



# The Carillon

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC**

*connecting families to Jesus*

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*December 2020*



*Christmas Eve  
Worship*

*YouTube and 94.3 FM Radio - 3:00pm*



This year we are doing only online giving. There will be no purchasing of gifts. Each child is sent a \$20 Walmart gift card, devotional and a certificate for a free Bible. New this year is an option to gift their caregiver as well. If you would like to donate to help children of prisoners, please include donation with your offering or drop off at church. Cost is \$22 per child and an additional \$22 per caregiver.

### Advent Bible Study

Our Bible Study continues on YouTube with Pastor Paul. If you would like to have the discussion questions emailed to you, please email Pastor Paul at [pastorpaul@oslfamily.org](mailto:pastorpaul@oslfamily.org). The study will go through Thursday, December 17th and then break until January.



### Radio Ministry

The first weekend in December marks the 41st anniversary of our radio broadcast on Sunday mornings. Rev. Harold Faust was instrumental in beginning this ministry. This broadcast reaches not only our home-bound members, but also many others in our community. Who could have guessed how important this ministry would be in 2020!

Members and friends can sponsor the entire broadcast in memory of a loved one or in honor of an occasion or person at a cost of \$50 per week. This includes the 1/2 hour broadcast of Day One before our service. Any donation of \$25 or more will be listed in the bulletin. Call the church office at 774.2733 to reserve a weekend broadcast.

"THE VIRGIN WILL  
conceive  
*and*  
GIVE BIRTH  
*to a*  
son,



AND THEY WILL  
call him  
IMMANUEL"  
(which means "God with us")  
MATTHEW 1:23, NIV



# Council Notes

## Action

- Use AGAPE Fund as the Christmas Ministry Recipient
- Staff Christmas bonuses
- Go back to online worship beginning the weekend of November 14th & 15th through the weekend of December 5th & 6th, then reevaluate at the following December 8th Council Meeting. All church activities are suspended as well. Confirmation will be done on YouTube with Pastor Paul doing an introduction to the weekly lesson.

## Information

- Review of Worship Services
- Capital Funds Committee needs to be formed
- Council Replacement for Nick Jungles
- Committee Updates - 2021 Budget recommendations due in December
- Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm online
- Nominating Committee for new Council members – John Kelm, Kris Kreh, Ted Sparapani, Geoff White
- Annual Meeting Committee Reports by Council representatives due January 5<sup>th</sup>
- Light at the Inn weeks – Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> –Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> all offsite
- Pastoral Acts for October



Offering envelopes for 2021 have not yet arrived – but they will be distributed as soon as they arrive. It is not too late to let Christina know if you'd like to be added to the list (*if you didn't receive envelopes last year*) OR taken off the list. Call her in the church office at 774.2733 or email [financial@oslfamily.org](mailto:financial@oslfamily.org).



## Worship Reminders

- Our service is broadcast live at 9:00am on WZNL 94.3 FM.
- The service is live on YouTube at 9:00am and then available to watch at your convenience later.
- The bulletin is available on our website in pdf format for you to follow along during our service. [www.oslfamily.org](http://www.oslfamily.org)
- Communion kits are available at the church Monday - Thursday from 9 - 3pm along with our Daily Bread and Portals of Prayer devotionals.



In Sunday School we have had a drive-in movie and 2 virtual and self-paced lessons for November. We learned about God's promise to Abraham and Sarah and how God is always faithful. We also learned about how God comforted Hagar and how God is kind. We have been learning about how things are done in God's time and not our timing and how we have to learn to trust God because he knows what's best.



In December we will start the month with our drive-in movie on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the church parking lot. Our drive-in movie for December will be "The Star" and we will have Christmas gifts for all stu-

dents that attend. Just drive into the church parking lot and turn your radio to 95.7. There is no need for you to get out of your vehicle. So get on your jammies and cuddle up with us as we watch a small, but brave donkey named Bo who yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill.

He meets a sheep named Ruth and a dove named Dave and they follow the Star to discover the first Christmas which is the birth of Jesus.

