

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT—TODAY

Quilting Bee--November 20 at 9:15 am. All ages will join together to tie quilts which will go to the Women's Shelter and LINK for youth facing homelessness.

The quilters have many quilts ready so many hands are needed! Even if you can't tie a knot, you can turn your creativity loose creating quilt cards for home bound members.



LET'S MAKE LEFSE!

On Saturday December 17, **we're going** to make some lefse! Lefse is basically a large potato tortilla of Norwegian heritage, which you cook on a very hot griddle, then top with butter and sugar! Come and be part of the fun! This is an opportunity for us to do something together as a community of faith that *isn't* directly related to worship.

Everyone is invited. If you know how to make it, great! **If you don't know how to make it, but want to learn, great! If you don't know how and don't want to learn but just want to hang out, great!**

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex that lists the ingredients we need donated. Please sign up and bring them to the church by Friday December 16. Hope to see you there!

DEAR FRIENDS OF OUR SAVIORS,

Thank you for your contribution in support of the Good Earth Village "Good Gifts Gala" on October 20.

We raised over \$70,000 in support for the camp's purpose of being a place for Christ-centered retreat and community, as well as faith formation and care for **God's creations.**

Tina Foster, Philanthropy & Communication Manager

Anthem: Grace Bells, directed by Bev Gronvold
 8:00am Worship Assistants
 Assistant: Renee Thoreson
 Acolyte: Alex Train
 Greeters/Offering: Wanda Hagquist, Sandy Miller
 Communion Assistants: Diana Schroeder, Carol Houdek
 Rita Balm
 Usher/Offering: Kathy Norby, Marti Howe
 Prayer Reader: Diana Martens
 Coffee Prep: Dorothy Satre
 Sound Board: Tim Pickett
 10:30am Worship Assistants
 Assistant: Wendy Moon
 Acolyte: Annika Weber, Grace Johnson
 Greeters/Offering: Megan Valen, Lorrie Swancutt
 Communion Assistants: Ruth Moran, Faye Waldo
 Cassie Fohrman
 Usher/Offering: Arlysse MacGillivray, Nancy Wernecke
 Prayer Reader: Mary Ann Smith
 Offering Counters: Tim & Jean Hornseth
 Coffee Clean up:
 Sound Board: David Flynn
 Altar Guild: Pam Shulze, Amanda Kuper
 Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,
 Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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ECHOES Weekly-Nov. 20

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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 Phil & Amanda **Kuper in honor of Olivia's 3rd birthday.**

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: **Lola Fedde (Jennie Loven's grandmother); Dianne Claffy;** Betty Andrist; Kari DeYoung; Lois Rink; Emery Bremer; Marsha Dick; Karen Pflibsen, Darleen Mensing

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. OSLC Youth and Chaperones traveling to Minneapolis next weekend.

Seminary: Nicholas Rohde



DO YOU HAVE EXTRA GREETING CARDS of encouragement and you don't know what to do with them? Donate them to the Lay Ministry team! The team regularly sends out cards of encouragement to members with health concerns. Please put them in the Lay Ministry mailbox, drop them off in the office, or give them to Doreen Markus.

THANKOFFERING TODAY

What is Thankoffering?

The worship on November 20th at both services will include the **Women's Thankoffering Service. It is a time to gather in worship to thank God for our great blessings. Thankofferings are offerings given as an expression of thanks. It can be something as significant as a child's first step or a recovery from illness. It can be something as ordinary as making it home safely from busy traffic or listening to a bird call.** Lutheran women have a tradition of combining our prayer of thanks with an offering gift, a thankoffering.



All of the special offering collected is sent to the Women of the ELCA to support the ministries of the organization at home and abroad.

The quilts made by our congregation will be on display in the sanctuary during both services. This year, each quilt will have an envelope attached where people are able to place a donation that will help cover the cost of sending these quilts to Lutheran World Relief.



NOVEMBER CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTION

Ronald McDonald House November is the month that, we, as a congregation collect much needed items for the Ronald McDonald House here in Rochester. Please put your donated items in the marked basket in the Narthex during

November. Wish list is posted in the narthex.



