

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1524 WEST MAIN, DURANT, OK 74701**

# OUR SAVIOUR'S NEWS

AUGUST, 2011

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends in Christ,  
It has been a pleasure to worship with you over the past month and I trust that we will get to know one another well.

As you may know my wife, Phoebe, and I retired to Pottsboro last September. I served Beautiful Savior in Amarillo for almost twenty-one years and before that I was at Midland Lutheran in Midland, Texas for thirteen years and Grace in Eagle Lake, Texas (west of Houston) for five years. I went to seminary at Pacific Lutheran in Berkeley, California and grew up in Seattle, Washington.

We have three children. Our son, daughter-in-law and their three children also live in Pottsboro. Our old-

est daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live in Plano and our youngest daughter has just moved back home from Chicago and is looking for a new job in this area. We moved to Pottsboro to be closer to our grandchildren and, within a year, all of our children have moved closer to us. One couldn't ask for anything better!

I hope to soon be able to sort out who's who at Our Saviour's as well. If I look a little dull when you mention someone's name, just realize that I'm the new guy on the block and that I can sometimes be a little slow! Bear with me.

Two things that will be coming up soon is the starting of Sunday School and of confirmation classes. I hope to

call the parents of those involved in these two activities before long so that we can make plans together as to when is the best time to meet and what type of classes would best fit your needs. The Durant school year starts early this year, but we probably won't have Sunday School classes start until several weeks after the public schools.

If there is something that I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to call or let me know in some other way what your needs are.

In Christ,

Charles Meyer, Pastor

**HAVE A  
GREAT  
SCHOOL YEAR  
2011-2012**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**5 Lauren Johnson  
5 Jeremy Remshart  
10 Ruby Iker  
15 Joan Iker  
20 Kade Shipman  
26 Al Fox**

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**1 John & Mary  
Slice  
14 David & Barbie  
Noltkamper  
31 Skip & Danelle  
Lamb**

### LOAVES & FISHES

Thank you to Steve Remshardt, Evelyn Engel and Martha Landua who manned the Loaves & Fishes Store on July 26,27 & 28th.

25 cans of Spam or other canned meat plus 4 Bibles were donated to the store by Our Saviour's in July.

Our designated food item continues to be **SPAM** or similar canned meat for August and September.

# CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

## Council Highlights

\*The Call Committee recently received names from Pastor Jane Mar.

\*There will be a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fiesta on 7/31/11. A sign up sheet is available for side dishes to go with the ham for the meal.

\*Motion was made to have 2 of the 3 trash bins removed, as they are not needed now that Our Saviour's Table has closed. This will lower the utility bill as well.

\*We are in search for a water fountain as the one found previously is no longer available.

\*Advanced Cooling representative came during the council meeting & checked the units. He is

estimating repairs costing no more than \$2000.00. He will be sending a bid.

\*Two council positions are now vacant and we are searching for individuals to fill the chair positions for education and ministries committees.

\*Pastor Meyer will be setting a meeting time with the parents of our youth to discuss plans for the upcoming Sunday School / Confirmation year. The Sunday School Rally Day is set for 09/11/11.

\*The stewardship teams will be revised to include new members & remove inactive members. The pamphlet for new members is going to be revised.

\*Pastor Meyer will be out of town during the week of 7/25/11 but will be preaching on 7/31/11.

Paige Poppe, Secretary

## GIRL'S NIGHT "IN"

That's right, Women of the ELCA is having a Girl's Night "IN" at the home of Susan Remshardt, 344 Creekwood Drive, Durant, OK. The date has been changed from our regular meeting night to the third **Tuesday, August 16** to accommodate Susan's schedule. The time is 6:30 p.m.

A light meal will be served and Susan asks that if you would like to help provide food to give her a call at (home)924-5324 or (cell) 775-1456 and let her know what you will bring. Suggestions include finger sandwiches, salad, veggies or dessert.

Evelyn Engel will provide the devotion.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
RALLY DAY  
SEPTEMBER 11,**

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee will meet on August 17 at 5:15 p.m. The committee has decided to meet on a quarterly basis if possible. During the summer we have been using different types

of music, a shorter liturgy, special soloists and guest pianists.

Evelyn Engel, Worship Council Rep.

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF DAN COMER WHO ENTERED HIS ETERNAL HOME ON JULY 26. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD AT OUR SAVIOUR'S ON JULY 29.  
*"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4 (NIV)*

## MEET THE NEW CWO WOMEN OF THE ELCA PRESIDENT, JENNIFER MICHAEL

Delegates attending the Triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA elected Jennifer Michael, Pensacola, FL, to a three-year term as the organization's churchwide president beginning July 13, 2011.

"I am profoundly humbled by your faith in me (and) by this affirmation," she said to the delegates. "I can't express the overwhelming love I feel for you and how much I know that the Holy Spirit moves in this organization."

Jennifer replaces Beth Wrenn of Kill Devil, N.C. She has served her local congregational unit as president, the FL/Bahama's Synod Women of the

ELCA as president and was on the Women of the ELCA Churchwide Board the past three years.

**JOAN IKER'S  
ORDINATION  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2011  
4:30 P.M.**

Michael, 43, said that the Women of the ELCA is a calling for her. "It's a blessing. The women are a gift, my comfort, my solace, my joy. They're also my inspiration. I can't help but feel enthusiastic and passionate about it."

Delegates elected four officers and 17 board members for the next three years. They also adopted several memorials and resolutions that call for gender justice, and end to hunger and the possibility of providing tools for English/Spanish translating equipment at the next triennial convention to be held in Charlotte, NC in July, 2014.

## LCM TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Have you been around college students lately? They are intelligent, talented, energetic and faithful Christians—at least the ones who participate in Lutheran Campus Ministry. Come meet these great young adults! **Join us for LCM Trivia Challenge on Sunday, October 9** from 4 to 8 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 3001 Lovers Lane, Dallas. Plan your strategy, your menu and your table décor and come for fun! LCM is bringing dessert.

There's a Silent Auction, Table Décor Competition, and LCM Trivia Challenge. Start gathering your team of eight and get ready for fun! There are two décor competition categories this year—one for *creativity* and a second for *meaning* (a reflection of your congregation's ministries or an interpretation of ministry on campus). Proceeds benefit Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Mission Area, a vital outreach to young adults on campuses. Registration is due **October 3**.

For more information, visit [www.lcmdenton.org](http://www.lcmdenton.org) or contact Pastor Celene Welch at 817/269-1229 or [PastorCWelch@msn.com](mailto:PastorCWelch@msn.com).

## NT-NL SWO RETREAT

The NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization is holding a retreat at Briarwood on Saturday, October 8, 2011. It will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. We will have Worship, Bible Study, and time for getting to know one another. Children are welcome. We will have a group to give them a special retreat designed for children. Those who wish may spend



Friday night at Briarwood.

The theme is **Renew—Respond—Rejoice**. Cost for the Sat. event is \$17.00. Friday night room is \$70 for one and \$90 for two or more. Registration forms are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

# Wesley Center Garage Sale

Saturday, August 6

311 W. University

Opens at 8:00 a.m.

Come and Buy\*

Or Donate items:

**Bring to Wesley Center the week of**

**August 1st—5th (Mon.-Fri.)**

**from 11a.m.-1p.m. or 5-7 p.m.**

**Or call 924-2971 to arrange for pick-up**

**of your items**

We need everything from working electronics, children and adult clothes, toys, tools, dishes, sports equip, furniture, books, jewelry etc.

Contact Gordon Eggleton at 580-380-0340 or  
gegg@netcommander.com

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