

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. To see all non-church activities go to www.rochesterosl.org homepage and click the calendar tab*

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

Thursday, January 16

9am Office open
9:15am Faithfully Fit
10:30am Bible Study
6pm Small Group Conversation

6:30pm FCCI Meeting-Water Room

6:30pm Pack 83-Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 17

Saturday, January 18

9am Crafting at OSLC

Sunday, January 19

9am Worship
10am Fellowship
10am Sunday School

Monday, January 20

P. Ben day off

Tuesday, January 21

9am Office open
9am Quilting-POD Area
10am Small Group Conversation
1pm Sarah Circle

Wednesday, January 22

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



January 12, 2025
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Baptism of Our Lord

With One Voice Liturgy, Setting 5

GATHERING SONG *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* ELW 304

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON Pastor Ben Loven

SONG OF THE DAY *Baptized and Set Free* ELW 453

COMMUNION SONGS *O God of Love, O King of Peace* ELW 749
One Bread, One Body ELW 496

SENDING SONG *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* ELW 545

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

Pastor Ben Loven—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

Greg Henderson, Director of Music—music@rochesterosl.org

Katie Zahasky, Prayer Chain—507-254-7894 or ktzahasky4@gmail.com

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 9:00am Worship

Organist: Greg Henderson, **Pianist:** Jan Matson

Sound Board Engineer: Warren Harmon

Offering Counters: Bruce & Tammy Olson

Ushers: Bruce & Tammy Olson

Communion Assistant/Offering Assistant: Sharon K. Peterson

Altar Guild: Diana Schroeder

Fellowship: Warren & Brenda Harmon



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God's work. Our hands.

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God from Chuck & Diana Schroder in appreciation of the wonderful music at OSLC

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



Scan for easy giving!

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!

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 19th 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.

TODAY

**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!

SMALL GROUP CONVERSATIONS

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be holding small group meetings with members of the congregation. Like we did last January, these meetings focus on a few things: our current financial situation; some of the considerations that went into putting together the upcoming Financial Ministry Vision (“budget”) for next year; discussion of our current ministry; discussion of our path forward.

These meetings are intentionally being kept small so that everyone at the meeting can participate in the discussion. **However**, if you were unable to find a slot that fit for you, please let me know some times that would work for you and we can get another meeting scheduled!

To that end, we are **adding another time slot!** On Sunday January 19th, following worship, we will have another meeting! If you’re interested in attending that meeting, please send Joanne an email (office@rochesterosl.org) to let us know.

All of these meetings are being held at the church building.

Thanks for engaging in these discussions about where God is calling us in ministry!

- Pastor Ben

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS/SUBS

If you would like to help at worship or be a sub, let Joanne in the office know what it is you would like to help us with.

DOROTHY DAY HOUSE DINNER

Third Thursday of every month.

This outreach is a great way to serve those in our community who are struggling with homelessness. You can volunteer for one month or more. Please call me with your questions. Our congregation has several members who would be happy to support you in getting comfortable with our role. Thank you! Doreen Markus, dorwm00@gmail.com, phone 507 281-1700.

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE NEEDED at SAMARITAN BETHANY

Can you help residents to and from worship? Online signup available There are also new policies and procedures that must be followed with covid-19. All volunteers must have been vaccinated, must have a background check done and must go through a short training session. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding experience please contact Pam Shulze for details phone 507-281-5918 email pks1752@charter.net

THE QUILTING GROUP meets on 3rd Tuesday of each month in the OSLC Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join. No sewing skills necessary.

THANK YOU to everyone that donated to the Ronald McDonald House. They always appreciated the items we bring.

OSLC, I cannot begin the Thank You enough for all you have given me. I have been so blessed by my time with you. Thank you for the Christmas-Leaving gift you provided me with as well.

You are a light,

Pastor Nikki

I WANT TO THANK my church family for all the cards, prayers and the Christmas gift basket that I received this last year through my medical journey. I am getting stronger every day.

Pam Shulze



Hello Friends,

Kevin and I are very honored to have been invited back to serve in mission to Guatemala.

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

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

Martha Circle

2nd Wednesday of the month—10:00am

Hostess:

Bible Study:

Naomi Circle

January 13 at 9:00am

Hostess: Ruby Florine

706 Panorama Cir NW

Rochester MN 55901

Bible Study: Megan Valen

Priscilla Circle

February 12—9:30am

Hostess: Diana Schroeder

Bible Study: Ardie O'Hanlon & Marti Howe

Sarah Circle

3rd Tuesday of the month —1:00pm

Hostess:

Bible Study



Circle Meetings