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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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December 2021





Light at the Inn has a new Mission Statement: The mission of Light at the Inn is to provide support, through the cooperative efforts of an interfaith coalition, for those in the Dickinson/Iron County area who are struggling to find and maintain stable and secure shelter for themselves and their families. What does this mean?

- LATI will not be a Rotating Shelter for 2021-2022 season.
- LATI will now be a year round agency.
- LATI will continue as the Emergency Services Agency for Community Action Alger-Marquette (CAAM).
- LATI will be available to assist those who have emergency needs but do not fit the After Hours Voucher guidelines.
- LATI will continue to supply food cards, gas cards and possible extended hotel stays.

**Donations may be sent to : LATI
Norway Covenant Church
120 O'Dill Dr.
Norway, MI 49870**

Light at the Inn will now have a two phone system:

- Emergency Services phone – This phone will take calls and issue vouchers for CAAM. (number has not yet been assigned)
- LATI Coordinator phone – This phone is to provide information and referrals for homeless guests if their needs exceed an emergency hotel voucher. (906-282-5860)

Churches will sign up to answer phones in two week increments, November – May for either or both phones.

Our Saviour's is scheduled for the weeks of November 29th – December 13th and January 24th – February 7th.

Since guests will not be staying at churches, LATI has added on some extra areas of involvement for churches to participate in such as; transportation, gift cards, child care packages, personal care bags (gender appropriate), furniture & household items, food bags and camping supplies.

Our Saviour's has agreed to be responsible for personal care bags. These will be available to guests upon request throughout the year. Bags will be kept at OSL.

If you would be interested in answering one of the phones during our scheduled weeks, please call Jim Meier at 906.779.9550 or Terri Shoquist at 906.282.8835.



- Approved the Agape Fund as the Christmas Ministry funds recipient with amount of food certificates to be increased.
- Hold church decorating as planned, the morning of November 23rd and have the Thanksgiving service the evening of Tuesday, November 23rd at 6pm in the Fireside Room. Toby Carlson will be the council person in charge.
- Hold the Christmas services as follows: Friday, December 24th at 3pm - Tania Taff in charge, 5pm - Jim Meier in charge, 8pm – Doug Luoma in charge. Saturday, December 25th at 5pm – Larry Swartout in charge. Sunday, December 26th at 9am – Jim Meier in charge.
- Table discussion on the use of money received from the estate of Arlene Flom until the next council meeting.
- Disburse \$7,500.00 of the money designated for hunger to Lutheran World Relief – Hunger.

- Discussion on church services – lower attendance at the second service. To be discussed again at next council meeting.
- Centennial Committee Meeting – Thursday, November 18th at 5pm
- Church decorating – Tuesday, November 23rd at 9am
- We collected additional funds of \$884.00 for SON International.
- Please make sure monetary needs for committees for 2022 are considered and submitted to Christina before December 1st for preparation of the budget. Budget will be presented and discussed at the next council meeting.
- Request for VBS for summer 2022 has been submitted to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.
- Pastoral Acts for October
 - Members Received** - Sally & David Yuds; Michael, Meghan, Andrew, Ellery & Nathan Olson
 - Funerals** – Jack LaChapelle
 - Baptism** – Jaxtyn Hazen
 - Confirmation** – Morgan Sleik and Anna Bortolini





In Sunday School we learned how Christians are like pumpkins. God picks us out of the patch, cleans us off, removes all of our messy sins and then lights us with his holy spirit much like we do with a Jack-O-Lantern at Halloween time. Next we learned about how Samuel was God's servant. We learned that sometimes you need to listen carefully to hear God when he is speaking to us.

We have been working on our songs for our Christmas Program. Our Christmas Program will be on December 12th at 4:00 pm. The kids will have Christmas Program practice on December 5th and December 12th at 9:30 and then the children will be singing the first 3 songs at the 10:45 service with our praise team.