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE ADOPT A FAMILY

LSS Adopt A Family is back again this season. This is a popular giving opportunity here at OSLC. Please follow the directions listed on the display in the Narthex and return your purchased items by December 4. Thank you for your support of this program.



Mission 21 is a Christian faith-based organization devoted to anti-sex trafficking and the complete restoration of a child victim. Since 2010, Mission 21 has worked tirelessly to provide services to children being bought and sold in the commercial sex trade in Rochester and state-wide. *Although the items listed on the posters around church are gratefully accepted, Mission 21 is especially in need of these items: new color printer, vacuum, trash liners (large with tie), paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex and office supplies. Place item at the altar. THANK YOU.

"MY NEIGHBOR IS MUSLIM"

November 20

This study was published by Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota as a way for us (Lutheran Christians) to begin to understand a little bit more about our neighbors and their faith. We will learn about things that are unique to Islam and things that we share in common. Please join us as we seek to build bridges **with God's children who follow the Islamic faith.**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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.



CHRISTMAS DÉCOR TIME—December 3

It's that time of year again! We are excited to have you help decorate our worship space for Christmas. Some will be starting at 9:00, but come whenever you can and stay for as long as you are able. We should be done by 12:00, but hopefully with lots of help, we'll be done sooner. Refreshments will be served. Thanks in advance for coming in to help!

~Worship and Music Committee



**THANKSGIVING EVE
WORSHIP**
November 23, 6:30pm.
Come and give thanks to
God for all that you have.

After worship, join the Youth in the Fellowship for pie.

All money raised will be donated to "Feed My Starving Children".

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

While we will not have a date or location reserved for Our Savior's this year, we are still hoping to have a good representation of Ringers. It has become a family tradition for many of us. The Salvation Army in Rochester raises 30% of its annual budget, and 55% of our public donations between October and December. The money raised in Rochester stays in Rochester to serve our neighbors in need. Programs range from a hot meal for 70-80 people each day, medical and dental care for over 2,000 uninsured and underinsured each year, transitional and permanent housing for homeless families and individuals, and our Adult Day Program, keeping people in their homes and in our community for as long as possible by providing daily cares and respite for caregivers.



We rely solely on volunteer bell ringers. This year we will be ringing bells through Christmas Eve. Check out our NEW LOCATIONS. Signing up is easy, go to www.registertoring.com and enter Rochester or your zip code to find available sites and times. Or you can call 288-3663. You can also check out our web site at RochesterSA.org. Here you can link to Bell Ringing and also can check out other volunteer opportunities this Christmas. We could really use your help!

If you have any questions about the work of The Salvation Army, I am happy to talk with you about it. Thank you, Cindy Norgard



NEXT FAMILY MINISTRY MEETING

November 21, 7:00pm at OSLC
If you are interested, please join us.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Nov 27 costumes, narrators practice
Dec 4 practice in sanctuary 9:15-9:35 am
Dec 11 practice in sanctuary 9:15-9:35 am
Dec 18 practice in sanctuary 9:15-9:35 am
put on costumes 10-10:15 am
Christmas program 10:30

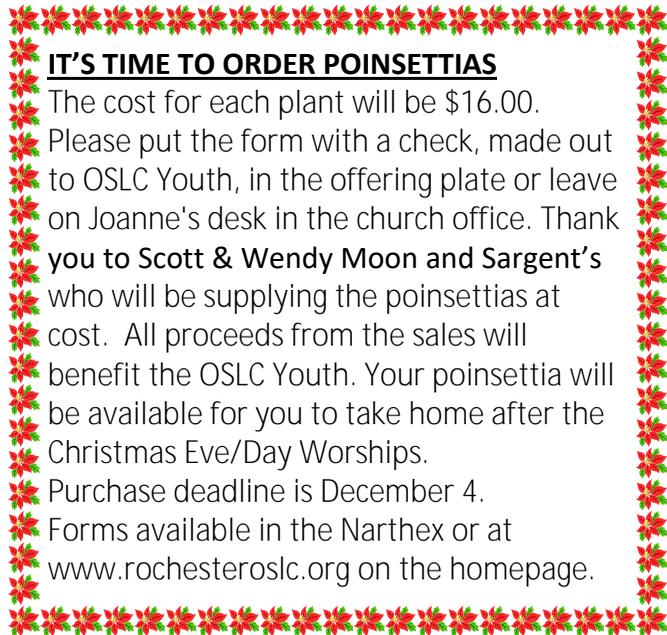


High School Youth

UPCOMING EVENTS:

