

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.

**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 in a Coffee Fellowship Time (and on Thursdays at 11AM) near you!

THANK YOU for the Christmas Basket. It was greatly appreciated and so beautiful. Marsha Dick

THANK YOU so much for the big Christmas treat box. I appreciate all the caring that goes with it. Blessed Holidays! Darleen Mensing

WHAT A SURPRISE! The gift basket certainly brightened my day. I have been very sick and sleeping most of the time. The delicious goodies were most welcome, as was the delightful visit. Connie DeLorme

MEMEBERS OF OSLC Thank you for the goodie basket. I appreciate it. Bless you, Jeanette Erickson

THANK YOU OSLC for the Christmas Friendship Basket. Much appreciated. Emery Bremer

8:00am Worship Assistants  
Acolyte: Breanna Train, Alex Train  
Greeters/Offering:  
Communion Assistants:  
Usher/Offering: Marv & Joan Rose  
Prayer Reader:  
Coffee Prep: No Coffee Fellowship  
Sound Board: Bob Westland

10:30am Worship Assistants  
Acolyte: Blake Hillman, Andrew McCumber  
Greeters/Offering: Bill Nicklay  
Communion Assistants: Wayne & Sue Servais  
Usher/Offering: Jorrie Johnson Family  
Prayer Reader: Wayne Servais  
Sound Board: Maureen Lemens  
Coffee Clean up: No Coffee Fellowship  
Offering Counters: Glenn Leckband, Chris Suby  
December Altar Guild: Tammy Olson, Genise Troutman,  
Joanne Heathman, Katie Zahasky  
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,  
Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

Address: **Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
2124 Viola Rd NE  
Rochester, MN 55906  
Office—289-3021  
Office Hours: M--F, 7:30am—4:00pm  
Website: [www.rochesterosl.org](http://www.rochesterosl.org)  
Pastor Ben Loven—[bloven@rochesterosl.org](mailto:bloven@rochesterosl.org);  
cell 701-580-1559  
Pastor Fred Rengstorf—[pf@rochesterosl.org](mailto:pf@rochesterosl.org);  
cell 507-273-4939  
Joanne Hamilton, Office—[office@rochesterosl.org](mailto:office@rochesterosl.org)  
Carole Joyce, Family Ministry Consultant—  
[carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net)



**ECHOES Weekly-Dec. 25**

***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 Gen Lutzke.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Natalie Camrud; Dianne Claffy; Betty Andrist; Lois Rink; 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



*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. Pastor Ben & Pastor Fred have the entire week off, but Pastor Fred is available for Pastoral emergencies. If you need care call him at 273-4939 cell or number 292-0814 home.



## Fellowship for Men

### **MEN'S SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Men's Fellowship has begun meeting. 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.

### **MEN'S STUDY GROUP**—Location Change

**The Men's Study Group (Promise Keepers)** has a new meeting location. They have moved to Charlie's Eatery & Pub Hillcrest Shopping Center 1654 Highway 52 N. We have breakfast, study and discuss either the Bible, a book or both and have Christian Fellowship. Join us at 6:00am each Thursday morning.

## 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. Merry Christmas!

### HOW WE ARE DOING FINANCIALLY through November

YTD Actual Income \$ 400,101.14  
 YTD Budgeted Income \$ 438,895.38  
 YTD Actual Expenses \$ 411,316.51



### 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.



### 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.

Answer: D (See Matthew 2:1-12.)

**QUILTING** Tuesday, Jan. 17, we will be the first day of quilting in 2017. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:00am. Please come and join us. Thank you to all who have provided us with sheets, blankets, mattress pads and fabric. We can always use more. In 2016, we donated quilts to LWR, Women's Shelter, LINKS and the Crisis Nursery. A total of 100+ quilts. Diana Martens & Joan Rose

**NAOMI CIRCLE**

Date: January 9 at 9:00am  
 Location: OSLC  
 Hostess: Genise Troutman  
 Bible Study: Mary Ann Smith

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE**

Date: January 11 at 9:00am  
 Location: OSLC  
 Hostess: Diana Schroeder  
 Bible Study: Wanda Hagquist

**MARTHA CIRCLE**

Date: January 11 at 9:30am  
 Location/Hostess: Carol Rogelstad  
 1824 Glendale Hills Dr. NE  
 Bible Study: Lois Johnson

**SARAH CIRCLE**

Date: January 23 at 1:00pm  
 Location: OSLC  
 Hostess: Nancy Wernecke  
 Bible Study: Group, Kit Assembly

**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.



**COMING IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY—CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTION**

**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

We are saddened by the loss of two members. Please keep their families in your prayers. They will be greatly missed.



**Helen Gunderson (Vickie Schulz's mother)**  
 February 18, 1918—December 9, 2016  
 A celebration of Helen's life will take place in Egan SD in the summer of 2017.



**Paul Lutzke**  
 January 8, 1925—December 12, 2016  
 A funeral service was held at OSLC on Dec. 20.

## 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 was due on December 18th. If you have any questions or concerns-financial or otherwise, please talk to Cassie ASAP!!

# This Week at OSLC

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

Monday, Dec. 26  
Office Closed  
Pastor Fred is available for emergencies

Tuesday, Dec. 27  
Office Closed  
Pastor Fred is available for emergencies

Wednesday, Dec. 28  
Office Closed  
Pastor Fred is available for emergencies  
Weekly Deadline  
No Meal  
No Worship

Thursday, Dec. 29  
P.B off  
6:00am Promise Keepers

Friday, Dec. 30  
P.B off  
9:00am Weekly Prep

Saturday, Dec. 31  
P.B off

Sunday, Jan. 1

## Happy New Year!

8:00am Worship  
9:15am Coffee Fellowship  
10:30am Worship

Monday, Jan. 2.  
Office Closed

*Thank you to all our worship volunteers during this Christmas season. Your help has been appreciated.*



## Sunday School Program



8:00/10:30am  
Christmas Day Worship  
Bulletin Only



Just for Fun

Bible Quiz  
How many wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to worship Jesus?  
A. two  
B. three  
C. four  
D. We don't know because the Bible doesn't say.  
Answer at the bottom of page 7



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.