 13 Steve Portz
- 15 Dawn Christ
- 16 Jim Koepke
- 17 Ronald Egelseer, John Roth, Eric Weber
- 18 Randall Bates, Christine Schultz
- 19 Aldon Schlieve, Joseph St. George
- 20 Pamela Eggert
- 21 Brian Solveson, Owen Otto
- 24 Kris Pietz, Owen Siegmann
- 25 Ken Bingen
- 26 Garrett Monis, Patricia Warnecke
- 27 Chris Schneider, Kimberly Yohn



February 17, 2025

SOUPER BOWL FOR HUNGER

Sunday, February 9th

Youth are asking you to donate cash or canned goods for the hungry today.
You are invited to join them after worship service for some delicious soup!



SEWERS AND QUILTERS 2025

We will be starting our "Quilting" project on Tuesday, February 11th at 9:30 and plan on sewing and piecing until 12:00. We usually work until just before Easter which would be April 15th. It's a short amount of time but we always seem to get a lot done. **NO SEWING OR QUILTING EXPERIENCE NEEDED** for this great activity. We will also need people to tie the quilts once they are sewed together. Come when you can and stay as long as you'd like. Call Pat at 920-219-1676 or Kathie at 262-443-9723 for more information.



MAPLE SYRUP ON PANCAKES – YUM

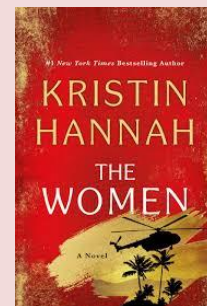
Got Cabin Fever? Come to the woods and help make maple syrup. Even if you know nothing about the process, we'll have a job for you! Men, ladies, and kids from St. Olaf: we hope to see more of you at the Sugar Shack this year, as more hands make lighter work. This is our 17th year of making Saintly Syrup.

Supplies requested: 10 boxes narrow mouth lids & rings
9 boxes wide mouth lids & rings - several boxes of just the lids
pint size jars
used rings are welcome

If you want to be notified of the days/time volunteers are needed, send an email to stidge101@hotmail.com or just drive by to see if there's any activity. Woods are located just east of the intersection of Lincoln & Norwegian Roads. We usually start mid-February. Lyn Johnson 262-719-3129


SOAR BOOK CLUB

SOAR Book Club will meet Thursday, February 13th at noon at St. Olaf's to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. This month's book selection is a historical fiction novel about a young nursing student who serves in the Vietnam War. Consider joining us for a meaningful discussion. All are welcome!



FAMILY PROMISE

Our week to help out is February 3 – 9. Your donations of meals, meal ingredients, food and money are needed to help feed the guests living with Family Promise in West Bend. We will deliver donations on **Monday, February 3.** Any questions, contact Elaine or Justine. **THANK YOU!**

 Family Promise



News from St. Olaf Women of Grace

February 2025

Women of Grace Meeting

The next meeting of the Women of Grace (WOG) will be on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be talking about a couple of things that were brought up in January and need further discussion to make decisions. Other topics may also be addressed as the need arises. We welcome all members to attend our meetings and offer suggestions. Light refreshments will be available.

Searchers

The Searchers Bible study group meets every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Jane Christenson, most usually. The plan for the next Bible study is the book of Hebrews. As always, it will be interesting, enlightening, and a great experience to share with other women.

The *Gather* Magazine study will be used on February 11, 2025. The January through April Bible study is entitled "Faithfulness" by Denise Rector. Session Two is entitled "Psalm 22" and is described as follows. "David testifies that God is God and worthy of praise, even as David is in despair. It's no wonder that Jesus cried out to God during the crucifixion using these very words. In our worst times, this Psalm gives us a way to contemplate God's holiness." Copies of the study will be available for anyone who does not subscribe to the magazine. Please feel free to join us for what promises to be a very interesting study.

Upcoming Events or Projects

The next event that the WOG will be focusing on is the Easter Breakfast on April 20, 2025. Kim Johnson has graciously agreed to chair this event. As always, any help that anyone can provide is very welcome.

A small group of women has been working on re-organizing the kitchen as well as some other areas of the church. The small group will continue sorting, deciding what items should be kept in the main kitchen and which ones should go to the basement. Additionally, we will look at what kinds of things we have that we may no longer need. Those items will either be recycled or donated depending on the type of item it is. We will be asking for some additional help in the coming months when many hands make quicker work. If you have suggestions regarding this, please let me know.

