

### Remember in your Prayers

**Member Concerns:** Bev Gronvold; Marti Howe; Dave Eberhart; Terry Wagner; Ed Harbeck; Gordon & Lois Riekmann; Bonnie Storlie; George Meyer; Merle Houdek; Karen Schlein; Bob Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Connie DeLorme, Mike & Sandy Miller

**Non-Member Friends/Family Concerns:** Connie Krohse (Sharon K. Peterson's sister); Tom Harmon (Warren's father) Steve Gusa (friend of Jan Matson); Sam (nephew of Mary Ann Smith); Maryette & Melissa (Mary Ann Smith's Cousins); Craig (Connie DeLorme's son); Glenn Riekmann (son of Gordon & Lois); Mary Johnson; Chris Wilson (son in law of Everett and Vickie Schulz); Lori (George Meyer's cousin); Magnus Svennungsen (Thoreson family member)

**Military Concerns:** Brooks Rohe; Andrew McCumber; Chris Sikich; Margaret & Catherine Maher; Clark Rose; Ryan Nordstrom; Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and all of our veterans who have served.

**Global Ministry:** Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania

**Seminary Scholarship Recipient:** Sadie Short

*\*Events listed in italics are non church activities here in the building.*

#### **Sunday, January 5**

9am Worship  
10am Sunday School  
10am Fellowship  
5pm Funky Bunch

#### **Monday, January 6**

P. Ben day off

#### **Tuesday, January 7**

9am Office open  
7pm Joint Ministry Team

#### **Wednesday, January 8**

Joanne off  
9:30am Priscilla Circle  
10am Martha Circle  
11:30am P. Ben at Text Study  
2pm Future Church Conversation  
6pm Grace Bells Rehearsal  
7pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, January 9**

Joanne off  
9:15am Faithfully Fit  
10:30am Bible Study

6pm Leadership Team  
6:30pm Den 83—Classroom  
6:30pm Sons of Norway

#### **Friday, January 10**

#### **Saturday, January 11**

#### **Sunday, January 12**

9am Worship  
10am Fellowship  
10am Sunday School  
10am Budget Review Meeting

#### **Monday, January 13**

P. Ben day off  
9am Naomi Circle  
**Tuesday, January 14**  
9am Office open  
9am P. Ben @ Conference Meeting

#### **Wednesday, January 15**

9am Office open  
11:30pm P. Ben at Text Study  
6pm Grace Bell Rehearsal  
7pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

**OUR SAVIOR'S  
WEEKLY**

January 5, 2025  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**2nd Sunday of Christmas**



**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.

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am to 3pm  
**Office**—289-3021; **Website:** [www.rochesterosl.org](http://www.rochesterosl.org)  
**Pastor Ben Loven**—[bloven@rochesterosl.org](mailto:bloven@rochesterosl.org); cell 701-580-1559  
My office door is always open for visits/conversations. Please make a call to the church office before visiting if you would like to specifically visit with me to ensure I am in. Pastor Ben  
**Joanne Hamilton, Office**—[office@rochesterosl.org](mailto:office@rochesterosl.org)  
**Greg Henderson, Director of Music**—[music@rochesterosl.org](mailto:music@rochesterosl.org)  
**Katie Zahasky, Prayer Chain**—507-254-7894 or [ktzahasky4@gmail.com](mailto:ktzahasky4@gmail.com)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 9:00am Worship**  
**Organist:** Greg Henderson, **Pianist:** Jan Matson  
**Sound Board Engineer:** Anders Loven  
**Offering Counters:** Scott & Wendy Moon  
**Ushers:** Scott & Wendy Moon  
**Communion Assistant/Offering Assistant:** Ruth Moran  
**Altar Guild:** Katie Zahasky  
**Fellowship:** Ardie O’Hanlon



**ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the Glory of God from Bill & Doreen Markus  
Jan. 12—OPEN Jan. 19—OPEN Jan. 26—Rogelstad  
**Please consider signing up to give flowers.** Cost is \$40 and they are yours to take home after worship. Please remember to return the vase as our pricing is based on that.