Sunday School will then be on break until January 9th, 2022. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christ's Love
Your Sunday School Ministry Team



The Angel Tree Program provides Christmas presents for children

who have a parent in prison. The caregivers provide the information regarding sizes and types of gifts for the children. Participants shop for clothing and fun items for each child, with a \$40 dollar limit. The blessing of this program is twofold, both for the recipient and also for the giver.

The gifts are given to the children from the incarcerated parent, reminding them that they are still important to the parent even though they can't be together.

Please contact the church office to sponsor a child and get gift suggestions, sizes, etc. that the family has given. You will purchase the gifts, wrap & label and return to church by Wednesday, December 15th.

HIGH SCHOOL



FELLOWSHIP

High school youth group will meet on December 8th and 15th. Join us for games, pizza, snacks, and discussing the upcoming gospel lesson.

Christmas Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers, and lectors for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We do not schedule anyone for the holiday services as many people are out of town or have a particular preference for which service they will attend.

We encourage individuals or family teams of volunteers to help out for the Christmas services, even if you have never done it before. We need to have our volunteers lined up by Monday, December 20th. There will be a sign up sheet in the fireside room or you can call or e-mail the church office to volunteer.

For their December meeting, the Lydia Circle ladies are looking forward, with pleasure, to resuming their

Lydia Circle



Advent Gathering

traditional **Advent Lunch Gathering**. All women are invited to come together in the Gathering Room at NOON on Tuesday, December 14th. Circle members will provide hors d'oeuvres, punch, coffee, and dessert. Included will also be a time of sharing – so, all are welcome to bring a short Christmas reading, story, memory, poem, etc. Members will also bring unwrapped gifts of mittens, gloves, hats, and socks to be donated to area schools. We hope to see you there!



Bible Study

Our Bible Study continues with Pastor Paul. If you would like to have the discussion questions emailed to you, please email Pastor Paul at pastorpaul@oslfamily.org. The study will go through Thursday, December 16th and then break until January.

Financial Report

Oct. Receipts	\$168,100.00
Oct. Expenditures	\$28,745.00
Oct. Income/(Loss)	\$139,355.00

Attendance

Nov. 7	129
Nov. 14	134
Nov. 21	116
Nov. 28	118



FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Greetings and well wishes from a snowy Fortune Lake. As God's creation continues to shift around us and winter descends upon us, it is my pleasure to share some information with you regarding our upcoming winter retreats for 2022!

Winter Wonderland, January 14-16: All Ages

Includes lots of outdoor winter recreation, cozy fireside moments, and an optional day at Ski Brule at a reduced rate. Groups may stay over through January 17 for an additional fee.

Disconnect to Reconnect, February 4-5: Grades 7-12 and adult chaperones

Technology is everywhere these days, there's just no way around it. This one night retreat features Bible Studies, games, and camp style activities designed to encourage attendees to disconnect from their electronics and reconnect with the people around them.

Nurturing Wholeness, February 11-13: Young adults ages 18-26

(must be high school grads)

New this year, in partnership with campus ministries at Northern Michigan University, Michigan Tech University, and Finlandia University. Limited scholarship money is available. Contact the camp office or your campus pastor for more information.

Building on Faith, February 25-26:

Grades 3-6 and adult chaperones

Expand upon the faith given to your child by God through winter fort building, fun group building challenges, and Bible Studies! Attendees will enjoy playing in the wintry surroundings, meeting new people and making connections, and camp-style songs and games.

Each retreat includes meals, programming, opportunities to play both indoors and outdoors, time to reconnect with friends and family, and key faith formation for all ages. We welcome all to join us for these events, from camp veterans to Fortune Lake newbies. For more information, visit our website and keep an eye out for those flyers in the mail.

Registration for these events is now open at fortunelake.org.



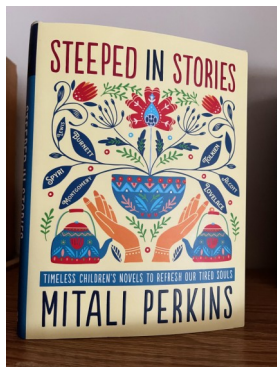
Don't forget the next Senior Day is Jan. 10th 2022!