We will launch our next self – guided and live lesson on December 13<sup>th</sup> called God's Special Home. Our last lesson of the month will be launched on December 20<sup>th</sup> and will be Christmas. In this lesson we will learn about God's kindness. Live Lessons will be held at 11:00am using the same BlueJeans link each week. Login and join us as we watch a video, read the story from the Bible and then leave you with some fun family ideas for the week to come. Or, if you're busy at 11:00, use the self-paced lesson when it works in your family's busy schedule.

We look forward to seeing you and we are praying that you stay safe and healthy during these difficult times. We wish all of our Sunday School families a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, New Year.

In Christ's Love  
Your Sunday School Ministry Team





Our preschool classes are back in session after a 2 week break. We are so happy to be back together! We are continuing with all the safety procedures we have been doing and have implemented some new ones for drop off and pick up to keep our families safe. All of our families have been amazing with all the changes and we have had wonderful support from the church and Shepherd's Board. Thank you so much for your continued help, prayers and support as we continue through these uncharted waters.

We will be spending this month learning all about the true meaning of why we celebrate Christmas. We will learn about the Angel Gabriel bringing a message to Mary about the upcoming birth of her baby boy. And as the month continues we will learn about our Savior being born in a manger.

I am sad to say that we will not be having a preschool Christmas program this year. With all the uncertainties surrounding us at this time, we feel this is best. Praying for relief from the virus that we will be able to celebrate the children in the spring!

All the Shepherd's Preschool children wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ms. Mandy & Ms. Kaye

## NALC Advent Devotional



The North American Lutheran Church presents, *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, an Advent devotional booklet for 2020.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Selbo, Bishop of the NALC, has prepared a bit longer devotion for each of the Sundays in Advent, along with a devotion for Christmas Day. The Rev. Dr. David Wendel, NALC Assistant to the Bishop for ministry and ecumenism, has prepared the brief weekday and Christmas Eve devotions.

There are several ways to access the 2020 Advent devotional: download a copy, receive daily messages or download an e-book version. For details on how to access *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, visit [thenalc.org/advent](https://thenalc.org/advent).

If you don't have access to the internet or a printer, please call the church office and we would be happy to print a copy for you. 774.2733

We also have Advent devotionals from Lamp Ministry who share the love of Jesus with Indigenous people in remote communities in Canada.

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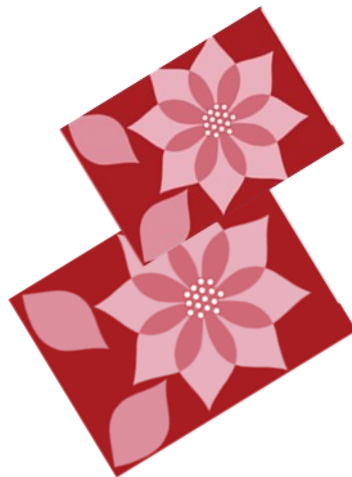




# DECEMBER

## Birthdays

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|----|---|----|---|----|------------------------------------|
| 1  | Aj Buckman<br>Casey Buckner<br>Susan Noel<br>Sally Nelson                 | 11 | Nancy Anderson<br>Jan Truel   | 25 | Elsa Pontbriand                    |
| 2  | Paige Janousek<br>Kayla Johnson   | 12 | Jan Buckman<br>David Christesen<br>Braelyn Savage                   | 26 | Kathy O'Connell                    |
| 4  | Chace Jungles   | 13 | Lindsay Richer<br>Jason Roell                                       | 27 | Bridget Raiche                     |
| 5  | Joey Berglund<br>Gary Erickson<br>Ethan Plonke<br>Faith Roell             | 14 | Connor Edwards<br>Drew Ramme<br>Liam Castro-Ray<br>Andrew Strickler | 28 | Kristin Edwards<br>Ingrid Martonen |
| 6  | Laura Brodersen<br>Michelle Carlson<br>Shirley Larson<br>Travis Marchetti | 15 | Allan Raho  | 29 | Susanna Tyrcha                     |
| 7  | David Holmes<br>Wanda Khor<br>Tim Olsen                                   | 16 | David Bates   | 30 | Rylan Grunlund                     |
| 8  | Nick Jungles<br>Sue Weide   | 18 | Andre Clement   | 31 | Brett Ramme                        |
| 9  | Anthony Rigoni  | 19 | Collin Hirthe<br>Connie Swartout                                    |    |                                    |
| 10 | Debbie Sleik<br>Jon Walimaa   | 20 | Sandra Shulstad   |    |                                    |
|    |   | 21 | Jamie Bowers  |    |                                    |
|    |   | 22 | Ryan Camp<br>Traci Charette<br>David Coplan<br>Michelle Polzien     |    |                                    |
|    |   | 24 | Kate Hamby<br>Joy Nasi  |    |                                    |





# Puzzle!

Use the code to complete Isaiah's prophecy about Jesus, our Savior.



