



"Open to Serve a Loving Christ"
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Weekly Happenings December 17th, 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!

THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS: Noon Prayer will be on hiatus from December 25 to January 6th. During the Christmas season, there will be a daily (all 12 days!) recorded devotional "The Gifts of Christmas." Tune in at noon to see who is bringing their gift to the manger each day.

ADVENT WEDNESDAY CHURCH SERVICES: continue on December 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.

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 today! 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. Thank you for those that have already stepped up to help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!! TODAY!

A big thank you to all who helped with the program & practices. Thank you to the Superintendent Jaycie Pulscher! Also, many thanks to the Sunday School teachers for all of their help!

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.

Poinsettia given in loving memory of Dene Gullickson and Bess and Bud Winter by Gwen Gullickson and family
 Poinsettia given by Tim and Pastor Ramona in memory of their Mothers.

Poinsettia given in loving memory of David Hove by Connie Hove and Family.

Poinsettia given in loving memory of Leonard and Bernice Hove and Roland and Mabel Hove by Connie Hove and Family.

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!

ADVENT PRE-CONFIRMATION AND CONFIRMATION

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

7th-8th grade, Dec 20 - 3:30-4:30, All: no classes Dec 27

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.

THE MORE YOU KNOW: We have started the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) Year B, which is known as the year of Mark. 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!

ENDOWING OUR FUTURE – *It's easier than you might think.*

A gift to the Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Flandreau Endowment Fund can be made in memory of a loved one or as a part of your own legacy plan, but also in honor of a special birthday, anniversary or even Christmas! Contact the church office or Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota (605.274.5030 or lpgsd@sdsynod.org) for more information.

CHUCKLES

The nativity play was going as planned and Joseph and Mary were going from house to house knocking on the doors and asking if there was any room for them. As they continued to get "no room" answers a little voice called from the back "YOU SHOULD HAVE BOOKED!" bringing the house down

The Three Gifts

After the Christmas pageant, a 6-year-old boy was asked if he remembered the gifts that the Magi brought to Jesus. He thought for a minute then said "gold, frankincense, and humor". We could all use that!

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: Dec 17th - Dec 24th, 2023

Sunday 17

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

=>Coffee & Fellowship to Follow

Live Nativity 4:00 - 6:00

Monday 18

Office Open 8:00-4:300

Pastor Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Tuesday 19

Office Open 8:00-12:00

Quilt Tying

Wednesday 20

Office Open 1:00-5:00

Pastor Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Confirmation 3:30-4:00 @ Parsonage

Advent Soup Supper 5:30

Advent Longest Night Worship 6:30

Thursday 21

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

Friday Dec 22

Saturday 23

Sunday 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Carol Sing Worship 9:00

=>Coffee & Fellowship to Follow

Christmas Eve Worship w/ Communion and Candle Lighting 5:30

THANK YOU:

Greeters: Chad and Lori Kneebone

Pianist: Alison Ramsdell

Song Leader: Sunday School

Coffee: Cindy Menning

Sound board: Beth Wesala & Allen Loehr

Candle Lighting: Pedro and Heidi Johnson and family

Acolytes: Reagen Loiseau & Trevor Peters

Last Week's Worship In-Person Attendance: 86

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.