



St. Olaf Lutheran Church - THE CALLER - March 2025

From Pastor Tom:

“Got 40 Days?”

Friends, Lent is a journey of 40 days, that’s it. In the cool of the Winter and Spring a few months away, I invite you to consider “going deeper” for 40 Days to *bear much fruit* (MUCH FRUIT!) in your faith and life. *How do I start?* you may ask.

Tuesday March 4th: First, you can choose to FEAST, pork out, on FAT TUESDAY at St. Olaf at 6pm for pancakes, real maple syrup, pounds of bacon, punchkies (spelled Paczkis)- yummy, sinful donuts, and more!

Wednesday, March 5th: Secondly, we gather to be marked with ashes to remember how fragile and sinful we are so to lead us on a journey to the cross with Jesus who is indeed the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world. It’s a beautiful service and builds on what we heard this past weekend.

Sundays during Lent: We gather at St. Olaf’s Sanctuary to walk through Luke’s gospel, reading and listening and seeing what Jesus does to welcome and love and care for all people he encounters.

Wednesdays during Lent we go from church to church in our area:

2025 Ecumenical Lenten Services (30-40 minute worship; great food & fellowship afterwards!)

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

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Wed., March 19, 2025 “St. Olaf’s Lutheran Church”

Wed., March 26, 2025 “Cross Lutheran Church” (Ixonía)

Wed., April 2, 2025 “St. Paul’s Episcopal Church” (Hwy P, Ashippun)

Wed., April 9, 2025 “St Catherine’s of Alexandria Catholic Church” (Mapleton)

Holy Week

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 20th



7:00 A.M. with Holy Communion

7:45 –9:00 A.M. *Easter Continental Breakfast*



9:00 A.M. with Holy Communion

This is a worship rhythm of life for 40 Days. You could also consider your own Quiet Times with the “Bearing Much Fruit” Devotional Booklet. You could place it down where you eat, lounge or read, and make it a happen to read these very short, inspiring devos from your brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope to see you often this Lent, PT

MARCH LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Asst. Minister	Musicians
Sat., March 1 5:00 p.m.	Cindy Schlieve	Cathy Paquette Steve Stretz
Sun., March 2 9:00 a.m.	Scott Siegrist	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Tues, March 4 7:00 p.m.		Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Wed, March 5 7:00 p.m.		Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sat., March 8 5:00 p.m.	Mary Hershoff	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sun. March 9 9:00 a.m.	Mary Hershoff	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sat., March 15 5:00 p.m.	Scott Siegrist	Clara Birkel
Sun. March 16 9:00 a.m.	Scott Siegrist	Praise Band
Sat., March 22 5:00 p.m.	Scott Siegrist	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sun. March 23 9:00 a.m.	Scott Siegrist	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sat, March 29 5:00 p.m.	Mary Hershoff	Cathy Paquette Steve Stretz
Sun, March 30 9:00 a.m.	Mary Hershoff	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz

March Altar Guild: Jane Christenson

March Counters: Dave & Lisa Sutrick

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Gregory & Jody Homulos (51)
- 9 Steve & Vickie Stretz (51)
- 10 Daniel & Melissa Meier (21)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Austin Becker, Thomas Sexton
- 3 Deborah Krahn
- 4 Aria Schneider
- 5 Lavonne Christenson
- 7 Austin Brewer
- 12 Richard Jorgenson
- 15 Jane Christenson
- 16 Randy Sikkema
- 19 John Monnahan
- 22 Carter Meier
- 24 Jerry Schlieve, Jenna Sexton
- 25 George Birkel, Alissa Schneider
- 28 Kathy Monis
- 30 Patricia Rolefson



YOUTH PIE AUCTION

Sunday, March 2nd

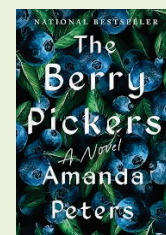
Join us on Sunday, March 2, 2025 after service for a light lunch, good company, fun and PIE! **To donate pie**, click [HERE](#)

Contact Kristin at stolafyouthcoordinator@gmail.com with any questions.



SOAR BOOK CLUB

SOAR Book Club meets Thursday, March 13th at noon, at St. Olaf's. We will discuss *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. This is a historical fiction novel about a Native American girl who goes missing in the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a mystery that goes unsolved for nearly 50 years. All are welcome!



MAPLE SYRUP FUNDRAISER

Roger's Maple Syrup Philosophy

The church members and their friends who make Sainly Syrup are full of energy and ideas. While others may see making maple syrup as just more work, the syrup crew sees opportunities. They look at work and working together not as a necessary evil but as something that makes life worthwhile. They know that the fruits of their labor will provide enjoyment for others and that the income from their efforts will benefit St. Olaf's Church and the surrounding neighborhood.

If you want to be notified as to when activity is happening in the Maple Syrup Woods, contact me: Lyn Johnson 262-719-3129 and you'll be added to the email list. This is our 16th year of making maple syrup. Since its inception, net income was \$69,069; 1,241 gallons produced. Last year's profits were dispersed as follows: paid for church's freezer; donations to our sanctuary floor, *A Child's Smile*, Rubicon's Play for Cade event, and Stars & Stripes Honor Flight. Donations of pint jars and narrow & wide mouth lids and rings (or just the lids) are welcome!

News from St. Olaf Women of Grace

March 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 will 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. We are currently studying 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 March 11, 2025. The January through April Bible study is entitled "Faithfulness" by Denise Rector. Session Three is entitled "Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10-11)" and is described as follows. "We do not always see eye-to-eye with our neighbor. And yet, we are called to love our neighbor. Peter's experience with someone different gives the Holy Spirit an opportunity to teach Peter, the church and us to see others as God sees them." 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.