Wishing you Peace, Love, Joy, and Good Health,

Cindy J. Schlieve, President

262-490-7134; jschlieve@wi.rr.com

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ."

Romans 8:16-17 (NIV)

Fat Tuesday – March 4, 2025

Let's prepare the church and our hearts for Lent.
Meal at 6:00pm followed by the burning of palms and short service at 7:15pm.
- Free Will Offering -

Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025

7:00 P.M. – Imposition of ashes & Holy Communion
(possibly 11:00am also, yet TBD)

2025 Ecumenical Lenten Services

Services will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the following churches:

Food & Fellowship to follow each service

Wednesday, March 12th – Holy Name of Jesus Evangelical Catholic Church
Wednesday, March 19th – St Catherine's of Alexandria Catholic Church (Mapleton)
Wednesday, March 26th – Cross Lutheran Church (Ixonía)
Wednesday, April 2nd – St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Hwy P, Ashippun)
Wednesday, April 9th – St. Olaf's Lutheran Church (Alderly)

Palm Sunday – April 12/13, 2025

5:00 P.M. Saturday & 9:00 A.M. Sunday
Service with Holy Communion

2025 Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday – April 17th at 7:00 P.M. with First Communion for 4th & 5th graders
Good Friday – April 18th at 7:00 P.M.
Easter Vigil – Saturday April 19th at 5:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday – April 20, 2025



7:00 A.M. Worship with Holy Communion



7:45 – 9:00 A.M. Easter Breakfast



9:00 A.M. Worship with Holy Communion

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

February 2025

Upcoming Events

Feb. 9th Souper Bowl 10:15am

Youth will be helping to collect cash donations during the service and help collect non-perishable food items for All People's Church. We will be serving up delicious soup for the scooping snack too!

Feb. 9th VBS meeting 10:15am

Come and learn about our exciting theme, and begin the planning! Contact Kris if you'd like to help, or just show up!

March 2nd Pie Auction 10:15-noon



Youth will lead our annual Pie Auction, one of the large fundraisers for our youth programming. Please join us! We need youth to help in the auction and people to enjoy the pies! Most importantly, we need pie! Please sign up today donate pies via this [link!](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Kids Easter Celebration

Parent's morning OFF!

April 19th from 9am -noon

Kids will dry eggs, make a craft, enjoy a yummy lunch and celebrate Easter! More details to come!

Vacation Bible School

August 2, 2025

10:00-4:00pm



St. Olaf Christmas Program

A blessed success because of the wonderful children!

St. Olaf held a “Kid’s Christmas Workshop” back in December. Parents brought their kids to church for a few hours of free childcare, games, crafts, cookie decorating and lunch. Here are a few pictures from the day ☺ Thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful event!



Identity Theft

by Ben Merens

Outreach Specialist with the Department of Ag, Trade
and Consumer Protection (DATCP)

February 16th
after Sunday Worship

Food to be provided.

Sandwiches, chips, soda, salad

Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

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TELEMARKETING
ONLINE SCAMS

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
VEHICLE REPAIR ISSUES
LANDLORD/TENANT MATTERS

**ONLINE
RESOURCES:**

FACT SHEETS:
CONSUMER GUIDE:
LANDLORD/TENANT GUIDE:
DO NOT CALL REGISTRY:

ConsumerFacts.wi.gov
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Souper Bowl for Hunger

DONATE TODAY
CANNED GOODS OR CASH



February **9** 2025

Join us after the service to
help make a difference!

St. Olaf's Annual
Pie Auction / Social
Sunday, March 2nd, 2025

10:15 a.m. Pie Auction
Following Worship



Encouraging ALL youth, families and members
of St. Olaf to participate.

Invite your friends and neighbors to share the fun!
Special bidding time for youth

SAY YES TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

St. Olaf members & families: donations of pies are needed
Please have them to the kitchen by 9:00 a.m. Sunday, March 2nd
Proceeds will help defray the cost of our summer trip
and summer camperships

YOUTH EVENTS



31

JANUARY

QUAKE

JAN 31-FEB 2 ILLINOIS

9

FEBRUARY

SOUPER BOWL FOR HUNGER

10-11AM DURING SERVICE YOUTH WILL COLLECT CAN GOODS AND CASH DONATIONS FOR ALL PEOPLES CHURCH

2

MARCH

PIE AUCTION

10:15-NOON FOLLOWS SERVICE YOUTH WILL ASSIST IN AUCTIONING OFF THE DELICIOUS PIES.
**LARGE FUNDRAISER!
** SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO

19-20

APRIL

HAPPY EASTER!