**Treasurer's Report:**  
Income YTD (as of 11/30/24): \$366,769.62  
Expenses YTD (as of 11/30/24): \$380,781.74  
Budgeted Expenses: \$388,203.75



**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BEN**  
Thursdays at 10:30AM (Water Room), If you've ever felt like you wished you knew more about the Bible, but were anxious that you didn't know enough, this is the Bible Study for you! There's no homework, you don't have to be an "expert" to participate, and everyone there cares about each other. We're going to be working our way through the Gospel of John. Come join in the conversation! **Will not meet December 26 or January 2.**

**FAITHFULLY FIT**  
The Thursday morning exercise group meets at 9:15am in the Narthex. Join us for light exercise and joyful conversation. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.



**QUILTING**  
Everyone is welcome. No sewing skills are needed. We meet at 9am  
Location: OSLC  
**2025 Meeting Dates:**  
January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, September 16, October 21, November 18

**MUSIC AT OSLC**  
Rehearsals for Grace Bells and the Vocal Choir will begin on Wednesday, August 28 at OSLC.  
**Grace Bells rehearsing at 6pm with Bev Gronvold directing.**  
**Vocal Choir will rehearsing at 7pm with Greg Henderson directing.**  
We invite all to come and give it a try.



**2026 TANZANIA TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall  
This will be the first of several meetings as OSLC and Good Shepherd begin planning for a possible trip to Tanzania in 2026 to reconnect with OSLC partners in the Iambi Lutheran Hospital Palliative Care program and learn more about Tanzania.  
This first meeting will determine if there is interest, but no commitment is expected. Information will be shared about the purpose of the trip, itinerary considerations, and pre travel meetings and preparation that would occur in 2025 if enough interest. There will be plenty of time for questions and to talk with members that have been on past trips.



**BUDGET  
REVIEW  
MEETING**

**JANUARY 12  
10AM**



**THE ANNUAL  
CHURCH**  
*Meeting*

**JANUARY 26, 10AM**

**CHURCHILL/HOOVER SCHOOLS** are looking for donations. Listed below are the items they are looking for. Please leave in the blue barrel in the Narthex.

- Snacks
- Granola bars - crackers - mini muffins- cereal - goldfish - GoGo squeez applesauce etc.
- Sandwich bags for snacks could also be helpful to divide food up if it's in larger boxes or containers instead of individualized bags.
- 4T & 5T Pull ups

**THE BARREL NEEDS SOME HELP GETTING FILLED**

**FUNKY BUNCH BIBLE STUDY**

This group is for families, and it meets on the first Sunday of every month. It starts with a potluck supper at 5PM (the theme is decided beforehand, so people know what to bring), followed by crafting and a kid-friendly movie while the adults read the Bible. No prior Bible experience is necessary, and as the name implies, everyone comes with a healthy dose of humor and acceptance!

**THANK YOU**

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift! It is a joy to continue to be in ministry with all of you. This next year will certainly look different for our community, but we'll walk this path together. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! - **Pastor Ben and the Loven Family**

Thank you OSLC members for your generous Christmas Gift. I really appreciate your generosity all through the year. **Joanne**

Dear friends, your Friendship Bag was plumb full of delicious sweets and other thoughtful items. Thank you! And the Christmas artwork on the bag was special! God blesses us as we celebrate the birth of His son. **Jan Vilen**

I do want to thank the Lay ministry for remembering my birthday and their Christmas wishes. I felt their love!!!!

I'm not sure if I will be out of St Mary's hospital for Christmas this year, If I am at home I will still be flat in bed with my leg elevated.. Our only decoration is the manger scene in our front room (our son set it up for us after Thanksgiving).

Peace to you and members of Our Saviors Lutheran Church  
**Connie DeLorme**

Thank you SO very much for your overwhelming support of the youths bake sale on the 8th!! They raised \$841.50 for this sale! Thank you to the members that donated items as well!!! Your continued support is what makes this event thrive!! Thank you for all the blessings you give to the youth of this church!!

