

THANK YOU to my church family for the box of goodies. Also to Lee & Valinda for the soup and bread, also for the visit! Enjoyed it. May God Bless Everyone, Jane Gronvold

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Serving begins at 5:45

January 11—Lasagna

January 18—Walking Tacos

January 25—Pull Pork Sandwiches

February 1—Chicken Breast Sandwiches

February 8—Sloppy Joes

February 15—Mac & Cheese, Hotdogs

February 22—Pizza

SUMMER STAFF AT GOOD EARTH VILLAGE

Keep an eye out for Christian Leaders, making a difference in the world. Good Earth Village summer counselors share God's love with campers in a super fun, spirit-filled community. Alumni often report meeting some of their best friends, working together as camp counselors. Do you know a bright young person who would make a great summer staffer?

More information at goodearthvillage.org/employment

8:00am Worship Assistants

Acolyte: Courtney Holm
Greeters/Offering: Pete & Brenda Galindez
Communion Assistants: Ed & Patty Heckman
Usher/Offering: Bob & Carol Chase
Prayer Reader: Katie Zahasky
Coffee Prep: Byron & Darlene Stadvold
Sound Board: Tim Pickett

10:30am Worship Assistants

Anthem: Senior Choir, directed by Ruth Benning
Acolyte: Annika Weber, Grace Johnson
Greeters/Offering: Wayne & Carol Rogelstad
Communion Assistants: Jodie Westland, Pat Heath
Communion Assistant: Chris Suby, Dian Dunbar
Usher/Offering: Bill & Heather Irons Family
Prayer Reader: Jodie Westland
Sound Board: Bill Nicklay
Coffee Clean up: Wayne & Carol Rogelstad
Offering Counters: Kevin & Cindy Norgard
Altar Guild: Katie Zahasky, Cindy Norgard
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht, Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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ECHOES Weekly-Jan. 8

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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 Tim & Megan Valen.

Remember in your Prayers:

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

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

A NOTE FROM THE NOMINATION
COMMITTEE:

We would like to nominate the following people to these leadership positions.

Vice-President –

Director of Business and Administration:
Renita Miller

Director of Congregational Ministries:
Lori Swancutt

Secretary: Kari Wright

We are searching for an interested person in filling the Vice-President position. This position is a two year term, first as Vice-President then moving into the President position in 2018. The job consists of attending Leadership Committee meetings once a month. Members of the Leadership Committee review reports from the directors and make decisions that are brought forward from the congregation and teams. The VP manages the personnel evaluations once a year and putting together the nominating **committee for the next year's Leadership team.** If this sounds like an interest you would like to be a part of or have more questions, please contact a member of the nominating committee to learn more.

Nominating committee:

Brenda Galindez, Pastor Ben, Katie Zahasky, Tammy Olson, Glenn Leckband, David Eberhart, Dawn Christianson, Todd McCumber

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



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!

Deadline to sign up is today.

(2 options for attending)

Day & Time: Thursday at 11:00am or
Sundays at 9:15am

Thursdays: January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16
Sundays: January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19

BUDGET REVIEW & ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Budget Review—January 15, 2017 at 9:15am

Annual Meeting—January 22, 2017 at 9:15am

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.



ALTAR FLOWER FOR JANUARY 2017
 January 8—Tim & Megan Valen
 January 15—Larry & Marti Howe
 January 22—Wayne & Carol Rogelstad
 January 29—Verdon & Rosie Seegmiller

Thank you to everyone that has signed up so far. There are still many open dates for you to choose from.



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: OSLC
 Hostess: Carol Rogelstad
 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.**



FEBRUARY WOMEN'S EVENT

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself
OSLC Annual Women's Prayer Pal Event
 Monday, February 6, 2017
 6:30 p.m. Fellowship and Dessert
 7 p.m. Our Muslim Neighbor presented by Regina Mustafa
 8 p.m. Prayer Pal Reveal Event

Dessert provided by Naomi Circle
 OSLC Fellowship Hall

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.

