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# The Journey

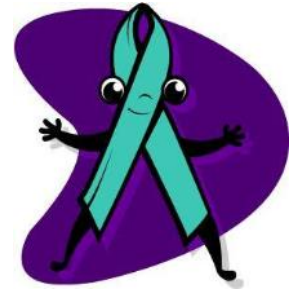
## to the Cross

- ▶ **Wednesday Suppers: Feb. 22–March 29 | 6 pm**
- ▶ **Ash Wednesday Worship | February 22 | 7 pm**
- ▶ **Holden Evening Prayer Services: Wednesdays | March 1-29 | 7 pm**
- ▶ **Maundy Thursday Worship, April 6 | 7 pm**
- ▶ **Good Friday Worship, April 7 | 7 pm**
- ▶ **Easter: Sunrise Worship Service | 7 am | Retreat Center  
Easter Worship Service | 9:30 am**

# February Mission of the Month



## S.A.A.F. (Safe Alternative for Abused Families)



The clear box at the back of the sanctuary (entrance) is set up at each worship service to bring awareness to missions that we want to support with our donations.

Each month we will highlight the mission of the month. The mission of the month for February is SAAF.

Safe Alternatives for Abused Families is a non-profit organization in Devils Lake, offering advocacy services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. In addition, we assist those who are victims of crimes in recognizing their rights as a crime victim and help guide and support them throughout the court process.

- Alyssa Schall
- Chad & Amanda Engen
- SSgt. Sherri Read & SSgt. Barry Read
- Cpl. Jeffrey J. Olson
- Sgt. Jesse S. Olson
- Grant Thompson
- Justin & Jill Johnson
- Derrick Owens
- Jonathan Pearson
- Matthew Martin
- Sgt. Major Brian Soper
- Nevon Heisler
- Brian Pederson
- Cory Schall
- Brent Schall
- Amy & Cory Everson
- Austin Dammen
- Ryan Mertens
- Gregory Fritz
- Spc. Jade Baker
- Major Miranda Iverson
- SSgt. Billyjo Sandberg
- 1st Lt. Cassidy Wilkins
- Kaitlyn Thompson
- Matthew Alexander
- Trentin Ystaas

*If you know of someone serving in the military, please let the church office (662-4911) know.*

## December General Fund Expenses

Auto Exp (Mileage) .....	365.20	Pension/Ins .....	\$3,674.99
BCBS Exp .....	776.42	Postage Exp .....	125.01
Church Supplies.....	142.77	Pulpit Supply.....	150.00
Custodian HIR Exp .....	250.00	Special Gifts—Out.....	749.05
Mission: EaND Synod (2% Env. Giving):		To Retreat Center: 350.00	
Nov. Dec.—Total sent to Synod	832.90	ELCA-Good Gifts: \$100.00	
Electricity Exp (Ottetail) .....	986.00	EaND Synod (breakfast): 136.06	
Envelope Giving Exp (EFT) .....	35.00	EaND Synod (MOM box): 163.00	
Gas (MDU) Exp .....	540.00	Sunday School Exp .....	27.66
Insurance Exp .....	870.80	Telephon/Internet/Surveillance.....	463.95
Maintenance Exp. ....	1,146.33	Vocal Director Exp.....	175.00
Snow removal: 622.35		Wages .....	12,416.14
Durawax: 393.91		Worship Supplies.....	45.01
Office Equip. ....	626.66	Youth & Family Event.....	23.57
Office Supplies .....	61.63	<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$25,874.30</b>
Misc. Exp .....	14.28	<b>Total Income: .....</b>	<b>\$31,757.78</b>
Pastor Housing Allowance .....	1,200.00		
Pastor SS Allowance .....	397.84		
Payroll Exp .....	648.88		

## Retreat Center Fund Expenses

Greater Ramsey Water.....	30.00	MDU .....	80.72
Guide One Insurance .....	150.00	Nodak .....	38.00

## General Fund Envelope Giving & Memorials & Designated Funds

SUNDAY		General Fund:	General Fund:	Designated Funds:
<u>Date</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>Envelope Giving</u>	<u>Gifts &amp; Memorials</u>	<u>Memorials/Donations</u>
December 24	140	\$3,640.00		
December 25	NA	\$6,466.00		\$9,929.96
January 1	63	\$4,985.00		\$181.00
January 8	81	\$4,592.00		\$649.00
January 15	64	\$1,365.00	\$925.00	\$150.00
January 22	92	\$1,810.00		\$1,156.19

Electronic Giving for DECEMBER (26 Households): \$3,525.00

# FAITH MATTERS;

~ Pastor Lori ~

May the Lord be with you in this season of Epiphany. "Epiphany" means "manifestation." It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display" An epiphany is thus a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested to an audience.