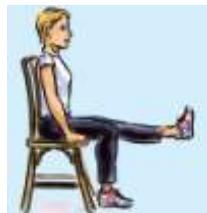
November 20—December 4, Poinsettia Sales
November 23, Thanksgiving Eve Pies
December 4, Bake Sale
December 11, Breakfast Club
Every Sunday, Sunday School

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. Cassie and Ben are working on plans to leave a day or two early or coming back a day later to do some more exciting things while in the Chicago area. \$100 will be due on December 4th. If you have any questions or concerns-financial or otherwise, please talk to Cassie ASAP!!



IT'S TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

The cost for each plant will be \$16.00. Please put the form with a check, made out to OSLC Youth, in the offering plate or leave on Joanne's desk in the church office. Thank you to Scott & Wendy Moon and Sargent's who will be supplying the poinsettias at cost. All proceeds from the sales will benefit the OSLC Youth. Your poinsettia will be available for you to take home after the Christmas Eve/Day Worship. Purchase deadline is December 4. Forms available in the Narthex or at www.rochesterosl.org on the homepage.



FAITHFULLY FIT

Faithfully Fit is on Thursdays at 8:30am at OSLC. We meet in the Narthex.

This Week at OSLC

Sunday, November 20
P.F off
Thankoffering Sunday
8:00am Worship
9:15am Education Hour
Coffee Fellowship
Quilting Bee
Muslim Study
10:30am Worship

Monday, November 21
P.B off
P.F off
1:00p Sarah Circle
7:00pm Family Ministry

Tuesday, November 22
3:00pm P.F @ Dunn Bros. N.
6:30pm Worship/Music

Wednesday, November 23
P.B off
ECHOES Weekly
6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve
Worship
7:30pm Pie Fellowship
7:30pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, November 24
Office Closed

Friday, November 25
Office Closed

Saturday, November 26
7:00am Men's Fellowship

Sunday, November 27
Advent 1
Matthew 3:1-12
P.B off
8:00am Worship
Advent Song Service
9:15am Education Hour
Voter's Meeting
10:30am Worship
Prepare the Way PowerPoint

VOTER'S MEETING

Annual Voter's meeting will be held on November 27 between worships. Please plan to attend.

LITANY FOR GATHERING

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Today brings the gift of life.

Creator, you make us in your image.

Today brings all we need to live with purpose.

Inviter, you call us to discipleship in Jesus Christ.

Today brings the strength to live more fully.

Inspiring one, you empower us by the Holy Spirit.

Today brings women of many generations who grow together in faith and affirm and support one another.

Companion, you embolden us with community.

Today brings a world in need of healing and wholeness.

Healer, you engage us in ministry and action.

For the church, the society, and the world, God,
we humbly enter this worship.

Prepare our hearts.

We hear your call, O God.

Make us bold to listen and to follow. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace,

You have showered us with abundance and entrusted to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Accept these offerings to further your mission. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Accept these gifts and this prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your spirit and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us until all creation is satisfied. Amen.

8:00/10:30am Worship

Now the Feast and Celebration

LITANY FOR GATHERING

pg. 4 of weekly or PowerPoint

OPENING HYMN

"All Hail the Power..." ELW 634

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you call us into relationship with you and with all of creation. In Jesus you gave us mercy beyond our understanding and showed us how to live with grace toward each other. Your gifts are like the dew in the morning and the stars in the heavens, not to be counted but to be received with thanksgiving and generously shared. Keep us moving always toward you and our neighbor, eager to share and receive. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM "Grace and Thanksgiving"

Grace Bells, directed by Bev Gronvold

WORD FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 46

SERMON SONG
"Beautiful Savior" ELW 838

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Shirley Harbeck

CLOSING

"Soon and Very Soon" ELW 439