

SAMARITAN BETHANY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Our month to help with this at Samaritan Bethany is February. This enables residents to attend worship who otherwise could not because they do not have family members to help them. Please consider helping out at least one Sunday in February. Sign up & instructions are on the Volunteer Bulletin Board in the hallway.



Anthem: 8am Senior Choir, directed by Ruth Benning
10:30am Sax Quartet: Bev Gronvold, Pam Shulze
Marti Howe, Britten Block

8:00am Worship Assistants
Acolyte: Adrian Fohrman
Greeters/Offering: Merle & Betty Peterson
Communion Assistants: Grant & Ruby Florine
Communion Assistant: Betty Peterson
Usher/Offering: Roy & Dorothy Satre
Prayer Reader: Ruby Florine
Coffee Prep: Kristi Blattner
Sound Board: Dean Frank

10:30am Worship Assistants
Acolyte: Nathan Eberhart
Greeters/Offering: Hillman Family
Communion Assistants: Weber Family, Lorrie Swancutt
Usher/Offering: Glenn & Connie Leckband
Prayer Reader: Ted Waldo
Sound Board: Bill Nicklay
Coffee Clean up: Wayne & Carol Rogelstad
Offering Counters: Bill Nicklay, Joleen Carlson
Altar Guild: Katie Zahasky, Cindy Norgard
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,
Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Serving begins at 5:45
February 1—Chicken Breast Sandwiches
February 8—Sloppy Joes
February 15—Mac & Cheese, Hotdogs
February 22—Pizza



THRIVENT CHOICE DAY

Thrivent Members can designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to make a profound impact on the ministry of Good Earth Village. Funds help welcome campers to the community with full or partial scholarships. On Thursday, March 23 from 10 AM - 3 PM, Thrivent Associate Brandon Scheevel will be at Good Earth Village in Barr Lodge to assist you with your designation. If you would like to designate your dollars from home, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Use your voice and dollars in strengthening your community and changing lives!

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ECHOES Weekly-Jan. 29

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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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 Rosie Seegmiller.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Tom Connaughty (father of Marnie Eveslage); 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

WANT TO HELP with the Dorothy Day House Supper on February 16? Sign up on the volunteer bulletin board. Meal Leader for February is Joyce Bagne.

MEN'S SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship meets 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.

DID YOU KNOW that hearing devices are available in the sound system area at the back of the Sanctuary. These devices can be used with or without a hearing aid.



MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Do you have a lot of plastic bags from Target, Wal-Mart, grocery stores, etc., and you wonder what to do with them? We have an answer. Bring them to church. Dorothy Day House

has a group in the community who has offered to crochet sleeping mats for give away to those who cannot check in to the shelter and must sleep outside. These mats will provide a waterproof barrier between the ground and the body. We will have a barrel in the hallway by the Channel One barrel for collection.

"MAKING SENSE" BOOK STUDY SERIES:

Making Sense of the Christian Faith!

(2 options for attending)

Day & Time: Thursdays 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

IHN (FAMILY PROMISE) TRAINING OFFERED

OSLC is offering a session to be trained or recertified to help with hosting IHN. It will offered on February 12 between worship services in the Sanctuary.

Our next hosting date is February 19-26. You would be eligible to help after the February 12 training session. To sign up to help to go to www.rochesterosl.org and click the Interfaith Hospitality Sign up link on the home page.

Thank You

DEAR OSLC,

Thank you for your support of \$250.00 to Lutheran Campus Ministry—Crossroads. Jens Nielsen, Operations Manager

DEAR OSLC,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,454.87 in 2016 to Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity. Your generosity is so appreciated! Kevin Worden, Executive Director

THANK YOU SO MUCH for remembering me with the

generous Christmas gift. I'm sure most of you know it will probably be used on horse items or the granddaughters. Joanne, OSLC Office

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFT to us at Christmas!

We are grateful to be part of such a wonderful and caring community! Thank you! Pastor Ben



NAOMI CIRCLE
Date: Feb. 13, 9:00am
Location: OSLC
Hostess: Ruth Moran
Bible Study: Dorothy Satre

PRISCILLA CIRCLE
Date: Feb. 8, 9:00am
Location: OSLC
Hostess: Marti Howe
Bible Study: Wanda Hagquist

MARTHA CIRCLE
Date: Feb. 8, 9:30am
Location: OSLC
Hostess: Carol Houdek
Bible Study: Sandy Pederson

SARAH CIRCLE
Date: Feb. 20, 1:00pm
Location: OSLC
Hostess: Lois Wilkes
Bible Study: Maxine Thoreson

FEBRUARY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Children of God through Faith"

God's grace and the new life we have in Christ are gifts we receive rather than things we can earn or accomplish.

