

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## As We Gather

More often than not, we like to place our trust in things that we see with our own eyes: the balance in our savings account, the report of our last physical from the doctor, the family and friends in our lives. But if this is where we focus our hope, we are acting spiritually blind. As today's Old Testament reading reminds, our ultimate trust and love is placed in One we cannot see. With God-given eyes of faith, we look to the suffering servant, Jesus Christ, who took on our guilt and blindness at the cross so that we have freedom and sight.

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see! *LSB 744:1*



## Serving Today

March 22, 2020

Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Marc Cohen  
Elder: Bob Storm  
Organist: Theta Lee

# ✠ Fourth Sunday in Lent ✠

March 22, 2020

Opening Hymn

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

*LSB 873*

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise;  
Triumph o’er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day’s return  
Till Thy mercy’s beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

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## ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*  
**C** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace that I may amend my sinful life.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*  
**C** **Amen.**

Lent

*Psalm 118:24; Psalm 113:3; Joel 2:13;  
Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5*

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- P** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
**C** **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**
- P** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,  
**C** **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**
- P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.  
**C** **He was bruised for our iniquities.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the people,  
proclaim that His name is exalted."

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

### Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.  
I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.  
They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”

### **Israel’s Failure to Hear and See**

Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?  
He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,  
“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**C** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

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## Holy Gospel

John 9:1–41

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind**

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had

already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Learn by Heart

**C** Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ.  
**Philippians 3:13-14**

*Please be seated*

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus’ blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain
- ref In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

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*Please stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

*It is our custom at this time in the service to collect our Tithes and Offerings.*

*All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness  
for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions  
for all that we need for this body and life.*

*Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.*

*Please stand*

## **Prayer**

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be Thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive**

**those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power**

**and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## New Testament Canticle

**“Holy God, We Praise They Name”**

*LSB 940, stanzas 1-3*

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the apostles' holy train  
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.

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## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

**“Beautiful Savior”**

*LSB 537*

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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## This Week at a Glance

<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Bulletin / Prayer List Deadline</b> No Confirmation No Service of Evening Prayer
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	No Divine Service

## Announcements

**March 22, 2020**

### Copies of Bulletins

Copies of bulletins will be available 1 day prior to each service at the back entrance of the church. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kendra at 815-867-7407 or [kendra@oursaviormilford.com](mailto:kendra@oursaviormilford.com). Thank you!!

## **Tithes and Offerings**

During this difficult time, please send your offerings to Our Savior Lutheran Church, PO Box 188, Milford IL 60953. The mail is picked up daily. If you have questions, please contact Kendra. Thank you!

## **Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines**

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin or prayer request, please send to the church office at [kendra@oursaviormilford.com](mailto:kendra@oursaviormilford.com) by Wednesday at 10a. Newsletter deadline will be Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 10a.

## **Directory Updates**

Have you recently disconnected your landline? Do you have an email address? Have you moved? As a reminder, please share this information with the church office. In light of the current situation, the church office will keep you informed via Facebook, ShareFaith App, email, phone calls and mail. If you do not have access to Facebook, ShareFaith App, texting or email, please contact the church office. We want to make sure everyone is kept up-to-date on cancellations of worship services and other activities at Our Savior. You can reach the church office at [kendra@oursaviormilford.com](mailto:kendra@oursaviormilford.com), 815-889-4121 or 815-867-7407. Thank you for your assistance in making sure your contact information is correct.

## **OSLC Youth Lock- In**

***Calling All Youth!*** Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> OSLC will be hosting a Youth Lock-In. This event is for all youth grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and is FREE. As usual, we encourage you to invite your friends! The event will begin at 8:00 pm on March 27<sup>th</sup> and end on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. Fun for everyone - we will have games, music, movies, Mario Cart tourney, food, and so much more. Permission forms will be available soon.

***Could you help?*** We are asking the congregation to help provide the youth with a number of snacks and drinks to make it through the night and the wee hours of the morning. If you would be willing to help out and shower the youth with snacks and drinks it would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for adult volunteers. to help out for a couple of hours or be really brave and stay and experience the lock in fun. Please sign up. This is a great way to get to know our youth on a more personal level. For more information and to find out how your can help, contact Melissa Storm [bmbastorm@gmail.com](mailto:bmbastorm@gmail.com).

## **There's an App for that!**

Our congregation now has an App available for free download on most Apple and Android mobile devices.

To download from the "Google Play" Store, simply search for the "Our Savior Lutheran - Milford" app and download.