The Epiphany here, is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world, the great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East.

In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of

the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, the one who will be king of the nations.

Their coming means that gentiles can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards God in Christ Jesus. Through the great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism, we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

**Be Blessed,  
Pastor Lori Pankratz**

## St. Olaf WELCA Highlights

\*We are still on Winter Recess in February, However...Quilting still continues. Attendance is NOT taken!! We begin at 9 AM but come when you can and leave when you need to. We have a nice group off people and Great Coffee Fellowship. PLEASE consider joining us.

\*THANK YOU to our St. Olaf Men for delivering Quilts to a few local places in need, and also for "Fixing/ Updating" the storage closet in the

hall by the kitchen. Thanks for all you do to help out at St. Olaf!

\*On March 2nd WELCA meetings will resume at 1:30 pm, with Bible Study and Business Meeting. Anna Circle will be Host for the Coffee Fellowship following the meeting. Thanks to all who take time to be involved with our busy group.

Stay Well.  
God's Blessings,  
**Myrna Unger**  
WELCA President



## 2 New Series in the Church Library

Patchwork Mysteries and Tearoom Mysteries available on the cart upstairs 27 books in each series from Guideposts)



## Color, Coffee & Conversation

February 16, 2023

1:30 p.m.

St. Olaf Church Library

This event is for all adults, men and women, who enjoy coloring in adult coloring books or would like to try it.

Colored pencils and coloring books will be provided, but you may also bring whatever you have.

If you wish you can come just for the coffee and treats and social interaction.

Please RSVP to  
Jean Aardahl at  
662-9227

Leave a message if no answer



# ACTIVELY ANIMATED

When: Friday,  
February 1st

Time: 2:00-3:30pm

Who: middle school  
age and up

**We will be play-  
ing some active  
games.**

Snacks & drinks will  
be provided.

**Come join us for  
some fun!**



Monday,  
February 20

1:15 pm

At Burdick Arena

**Any age is welcome with their families!**

If you can't get your family to go, then you have to be in  
3rd grade or above to come without them.

*Hot cocoa and goodies after skating*

## Discipleship and Dodgeball

When: Sunday, February 26th, 6-8pm

Where: CMS Gym

Who: 6th grade and up youth plus  
friends; with any adults who want to  
come and play/help

What: One of the most requested  
events is back again. We will be  
playing some games of dodgeball  
with a devotion on a type of  
discipleship. Snacks and drinks will be  
provided.



# Youth News Nexus

The Scoop on Events and Happenings at St. Olaf for Children, Youth, Parents, and the Youth Ministry Minded

A Lovely Day to All,

The month of February brings us to thoughts of love for all and the love that Christ showed for us. This also brings us to the time of Lent and the return of lenten suppers/services. Along with all the usual happenings for our youth.

Wednesday, February 1st, is the Early Out for February where we will have some fun and active games. We are trying something new to help me out in being able to handle all of our kids. This one is only going to be for those youth in middle school and up. As always, snacks/drinks will be provided and it will go from 2-3:30pm. Friends are always welcome and I will be in need of a couple extra pairs of eyes if anyone is interested in helping out.

Monday, February 20th, we will be going skating at the Burdick Arena. This is for everyone of all ages and we need to be there at 1:15pm so that we can get all skated up. This will allow us to be ready by our skate time at 1:30pm. We have the ice until 2:30pm which then we will have our goodies and hot cocoa. Families are encouraged to come, because if you have a youth that is interested and is younger than third



grade, a parent will be required. Join us for some skating fun with a devotion and goodies after.

Sunday, February 26th, has one of the most requested events; dodgeball. We will be at Central Middle School starting at 6pm and going until 8pm. This is for any 6th grade and up youth plus friends that are willing to come. There will be a brief devotion at the start about a type of discipleship. Any additional adult help is always welcome, because the kids love having a chance to go against the adults. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Fundraisers for the upcoming youth gathering have begun and are growing in number. Our envelope one, which we have done before, is still up in the front of the centennial room. We will have one in February, but I am still working on exactly

what it will be. So, keep your eyes out for the fun time that can be had with our fundraisers. Also, the end of February sees Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lenten Suppers. The freewill offering that comes along with these will go to the youth gathering youth that are working it each evening. Please prayerfully consider how you can help these youth attend a once in a lifetime event.