What is the source and center of our Christian life?

Know your primary direction of your relationship with God.

Martin Luther, in his study of scriptures, comes to share Paul's understanding and sees that righteousness is a gift God gives to us in Christ, not a performance standard that God demands of us.

"Faithful God, we are created in your image and baptized in your name. Strengthen our trust in your promises, and empower us to live together with all your children as members of your beloved community. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen"

FEBRUARY WOMEN'S EVENT—Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

OSLC Annual Women's Prayer Pal Event

Monday, February 6, 2017 at OSLC

6:30 p.m. Fellowship and Dessert

7 p.m. Our Muslim Neighbor presented by Regina Mustafa

8 p.m. Prayer Pal Reveal Event

QUILTING DAY FOR FEBRUARY is the 21st. Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:00am to tie quilts for LWR.



FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb. 5—Phil & Amanda Kuper

Feb. 12—Everett & Vickie Schulz

Anne MacGillivray

Feb. 19—Orland & Maxine Thoreson

Feb. 26—OPEN

We are saddened by the loss of one of our members. Please keep the Floen Family in your prayers. He will be greatly missed.



E. Pervin Floen
March 27, 1934 —
January 18, 2017

MILITARY UPDATES NEEDED

We are updating our information for the servicemen & women that we pray for every Sunday. Watch for some articles in the Weekly about them. Would the families of Ryan Nordstom and Margaret & Catherine Maher please call Joan Rose at 289-2038 as we do not have a contact for them. Thank you.

Youth & Family Ministry

CAMP SUNDAY—February 5 we welcome staff from Good Earth Village. They will sing with our SS students, visit with youth, and be available to tell all about the marvelous ministry of the Bible camp. Be sure to check out the great summer opportunities for all ages including family camp and many youth options.

NEXT INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

Coming February 19: Peace Pole Intergenerational Sunday school A Peace Pole is a symbol of peace and justice. During the education hour, we will make own peace poles as a prayer for peace. Display in your



Youth News

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AND SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is February 5!!! Bring your loose change (or bills and checkbooks) to fill our kettles for Channel One!

INSTEAD OF OUR ANNUAL VALENTINES BAKE SALE, we are going to put together some care packages for 16 of our members on February 12. Bring in baked goods to be packaged or fun small chocolates, pens, notepads or other fun stuff to bring some smiles to our members!! We'll be writing notes to include with the packages as well!! Thank you to Lay Ministry for your help with this!!

SOFTBALL!! It's that time of year again. Coach Glenn and I are looking for players!! No experience is necessary!! Just a desire to have fun and be outside!! Games are played at Slatterly Park on Wednesday nights starting in May. Let Glenn or Cassie know if you'd like to play. The league is open to 12 year olds up to this years 12th graders!!

This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Jan. 29
 P.F. off
 8:00am Worship
 9:15am Coffee Fellowship
 Education Hour
 10:30am Worship

Monday, Jan. 30
 P.F. off
 P.B. off
6:30pm Women's Board

Tuesday, Jan. 31
 P.F. off

Wednesday, Feb. 1
 No Confirmation
 12:00pm Weekly Deadline
 5:00pm Living Praise
 5:30pm Property Team
 5:45pm Meal
 6:30pm Worship
 7:20pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, Feb. 2
 6:00am Promise Keepers
 8:30am Faithfully Fit
 11:00am Book Study
 6:30pm Grace Bells

Friday, Feb. 3
 P.F. off
 9:00am Weekly Prep
 9:00am Banners

Saturday, Feb. 4
 P.F. off

Sunday, Feb. 5
 Camp Sunday
 Sam. Bethany Worship Assts.
 8:00am Worship
 9:15am Education Hour
 Coffee Fellowship
 Book Study
 10:30am Worship



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BIBLE READING

Matthew 9:9-17

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

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. ¹⁷Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

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

8:00/10:30am
 One Body Alive

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"Healer of Our Every Ill" ELW 612

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM 8:00am Sr. Choir
"I Saw the Light"

ANTHEM 10:30am Sax Quartet
"There is a Redeemer"

WORD FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

BIBLE READING Matthew 9:9-17

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS
 Pastor Ben Loven

SONG OF THE DAY

"I Heard the Voice..." ELW 611

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Amazing Grace..." ELW 779

"Softly and Tenderly..." ELW 608