

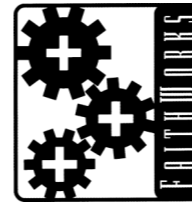
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A news article from the Western Iowa Synod E-spirit, a weekly online newsletter

Our Savior's/Nuestro Salvador, Sioux City to Dissolve

At a recent congregation meeting, the members of Our Savior's/Nuestro Salvador, 1924 Jones St, Sioux City, voted to close the congregation. The congregation will hold its final worship service on February 22, 2009. The decision for dissolution came as a result of the ongoing economic crisis. The congregation had in the past relied on market gains in an endowment fund to subsidize offerings. With the recent drastic market declines, the congregation made the difficult decision to close their doors after more than 100 years of ministry and mission.

For several years, Our Savior's/Nuestro Salvador has served both Anglo and Hispanic worshiping groups and offered an active after-school outreach program which served 40 elementary students each day. The after-school program will continue in another location. "For over 120 years Our Savior's has been a faithful witness to the Gospel in the heart of Sioux City," comments Bishop Last. "Even toward the end of their ministry the congregation provided members and significant financial support for the Western Iowa Synod's youngest congregation, Spirit of Life in Sergeant Bluff. The people of Our Savior's can surely celebrate its rich legacy as a faithful Lutheran presence in the metro area."



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March 2009

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Thoughts from Pastor Celeste

The Lord's Prayer affects our memories .

USS Indianapolis, sunk by a Japanese submarine in July 1944. The ship's doctor, who started with 400 survivors in the water, saw 50 men die the first day after the ship's sinking. He said a man would ask if one next to him was dead, the doctor would determined that yes the man was dead, they would take off the lifejacket and let the dead man slip into the deep. The survivors then would say the Lord's Prayer. Sixty years later, the doctor says with tears in his eyes that he can not to this day say the Lord's Prayer without crying.

Memories that move me are of Easter's past, especially when I was little. I remember the big lilac bush in the neighbor's yard (which happened to be the Harrison County Jail) and how good it smelled in the spring. I remember wanting so much to wear summer Sunday clothes and the morning still being very chilly. I remember church Easter breakfasts of rolls and juice. I remember preparing joyous Easter preludes. I remember the church down the street had a Easter tradition of covering a large cross with fresh flowers as part of a midweek service. And of course, Easter baskets.

2009 Church Council		2009 Council Schedule	
President	Robert Mayhew	Meeting Devotions, Snacks and Deacon	
Vice President	Brent Bierbaum	March	Rob Mayhew
Secretary	Deb Cooley	April	Deb Cooley
Treasurer	Rex Hoffman	May	Judy Duhn
Financial Secretary	Allan Duhn	June	Allan Olson
Property	Brent Bierbaum	July	Brent Bierbaum
Social Ministry	Linda Pelzer and Deb Cooley	August	Judy Duhn
Stewardship	Judy Duhn	September	Linda Pelzer
Worship and Music	Judy Duhn	October	Allan Olson
Mutual Ministry	Allan Olson	November	Deb Cooley
Evangelism	Linda Pelzer and Deb Cooley	December	Brent Bierbaum
Finance and Memorial	Allan Olson	January 2010	Linda Pelzer
Christian Education	Robert Mayhew	February 2010	Rob Mayhew

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Faith Notes:

Needed - Synod Assembly Delegate - Sioux City, Iowa - all expenses paid by congregation - May 1 through 3 -

3 days of being a part of the larger Lutheran Church body See Rob Mayhew or Pastor Celeste to answer ad.

The Lord's Cupboard needs: cereal, peas, mac & cheese, pudding mix, pork & beans, paper products. Congratulations to Jacob Steffen. He has completed his Boy Scout God and Me Badge!

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8th

January Worship Attendance

January 4	36
January 11	45
January 18	51
January 25	27

Total 159/ Average 40

Read the Bible in One Year - 2009

March Biblical Books - Deuteronomy chapter 20 to end, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel up to chapter 15

The book of Ruth is unusual in the Old Testament. Ruth was not Jewish, but married Israelite men, twice after being widowed the first time. Through her second marriage, Ruth becomes the great-grandmother of David, Israel's greatest king. Ruth is mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:6.

1 and 2 Samuel are of the same book, but when combined are too large to handle in a scroll easily. Scrolls longer than 24 feet are too hard for one person to handle so large Old Testament books became 2 books.

Deuteronomy as a word means "Second law."

Quarterly Servers

January-February-March

Chairperson: Marsha Bierbaum

Ann Jones	Marian Hoffman
Mindy Harrison	Melissa Rush
Julie Steffen	Judy Duhn
Virginia Askeland	Helen Smith
Connie Steffen	Virginia Jones

Miracles Bible Study

Five Griswold area churches are coming together for Bible Study on Tuesdays. Each session is offered at 10:30 AM and at 6:30 PM. Faith gets to host this Bible Study on March 3 and March 31. See Linda Pelzer if you would like to help with food.

Bible Study Schedule

March 3	Faith
March 10	GUMC
March 17	Noble UMC
March 24	St John's UCC
March 31	Faith
April 7	GUMC

We Know God's Truth: Jesus Christ

Rick Warren

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me" John 14:6 (NLT)

The Bible says that Jesus was full of grace and truth. Truth is not a principle. Truth is a person; truth is Jesus Christ.

One of the clearest and best-known statements by Jesus is: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me" (John 14:6 NLT).

Notice Jesus says, "I am the truth..." He doesn't say truth is a religion, or a ritual, or a set of rules and regulations. He says "I". Truth is a person.

This is what separates Jesus Christ from every other leader of every other faith. Other leaders have said, "I'm looking for the truth" or "I'm teaching the truth" or "I point to the truth" or "I'm a prophet of truth". Jesus comes and says, "I am the truth."

Newsletter Deadline
March 22

This Month at Faith

March 1	9:00 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Annual Meeting
March 4	6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Church Council
March 11	6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
March 15	9:00 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Sunday School
March 18	6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
March 22	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School
March 25	6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
March 29	9:00 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Sunday School
Upcoming	
Easter April 12	7 am Easter Sunrise w/ St John's 8 am Easter Breakfast 9 am Easter Worship

March Worship Leaders

Ushers	TBD
Acolyte	Josh Bierbaum
Altar Guild	Linda Pelzer Peggy Hansen
Lector	Katelyn Jones
March 1	Scott Hansen
March 8	Judy Duhn
March 15	Mark Kreutzian
March 22	

From the Property Chair

As many of you have noticed, our Pine trees are slowly dying from disease.

The dead ones will have to be removed. I need some feedback as what to do with the remaining. Some ideas I have heard are to remove enough to start a new row, just replant as needed, or even remove the dead ones and not replace. If we do replace, what would be a good replacement? We will probably cut the dead ones out this spring. Give me your preferences.

Brent Bierbaum

March Birthdays

March 8	Cooper Harrison
March 9	Byron Tye
March 10	Ruby Kinser Doug Kelly
March 11	Leah Olson
March 12	Blaine Steffen
March 16	Doris Embree Linda Pelzer
March 22	Katie Kelly
March 23	Donna Reimers
March 24	Julia Smith
March 26	Brian Olson
March 28	Robert Mayhew
March 30	Angie Turner