



LET'S MAKE LEFSE!

On Saturday December 17, 9:00am 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 signup 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!



THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the landscaping work this summer and the fall clean-up in November. With your help, our property looked beautiful this summer! If you would like to join our landscaping group for next, please contact Genise Troutman at 206-6160. Properties Team

8:00am Worship Assistants
Acolyte: Breanna Train, Katie Kasperski
Greeters/Offering: Wanda Hagquist, Maxine Thoreson
Communion Assistants: Katie Zahasky, Wanda Hagquist
Usher/Offering: Marie Nelson, Connie Leckband
Prayer Reader: Katie Zahasky
Coffee Prep: Roy & Dorothy Satre
Sound Board: Bob Westland

10:30am Worship Assistants
Acolyte: Blake Hillman, Andrew McCumber
Greeters/Offering: David & Shauna Hillman Family,
Communion Assistants: David & Kidron Flynn Family
Usher/Offering: Mark & Linda Holm Family
Prayer Reader: Wendy Moon
Offering Counters: Scott Moon, Mark Troutman
Coffee Clean up: Bill Nicklay
Sound Board: Maureen Lemens
Altar Guild: Pam Shulze, Amanda Kuper
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht, Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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ECHOES Weekly-Nov. 27

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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 the Fohrman Girls in honor of baptisms.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Dianne Claffy; Betty Andrist; Kari DeYoung; Lois Rink; Emery Bremer; 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

DECEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec. 4—Wanda Hagquist
Dec. 11—Ardis Christen
Dec. 18—LaVonne Gangestad
Dec. 25—Paul & Gen Lutzke



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.

ADVENT WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

Serving begin at 5:30pm
Nov. 30- Wild Rice and Creamy Tomato, served by members of Business & Finance and Adult Education ministries
Dec. 7- Chicken Dumpling and Vegetable Beef Barley served by members of Social Ministry and Women of Our Savior's ministries
Dec. 14 - Split Pea and Ham and Beef Chili served by members of Fair Trade and Memorial ministries
Dec. 21- Bacon Corn Chowder and Chicken Noodle served by members of Stewardship and Evangelism



WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY, DECMEBER 4
Envelopes will be available from an Usher and can be placed in the offering plate.

DECEMBER WOMEN'S CIRCLE—ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

NAOMI CIRCLE
Dec. 12, 9:00am
Location: OSLC
Hostess: Megan Valen
Bible Study: Mary Ann Smith
Each member bring one message from the lesson
Bring gift card for LINK

MARTHA CIRCLE
Dec. 14, 10:00am
Location/Hostess: Sandy Pederson
3303 Darcy Drive NE
Potluck lunch
Share Christmas readings and traditions

PRISCILLA CIRCLE
Dec. 14, 11:00am
Location: Olive Garden
Please bring disposable diapers—larger sizes (4)

SARAH CIRCLE
Dec. 19, 1:00pm
Location/Hostess: Maxine Thoreson
1602 7th St NE
Co-hostess: Pat Heath
Bible Study Leader: Group



WOMEN'S DECEMBER BIBLE STUDY

"The richness of advent"

This is time for us to relate to the birth of Jesus in a fresh way. How is advent going to impact your life this year?



Preparation making ready.

Prepare our hearts to declutter – letting go of **unnecessary things. Open our hearts to God's gift of love.**

A time of Possibility

We don't know all the possibilities God may have in store for us as we enter advent. Read Psalm 46:10A "Be still and know that I am God." What change might you make to: "Be still?"

In the beginning, God created Read: Genesis 1:1-5
Dark and Light-Are both in the world that God has created. The light also is inside us.
Emmanuel – God with us.

Saying "yes" and waiting Read: Luke 1:26-40 God needs us, and we need God. Let love and compassion be born in us. Let gratitude and grace be born in us.

Saying "yes" can be dangerous Read **Matthew 1:18-19**
When things don't work out God's presence and love are still with us. Carrie Ten Boom said in her book, "The Hiding Place", "There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still."

Dear Lord, thank you for loving us. Please slow us down, quiet us, and open our hearts this Advent season to see what's being born in us. Thank you, Lord. Amen.



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

CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP BASKETS

December 11th

It is a tradition of OSLC to give Christmas Friendship Baskets at this time of the year. We will once again do this on December 11th. Please bring the items to the kitchen by 9:00am that morning or anytime the week prior to the 11th. Please mark clearly "Christmas Baskets". We will pack the baskets between services that day. We will need volunteers to help deliver them after second service. Please sign up in the kitchen before you deliver your basket.

Items needed:

Cookies, Breads, Fresh fruit, Small jars of jams and jellies, Wrapped candy, Coffee, teas, or hot chocolate packets, Note cards and stamps, Napkins, Small containers of hand

OSLC MEMBERS. The business and finance team is currently working on our 2017 budget. In order for us to develop a reasonable budget we need both the 2017 budget requests, from all OSLC teams, and to have all member pledges for 2017.

We want to thank all the teams that have already provide us with their 2017 budget requests and to remind those teams that haven't gotten theirs to us, to please get them turned in as soon as possible. Either email to me at rewestland@gmail.com or you can leave your budget in the Business and Finance mail box at the church.

Thanks goes to all members who have already returned their 2017 pledges. As of 11/13/2016, a total of 90 giving units have responded and we have a total of \$239,592.00 pledged. For comparison, last year(2015) at mid-November, 103 giving units had pledges turned in. We are running a little behind so I would like to remind members who haven't already turned their pledge to prayerfully consider pledging for 2017 and to please return it as soon as possible. Pledges can be placed in an envelop and turned into the office, given to Tim Hornseth or you can make your pledge on line at www.rochesterosl.org.

I also want to thank all members of OSLC for their thoughtful giving which allows OSLC to carry out our mission and ministry in Christ.

Bob Westland business and finance team lead

ADVENT MEALS & WORSHIP—CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

Serving begins at 5:30pm

Worship at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Worship, Dec. 24

4:00pm, 5:30pm 10:00pm

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

8:00am & 10:30am



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

OSLC Youth Serving the Dorothy Day Meal in November.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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. \$100 will be due on December 4th. If you have any questions or concerns-financial or otherwise, please talk to Cassie ASAP!!

This Week at OSLC

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

Monday, November 28
 Joanne off
 P.B day off

Tuesday, November 29
 3:00pm P.F. @ Dunn Bros. N.

Wednesday, November 30
 12:00pm Weekly deadline
 5:00pm Living Praise
 5:30pm Advent Meal
 6:30pm Advent Worship
 7:20pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, December 1
 P.F off
 6:00pm Promise Keepers
 8:30am Faithfully Fit
 6:30pm Grace Bells

Friday, December 2
 P.F off
 9:00am Banners
 9:00am Bulletin Prep

Saturday, December 3
 P.F off
 8:00am Christmas Décor
OBA: 12:00pm Sons of Norway

Sunday, December 4
Advent 2
 P.F off
 Choir Sunday
 Youth Bake Sale
 8:00am Worship
 9:15am Education Hour
 Coffee Fellowship
 10:30am Worship

8:00am Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
 By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to 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. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

8:00am Worship
 Advent Song Service
 Bulletin & PowerPoint

Song of Praise
"Hark, the Glad Sound" ELW 239

Gospel Call
"O Come, O Come..." ELW 257, verse 1

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Song of the Day
"On Jordan's Banks" ELW 249

Communion Hymns
"Savior of the Nations,..." ELW 263
"Awake! Awake,..." ELW #42

Closing Song
"Come, Thou..." ELW 254

10:30am Worship
 Prepare the Way
 PowerPoint

VOTER'S MEETING—TODAY

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