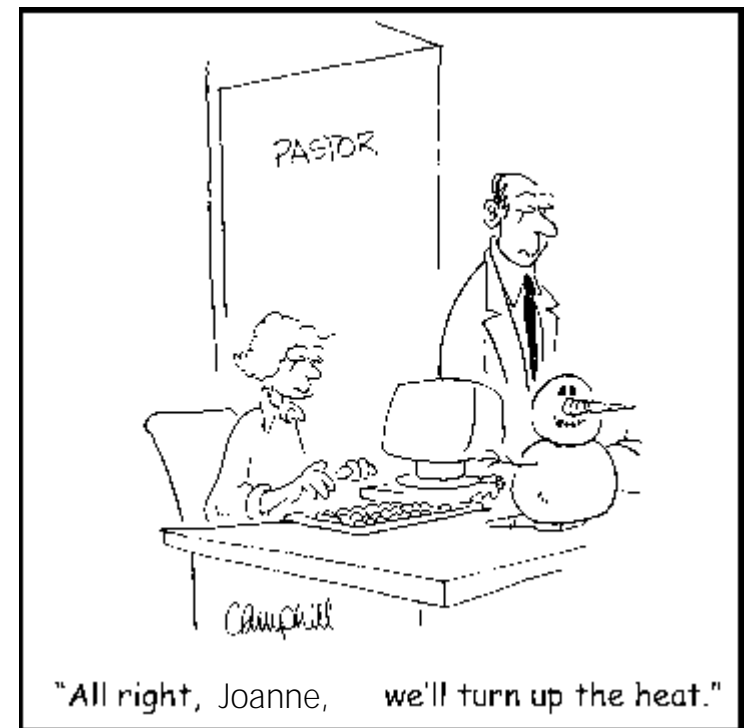
Paul talks about being "called" by God through a revelation of Jesus Christ. Paul experiences this call to faith in Christ.

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.**



NEXT INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

February 19—Peace Poles—watch for more information



This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Jan. 8
 Annual Reports Deadline
 P.F. off
 8:00am Worship
 9:15am Coffee Fellowship
 Education Hour
 10:30am Worship

Monday, Jan. 9
 P.F. off
 P.B. off
 9:00am Naomi Circle

Tuesday, Jan. 10
 P.F. off
 Joanne off
 6:00pm HS Ministry
 6:30pm Business/Finance
 6:45pm Evangelism

Wednesday, Jan 11
 P.F. off
 12:00pm Weekly Deadline
 9:00am Priscilla Circle
 9:30am Martha Circle
 5:00pm Confirmation
 5:00pm Living Praise
 5:45pm Meal
 6:00pm MS Ministry
 6:30pm Worship
 7:20pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, Jan. 12
 P.F. off
 6:00am Promise Keepers
 8:30am Faithfully Fit
 6:30pm Grace Bells
 6:30pm Leadership
 OBA: 7pm Sons of Norway

Friday, Jan. 13
 P.F. off
 9:00am Weekly Prep
 9:00am Banner Team

Saturday, Jan. 14
 P.F. off
7:00am Men's Fellowship
 OBA: 8am Cello Lessons

Sunday, Jan. 15
 Global Partners Sunday
 8:00am Worship
 9:15am Coffee Fellowship
 Education Hour
 Budget Review
 10:30am Worship



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen

BIBLE READING

Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

8:00am Worship, ELW Setting One
 GATHERING SONG
"Baptized and Set Free" ELW 453
 THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM pg. 97
 SONG OF PRAISE ELW pg. 101
"This is the Feast"
 PRAYER OF THE DAY pg. 5 of Weekly
 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 102
 BIBLE READING
 PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS
 Pastor Ben Loven
 HYMN OF THE DAY
"You Are Mine" ELW 581
 CREED ELW pg. 105
 OFFERING
 GREAT THANKSGIVING
 ELW pg. 107
 WORDS OF INSTITUTION
LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg. 112
 DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
"Lamb of God" ELW pg. 112-113
"Baptized in Water" ELW 456
"We Are Baptized..." ELW 451
 SENDING SONG pg. 113
 CLOSING SONG
"Wash, O God,..." ELW 445
 vs. 1 & 3

10:30am Worship
 Baptism Service PowerPoint