**THANK YOU** for your generous gift of 2,500.00 to ministries of the ELCA though ELCA Good Gifts. The glory of God shines through you.  
Rachel Wind, Exe. for Development

We thank you for the Christmas goodies. They were appreciated and very tasty. It was a pleasant surprise. **Merle & Betty Peterson**

Thank you so much for the wonderful gift bag full of treats. We really enjoyed it and thanks to Doreen for visiting us and giving us communion when we couldn't get to church. We really appreciated that. Thanks again for all you do. **Elmer & Carol Schaeffer**



We will be putting away the Christmas decorations at church on Saturday, January 11th at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Hello Friends,

Kevin and I are very honored to have been invited back to serve in mission to Guatemala. We will be serving in the same villages, and the same clinics as last year, so it will be fun to see some familiar faces. Kevin will again be working with the construction crew, repairing homes, installing stoves, and working on any community buildings and projects where there is a need. I will be helping out with the children who come to the clinic, keeping them entertained while they wait, teaching dental hygiene, fitting adults with reading glasses and maybe working in the pharmacy as well. We will be leaving at the end of March, serving that first week of April. Last year you all so generously supported us by providing supplies for the health kits that are given out to families coming to the clinics. We had been told they were much needed and very appreciated so were happy to bring them down with us. But it was something else to actually be able to hand them out to people and receive their heartfelt thanks for these small items we take so very much for granted. So, if you would like to help once again, here is a reminder of what a Health Kit includes:

1 hand towel, 1 regular sized bar of soap, 1 washcloth, toothbrush and toothpaste, 6 safety pins and Band-Aids.

To assemble a kit, remove the toothpaste and soap from boxes, include about 5 band aids and pin about 6 safety pins to the washcloths. Then roll everything into the hand towel and tie it with a cloth ribbon.

It is not necessary to make a complete kit, we will accept completed kits and individual items.

Items can be dropped off in the box in the Narthex beginning in January, through the first week of February. Please feel free to talk with Kevin or Cindy if you have any questions

Thank you again for your support.

Kevin & Cindy Norgard

**Shared Ministry: Update**

With Pastor Nikki taking a new call, many of us might have been wondering what that means for the future of the Shared Ministry between Good Shepherd and Our Savior’s.

The good news is that our Shared Ministry will continue for the immediate future! The Joint Ministry Team (made up of members from both congregations), Councils, Key Volunteers, Committees, Staff, and Pastors are fully committed to continuing this partnership through the established relationships created through Pastor Nikki’s ministry with us. We have at least one joint worship service, monthly joint youth group activities, and the joint Summer Youth Mission Trip to look forward to!

That said, our Shared Ministry is heading into a new phase. We will not be seeking to fill Pastor Nikki’s position at this time. The Joint Ministry Team and our respective councils will be engaged in active discernment about the future of this partnership and any future staffing that it may necessitate. In the coming months, the Team is looking to involve the members of the congregations in conversation about priorities and possibilities for the future.

If you would like to have more direct conversations about the future of our Shared Ministry, or if you are interested in joining the Joint Ministry Team, please reach out to Pastor Carl-Eric or Pastor Ben.

Thank you for faithfully exploring this ministry experiment. We look forward to more to come!

The Joint Ministry Team

Eldon Anderson, Lori Bates, Katie Holger, Wendy Moon, Carol Olson, and Katie Zahasky

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY**

**Martha Circle**

2nd Wednesday of the month—10am

Hostess:

Bible Study:

**Priscilla Circle**

January 8—9:30am

Hostess: Ardie O’Hanlon

Bible Study: Wanda Hagquist

**Naomi Circle**

2nd Monday of the month at 9am

Hostess:

Bible Study:

**Sarah Circle**

3rd Tuesday at 1pm

Hostess:

Bible Study