

This Week at OSLC

OBA: Other Building Activities

Sunday, Dec. 24

8:30am Worship
9:30am Fellowship
NO GIFT
4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship
10:00pm Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, Dec. 25

Office Closed through Dec. 27th
9:00am Christmas Day Worship

Tuesday Dec. 26

Office Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Office Closed

Thursday, Dec. 28

P.B out of town
P.F. off but on call

Friday, Dec. 29

P.B out of town
P.F. off, but on call

Saturday, Dec. 30

P.B out of town
P.F. off, but on call

Sunday, Dec. 31

8:30am Worship
9:30am Fellowship
NO GIFT

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

Happy New Year
Office closed

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Office Closed

8:30am Worship Assistants

Greeters/Offering:
Communion Assistants:
Usher/Offering:
Prayer Reader:
8:30am Sound Board:
10:00am Sound Board
Coffee Prep
Coffee Clean up:
Treats:
Offering Counters:
Altar Guild:
Organists/Pianists:

Bev Gronvold, Sherry Rengstorf
Katie Zahasky, Julie Mullen
Andrew Benning, Sherry Rengstorf
Ruby Florine
Tim Pickett
No Worship
No Coffee Fellowship today
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Glenn Leckband, Chris Suby
Altar Guild Team
Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,
Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP EATON

I was driving to work one day thinking about my schedule – the meetings I needed to attend, reports I needed to finish, preparations for upcoming travel, email, phone calls, and making a grocery list in my head so that I could pick up what I needed for supper on the way home from work. All of a sudden, I found myself pulling into the parking garage at the Lutheran Center. I had driven the 9 miles to work and had no idea how I got there. I didn't remember the traffic lights, the turns, the scenery – nothing. I had been so absorbed in what was coming up that I was completely oblivious to the present. I think this experience is not unique to me. We set part of our lives on autopilot and set the planning, list-making, what if scheduling part on overdrive. Now, planning is a good and necessary thing. One ought to be aware of what is coming up and what needs to be done, but I found that I was so driven by the contingencies and possibilities that I was everywhere all of the time, and, therefore, not anywhere at all. I asked my spiritual director about this, and she recommended that I meditate on these four words: "Just this. Just now." It's a simple discipline but not an easy one. It can alleviate all that anticipatory stress but only if we are willing to be still. Here we are in Advent. This season doesn't exist in secular culture where everything is barreling toward Christmas. No time to wait, no time to notice, no time to be present. Not this. Not now. All of a sudden, we will find ourselves on the day after Christmas not knowing how we got there. Advent is a holy season, a season that bids us to be present, to be still. So much is evoked in this season – hope, longing, and the bittersweet awareness that the world is beautiful and broken. Consider all of these things. Sit with them. Pray with them. Be aware of this time of great promise that comes, at least in the Northern Hemisphere, when night is longest. Come, Lord Jesus. Wait for the Lord. Disengage the autopilot. Notice. Just this. Just now. Blessed Advent and merry Christmas, dear church!

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

December 24th



Join us for Christmas Eve Worship Tonight at
4:00pm
5:30pm
10:00pm
and again on Christmas day at 9:00am

PHONE NUMBER UPDATE FOR PASTOR FRED

Pastor Fred no longer has a landline phone. Please use his cell phone number to contact him.
Pastor Fred: 507-273-4939

NOTICE OF MEETING for CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

We will have an informational meeting on Sunday January 7th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the proposed changes.

We will have a Special Congregation Meeting on Sunday January 14th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall to vote on the proposed changes to the *Constitution and Bylaws*.

If the vote on January 14th is a vote to approve the revisions and amendments, we will have another vote during the Annual Meeting on Sunday January 28th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

HOW WE'RE DOING

YTD Income 11/30/2017 \$375,509.61
YTD Budgeted Expense 11/30/2017 \$421,984.75
YTD Actual Expense 11/30/2017 \$414,452.86

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NOTICE TO TEAM CHAIRS

Please have your annual reports to the church office preferably in electronic form no later than January 14. Please let me know if your meeting time is changing in 2018. Thank you, Joanne

COMING SOON!!

In the coming month (or so) we will be launching a new Bible study time for younger adults and adults with younger children! We will meet on Sunday evenings! More information to come soon!

IT'S TIME ALREADY to plan to take down the Christmas décor. Join us on January 6 at 9:00am. It will go quickly with plenty of help.

HOME NEEDED

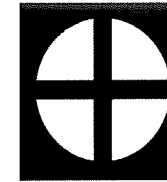
Sharon Evers has moved to a new home and can't keep her cat. She needs a home for her 9 yr old, shy, calico house cat. If you could provide a home, please contact the church.

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 is divided between Salvation Army and Lutheran Disaster Relief, again addressing needs both locally and globally.

The Christmas offerings is divided between the Women's Shelter and Habitat for Humanity, addressing the needs of people needing shelter.



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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.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed December 25—27.

For pastoral emergencies call Pastor Fred at 507-273-4939.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Ruth Benning.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Terry Wagner; Ajullu Niygwo; Betty Andrist; Marsha Dick; Gordon Riekmann

Military Concerns: Chris Sikich, 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 Partner:

The Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania.

Seminary: Nicholas Rohde

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT OSLC?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please talk with Pastor Ben or Pastor Fred. New member forms are available in the Narthex or on the church office desk.