



"Open to Serve a Loving Christ"
Our Savior's Lutheran Church



Weekly Happenings December 10th, 2023

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Included in our prayers this week:

Linda Eng, Derek Gerlach, Cory Scofield, Vern Thorson, Hayley Hansen, Bruce Clark, Dolly Kenison, Dee Hammer, Joan Scofield, Karen Lang, Carla Harris and Vicki Rentschler.

All of our services members:

Especially Brandon Peters, Dylan Erickson, David Eng, Nick Orlick, & Bridget Flannery

VISITORS: Please fill out the tan, "Welcome" card with a cross on it located in your pew! Place in the offering plate or hand to the Usher. Please sign our guest book as well.

NEW MEMBER?? If anyone is interested in becoming a member of Our Savior's Lutheran, please contact the church office, 997-2186 or oslcf@iw.net. We'd be excited to welcome you into our church family!

NOON PRAYER: Livestreamed on the church Facebook page Monday - Thursday at noon. Join in a brief break in the week day to stop and center yourself, while meditating on the scripture texts for the next Sunday.

ADVENT WEDNESDAY CHURCH SERVICES: continues on December 13 and 20 at 6:30 pm. Come early and enjoy fellowship at our Soup Supper at 5:30 to 6:15.

Help us with the Soup Supper by signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4DA5AA2FA3FB6-45723247-2023> or on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! The Christmas Program will be on December 17, 2023

MORTGAGE PAYOFF: Help us burn our mortgage by the end of the year. Make sure to mark your donations as going to the Mortgage.

WELCA CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE: One dollar per ticket. Drawing on December 17th. See quilt in front lobby. Purchase tickets after service or drop off to Beth in the office.

LIVE NATIVITY: We are so excited to bring the live nativity to OSLC Sunday December 17. From 4-6. Work is underway to make it a success. Thank you for those that have already stepped up to help. But we are looking for a few things

1. A pan of bars / or a dozen cookies sign up on the back table.

We are hoping for 12 pans.

2. Volunteers to help inside serving hot chocolate and a bar

3. Outside with animals.

If you have a child in 7th to high school we would love if they would be our characters.

Please reach out to Jaycie or Heidi if you would be willing to help.

Last but not least spread the word and come support our live nativity

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you would like to donate a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please call or email the church office with details. They can be left in the kitchen prior to Christmas and will be displayed throughout December. Poinsettia given in loving memory of Walter (Mike) & Mary Louise Hammer and Carolyn Hammer from their families; Marlene & Tim Olson, Royce & Deana, and Chantel Olson & their families; Wes, Sandy & Jason Harris; Kevin & Shari Hammer and family.

WELCA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 14th. We will not need homemade goodies this year as we will be giving boxes of candy to our shut-ins. If there is someone that you know that would like to receive one of our Christmas candy gifts, please let me, Sandy Harris know or Beth in the church office. Hope to see all of you at our Christmas potluck. Please feel free to share one of your special Christmas recipes with us for our potluck. Thank you! MERRY CHRISTMAS from OSLC WELCA.

HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY! This month we are celebrating on the 2nd Sunday of this month, December 10th, the baptism anniversaries for children up 8th grade. The anniversary of your baptism - or Baptism Birthday - is important. It marks the day you became part of God's family, just as your birthday is the day you became part of your family. Each year on your birthday, you celebrate how you have grown. So during the month of your Baptism Birthday, we are going to celebrate how you have grown in your faith!

December Baptism Birthdays:

Jameson Armstrong, Mila Flute, Korbin Loiseau and Kaylee Thielsen

ADVENT PRE-CONFIRMATION AND CONFIRMATION

SCHEDULE: Because of Advent services and the school break, the schedule for 5th-8th grade classes is as follows:

5th grade, Dec 17 - 9 am worship, Dec 20 - no class

6th grade, Dec 13 - 3:30-4:30, Dec 17 - 9 am worship

7th-8th grade, Dec 13 - 5:30- 7:15, Dec 20 - 3:30-4:30

All: no classes Dec 27

THE MORE YOU KNOW: We have started the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) Year B, which is known as the year of Mark. Why then is our reading today from John's gospel? The RCL is a 3 year lectionary, with one year each assigned to Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's gospel is quite different from the first three, so was not assigned a year of its own. Instead, readings from John appear occasionally throughout the 3 year cycle, especially in Year B. This is because the gospel of Mark is very short - only 16 chapters - so readings from John fill out the year. Personal observation from Pastor Ramona: John is my favorite gospel, and I wish we read more of it!

