



“Open to Serve a Loving Christ”
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
Weekly Happenings December 31st, 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.

RING THE BELL MORTGAGE The Mortgage is paid off. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this cause. Watch for details on Mortgage Burning Party!

J.A.M. (JESUS AND ME): Sunday School’s next J.A.M. is on January 3, 2024.

HELP NEEDED: In the evening on January 3rd we will take down the Christmas decorations. If you are available we could really use your help.

JANUARY 7TH: Guest Preacher, Bishop Constanze Hagmeier. Sunday School will be singing as well.

YOUTH GROUP BREAKFAST: is January 7, 2024. A free will offering to support our Youth Group is appreciated

WELCA BIBLE STUDY: next meeting is January 18, 2024, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Copies of the Bible study are available in the magazine rack inside the Ed. Unit if you do not receive the Gather Magazine. Please join us! .

ANNUAL MEETING: January 28th after worship. Annual meeting Reports are due to the office **no later than** January 3rd.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: *Please pick up your poinsettia after church today. Poinsettias left after January 3 will be disposed.*

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.

Poinsettia given in loving memory of Iona Vigness by her family

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.

CAN YOU IMAGINE? It's a guessing game, and numbers vary, but many experts state that if everyone made a gift to their local congregation as a part of their legacy plan (anywhere between 2.5% and 10%), there would never be a need to pass an offering plate. Can you imagine? Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota is a free service provided by the SD Synod and ELCA ministry partners across the state to help you create an estate plan honoring your faith and supporting your family. Visit www.lpgsd.org for more information.

CHUCKLES:

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up for New Year's. Middle age is when you're forced to.

"My new years resolution is to get down to the weight I was before the accident. And to stop calling it "the accident" when I eat too many snacks."

What do you tell someone you didn't see on New Year's Eve?
"I haven't seen you since last year!"

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: Dec 31st-2023 - Jan 7th, 2024

Sunday 31

NEW YEARS EVE

Worship 9:00

=>Coffee & Fellowship to Follow

Monday Jan 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!- OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday 2

Quilt Tying

Wednesday 3

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Pastor Office Hours 9:00-11:00

Riverview Worship 11:00

Pre-Confirmation (5) 5:00-6:00

Confirmation (6th-8th) 5:30-6:30

J.A.M. 6:30

Shepherds & Saints 7:00

Thursday 4

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

Friday 5

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Saturday 6

Sunday 7

Worship (Sunday School Sings) 9:00

=>Youth Breakfast to Follow

THANK YOU:

Greeters: Dennis and Jill Anderson

Reader: Jen Headrick

Coffee: Jerry & LeAnn Carr

Pianist: Lori Kneebone

Song Leader: Lori Kneebone

Sound board: Randy & Titus Tollefson

Acolytes: Rona Strietz & Sydney Bennett

Last Week's Worship In-Person Attendance: AM 45 PM 165

Last Week's Midweek Advent Service: 26

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.