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*Living in God's amazing grace*

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## COUNCIL MINUTES

February 21, 2012

The St. Olaf Church Council met at 7:00 p.m. on February 21<sup>st</sup>. President Virgil Tindall welcomed the new members: Carolyn Melde (Deacon), Larry Simmons (Trustee), and Teresa Christiansen (Education).

After devotion and prayer by Pastor Joan, Gerald Nelson gave the treasurer's report: Year-to-date income over expenses is \$5,944.59, thanks to one gift of \$5,000. The yard sale netted \$680.75 and will be used for tables and chairs for the basement. Rock Church Fund stands at \$70,298.03 and Niki Covers the Cold has accounts of \$2,124.95 in checking and \$6,669.04 in a CD.

Pastor Joan has been busy, netting 914 miles for the month of January, and spending 60 hours per week in visits, office hours, services, etc. She was commended for her care of our parish, and urged to try to curtail her commitments when possible to avoid burnout on her part.

Attendance at the Biker's Services has been small, and the deacons are considering changing the time to Saturday afternoons when the weather is warmer.

Trustees have a multitude of concerns, among them lighting near the outside kitchen entrance. A motion detector light was suggested to be placed near the northeast corner of the roof to make it safer. It was hoped that the stained glass windows would be installed in March.

Doland Olson reported that the cemetery has a balance of \$15,605.29. He urged everyone to attend the annual meeting at the Rock Church on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. It was noted that the port-o-potties are not being cleaned by the supplier as needed.

Under Old Business the following decisions were made:

One-half of offerings at Lenten services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be designated to DiscipleLife Alive! Campaign.

Guy Finstad will be the Stewardship chairperson, but may not be available to work on this project until after the completion of the Gathering Place.

Benevolences will be paid semi-annually.

Probably completion of the Gathering Place at the Rock Church will be July or August.

Confirmation students will sell T-shirts and bumper stickers with our new church logo.

Under New Business concerns were raised about the balcony railing, a kitchen door light, and possibility of more power in the basement area. Three upcoming weddings at the Rock Church were approved.

The meeting concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

## THANK YOU'S

Thank you to John and Mary Hastings who graciously provided the church office with supplies for the upcoming months. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

## WELCA CORNER

Mary McGowen led our March 7th WELCA meeting with all reciting our purpose statement. Pastor Joan led the devotion.

Dottie Hansen introduced our guest speaker, Marsha Brown, from Lutheran Sunset Ministries. She spoke on the 'Quilt of Life' and gave everyone bags from the Sunset Home.

Dottie had the offering meditation.

April Duties: Program- Ruth Circle

Hostess- Mary Circle

Fellowship- Pastor's Class

There was discussion about the Spring Gathering at Norse, April 14th. Let Billye know by April 4th if you plan to attend. Iris Hodges had a table with her crafts for view and said such a table for sale items would be at the Saturday morning breakfast and asked for contributions.

We adjourned by praying the Lord's Prayer and singing the table prayer. Delicious refreshments were served by the Lydia circle.

## New meaning to being "pinned"

[Women of the ELCA has joined Pinterest](#), the fastest growing social media sensation since, well, Facebook and Twitter. On Pinterest we create visual collages of important stuff, like books we're reading or quilts we're making. Come join us!

## CIRCLE NEWS

### Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle met on March 14<sup>th</sup> in the home of Charlene with Billye leading the Bible Study. Attending were Billye, Bettye, Maryann, Ann, and Charlene.

**Health Kits were assembled.**

### Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met [March 14th](#) with Jo Olson. April duties discussed: WELCA program and [March 21st](#) Lenten meal. Shirley led the bible study from Marks gospel. Eight members and Pastor Joan enjoyed fellowship and Jo's refreshments. April circle meets at Shirley's [April 11th](#).

### Mary Circle

Six member met at Heckmann Hall in Clifton on Wednesday, March 14th, for a Bible study from Mark 11-13, Rising Expectations. Decisions for the Lenten soup supper on the 21st were made. Refreshments for April's WELCA meeting were discussed and decided. Members were reminded of the LWR projects due date. Next month's meeting will be at Heckmann on April 11, at 2pm.

