



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!

TODAY!!!!



Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone for their prayers and well wishes during my cancer treatment.
Emery Bremer

8:00am Worship Assistants
Acolyte: Chase Tenner, Nathan Eberhart
Greeters/Offering: Bob & Carol Chase
Communion Assistants: Ed & Patty Heckman
Grant & Ruby Florine
Usher/Offering: Larry & Kathy Norby
Prayer Reader: Ray Lundquist
Coffee Prep: Diane Dunbar
Sound Board: Bob Westland

10:30am Worship Assistants
Acolyte: Grant Rosin, David Irons
Greeters/Offering: Joleen Carlson
Communion Assistants: Ruth Moran, Pat Heath,
Mary Ann Smith
Usher/Offering: Tim & Mary Kunert
Prayer Reader: Tim Valen
Offering Counters: Bill Nicklay, Joleen Carlson
Coffee Clean up: Ruth Moran
Sound Board: Maureen Lemens
Altar Guild:
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,
Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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ECHOES Weekly-Dec. 4

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 Wanda Hagquist.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Edith Jensen; Paul Lutzke; 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.

HOLIDAY OFFERINGS

The Thanksgiving offering is divided between Channel One and ELCA World Hunger, addressing the needs of hungry people both locally and globally.

The Advent offerings are divided between Salvation Army and Lutheran Disaster Relief, again addressing needs both locally and globally.

The Christmas offerings are divided between IHN and Habitat for Humanity, addressing the needs of people needing shelter.



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 lotion

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your donations to the Thanksgiving Eve Pie Event. \$265 was raised for Feed My Starving Children in Eagan where the youth served in the beginning of November. Thank you for making this possible.

OSLC Youth

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, Dec. 4

Advent 2

P.F off

Choir Sunday

Youth Bake Sale

8:00am Worship

9:15am Education Hour

Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Worship

Monday, Dec. 5

P.F off

P.B. off

Tuesday, Dec. 6

P.F off

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Joanne off

12:00pm Weekly Deadline

5:00pm Living Praise

5:30pm Property Team

5:30pm Advent Meal

6:30pm Advent Worship

7:20pm Sr. Choir

ROCHESTER MALE CHORUS

Sunday, December 11, 4:00pm

Guest Emcee: Robin Wolfram

Tickets: \$15 adults / \$5 students 18 and under

Tickets available at all Rochester Hy-Vee Stores, any choir member or by calling 507-990-1597

Thursday, Dec. 8

6:00am Promise Keepers

8:30am Faithfully Fit

6:30pm Leadership

6:30pm Grace Bells

Friday, Dec. 9

P.F off

P.B off

9:00am Banners

9:00am Bulletins

Saturday, Dec. 10

P.F off

7:00am Men's Fellowship

Sunday, Dec. 11

Advent 3

Bell Choir Sunday

8:00am Worship

9:15am Education Hour

Coffee Fellowship

Fill Friendship Baskets

10:30am Worship

*OSLC Members in Choir

Ed Heckman & Joel Humke

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God,

to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen.

Matthew 1:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

8:00/10:30am Worship

Advent Song Service

Bulletin & PowerPoint

Choir Sunday

Opening Song

"Oh, Come All Ye..."

ELW 283

Anthems

"Tiny Infant, Holy King"

Sr. Choir

directed by Ruth Benning

"The First Song of Isaiah" Living Praise

directed by Alecia Meline

Bells: Bev Gronvold

Youth Singers: Sayer Flynn

Adrian Fohrman

Annika Weber

"The First Song of Isaiah" was given to

OSLC by Craig & Diana Martens

Gospel Call

"O Come, O Come..." ELW 257, verse 2

Gospel

Matthew 1:1-17

Song of the Day

"Lo, How a Rose..."

ELW 272

Communion Hymns

"Of the Father's Love..."

ELW 295

"From Heaven Above"

ELW 268

Closing Song

"Love Has Come"

ELW 292