

### 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.

THE RESIDENTS AT SAMARITAN BETHANY are once again ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM – 4:00PM On the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Please stop by and drop some coins in their kettle

### 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!*

Sign up to show your interest (and reserve your copy of the book).

Opening soon (January 15) in a Coffee Fellowship Time (and on Thursdays at 11AM) near you!



### 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.

### 8:00am Worship Assistants

Acolyte: Grace Johnson, Lauren Hansen  
Greeters/Offering: Rita Balm Emery Bremer  
Communion Assistants: Rita Balm, Wanda Hagquist  
Usher/Offering: Scott & Joyce Bagne  
Prayer Reader: Diana Martens  
Coffee Prep: Roy & Dorothy Satre  
Sound Board: Tim Pickett

### 10:30am Worship Assistants

Acolyte: Rachel Gross, Annika Weber  
Greeters/Offering: Tim & Mary Kunert  
Communion Assistants: Cassie, Adrian, Elizabeth Fohrman  
Usher/Offering: Scott & Wendy Moon  
Prayer Reader: Cassie & Adrian Fohrman  
Sound Board: David Flynn  
Coffee Clean up: Wayne & Carol Rogelstad  
Offering Counters: Wayne & Carol Rogelstad  
December Altar Guild: Tammy Olson, Genise Troutman, Joanne Heathman, Katie Zahasky  
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht, Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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## **ECHOES Weekly-Dec. 18**

***Our Savior's Lutheran Church***

**2124 Viola Rd NE**

**Rochester, MN 55906**

### 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 LaVonne Gangestad in memory of Russ.

Remember in your Prayers:

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

In Celebration of the birth of Evelyn Ruby Block on December 14. Daughter of Britten & Emily Block.

Those Mourning: Family of Paul Lutzke upon his death. Family of Helen Gunderson (mother of Vickie Shulze) upon her death.

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



*Our Savior's Youth sincerely thanks the following members and friends for helping adorn our sanctuary with poinsettias. We would also like to thank Scott and Wendy Moon and Sargents for providing the plants. All proceeds support the youth.*

Jim & Nadene Bung..... in honor of every being home this Christmas

Katie Zahasky ..... in honor of family

Fred & Carol Carlson ..... in memory of Great Grandma Ginny

Karen Grant ..... in honor of family

Fohrman Ladies..... in honor of OSLC family

Anne & Arlysse MacGillivray ..... in memory of Don Grant & Ruby Florine (2) .....in loving gratitude for Baby Block in loving memory of Maurice Muetzel

Maureen Lemens (2) .....in memory of Vincent Limmex & Anthony Lemens

The Kuper Family (2) ..... in memory of Jeff Kuper & Marie Petri in honor of Karen Schlein and Mary & Dave Kuper

Tim & Megan Valen..... in memory of loved ones

Merle & Carol Houdek ..... to the glory of Baby Jesus

Emery Bremer ..... in memory of Louise Bremer

Robert & Joan Loos . in memory of daughter, Susan Marie Loos

Wanda Hagquist.....in memory of Don Hagquist

Craig & Diana Martens..... in honor of family

Wayne & Stephanie Douglas ..... to the glory of Baby Jesus

Pastor Fred & Sherry Rengstorf ..... in honor of our children & grandchildren

Larry & Kathy Norby..... in honor of family

Merle & Betty Peterson (2) .....in memory of loved ones in honor of church staff

Roy & Dorothy Satre ..... in honor of grandchildren & great grandchildren

Mark & Genise Troutman ..... **in memory of Mark's parents in memory of Genise's sister**

PLEASE NOTE that the church office will be closed December 26—28, but Pastor Fred will be available for pastoral emergencies during that time.

ADVENT WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

Serving begin at 5:30pm  
 Dec. 21- Bacon Corn Chowder and Chicken Noodle served by members of Stewardship and Evangelism



FAITHFULLY FIT

Faithfully Fit is on Thursdays at 8:30am at OSLC. We meet in the Narthex. Faithfully is taking the rest of December off, but will resume on January 5.



