

OPENING FOR FEBRUARY 2017

We have an opening for a lead person/family to prep and serve the meal at the Dorothy Day House in February. OSLC serves the 3rd Thursday of each month. The need for this meal is great in our community. If you would like to help this OSLC mission, please contact Bill Nicklay at 269-2336 or the church office at 289-3021 for more information.

THANK YOU for the Christmas Basket. It was greatly appreciated and so beautiful. Marsha Dick

THANK YOU so much for the big Christmas treat box. I appreciate all the caring that goes with it. Blessed Holidays! Darleen Mensing

WHAT A SURPRISE! The gift basket certainly brightened my day. I have been very sick and sleeping most of the time. The delicious goodies were most welcome, as was the delightful visit. Connie DeLorme

MEMEBERS OF OSLC Thank you for the goodie basket. I appreciate it. Bless you, Jeanette Erickson

THANK YOU OSLC for the Christmas Friendship Basket. Much appreciated. Emery Bremer

Dear OSLC, We have lost someone very special. Thank you for sharing our grief. Thank you so much for the care package.  
Gen Lutzke & Family

Thank you for the Christmas Friendship Basket. It was great!  
Larry & Janet Tantow

8:00am Worship Assistants  
Acolyte: Sayer Flynn  
Greeters/Offering: Rita Balm, Sherry Rengstorf  
Communion Assistants: Katie Zahasky, Rita Balm  
Usher/Offering: Rita Balm  
Prayer Reader: Katie Zahasky  
Coffee Prep: Arlysse MacGillivray  
Sound Board: Sherry Rengstorf

10:30am Worship Assistants  
Acolyte: Grant Rosin, David Irons  
Greeters/Offering: Bill Nicklay, Ted Waldo  
Communion Assistants: Ted Waldo  
Usher/Offering: Scott & Joyce Bagne  
Prayer Reader: Ted Waldo  
Sound Board: Maureen Lemens  
Coffee Clean up:  
Offering Counters: Scott & Joyce Bagne  
Altar Guild:  
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht, Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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**ECHOES Weekly-Jan. 1**  
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WELCOME VISITORS!

*"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God." Romans 15:7*

We welcome new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here. You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sorrow, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

WANT TO JOIN OSLC? If you are interested in becoming a member, please talk with Pastor Ben or Pastor Fred.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Roy & Dorothy Satre in honor of the Augie Choir Reformation Tour.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Dianne Claffy; Betty Andrist; Lois Rink; Marsha Dick; Karen Pflibsen

Those Mourning: The family of Natalie Camrud.  
The family of Marjorie Lee.

Military Concerns: Margaret & Catherine Maher; Paul Schroeder; Austin Nicklay; Clark Rose; Eric Brown; Scot Heathman, Ryan Nordstrom, Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and of our veterans who have served.

Missionary Concerns: Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke in Japan.  
The Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania.

Seminary: Nicholas Rohde



JANUARY/FEBRUARY—  
CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTION

Hospice Kit Collection

Hospice Kits provide comfort and needed supplies for someone who is suffering from HIV/AIDS, cancer, or other devastating illness. Kits are distributed by palliative care providers through Lutheran

hospice programs that reach into villages in Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Liberia and Cameroon.

Hospice Kits help empower volunteers and medical professionals to connect with patients, opening an opportunity to encourage them to seek treatment, bring pain medication to alleviate their suffering, and provide a referral and even transportation to a hospital when needed.

Please place items in basket/designated area in Narthex.

Hospice Kit Items:

*Please follow these directions carefully*

New or gently used items:

- 1 regular size bath towel (**not longer than 48"**)
- 1 washcloth

New items:

- 1 bath size bar of soap, -*wrapped, unscented eg. Dove for sensitive skin.*
- 1 toothbrush, In original, individual packaging
- 1 nail clipper
- 6 Band-Aids, Rubber-banded together
- 1 jar or tube of petroleum jelly, Approx. 4 ounces or larger, lid taped
- 1 pair heavy-duty household gloves, Kitchen type, size medium
- 1 "pick" style comb

JOIN THE BANNER TEAM

The Banner Team is inviting all to join their team. If you have a love of sewing or have a creative mind we are always looking for new ideas. Join our team on Friday mornings at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Banners will resume meeting on January 6.



Fellowship for Men

MEN'S SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship has begun meeting. We meet at OSLC the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month through May. We start with breakfast at 7:00 AM. After breakfast we study the Gospel for the coming Sunday. No preparation is required. The discussions are lively, enlightening and fruitful. It's a great way to start your Saturday and still have the rest of the day for other activities.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP—Location Change  
**The Men's Study Group (Promise Keepers)**

has a new meeting location. They have moved to Charlie's Eatery & Pub Hillcrest Shopping Center 1654 Highway 52 N. We have breakfast, study and discuss either the Bible, a book or both and have Christian Fellowship. Join us at 6:00am each Thursday morning.



TEAM LEADERS

COUPLE OF THINGS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

1. 2016 Team Leaders: Annual reports are due, preferably electronically, to the church office by January 8.

2. 2017 Team Leaders: Please let the church office know if you are changing your ministry team meeting time.

Thanks, Joanne



FAITHFULLY FIT

Faithfully Fit is on Thursdays at 8:30am at OSLC. We meet in the Narthex. Faithfully is taking the rest of December off, but will resume on January 5.



COMING THIS JANUARY...

You've waited the entire year for the sequel...

Now, thrill to the exciting second chapter in the "Making Sense" series: *Making Sense of the Christian Faith!* Sign up to show your interest (and reserve your copy of the book). Opening soon in a Coffee Fellowship Time (and on Thursdays at 11AM) near you!