Senior Day is a wonderful way to reconnect with old friends and make a few new ones along the way! Gather in the Dining Hall from 10 am – 2pm and enjoy a delightful day at FLLC, including a devotion, program, lunch, and fellowship!

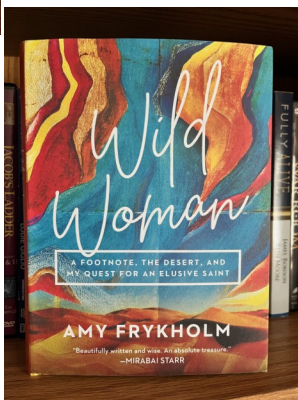
\$10 donation per participant is requested
RSVP by the Friday before to (906) 214-2267

ATTENTION LIBRARY FANS

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church library is located in the Gathering Room. We have recently added many new books!! Come check it out and check one out.



We have also moved all VHS tapes and some audio books to the Praise Temple Classroom across from the



Nursery. Included is a wide-ranging selection of videos for all ages and interests. All of these continue to be available for anyone to use – at church or home – with no need for check-out. (We do still have VHS player capabilities in both our Praise Temple and Cinema classrooms.) Our DVD collection remains in the church library. Why not wrap up, relax, and welcome our cooler/shorter days with a couple of good old movies?



CENTENNIAL



Already, ten years have passed since our most recent church cookbook was published. That book was nicely done and continues to serve us well. We are thankful for those who prepared and contributed to that project.

It has been suggested that we might consider putting together a new edition -- in honor of our 2023 100th Anniversary. Perhaps a special collection of church members' recipes, old and new, would be yet another way to remind us of our traditions, prompt memories, and unite us in service as we look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion.

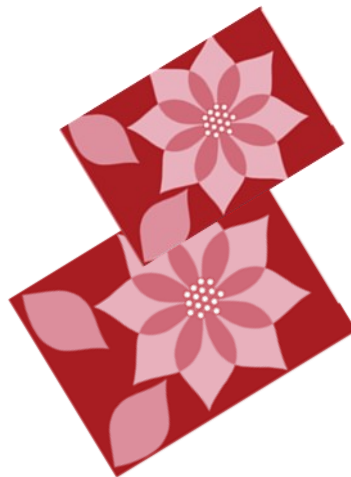
If you or a small group of folks might be interested in helping with this project, please contact Christina or Katie in the church office.



DECEMBER

Birthdays

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



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church AGAPE Fund

Any gifts made to the Christmas Ministry fund this year will go to our AGAPE Fund. AGAPE – a word most of us may have heard, but may not know the meaning. It simply means love – such as the unconditional love of our Lord for us, and that same love we should exhibit to each other.

This fund shall provide some financial help in times of critical need. It is based **on Galatians, Chapter 6, verse 10, “So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”**

Currently our AGAPE Fund provides Super One Food vouchers to anyone. Our church council recently decided to raise the amount of food vouchers from \$60.00 to \$100.00. We also have personal care kits, with basic necessities to be handed out as needed. Agape funds are also used to help members or those recommended by a member in need of other financial help.



Radio listeners...
Would you like to have a bulletin to follow along with during the service each week? If you would like to request that bulletins are

mailed to you weekly, please call the church office at 906.774.2733.

YouTube Viewers... The weekly bulletin is posted online each week at oslfamily.org!

Preschool News

November was a fun month for our preschoolers! Both classes have been learning all about being good helpers to those around us, we are bucket fillers. A bucket filler lifts the spirit of someone who may be sad or needs help. We can be helpers at school, home, church and to our neighbors. Even just a smile can fill someone's bucket and our own. With this lesson we have been talking about using God's help to make good decisions and spread His love. The story of Hannah and Samuel is helping us with that. Hannah was sad and wanted a baby. Through prayer, Hannah was given a baby. And her son Samuel became God's special helper. We can all talk to God through prayer and ask Him to help us with anything we need. And praying for those around us is helping us to spread God's love as well.