To download from the Apple App Store, you need to download "The ShareFaith App". Once you download and open this App, you will have the opportunity to search for our congregation. Once selected, the App will then be specific to our congregation.

While this App does not contain all of the information available on our full website, it does provide a VERY easy way to access the Live Stream of ALL (including Midweek) Services here at Our Savior. In addition, it has all of the past sermons available for listening and/or download.

Finally, when downloading this App, be sure to "allow notifications." We will be using the App to pass along important information and announcements periodically.

### **Lutherans for Life**

"At home: can we be more loving and forgiving to those who mean so much to us? Can we take the time to show our unconditional love? At work: are we really a Christian example to our coworkers? Can we be more mindful of the struggles others are going through? At church: where sometimes, ironically, it's the hardest, can we put on the mind of Christ, giving ourselves to our brothers and sisters in the faith? ... [L]et the message of God's love in Jesus resonate boldly in your own life ... to God's glory." *Dr. J. A. O. Preus – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



## ***Prayer List for March 22 – March 28***

### **Those celebrating a birthday:**

Tyler Rieches	Today
Hailey Schwartz	Today
Jay Kindle	Thursday

### **Those who rejoice:**

Caleb and Bridgit Schroeder on the birth of a new daughter, Teagan Justyne  
on March 16 - *granddaughter of Stan and Chris Schroeder and  
great-granddaughter of Don and LaVerne Hubner*

### **Those suffering from cancer:**

Charlotte Brammer – *sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens*  
Connie Bruns – *friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals*  
Lindsay Boyden - *friend of Brenda Mowrey*  
Jeff Cavitt – *friend of may within the community*  
Payton Ens – *acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith*  
Don Estes – *husband of Dianne Estes*  
Diane Goldenstein – *OSLC member*

Pat Gorski – *step-mother of Olivia Harms*  
Adam Hubner – *grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner*  
Kendra Howard – *niece of Doug Benner*  
Bruce Johnston – *friend of Patty Bruens*  
Brenda Knuth – *mother of Craig Smith*  
Shawn Lane – *Milford High School Volleyball Coach*  
Ken Lehmann – *brother-in-law of Sheila Selk*  
Judy Miller – *friend of Erica Anderson*  
Dawn Mullen – *niece of Jim and Linda Buhrmester*  
Marsha Thompson – *acquaintance of Beth Smith*  
Mano Suvisheshamuthu - *friend of Glen Franke*  
Sue Williamson – *friend of Patty Bruens*

**Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:**

The OSLC Congregation - *as we begin the Call process*  
*by which God will provide a new Pastor*  
Lew Alwardt - *friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns*  
Cora Armatrout - *health issues*  
Becky Bellman - *friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles*  
Hazel Carter - *health concerns*  
Nick Costello - *husband of Diane Costello, health concerns*  
Todd Davis - *friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues*  
Becky Hiles - *continued health issues*  
Pam Menard - *sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from auto accident*  
Danny Manullang – *brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery*  
Carol Ragel - *friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues*  
Kristin Randall - *friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition*  
Kierci Schaumburg - *step-daughter of Doug Benner,*  
*suffering from several health issues*  
Tyrone Schaumburg - *cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson's*  
Diana Webster - *friend of Cora Armatrout*  
Bailey York - *friend of Joyce Williams,*  
*kidney dialysis and awaiting heart transplant*  
Sharon York – *friend of Joyce Williams*

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement,  
especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

Nate Bushong – *OSLC member, serving with the U.S. Army*  
Rachel Fenner - *friend of the Moore family,*  
*currently deployed overseas with the U.S. Army*  
Alex Janssen – *son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army*  
Jay Kindle – *OSLC member,*  
*son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy*

Brandon Legan – *member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team,*

*Iroquois County Sheriff's Deputy and Milford Police Department*

Corey Moore – *OSLC member, U.S. Marine Corp*

Scott Muench – *husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer*

Sawyer VanHoveln – *friend of Bob and Donna Flesher,  
currently deployed in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army*

Kaleb Waldbeser – *friend of Bob & Donna Flesher,  
serving with the U.S. Marine Corp*

**Those preparing to serve the Lord in the Church:**

Seminarian Luke Elowsky – *Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO*

Seminarian Timothy Magill, and his wife, Mary – *Concordia Theological Seminary,  
Ft. Wayne, IN*

**Those serving in the Mission Field:**

Rev. Joel Fritsche - *our "adopted" international missionary,  
currently serving in the Dominican Republic*