CODE:

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Answer: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6, NIV

## Confirmation

Confirmation continues Wednesday  
nights from 6:30 - 8:00pm.

December 2, 9 & 16th

We will break for the holidays and then  
resume on Wednesday, January 6th.



On  
coming to  
the house,  
they saw the  
child with  
his mother  
Mary, and  
they bowed  
down and

Worshipped  
him.

MATTHEW 2:11



## Happy Anniversary!

25 Years - December 30th  
Ed & Danielle Theisen

## Congratulations:

- \*\* Andrew & Aurora Poulos on the birth of son, Theodore Andrew.



## In Sympathy to:

- \*\* Larry & Joy Nasi & family on the death of her sister, Kaye Groeneveld.
- \*\* Mike & Cris Hamlin on the death of His mother, Jean Hamlin.
- \*\* Lynn LaVigne on the death of her mother, Babe Carr.
- \*\* Chris & Ginger Moore & family on the death of his grandmother, LaVerne Solda.



## Pastor's Link

A "Letter to the Editor" once appeared in a small town's newspaper. A churchgoer wrote and complained that it makes no sense to go to church every Sunday. This person wrote: "I've gone to church for thirty years now and in that time I have heard something like two thousand sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by preaching sermons at all." As you can guess, the letter proved controversial. For several weeks responses showed up on the Editorial page. Finally, someone wrote in with this response: "I've been married for fifty years now. In that time my wife has cooked thousands of meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for spiritual nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

This is a helpful illustration of a good and true point. On the one hand, people who neglect to attend church (*on Youtube or radio*) miss out on the nourishment that keeps them spiritually alive. And on the other hand, those who faithfully listen or watch the Divine Service receive rich nourishment in God's forgiveness and Christ's salvation and life, even if they struggle to remember the details of every sermon, or even any part at all.

King Solomon prays at the dedication of the Temple and in his prayer we hear expressed the purpose of the Church. Solomon praises God's steadfast love, confesses that it is awesome that God would truly dwell on earth and then pleads with God to hear the prayers of His people as they prayed in that place. ***"And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive."* (1 Kings 8:30)**

Solomon then goes on to repeatedly pray for God's forgiveness for a whole variety of sins. If a man sins against his neighbor; If God's people are defeated in battle due to their sin; When there is no rain because of the people's transgression:

***"Hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your people."* (v. 34)**

***"Hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants."* (v. 36)**

***"Hear in heaven Your dwelling place and forgive."* (v. 39)**

We sinners need forgiveness: every man, every woman, every teenager, pre-teen, toddler, every infant; from Eden after the Fall, to Old Testament Israel, to the current-day Church. Feeding on God's forgiveness for us sinners in Christ is always our nourishment when we "go to church." According to Scripture, everything in Christ's Church—from the pastor's sermons to Sunday School and Scripture Study, from Holy Baptism to Holy Communion, from the conversations in the narthex or in the Gathering Room over donuts, to works of mercy to private pastoral care sessions—everything is designed to communicate God's forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ, so that we will be spiritually nourished.

Luther wrote in his Large Catechism: "Everything, therefore, in the Christian Church is ordered toward this goal: we shall daily receive in the Church nothing but the forgiveness of sin through the Word and Sacraments, to comfort and encourage our consciences as long as we live here." Peace in Christ! For He came on Christmas Day to forgive us all our sins and He is coming again soon to take us all home.

In Christ,  
Pastor Paul



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The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus' birth. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes eternity, or life without end. The candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World — he brought light and life to a dark world (*John 1:4-5*). On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a new candle. As the light grows, so do our hope and joy.



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