



"Open to Serve a Loving Christ"
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Weekly Happenings January 21st, 2024



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INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Linda Eng, Derek Gerlach, Cory Scofield, Vern Thorson, Hayley Hansen, Bruce Clark, Dee Hammer, Joan Scofield, Karen Lang, Carla Harris, Vicki Rentschler, Dodie Frisbee, the Family of Dolly Kenison, the Family of Clyde Menning, and the Family of Carolyn Veldkamp.

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.

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

FLANDREAU UNITED METHODIST YOUTH will be hosting "A New Norm" by book writer Tom Roberts at the Crystal theater in Flandreau on Wed Jan. 24 at 6:30. All Family is welcome and its Free. If you have any questions about the event, please contact the Methodist Church

WELCA BIBLE STUDY: next meeting is February 15, 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: The OSLC Annual Meeting will be held on January 28th following the regular service. Report booklets will be available by the 20th. Please plan to attend. We need your voice. Three council positions need to be filled.

IT'S TIME TO BRING BACK THE PALMS! If you took a palm branch home last Palm Sunday and kept it, please bring it back by Feb 4th. The confirmation class will burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday (Feb 14)

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.

HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY! On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we celebrate 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!

January Baptism Birthdays: Jocelyn Flute, Brinley Chamblin, Brecken Johnson, Rory Thielsen, and Brynlee Plooster.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN AMERICA – WELCA DID YOU KNOW...Our Savior's Lutheran WELCA

- a. Serves funerals and furnishes cakes/bars & coffee
- b. Buys all of the paper products, coffee, etc. for the use in the kitchen
- c. Makes & gives quilts to missions both local & world & to all of our High School Graduates
- d. Hosts a Guest Day Salad Luncheon for ALL community ladies
- e. Donates WELCA offerings from our Love Offering in February, No Bake Sale in the Fall, other Free-will offerings and from our monthly Bible Study & WELCA meetings for both local and other missions.
- f. Collects other donated items for Synod/Conference missions
- g. Gives Christmas cards/gifts to our members & others who are shut-ins
- h. Attend Medary Conference Spring & Fall Gatherings & South Dakota Synodical Annual Conventions of the WELCA
- i. Many other things

WELCA CIRCLE LISTING (BOOK): Our 2024 WELCA books are completed and available for you to take home with you today. You will find them in the Fellowship Hall & the Sunday School unit. The WELCA books will NOT be sent out so please be sure to pick one up. It will not have your name on the front cover. This listing will include the names & phone numbers of each Circle's members & the time that we will meet together for Bible Study. WELCA business meetings will be held when needed. If your phone number is not correct, please call your Circle Chairman or Sandy Harris to update it. Thank you! WELCA Executive Board

MADISON FOOD PACK will be held on January 27, 2024; it will be held at the Madison Downtown Armory with same format as last year. If you would like to donate, you can make checks out to "Kids Against Hunger" and send them to Scott Parsley, PO Box 273, Madison, SD 57042. In the memo line please put Madison Food Pack. If you have any questions or want more information, you can contact Scott Parsley at (605) 270-2416 or email at slsutton63@gmail.com.

WELCA LOVE OFFERING: Each year in February (the "LOVE" month) the WELCA ladies of OSLC hand out envelopes for our **LOVE OFFERING** donations which is given to local missions such as The Breadbasket, Team of Angels, Ministerial Association, Wholeness Center & Weekend Fuel (weekend meals for school students). All these organizations are in Flandreau and serve our area. So we are asking you to show your "Love" to them by generously donating. For your convenience, you will find an envelope for your donation in the fellowship hall. If writing a check, please be sure to make it payable to **"OSLC WELCA"**. Please place it in the Sunday offering or mail it to the

church office at **505 S. Wind St, Flandreau, SD 57028**, marked "**OSLC WELCA**". You may also use your own envelope & mail it to the church address & mark it "**WELCA Love Offering**". Thank you for your generosity!

WELCA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AND MEETING, was held on December 14, 2023.

14 women attended the Christmas potluck and meeting. The executive board served the lunch.

There were 9 funerals at OSLC in 2023; 8 members and 1 non-member.

22 personal care kits and 8 school kits were assembled by WELCA members.

Annuals disbursements; each group will be given \$90 with the exception of the following: Feeding SD and FIS Ministries will receive \$180 and our Thank Offering will stay the same as last year at \$300. Memorial to Bethel Lutheran Home in Madison will stay the same as in the past at \$50 per deceased WELCA member. For 2023 it is 6 X \$50 for a total of \$300. Money from the quilt raffle will be given to camperships.

Officers for the 2024 year are Chairman: Sandy Harris, Secretary: Nancy Carlsrud, Treasurer: Lisa Sanderson, Mission Action: Gwen Gullickson & Linda Meier, Kitchen coordinators: Diana Larson & Lisa Sanderson, Circle Calling Chair: JoAnn Clark, Circle chairman, Deborah Circle: Nancy Carlsrud, Rachel Circle: Gwen Gullickson, Ruth Circle: Diana Larson.

Bible Study will begin in January. All Circles will meet together on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30. Pastor Ramona will lead the studies when possible. WELCA meetings will be held as needed after the Bible Study. This will be announced in the Happenings.

Copies of the WELCA booklets will be available sometime in January. They can be picked up after church or at the church office. New members will be added when they join and will receive a booklet.

The WELCA Spring Gathering will be held here at OSLC in April.

A date for cleaning the kitchen will be announced soon. All will be invited to help with this project

After the meeting 22 Christmas candy and monetary gifts were delivered to shut-ins and OSLC staff.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK READING CHALLENGE CONTINUES! The readings are posted on Facebook Monday - Saturday and Pastor Ramona will post her reflections there during the day. On Sundays, we meet by on-line and in-person at 7pm to discuss the prior week's readings.

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. If you are interested or you want more information, please contact Pastor Ramona.

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.

GIVE IT TWICE. If you're like most parents, you want to leave something to your children, and maybe even grandchildren. But they may not be prepared to manage a large gift representing your entire life's saving and investing. What if it were possible for them to receive an inheritance over a period of years, allowing them time to develop financial skills to save and invest for their own future? A Give It Twice Trust can do just that, as well as provide tax savings and an opportunity for you to make a gift to ministry. Contact Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota, 605.274.5030 or lpgsd@sdsynod.org for more information.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: Jan 21st - Jan 28th, 2024

Sunday 21

Worship w/ Communion 9:00

=>Coffee & Fellowship to Follow

Mark Zoom Bible Study 7:00

Monday 22

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Pastor Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Tuesday 23

Quilt Tying

Wednesday 24

Office Open 8:00-4:30

Pastor Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Pre-Confirmation (6) 3:30

Confirmation 5:30

Thursday 25

Pastor Office Hours at JJ's 11:00-2:00

Friday 26

Saturday 27

Sunday 28

Worship 9:00

ANNUAL MEETING

=>Coffee & Fellowship to Follow

THANK YOU:

Reader: Beth Wesala

Pianist: Mary Beth Sutton

Song Leader: Dan Sutton

Sound board: Allen Loehr & Beth Wesala

Acolytes: Brett Johanson & Rory Thielsen

Last Week's Worship Online Attendance: 116

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.