



"Open to Serve a Loving Christ"
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Weekly Happenings December 3rd, 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 Family of Dorothy Markus.

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.

WE WELCOMED the newest member of the family of God! Elvis Dean Warner, son of Ryan and Jessica Warner, was baptized yesterday, December 2nd. Elvis' sponsors are Jody Brown and Justin Hagedorn.

ADVENT WEDNESDAY CHURCH SERVICES: continues on December 6, 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.

J.A.M. (JESUS AND ME): Sunday School's next J.A.M. is on December 6, 2023 at 6:30. The J.A.M.'s have been very successful. The Youth Group is doing a great job leading the events. And everyone has had a great time. So don't miss it! Future events are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month.

YOUTH GROUP BREAKFAST: is today!. They are serving Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, and Eggs. A free will offering to support our Youth Group is appreciated.

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

LIVE NATIVITY: there will be a live nativity on December 17th at 4:00-7:00pm. We are seeking donations for a pan of bars cut in 12 or a dozen cookies. There will be a sign up sheet at table after church on Sunday or see Jacey or Heidi

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you would like to donate an 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.

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

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.

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 6 - 5:00-6:00

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 6 - 5:30-7:15

Dec 13 - 5:30- 7:15

Dec 20 - 3:30-4:30

All: no classes Dec 27

SLIGHTLY OFF LECTIONARY: Because the 4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve are on the same Sunday, the Worship Committee decided to start Advent a week early. We are celebrating the 2nd Sunday in Advent today. The 4th Sunday in Advent will be Dec 17, the day of our Sunday School Christmas Program. On December 24th, there will be an informal "The Morning of Christmas Eve" worship service at 9am, and our traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion at 5:30pm.

ONE OF THE EASIEST GIFTS TO MAKE. If you've decided that generosity should be a part of your estate plan, but don't want to amend your will or trust, a beneficiary change might be the solution. Did you know that you can leave a gift to (insert church name here) with a simple form provided by the company managing your investment account or insurance policy? Call Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or email lpgsd@sdsynod.org for more information on proper language and how to coordinate your plans to accomplish your wishes.

CHUCKLES



If we were really patient, we would wait until Jesus' birthday to light his candles, right?

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: Dec 3rd-Dec 10th, 2023

Sunday 3

Worship w/ Communion
=>Youth Breakfast to Follow
Education Meeting 10:15
Edgewood Worship 1:00

Monday 4

Office Open 8:00-4:30
Pastor Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Tuesday 5

Office Open 8:00-12:00
Quilt Tying

Wednesday 6

Office Open 1:00-5:00
Pastor Office Hours 9:00-11:00
Riverview Service 11:00
Pre-Confirmation (5) 5:00-6:00
Advent Soup Supper 5:30
Confirmation 5:30-7:00
Advent Worship 6:30
Youth Group/J.A.M 6:30

Thursday 7

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

Friday Dec 8

Saturday 9

Sunday 10

Worship
=>Coffee & Fellowship to Follow

THANK YOU:

Greeters: Marlin and Deb Schrecengost

Pianist: Mary Beth Sutton

Song Leader: Dan Sutton

Reader: Lori Kneebone

Coffee: Youth Breakfast

Sound board: Randy & Titus Tollefson

Candle Lighting: Drew and Jen Headrick family

Communion: Jaycie Pulscher, Jen & Drew Headrick

Acolytes: Sawyer Witte and Tillie Haugen

Last Week's Worship In-Person Attendance: 62

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.