We are also looking into having a mother-daughter event in May. It has been many years since we had one and it would be a nice opportunity for a mix of generations to get together and enjoy each other.

In June we will once again be serving a meal at St. Ben's in Milwaukee. The opportunity to help people who are in need, for whatever reason, is always such a joy. I hope we can encourage some of our high school youth to join with us and help in this very important project.

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

Cindy J. Schlieve, President
262-490-7134; jschlieve@wi.rr.com

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

John 1:5 (NRSV)

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

March 2025

Upcoming Events

March 2nd Pie Auction



Youth will lead our annual Pie Auction, an important fundraiser for our youth programming. Please join us! We need youth to help in the auction!

Like to Bake? Please sign up today donate pies via this [link!](#)

Earth Week Roadside Clean up!

What better way to celebrate Earth Week than a roadside cleanup effort around our beloved church! Family's can pick up a "clean up kit" after church on

Sunday April 20th.

This will include instructions and everything you need to make this a true success.

Kits can be returned to church on **April 27th.**

Sign up [HERE!](#)

Kids Easter Egg-stravaganza

Parent's morning OFF!

An event for children ages 3-12, then parents join us at noon for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Songs, projects, snack and lunch, baby goats!, egg decorating, games! It's going to be a great time!

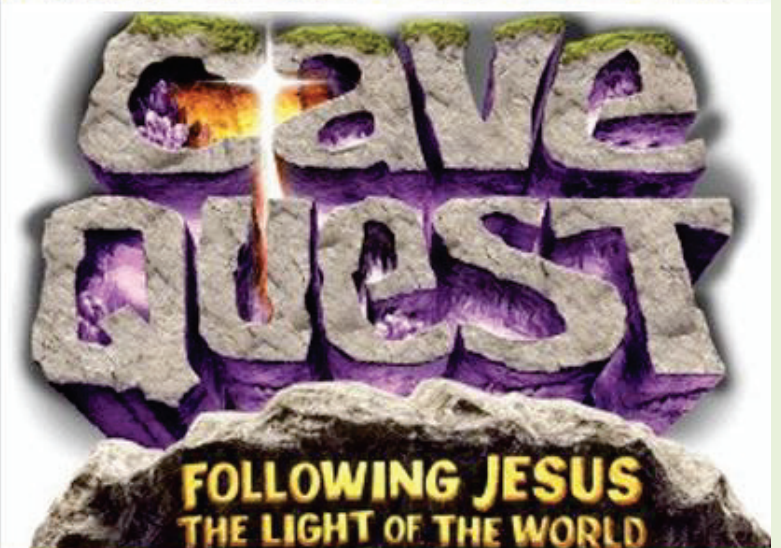
**Saturday, April 19
9-12pm**

Click to [Register](#)

Save the Date!

Cave Quest VBS
Saturday, August 2
10-3pm

Sign Ups coming soon!



Any Questions? Or to help with Sunday School please
Email Kris Pietz at: stolafchildren@gmail.com
or Kristin Thiel at: stolafyouthcoordinator@gmail.com

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

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Palm Sunday– April 12/13, 2025

5:00 P.M. Saturday & 9:00 A.M. Sunday

Service with Holy Communion

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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

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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

The poster features a light beige background decorated with various colorful illustrations of flowers and Easter eggs. A large teal egg with white and pink stripes is the central focus. Other eggs include a purple one with white wavy lines, a yellow one with pink stripes, and a yellow one with white polka dots. Flowers in shades of orange, blue, and yellow are scattered around the eggs.

Kids' Easter Egg- stravaganza

Sat., April 19 . 9:00 – 12:00
St Olaf . (Egg Hunt at
Fellowship . noon)
Hall . To Register,
click [HERE](#)



JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FUN!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Gathering songfest

Resurrection Egg project

Snacks

Baby goats & Egg decorating

Games

Lunch

Egg Hunt for all!

REGISTER TODAY!

• 920-474-7042 •

• stolafchildren@gmail.com •

• www.st-olaf.org •



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>EXPLORATIONS - CUMMER (KID & TOY)</p> <p>8am - Pre-Service Coffee Bar - Small</p> <p>9am - Worship with 2 bagels</p>	<p>EDUCATION/COLLECTIBLES/DE</p> <p>1:30pm - "Good Grief"</p>	<p>8:30am - Merr's Life Group - Small Group</p> <p>9am - Searchers @ Jane Christenson's</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting</p> <p>3pm - Weekly Prayer Group - Small Group</p>	<p>8:30am - Wednesday Morning Discussion</p> <p>4pm - Adhippun Food Pantry</p> <p>6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) - Small Group</p>	<p>8am - Stretch & Fit Class - Small Group</p>	<p>9am - Properties mtg - Small Group</p> <p>5pm - Worship</p> <p>6pm - Post Service Cheese & Wine</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS</p> <p>8am - Pre-Service Coffee Bar - Small</p> <p>9am - Worship - Healing Service</p>	<p>1:30pm - "Good Grief"</p> <p>3pm - Women of Grace Meeting</p>	<p>6:30am - Merr's Life Group - Small Group</p> <p>9am - Searchers @ Jane Christenson's</p> <p>9:30am - Quilting</p> <p>3pm - Weekly Prayer Group - Small Group</p>	<p>8:30am - Wednesday Morning Discussion</p> <p>6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) - Small Group</p> <p>7pm - Ecumenical Service at Holy Name</p>	<p>8am - Stretch & Fit Class - Small Group</p> <p>12pm - Book Club - Small Group Ministry</p> <p>4:30pm - Music, Worship, Arts mtg</p> <p>5pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>5pm - Worship - Healing Service</p> <p>6pm - Post Service Cheese & Wine</p>	<p>7</p>
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