**Fellowship for Men**

**MEN'S SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Men's Fellowship has begun meeting. We meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at OSLC through May. We start with breakfast at 7:00am. After breakfast we study the Gospel for the coming Sunday. No preparation is required and we always get a lively discussion going. It's a great way to start your Saturday and get to know men of the congregation.

*Sunday School Christmas Program*

CAST

Narrators: Calvin Hansen (Grade 5), Peter Irons (Grade 5)  
 Mary: Elizabeth Fohrman (Grade 3)  
 Joseph: Sawyer Hansen (Grade 2)  
 Angel: Elayna Brownlow (Grade 1)  
 Wise men: Jolo Allers-Zars (Grade 1), Cole Brownlow (Grade 3), Aidan Burman (Grade 2)  
 Inn Keeper: Allison Humke (Grade 4)  
 King Herod: Dylan Baltzer (Grade 5)  
 Shepherds: Cadence Hansen (Grade 2), Noele Hansen (Grade 2), Kai Joyner (Grade 1)  
 Preschool/Kindergarten Shepherds: Andrew Alleckson, Anders Loven  
 Preschool/Kindergarten Angels: Morgan Bonnes, Sophia Burman, Emma Greene, Brenna Rask, Elsie Spors  
 Beginners Manger Animals: Owen Alleckson, Avery Brownlow, Natalie Greene, Kaia Holger, Quinn Holger, Calvin Irons, Annika Loven, Caleb McNamara

JOB OPPORTUNITY OSLC has an opening for snow removal around the 5 doorways & columbarium. This would need to be done after each snow fall requiring shoveling before 7:00am and includes weekends. Pay would be \$55 for each shoveling. If interested, call Byron Stadvold at 288-1409.



*Thank You*

A Huge Thank You to everyone that brought items for the Friendship Baskets. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you also to those who took time to deliver 23 baskets last Sunday. Merry Christmas!

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.



GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS on your Advent from North Dakota!! It is the beginning of another calendar year in the church as we gather together (to stay warm!) and to celebrate the birth and coming reign of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer!!

Love, Nicholas Rohde

Dec 18 practice in sanctuary 9:15-9:35 am  
put on costumes 10-10:15 am  
Christmas program 10:30



Note: If you take pictures of the program, please send them to Joanne in the office.



COMING IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY

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

## High School Youth

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your generous support of the Youth Bake Sale! The Youth raised 643.50! This a great amount as we start the planning for our trip to Chicago next summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 is due today December 18th. If you have any

questions or concerns-financial or otherwise, please talk to Cassie ASAP!!



# This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Dec. 18  
 8:00am Worship  
 9:15am Education Hour  
 Coffee Fellowship  
 10:30am Worship  
 S.S. Christmas Program

Monday, Dec. 19  
 P.B off  
 1:00pm Sarah Circle

Tuesday, Dec. 20  
 11:00am Paul Lutzke Funeral  
 3:00pm P.F @ Dunn Bros. N.

Wednesday, Dec. 21  
 12:00pm Weekly Deadline  
 5:30pm Meal  
 6:30pm Advent Worship

Thursday, Dec. 22  
 Joanne off  
 6:00am Promise Keepers @  
 Charlie's Eatery & Pub  
 6:30pm Grace Bells @  
 Stewartville Care Center

Friday, Dec. 23  
 P.F off  
 9:00am Bulletin Prep

Saturday, Dec. 24  
 Christmas Eve  
 4:00pm Worship  
 5:30pm Worship  
 10:00pm Worship

Sunday, Dec. 25  
 Christmas Day  
 8:00am Worship  
 No Coffee Fellowship  
 10:30am Worship



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 God's work. Our hands.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## BIBLE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

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

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Christmas Carol Service  
 8:00am

CANDLE LIGHTING

SONG  
*"As with Gladness..."* ELW 302

ANTHEM Shining Brass

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS  
 Pastor Ben Loven

SONG  
*"What Child is This"* ELW 296

DISTRIBUTION  
*"Lamb of God"* screen  
 Tune: *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*  
*"The First Noel"* ELW 300  
*"Brightest and Best..."* ELW 303

CLOSING  
*"Joy to the World"* ELW 267

