



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

January 15th, 2023—Weekly Happenings

“Open to Serve a Loving Christ”



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Included in our prayers this week:

Pam Schipper, Linda Eng, Jo Anne Ramsdell, Derek Gerlach, Elaine Powers, Cory Scofield, Vern Thorson, Hayley Hansen, Bruce Clark.

All of our services members:

Especially Brandon Peters, Dylan Erickson, David Eng, Nick Orlick, Cyrah Gundvaldson & 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.

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!

QUILTING: Everyone is welcome to join us quilt on Tuesday mornings, beginning at 9:00 am. No knowledge is needed. If you can tie your shoe, YOU can do it!

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.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY – 12:30-1:30 Mondays at the church. Bring your lunch and a Bible! Join Pastor Ramona for a study of the upcoming scripture readings for Sunday. Be advised: the insights from this group often informs the Sunday sermon!

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: If you call my cell phone and I don't answer, please leave a message or text me. Since I get an alarming number of spam calls, I screen my cell calls. If I don't recognize the number you are calling from, it will go to voicemail. Rest assured I will answer all messages as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual meeting will be held on January 29th following worship. Annual Reports will be available to pickup by January 22nd.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS AND YOUTH GROUP BREAKFAST on February 5th, 2023.

OPEN COUNCIL POSITION: The Church council nominating committee is looking to fill the following positions. President, Secretary as well as 1 - 1 year council positions. If you are interested please contact Diana Larson or Heidi Johnson.

CONSTITUTION UPDATE At the Annual Meeting, OSLC will be updating the constitution. This is to bring our current constitution in line with the Model Constitution, which was amended at the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. *From the ELCA website:* “It is recommended that ELCA congregations and synods review the adopted amendments for their constitutions as soon as possible after each churchwide assembly to incorporate the required changes and to consider the recommended changes.”

YOU GOT THIS! - Understanding Goals, Purpose, Values, and God Unsure about what to do next? God has a plan for everyone. We'll meet for 12 weeks of individual activities, videos/podcasts, and discussion to uncover what that means for you. Meeting Wednesdays starting January 18th, 7-8:30PM. Text or email Sadie Haugen for more details 605-201-2883 or sjhaugen22@gmail.com

WELCA BIBLE STUDY We will be having our monthly Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19 Please remember that this Bible Study is for ALL our Circle groups so please plan to attend. Thank you! Sandy H., WELCA Pres.

ALTAR GUILD is in need of additional members to help set up and clean up communion, fill candles and assist with other duties. You will be paired with an experienced member, responsible for 2 -3 months a year. Please let the office or Diana, Todd, Lisa, Becky or Vicki R if you are interested. It takes less than an hour a week during your assigned month.

CHANGES TO THE CHURCH CONSTITUTION . are available for review prior to the annual meeting. Please let Diana know if you would like a copy or would like to discuss the changes.

PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE Pastor Ramona is part of a pastoral delegation traveling to Nicaragua Jan 20-27. Keep the group and the Nicaraguan church in your prayers.

*There will be no confirmation or pre confirmation on Jan 25 while Pastor is gone.

BAPTISM If you were waiting for the new pastor to schedule a baptism, wait no more! Contact the church office to schedule the baptism. Please keep in mind there will be no baptisms between Feb 22 and April 7. April 8th baptisms will only be scheduled for during the Easter Vigil service and April 9th baptisms would be during one of the Easter morning services.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: Jan. 15th—Jan. 22nd, 2023

Sunday 15

Worship w/Communion

=>Coffee and Fellowship to Follow

10:15 Sunday School

Monday 16

Pastor Ramona at JJ's Coffee 9:00-12:00

Tuesday 17

9:00 Tie Quilts

Wednesday 18

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Pastor Ramona Office 9:00-12:00

5/6 Confirmation Class 3:30-4:30

7/8 Confirmation Class 5:30-6:30

Worship Meeting 5:30-6:30

Thursday 19

Pastor Ramona Office 9:00-12:00

Office Open 8:00-4:30

WELCA Bible Study 10:30-11:30

Friday 20

Pastor Ramona leaves for Nicaragua and returns the 27th

Saturday 21

Sunday 22

Worship

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10:15 Sunday School

THANK YOU:

Greeters: Kyle & Sandy Elenkiwich

Pianist: Alison Ramsdell

Song Leader: Jason Unger

Sound board: Beth Wesala & Allen Loehr

Coffee: Alison Ramsdell & Jason Unger

Communion: Sandy Harris, Cathy & Thomas Loehr

Acolytes: Hunter Bushofsky & Caedon Van Dyke

Last Week's Worship In-Person Attendance: 130

MORTGAGE BALANCE: As of 12/21/2022, the mortgage balance was \$25,132.53

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE: Since both the secretary and the pastor are relatively new, we are doing an audit of the church calendar. If you have an event scheduled at the church in 2023 or 2024 (not including worship and regular church meetings), please email the church office to verify the date. We want to make sure we have everything on the calendar!

FROM THE PASTOR: I have a scavenger hunt for you! In 2020, the ELCA celebrated the 50th anniversary of women's ordination. They created a logo for the event that contains the names of every woman pastor and deacon. I have posted that logo on the door to the pastor's study. See if you can find my name!

GIVING STATEMENTS are available upon request. Please leave a message in the office if you would like a printed copy.

OSLC WELCA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AND MEETING MINUTES

The event was held on Thursday December 8, 2022.

Gwen Gullickson reported that all quilt donations, and the number of kits that were put together will be in the 2022 annual report of OSLC.

It was decided that the amounts for disbursement and the agencies to receive them will remain the same as last year. It was also decided to set up a contingency fund using some of the money from the Love offering that could be used to help people out in an emergency. This will be coordinated by the pastor and the current WELCA treasurer.

Circle Bible study will begin in January. All circles will meet together on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30. Pastor Ramona will lead the study when possible, using the Bible study from the Gather Magazine. 2023 WELCA meetings will be held as needed after the Bible Study. This will be announced in the Happenings.

WELCA booklets will be done the same as last year. Copies will be available for everyone to pick up after church or from the office starting in January. New members will be added when they join OSLC and will receive a copy of the booklet at that time.

No Riverview communion visits are scheduled at this time but Pastor Ramona will check on resuming the monthly service and on individual visits with residents.

DONATIONS

We have received a wonderful donation from the Joann and Gordon Dailey Estate to be used towards the future purchase of an organ. We all know things wear out so OSLC will be growing a seed towards that point when we hear that last note. Thank you!

Memorials have been received in honor of Orin Tollefson.

MADISON FOOD PACK: Two nonprofits join forces for a large pack of meals for Nicaragua; Kids Against Hunger & Helping Kids Round First. On January 28th, 2023 at the Madison Downtown City Armory. There are three shifts, 8-10 am; 10-12; and 12-2 pm. 120 people needed per shift. Sign up your group or as an individual at www.eastriver.coop/foodpack. Any questions you can call Scott Parsley at (605) 270-2416.

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

January: (Bathroom Care Items) toothpaste, toothbrushes (in hygienic packaging), shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, shaving razors, deodorant, diaper cream, laundry detergent, etc..

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). Please contact the help center by dialing 211, by texting 898211 or reach out to us on www.moodycountycares.com. *If you would like to volunteer please visit www.moodycountycares.com.*

THE FLIERS CLOSET is a collection of community donated items that are available to Flandreau students. We are currently accepting new or like new boy and girl sizes extra small to medium and women and men small sweatpants, as well as monetary donations. If you have questions, you can Email Emma.Peters@k12.sd.us.