### April Circles

**Lydia-** Bettye Knudson's- April 11- 2:00pm

**Mary-** Heckmann Hall- April 11-2:00pm

**Ruth-** Shirley Thompson's- April 11 - 2:00pm

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Saturday Services at the Rock Church

In order to accommodate the time schedule of persons interested in attending afternoon services at the Rock Church, it has been decided to change the 3rd Sunday Afternoon service to the 3rd Saturday of each month. The time for this 30 minute service will be 3:30 p.m. A variety of speakers and music has been used throughout the past year to widen the appeal to the surrounding community. The first Saturday Service will be on April 21st. Everyone is welcome!



### Rock Church Cemetery Annual Meeting

The 8th Annual Meeting of St. Olaf Rock Church Cemetery will be held the first Saturday in April at the Rock Church. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, [April 7th](#). This is an opportunity for anyone interested to come and have input into the operation of the cemetery. Members of the board will be there to give an update on recent improvements to the cemetery and discuss the financial report. Everyone is encourage to attend, to ask questions, express your ideas and make any comments you wish.

### Unable to Attend Worship?

Pastor Joan would be happy to bring communion or visit with you at your home or any place of preference. Since it is the Body and Blood of Christ, we all need it!!

Briarwood's 2nd Annual Golf outing and fundraiser will be held at the Golf Club at Fossil Creek on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This will be an 8:00 AM shotgun start with practice time and breakfast options beforehand. After your round there will be a luncheon and award ceremony with great food, fun, door prizes, and more. All of the information you need to register or sponsor the event can be found on Briarwood's website under the Upcoming Events menu. Hope to see you there.



### St. Olaf T-shirts!!!

St. Olaf t-shirts are now available! They are \$12 for all sizes except XXL which are \$15. They can be purchased at the office or see one of the confirmation kids, Avery Katzer or Greyson Rose.



## PRAYER LIST

Marc Johnson, Darcy Cassidy, Mary (Ray) Hastings, Dan Orbeck, Beverly Evans, Georgia Johnson, Haley Rae Tarver, Heather Leahy, Margret Turpin, Bob Holbrook, Clarence Plagens, Margie Payne, Agnes Rogstad, Krysta White, Evonne Simonds, Fred Thompson, Joe Surley, Tom Gary, Steve Acree, Henry Bartoli, Jerri Lewis, John Hastings

### Service men and women:

Matthew Medina, Justin Barnes, Hayley Barner, Barrett Prince, Jarrod Prince, Alex Saborsky, Kevin Moore, Lamar Hickman, Travis Elston, Bradley Rohne, Jason Williams

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Disbursements	Net
Budget through Feb 29,2012	\$16,403.33	\$16,267.67	\$135.66
Actual through Feb 29,2012	19,348.71	12,739.11	6,609.60
<i>Submitted by Gerald Nelson, Treasurer</i>			



"The word  
"sunshine" is always  
the way I thought of  
Niki. She brightened  
the day of everyone  
she was around. She  
was a true  
blessing to every-  
one."

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### **NIKI COVERS THE COLD NEWS:**

Please join us May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Horny Toad, where "Havin' Fun is Fun" for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Niki de Mayo Celebration benefiting Niki Covers the Cold!!



- **Schedule of Events**
- **Ride through Bosque County**  
(motorcycle or car)
- **Shopapalooza (Arts & Craft Booths!!)**
- **Wild West Regulators**
- **Balloon Release**
- **Casi Chili Cook off 12 noon**
- **Band starting at 9pm - \$5.00 Cover**
- **And More!!**

Come join us for a day of fun and help us re-stock for next year's distributions!! Some items we collect: new or used clean blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hoodies, backpacks, and re-useable bags. For updates and more information look us up on facebook: Niki Carlson Covers the Cold, [www.nikicoversthecold.com](http://www.nikicoversthecold.com), or email me @ [sandicarlson@nikicoversthecold.com](mailto:sandicarlson@nikicoversthecold.com)

**In loving memory of Wyndi Nicole "Niki" Carlson.**



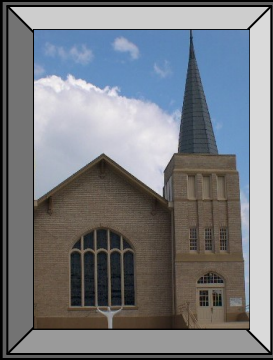
Sunset Home will be hosting their 2nd Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day for the residents, their families and the staff and their families. The Hunt will be for those Resident and staff children / grandchildren 12 and under. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at 2:00. Hoppy Easter, Peter Cottentail is awaiting

