



*“Open to Serve a Loving Christ”
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church*



Weekly Happenings December 24th, 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, Vicki Rentschler, and Dodie Frisbee

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.

HUGE THANK YOU to Jaycie Pulscher for her leadership with the Sunday School program; Jason and Allison Unger for their leadership with the Christmas Program; Lori and Larry Peters and the youth for their gifts and singing talents when visiting our home bound members; Education Committee and their crew for the live nativity scene and all those who brought food and worked the kitchen for the advent suppers.

THANK YOU The Quilting Ladies would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for the quilt. The money raised will be used to sponsor young people at summer camp in 2024. The winner of the beautiful quilt was Sandy Harris. Old news:

THE CANA GROUP would like to thank everyone who purchased lefse in November. We were able to raise \$956.00.

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!

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS are due to the office no later than January 3rd.

RING THE BELL MORTGAGE fund raising has reached \$2695.00 of the \$4408.00 needed to pay off the mortgage. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this cause.

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.

Poinsettia given in loving memory of Shorty and Myrna Larson by Todd and Lisa Sanderson.

Poinsettia given in loving memory of Jim Loiseau by Shaw and Jolene Loiseau.

SAINTS AND SHEPHERDS – Would you be a Shepherd for a Saint? Shepherds are assigned Saints (those who Pastor visits at home or in a facility). Shepherds help in caring for these Saints by visiting, taking communion. There will be an orientation session for all Shepherds on Jan 3 at 7pm. If you are interested but cannot be at that training, or if you want more information, please contact Pastor Ramona.

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.

QUARTERS FOR LAUNDRY WITH LOVE: This is an ongoing service project sponsored by the confirmation and pre-confirmation youth. Take one of the labeled pill bottles and as you get loose change, put the quarters in the bottle. When filled, bring back and place in the laundry soap container. We will periodically send the quarters to Church on the Street for their Laundry with Love nights.

LET'S READ THE GOSPEL OF MARK TOGETHER! Mark's gospel is the shortest one - only 16 chapters. Pastor Ramona challenges you to read the entire gospel between January 7th and Feb 11th. Pastor Ramona will be posting each day on the day's assigned readings and you are invited to comment with questions, concerns and insights. There also will be a Zoom study on Sundays at 7:30pm starting on Jan 14. Pick up a copy of the reading schedule on the ushers' table.

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!

THE WAY WE TREAT PEOPLE who don't have a place to stay is the best way to describe what the manger means. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:17-18. With sincere gratitude for your generosity, we wish you every blessing this Christmas and throughout the coming year. Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota, www.lpgsd.org.



WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: Dec 24th-Dec 31st, 2023

Sunday 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Carol Sing Worship 9:00

=>Coffee & Fellowship to Follow

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

Monday 25

CHRISTMAS - OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday 26

Quilt Tying

Wednesday 27

Pastor Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Thursday 28

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Pastor Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Friday Dec 29

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Saturday 30

Sunday 31

NEW YEARS EVE

Worship 9:00

=>Coffee & Fellowship to Follow

THANK YOU:

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING

Greeters: Dean and Diana Larson

Pianist: Alison Ramsdell

Sound board: Baylee Hemmer & Julie Relf

Coffee: Dean and Diana Larson

CHRISTMAS EVE

Greeters: Lacey Schipper family

Reader: Caedon Schipper

Communion: Lacey Schipper, Caedon Schipper, Eleahna Schipper, Nancy Carlsrud, Jen Headrick, Dean Larson, and Diana Larson

Pianist: Lori Kneebone

Song Leader: Lori Kneebone

Sound board: Baylee Hemmer & Julie Relf

Acolytes: Landon Peters & Caedon Van Dyke

Last Week's Worship In-Person Attendance: 197

Last Week's Midweek Advent Service: 42

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.

January: individually wrapped toothbrushes/regular size toothpaste

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.