CHRISTMAS WEEK WORSHIP:

Longest Night Worship on Dec 20: The Christmas season is not a joy filled time for everyone, especially for those who are mourning the first Christmas without a loved one, and those who are dealing with difficult life experiences. The Longest Night service is an opportunity to slow down and acknowledge the places where the season is difficult for you, and for those you love. Join us for quiet worship and prayer as we note the turning of the seasons from dark to light, finding God's comfort in the dark, and holding on to hope with the coming of the light.

The Morning of Christmas Eve: 9am Worship on December 24th will be an informal time of scripture, prayer, and carols. We are on the edge of birth, family gathered to support each other while awaiting the announcement of birth. After worship, we'll have caramel rolls and coffee to celebrate the beginning of the season.

Christmas Eve Worship at 5:30: This is the traditional Christmas Service, with Holy Communion and candle lighting. Join us to celebrate the birth of our King!

SHARING THE PEACE IN COLD AND FLU SEASON: As cold and flu season is nearing, please remember that some people may be more comfortable with an alternative method of sharing the peace, such as an elbow bump, a small bow, the "namaste" gesture, a peace sign or wave.

A GIFT TO LAST A LIFETIME. When you give your family the gift of a carefully thought-out estate plan, your gift is more than the assets you leave behind. It's peace of mind, it's preservation of relationships, and it can be a testament to your faith and values. An envelope containing your promise to make that plan might be the most valuable gift you give this year! Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota can help you walk through the process. Call 605.274.5030 or email lpgsd@sdsynod.org for more information.

CHUCKLES

This year, Starbucks are issuing a new cup size for Christmas. It's called the Adventi.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: Dec 10th- Dec 17th, 2023

Sunday 10

Worship
=>Coffee & Fellowship to Follow

Monday 11

Office Open 8:00-4:300
Pastor Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Tuesday 12

Office Open 8:00-12:00
Medary Conference (Pastors Meeting) 9:30
Quilt Tying

Wednesday 13

Office Open 1:00-5:00
Pastor Office Hours 9:00-12:00
Pre-Confirmation (6) 3:30-4:30
Advent Soup Supper 5:30
Confirmation 5:30-7:00
Advent Worship 6:30
Council Meeting 7:00

Thursday 14

Pastor Office Hours at JJ's 9:00-11:30

Friday Dec 15

Saturday 16

Sunday 17

Worship CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
=>Coffee & Fellowship to Follow
Live Nativity 4:00

THANK YOU:

Greeters: Dennis and Jill Anderson

Pianist: Nancy Carsrud

Song Leader: Jen Headrick

Reader: Nancy Carsrud

Coffee: Cindy Menning

Sound board: Erin Walstead and Leighton Blum

Candle Lighting: Randy and Bridget Tollefson family

Acolytes: Brett Johanson & Wrigley Peper

Last Week's Worship In-Person Attendance: 101

Last Week's Midweek Advent Service: 47

MORTGAGE BALANCE: As of 11/20/2023, the mortgage balance was \$4,408.00

THE BREADBASKET has a theme based suggestion list for every month. All regular food and monetary donations are still happily accepted.

December: Bags of flour, bags of sugar and cooking oil

If you are in need of food, bring your photo ID and official piece of mail. Open Thursdays from 1:30-5pm. Located at 202 E 2nd Ave. Flandreau. You can receive food once a month.

MOODY COUNTY CARES The Moody County Ministerial Association and Moody County Cares are working together along with the Breadbasket, Maynard's, and others to coordinate a response to the needs for food and other essentials by the people of Moody County. This effort will serve two groups of people: those who can't afford needed items such as food, soap, and laundry detergent, and those who can afford needed items but need to stay isolated for health reasons (seniors, immunocompromised, etc). You can Call, Text or Chat using 988 to contact the help center. You can also reach out to us on www.moodycountycares.com. If you would like to volunteer please visit www.moodycountycares.com.