# APRIL ~ ST. OLAF LUTHERAN

*We love because he first  
loved us. ~1 John 4:18-20*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Palm Sunday SS 8:30 <b>2</b> Worship 9:45 Confirmation 5:00 Wenona Calahan Mary (Ray) Hastings		<b>3</b> Rudy & Jami Edwards	<b>4</b> WELCA Kit items Due 1:00 Leader's Study 2:00 WELCA	<b>5</b> Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm at St. Olaf	<b>6</b> Good Friday Service -Rock Church 7:00 p m Guy Taylor	<b>7</b> 8th Annual Rock Church Cemetery Meeting 11:00am
<b>8</b> Sunrise Service-Rock Church 7:00am Breakfast to follow at St. Olaf <b>9</b> Easter Worship 9:45 Easter Egg Hunt	← Pastor Joan Out of Office →					<b>14</b> Men's prayer breakfast Faith 7am Dalton Moore
<b>15</b> SS 8:30 Worship 9:45 Confirmation 5:00	<b>16</b> Shirley Thompson	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Council 6:00	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Craft Retreat Be- gins at Camp Chrystalis	Community <b>21</b> Breakfast 8am Biker Service 3:30 Jill Hanson 9:00 WELCA conference Norse
<b>22</b> SS 8:30 Worship 9:45 Confirmation 5:00	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Kenneth & Iris Relaison	<b>25</b> Geraldine Jenson	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Morris Leeth Sorley	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> SS 8:30 Worship 9:45 <b>30</b> 5th Sunday Singing At First Baptist Assembly →	<b>30</b> Mary Mc Gowen		Assisting Ministers: 1 & 8 Jim Bayless 15,22 & 29 Barbara Lee Head Usher: Noble Chastain Ushers: Gerald & Loene Nelson Altar Guild: Kathy Finstad & Lisa Rose Fellowship Cookies: Adult Sunday School Class			
					← NTNL Mission Assembly →	

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# ST. OLAF LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship, teach, nurture and  
share Christ's love.



## Holy Week

It is the week that changed everything! (Also called the Passion Narrative) It's not like we shouldn't have seen it coming. In the first three Gospels, Jesus warns his followers that he must go up to Jerusalem to "undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders... and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31). It may look like God is not in control, but God is working through all the events of this week!

It starts with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus is at the height of his career as the people throw palm branches and their cloaks on the road before him. He creates a big stir in the city! The crowd is supporting him with shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9). On Palm Sunday we begin our service with the joyful waving of palms, too, but then we also hear "rest of the story" with a dramatic reading and songs telling of Jesus' last days, followed by Holy Communion. Join us on April 1 at St. Olaf at 9:45am.

Jesus spends the week teaching in parables, answering questions and visiting with his dearest friends and disciples! He prepares to say his final good-byes. During a meal with the disciples, Jesus blesses and breaks bread, and says to them, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he gives them wine saying, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-28) He gives us an example of what we need to do—wash one another's feet! He's showing us how to be humble servants. You will have the opportunity to experience this in our Maundy Thursday service at St. Olaf at 6:00pm April 5. The service ends with the stripping of the altar and silence.

Good Friday is the day that we all would rather skip—what is good about it? It is painful to remember the suffering of our Lord, but obedience sometimes leads to suffering. Jesus pays the price for following God's commands with a horrible death on a cross. Yet, if the cross remained empty that Friday afternoon, where would our salvation come from? What is good about this Friday is that it is God's Friday, where God's will was done for the salvation of the world. We worship on April 6 at 7:00pm as the sun sets at the Rock Church with a solemn service based on the seven last words of Jesus.

Early Easter morning as the sun rises we welcome the first light of Resurrection Day at the Rock Church at 7:00am. Please join us for a simple service of joyful praise to our Lord. According to Matthew, early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Joseph, went to the tomb. An angel informed the women that Jesus had risen and they should go and tell! Then you're welcome to join us for breakfast at St. Olaf after the service.

Later at 9:45am at St. Olaf, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with traditional Lutheran worship! We give thanks to the Lord that day for continuing to be present in our lives. We remember our baptism and share in the Holy Meal! You're all welcome to renew your faith and remember why we're Christians! It can change your life!

*God's Peace~ Pastor Joan*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory,  
the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of **grace**  
and truth. ~John 1:13-15