Join us for all the fun at and around our church as we see all that February brings.

JLY (Jesus Loves You),

*Kelly Longden*

St. Olaf Youth Ministry  
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Coordinator

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# AUDIO/ VIDEO PROJECT

Estimated Cost  
\$90,000.00

90,000.00

80,000.00

70,000.00

60,000.00

## Donations & Memorials

Received as of  
January 26, 2023:

**\$57,930.33**

# Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Olaf Lutheran Church council met January 10, 2023.

Present: Evan Markestad, Michael Kitsch, Mike Boehmer, Jim Wang, Louise Oleson, Crystal Eversvik, Daria Miller, Colette Boehmer, Darci Gilbertson, Pastor Lori Pankratz. Absent: Kelly Longden, Jeri Steffan, Kristi Trottier

President Evan Markestad called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Pastor Lori opened with a devotion and a prayer.

The minutes of the December council meeting were reviewed. Crystal moved to accept the minutes. Louise seconded. The minutes were approved.

Mike presented the treasurer's report. Balances as of December 30, 2022 - Designated Funds: \$121,439.72; Building Fund: \$22,041.90; General Fund: \$9,586.38. A bill for \$27,975.00 from HB Sound has been received. Darci reported that more donations have been received for the A-V project.

Pastor Lori's report was reviewed by the council. No report from Kelly at this time.

The following committees had no reports: Christian Education, Lay Ministry, Stewardship.

Church Properties: Michael reported that he is still trying to contact the elevator company. Church windows will be looked at in the spring.

Congregational Life: Faith & Care group lists should be reviewed for names of people that may no longer be St. Olaf members.

Outreach & Evangelism: Louise reported that she is discussing some possible outreach projects with Pastor Lori.

Worship & Music: There will be a meeting on January 15 to see if

there is interest in restarting a church choir.

Youth & Family Ministry: Crystal and Pastor Lori discussed suppers for Wednesday Lenten services. The suppers will be served at 6 pm and will be served by the students going to the ELCA youth gathering.

Unfinished Business: HB Sound will be returning to run HDMI cables for two televisions that will be installed in the church basement. Sound through the kitchen speaker is now available. No update on the elevator contract.

New Business: New member Sunday will be April 16, 2023, with communion at the rail and a brunch to follow the service.

Pastor Lori presented a committee reallocation proposal. The St. Olaf Lutheran Church constitution will be checked to ascertain the correct process to realign or consolidate committees. Pastor Lori also reported that amendments were approved to the Model Constitutions for congregations at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2022. Following discussion, the council agreed that these two proposals be brought forth for review at the St. Olaf annual meeting scheduled for January 29, 2023. Nominations for executive council positions for 2023 are as follows: President - Michael Kitsch; Vice President - Kristi Trottier; Treasurer - Mike Boehmer; Secretary - Colette Boehmer. Louise Oleson, Jeri Steffan, Daria Miller, Crystal Eversvik will continue as chairpersons of their current committees. Leaders are needed for Lay Ministry, Congregational Life, Church Properties, and Christian Education. These nominations will be voted on at the annual meeting on January 29, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Colette Boehmer**