DEAR WOMEN OF OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, We are starting a women's evening Gather group. We will be meeting at Dunn Brothers on Elton Hills Dr. on Tuesdays January 17, February 21, March 21 and April 18. Dunn Brothers offers coffee, wine/beer and breakfast/lunch or dinner in the evening. We will be utilizing Gather magazine published by and for Women of the ELCA as our study guide. Subscriptions are available for \$15/year. <https://www.cambeywest.com/subscribe2/?p=gat&f=paid> We can decide if the group wants to continue meeting at Dunn Brothers (or elsewhere) over the summer or resume in the fall.



## Circle Meetings

### NAOMI CIRCLE

Date: January 9 at 9:00am  
Location: OSLC  
Hostess: Genise Troutman  
Bible Study: Mary Ann Smith

### MARTHA CIRCLE

Date: January 11 at 9:30am  
Location/Hostess: Carol Rogelstad  
1824 Glendale Hills Dr. NE  
Bible Study: Lois Johnson

### PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Date: January 11 at 9:00am  
Location: OSLC  
Hostess: Diana Schroeder  
Bible Study: Wanda Hagquist

### SARAH CIRCLE

Date: January 23 at 1:00pm  
Location: OSLC  
Hostess: Nancy Wernecke  
Bible Study: Group, Kit Assembly

### SAVE ON EARLY REGISTRATION

Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering, July 13-16, 2017 in Minneapolis. Registration before January 6 is \$310, but is \$350 after. Scholarship applications available for first-time attendees. **See Women's bulletin board.**



QUILTING Tuesday, Jan. 17, we will be the first day of quilting in 2017. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:00am. Please come and join us. Thank you to all who have provided us with sheets, blankets, mattress pads and fabric. We can always use more. In 2016, we donated **quilts to LWR, Women's Shelter, LINKS and the Crisis Nursery.** A totally of 100+ quilts.

Diana Martens & Joan Rose



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, JANUARY

Galatians  
Christian faith and Christian freedom  
What is the relationship between Paul and the Christians in Galatians?

The Heart of the Gospel is faith alone in Jesus Christ, not works of the law. No one is justified by works of the law.

Martin Luther **defines "a god" as "whatever we put our faith in."** That means if we put our faith in an idol or another gospel this will only let us down.

Paul talks **about being "called" by God** through a revelation of Jesus Christ. Paul experiences this call to faith in Christ.

Dear Lord, fill our hearts and lives with the revelation of Jesus so we may be a living witness of the **Gospels in Jesus' name. Amen.**



### ALTAR FLOWER FOR JANUARY 2017

January 1—Roy & Dorothy Satre  
January 8—Tim & Megan Valen  
January 15—OPEN  
January 22—Wayne & Carol Rogelstad  
January 29—Verdon & Rosie Seegmiller



### NEXT INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

February 19—Peace Poles—watch for more information

## High School Youth

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your generous support of the Youth Bake Sale! The Youth raised 643.50! This a great amount as we start the planning for our trip to Chicago next summer.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Every Sunday, Sunday School

THE 2017 MISSION trip HAS been decided. This trip is open to **this year's youth in grades 9-12.** We will be heading to Chicago through "Serve Boldly"!! (This is the same group as last year.) We will be going about July 16-21. Cost will be about \$250. \$100 was due on December 18th. If you have any questions or concerns-financial or otherwise, please talk to Cassie ASAP!!



# This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Jan. 1

## Happy New Year!

8:00am Worship  
9:15am Coffee Fellowship  
10:30am Worship

Monday, Jan. 2.

Office Closed  
1:00pm Marjorie Lee Funeral

Tuesday, Jan 3

11:30am Staff Meeting  
3:00pm P.F @ Dunn Bros. N.  
6:30pm Lay Ministry

Wednesday, Jan. 4

12:00pm Weekly deadline  
5:00pm Confirmation  
5:30pm Properties Team  
5:45pm Meal  
6:30pm Worship  
7:20pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, Jan. 5

P.F off  
6:00am Promise Keepers  
6:30pm Grace Bells

Friday, Jan. 6

P.F. off  
9:00am Weekly Prep  
9:00am Banners  
2:00pm Natalie Camrud  
Funeral

Saturday, Jan. 7

P.F. off  
9:00am Décor Take Down  
*OBA: 8:00am Cello Lessons*

Sunday, Jan. 8

Annual Reports Deadline  
P.F off  
8:00am Worship  
9:15am Coffee Fellowship  
10:30am Worship

Bible Reading

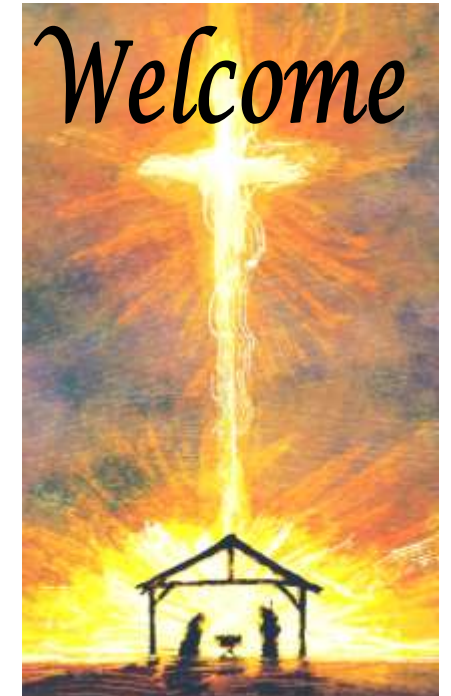
Matthew 2:13-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." <sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

8:00/10:30am  
Bulletin Only  
Holy Innocents Service of Healing



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