SATURDAY: 9AM-NOON KIDS EASTER PARTY
YOUTH OF ALL AGES, PARTICIPATE IN EGG DYING AND EASTER CRAFTS. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
OLDER YOUTH- PLEASE HELP !!
SUNDAY SERVICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
STOLAFYOUTHCOORDINATOR@GMAIL.COM

20-27

APRIL

ROADSIDE CLEAN UP IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY

WEEK LONG PICK UP YOUR KIT IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AND PICK UP THE TRASH IN YOUR ASSIGNED ROAD LOCATION. SIGN UP TO COME!

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MAY

MINI GOLF- CONFIRMATION CONCLUSION

AFTER SERVICE DETAILS TBD

11

MAY

CELEBRATE YOUR MOTHER :)

TBD: WORKING WITH WOMEN OF GRACE

11-18

JULY

SUMMER ADVENTURE TRIP

WHITEFISH MONTANA
HERE WE COME!

27

JULY

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

11-3PM YOUTH WILL BE SERVING FOOD AND RAISING FUNDS FOR THE MISSION TRIPS

To view the entire (larger print) calendar, go to our website www.st-olaf.org

Public Calendar Feb 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>26</p> <p>8am - Pre-Service Coffee Bar -</p> <p>9am - Worship with baptism</p> <p>10:15am - Annual Church Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00am-CALLER ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Life Group - Small</p> <p>9am - Searchers @ Jane</p> <p>3pm - Weekly Prayer Group -</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30am - Wednesday Morning</p> <p>6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) - Small</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8am - Stretch & Fit Class - Small</p>	<p>31</p> <p>You're Quake</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am - Properties mtg - Small</p> <p>5pm - Worship</p> <p>6pm - Post Service Cheese &</p>
<p>2</p> <p>You're Quake</p> <p>8am - Pre-Service Coffee Bar -</p> <p>9am - Worship - Blended</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Family Promise</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Family Promise</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Life Group - Small</p> <p>9am - Searchers @ Jane</p> <p>3pm - Weekly Prayer Group -</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Family Promise</p> <p>8:30am - Wednesday Morning</p> <p>5pm - Mission Team Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) - Small</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Family Promise</p> <p>8am - Stretch & Fit Class - Small</p> <p>9am - Church Reserved for</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Family Promise</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Family Promise</p> <p>5pm - Worship - Healing Service</p> <p>6pm - Post Service Cheese &</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Family Promise</p> <p>SOUPERBOWL FOR HUNGER</p> <p>8am - Pre-Service Coffee Bar -</p> <p>9am - Worship - Healing Service</p> <p>10:15am - VBS planning meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Life Group - Small</p> <p>9am - Searchers @ Jane</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting</p> <p>3pm - Weekly Prayer Group -</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Life Group - Small</p> <p>9am - Searchers @ Jane</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting</p> <p>3pm - Weekly Prayer Group -</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30am - Wednesday Morning</p> <p>6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) - Small</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8am - Stretch & Fit Class - Small</p> <p>12pm - Book Club - Small Group</p> <p>4pm - Music, Worship, Arts mtg</p> <p>5pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5pm - Worship - Classic Service</p> <p>6pm - Post Service Cheese &</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8am - Pre-Service Coffee Bar -</p> <p>9am - Worship - Praise Service</p> <p>10:15am - Guest Speaker - Ben</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Life Group - Small</p> <p>9am - Searchers @ Jane</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting</p> <p>3pm - Weekly Prayer Group -</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Life Group - Small</p> <p>9am - Searchers @ Jane</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting</p> <p>3pm - Weekly Prayer Group -</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30am - Wednesday Morning</p> <p>6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) - Small</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8am - Stretch & Fit Class - Small</p> <p>9am - Church Reserved for</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am - Soup Ministry</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5pm - Worship</p> <p>6pm - Post Service Cheese &</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Baptisms - Guenther (Creta &</p> <p>8am - Pre-Service Coffee Bar -</p> <p>9am - Worship with 2 baptisms</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00am-CALLER ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Life Group - Small</p> <p>9am - Searchers @ Jane</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting</p> <p>3pm - Weekly Prayer Group -</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30am - Wednesday Morning</p> <p>4pm - Ashippoun Food Pantry</p> <p>6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) - Small</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8am - Stretch & Fit Class - Small</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am - Properties mtg - Small</p> <p>5pm - Worship</p> <p>6pm - Post Service Cheese &</p>