## Faith & Care Group #2—February 2023

Dennis & Jean Aardahl	Benjamin & Jenna Idland, Kaspynn, Amzee, Sloann
Eric & Corrine Aasmundstad, Britt, Jenna, Taylor	Michael & Rachel Kitsch, Sophie, Grace
Harlan Adahl	Esther Larson
Duane A. & Susan Armstrong, Molly & Ben	Kristian & Danielle Lindseth, Isabel, Abigail
Katelyn Armstrong, Ashton	Darren & Lori Lippert, Kaylee, Blake
Trent & Holly Beckedahl	Nicole McIvor, Julia, Blaine
Dean & Allison Blazer	Necito Montaniel
Kory & Colette Boehmer, William	Allan Mosbaek
Marvin & Patricia Bye, Bryan, Justin	James H. Murray
Kelsie Bye, Kennedy	Keith & Joan Ness
Jared & Elisa Christensen, Cassandra, Kaylee, Carter	Robert Ness
Judy Cox, Michael & Patrick	Rene & Sherri Ouellette
Wendy Cox Olson, Jacob, Austin	Art & Carol Rohr
Cleo Deplazes	Byron & Jessica Rohr, Julia, Clara, Wyatt
Jeremy & Jennifer Devier, Blair, Coby, Austin, Zoe, Braxton, Eliza, Piper	David & Ranae Schnaidt, Emily
Cynthia Geller, Dana, Kirsten, Stephanie	Terry & Connie Straabe, Caitlin, Michelle & Tara
Lynn Goodwill, Natalie	Jarrod & Lori Stubbe, Quenten & Malcolm
Sharon Henke	Shirley Tostenson
Lloyd Hintz	Barbara Walden
Melissa Hodous, Brody, Mason, Bennett	Helen Weed

## Faith & Care Group #3—March 2023

Duaine Ash	Chuck & Barb Olson, Alex, Kelley, Mallo-ry
Lisa Bachmeier	Linda Olson
Robert Banet, Bailee, Caleb	Derrick & Holly Owens, Alexander
Roxanne & Mike Barendt, Morgan, Hannah	Stella Papachek
Rodney Bennes	Jacqueline Peterson, Jesse
Terry & Beth Black, Molly, Elle, Charly	Myrna Peterson
Janice Breakey	Harry & Darlene Pflaum
Jared & Deann Brown, Ellen, Emma	Mabel Rabadeaux
Jon & Cindy Brown, Drew, Casey, Reagan, Bailey	Bonnie Rader, James
Gene & Melissa Burkhard, Brady, Toby	Sharon Rance
Paulette Clemenson	Anne Rasmusson, David, Blake
Kermit & Glenna Garske	Marlene & Dana Salisbury
Judy Hager	Cory & Tobey Schall, Austin, Alyssa
Leonard Jemtrud	Shannon & Don Senger, Preston
Dona Krahler, Jady & Zachary	Valerie Sensiba
Richard Mahoney	Valerie Skadsem
Brandon & Kelsey Mertens, Holden, Leightyn, Gannon	Amber Lara
Don Mertens, Ryan	Gaylene Tollefson
Duane Moen	Nicole Tollefson, Austin
Kent & Hayley Ness, Ty	Kristi Trottier & Travis Pflaum
	Orville & Audrey Wang, Autumn, George
	Nancy Watt, Brandon
	Kristi Ystaas

## Memorials

### Building Fund

*In MEMORY Of*

**Curt Ehnert** from Dennis & Karen Riggan

### Audio/Visual Fund

*In MEMORY Of*

**Clayton Krueger** from Karin, Kevin & Keith Krueger

**Bonnie Iverson** from Harris & Dianne Saele

**John Unger** from Myrna Unger

**Beth Berg** from Harris & Dianne Saele, Dennis & Jean Aardahl

**Barbara Walden** from Harris & Dianne Saele

**LaRissa Unger** from Myrna Unger

### Norway Cemetery Fund

*In MEMORY Of*

**Leland & Milly Oleson** from Louise Oleson

### Radio Fund

*In MEMORY Of*

**Juanita & Elmer Evenson** from Collin Evenson



**Beth Berg**

**Barbara Walden**



**Declan Scott Legacie**

Son of Dustin & Ashley Legacie

# February 2023

February 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 29	30	31	Feb 1 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Actively Animated 7:00pm Confirmation	2 1:00pm Brain Injury Support Group	3 3:30pm Music Festival	4 8:00am Music Festival
5 9:30am Worship Service with Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:40am Sunday School	6	7 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	8 10:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Youth & Family Ministry Board Mtg. 7:00pm Confirmation	9	10	11
12 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee 10:40am Family Sunday School 6:30pm YG Meeting	13	14 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	15 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation	16 1:30pm Coloring, Coffee & Conversation (Library)	17 4:00pm Spire Newsletter Deadline	18
19 9:30am Worship Service with Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	20 1:30pm Skating at the Burdick	21 9:00am Quilting	22 10:30am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Ash Wed. Worship	23	24	25
26 9:30am Worship with SS Choir 10:30am Coffee with FC #3 10:40am Sunday School 6:00pm Dodge Ball at CMS	27	28 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	Mar 1	2	3	4