December is an exciting month! We will be celebrating 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. As the month continues we will learn about our Savior being born in a manger. We will be recording our Christmas program again this year. We feel that given the uncertainties still surrounding Covid, this is the best way to proceed. We will post it on our Facebook page, be sure to watch for that!

Our Christmas break will be Monday, Dec. 20 through Friday, Dec. 31. We will resume classes on Monday, Jan. 3!



Happy Anniversary!

Ronald & Sandra Hosking, 60 years
December 16, 1961

Dennis & Sue Veale, 55 years
December 17, 1966

Faye & Doug Whisler, 35 years
December 20, 1986

Kay & Tom Grenfell, 30 years
December 28, 1991

Christina & Jeremy Maki, 15 years
December 31, 2006

In Sympathy to:

****Steve & Christine Harris and family on the death of his mother Norma Harris.**

****RoseAnne & Ronald Aman and family on the death of her sister Ronda Lucas.**

Thank You From:

Mike & Cris Hamlin & the family of Luella R.
Mendini

First Lutheran Food Pantry
IMPS School Success Program



The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) presents, *Come!*, an Advent devotional booklet for 2021 written by the executive staff. This year's devotional is based on the two-year daily lectionary provided in the North American Church's *Devoted to Prayer* daily prayer and reading guide, which is also an adapted version of the daily lectionary in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, Year II. We pray the Scriptures, reflections and prayers in this devotional will deepen the Advent journey.

There are several ways to access the 2021 Advent devotional you can visit their website: thenalc.org/advent, or the church office can print copies by request.



Confirmation continues Wednesday nights
from 6:00 - 7:00pm.

They will meet December 8 & 15th.

They will break for the holidays and
then resume on Wednesday, January 5th.



Pastor's Link

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!"

There is something unique about the Season of Advent. For example, imagine being faithful Jew 2,000 years ago. For thousands of years your people prayed to God to send a Messiah, for deliverance and salvation. God promised you that a Messiah, the Christ, would come to save you. You believe God's promise and you wait, and you wait, and you wait for that day to come. You pray, and you pray, and you pray for that day to come.

There were probably many times you would have thought God forgot about you, or that maybe God changed His mind. But then all of a sudden, an angel appears to a young virgin; and a star leads 3 Wisemen from the east; shepherds in the fields see in the sky more angels than they can count, and there in a stable lies a little baby. In that manger rests everyone's prayers from thousands of years. In that manger rests all the promises God made to His people for thousands of years.

The season of Advent is unique. It is a season of longing. Advent is a time when our prayers focus upon that First coming of Jesus as well as the Second coming of Jesus. Like the Jews of thousands of years ago, we can also pray for the Christ to come, but this time to come again. Sometimes we may

feel like saying to God, "How long do we have to wait? Where is our deliverance?" Maybe we really aren't too different from the faithful who waited for the First coming of Jesus. There is one difference though, a very large difference. In many ways, we are more blessed than the Jews of thousands of years ago. We are more blessed because we have much more than a promise; we have the promise's fulfillment in Jesus. Do we still wait? Of course we do! Do we still wrestle with our daily lives and in tears sometimes cry to God? Of course, and that will not change in this life. But what has changed is this - you actually get to hold your Deliverer in your hands every time you have the Lord's Supper and be reassured your deliverance has already come. You get to hear hymns speaking Words to comfort you, for your comforter has come. You have Jesus. Advent is a time to long for Jesus to return again and to redeem all of heaven and earth. This is God's promise to you. He fulfilled this promise in Christ and one day, you will see it with your own two eyes when He returns again. Until that day comes, may our hearts always pray, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Amen and Merry Christmas!

Pastor Paul



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This year we continue our Family Christmas Tree tradition and we need your help! The tree is at the top of the steps outside the office. Please bring in an ornament that is special to your family, in honor or in memory of someone or a special event. They may be ornaments from your collection or new ones you purchase. The ornaments may be religious themed or about anything that reflects the uniqueness of your loved one or family event. This is a great way to celebrate special memories and blessings with your church family. We will include all the ornaments that were brought in the past couple of years too!



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