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Sunday, January 24th
Following Worship

At our 99th Annual Meeting of Our Saviour's we will review the past year and receive reports from our various ministry teams. A budget for 2021 will be presented for approval. We will also be voting on NALC Constitutional changes. Watch the bulletin announcements in January for more details.

All committee reports for the Annual Report need to be in the church office by Wednesday, January 6th.



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The Carillon

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Thanks to the Kreh sisters – Kristina, Nicole, Alexandra & Daniella for sharing their song “The Friendly Beasts” with us at our Christmas Eve Service.



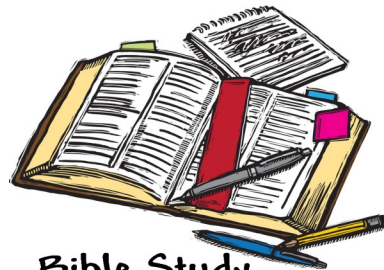
Lenten Devotional

It's time to be thinking about a Lenten devotion. We are looking for members & friends to simply share how God is working in their lives by writing a paragraph or two for our Lenten booklet. Everyone is invited to participate.

Each devotion should be about ½ page and can be emailed to the church office at connect@oslfamily.org or dropped off there. Deadline is Monday, February 1st. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



We still have some Kid's Christmas gift bags left. They are in a bin outside the Crystal Lake doors Monday - Thursday from 9 - 3 and Friday 9 - 12:00pm.

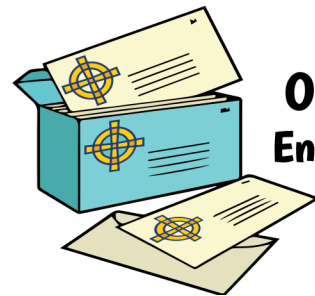


Bible Study

Pastor Paul's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 7th online. If you would like to receive the outline by email, please email Pastor at pastorpaul@oslfamily.org.



Confirmation is on break and resumes online Wednesday, January 6th.



Offering Envelopes

We have received a partial shipment of our 2021 envelopes. As soon as the remainder arrives we will mail them out.



Pastor's Link

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all its iniquities."
Psalm 130

"2020 was a year like no other." Wow, that sentence is an understatement! Heavier hearts, isolation, fear of illness and longing for the return of some semblance of normalcy has been the general theme for this year past. It is in times like these that I like to search the Word of God for the comfort I need. Thankfully, through His Word, God always stands ready to provide.

Take the book of Psalms for example. This book is a wonderful collection of hymns containing words of comfort, beautiful expressions of praise, confident words of trust and all of it points to Jesus Christ. When Martin Luther was asked what the best psalms were, he chose some that we might not have expected. His choices were not the usual Psalm 23 or Psalm 46. Rather, the

psalms that Luther chose were Psalm 32, Psalm 51, Psalm 143, and Psalm 130. Luther affectionately dubbed these the "Pauline psalms" because he thought they resembled Paul's epistles in the New Testament by showing the realities of sin and the confidence given in God's grace and salvation. Yet, for Luther, Psalm 130 was his favorite.

I think Psalm 130 is a prescription for all who have lived through such a tumultuous year as 2020. No one knows what 2021 will bring; even as I write this the much anticipated Covid-19 vaccine is being rolled out to the general public. I have no doubt the New Year will bring many great blessings and some big challenges. Yet in spite of it all one thing is absolutely certain: God hears our voice and is attentive to our cries. So, as we approach another year, we know that we have a God who sees us in our distress and He acts, He comforts, He consoles, He listens and He is there for us. ***"O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all its iniquities."***

We can count on God's steadfast love and His wonderful salvation that He gives us through Jesus Christ. While we don't know *what* the New Year will bring, we can be certain on *Who* it will bring: Our loving, merciful, and saving Lord, who has already gone ahead to prepare a place for us, and He will be with us every step of the way. Therefore, it is with boldness, confidence, and joy, that we enter this New Year in Jesus Name. Amen.

Pastor Paul



Our Preschool had a short December, but one filled with many lessons and activities. Our Bible lesson for the month was focused on the birth of Jesus. Both classes learned about Mary and Joseph, Angel Gabriel and that Jesus was born in a manger. In January we will have two Bible stories, Hannah and Samuel, God hears our prayers and God speaks to us in all different ways. Second, Daniel in the Lion's Den, which tells us we should be faithful in prayer and God is always there for us.

In Preschool, we are working on recognizing first names, and learning what our last name is. They are doing such a great job, some even recognize their friends' names. We have been talking about the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus' birth and have learned that he was born in a manger. We even made our own mangers! After Christmas break we will start to work with scissors and writing our names to build up those fine motor skills.

In Pre-Kindergarten, we have been busy working on letter sounds and counting. We are learning 2 letters a week trying to catch up on lost time. They are doing a fantastic job! We continue to work on writing our names and are recognizing last

names. Our fine motor skills are improving so fast, we've added in some harder projects to keep the challenge going. While playing outside, we saw a bald eagle in the tree near Crystal Lake. Very exciting! Hopefully we will have snow when we get back after break to enjoy snowman making and sledding.

With the current circumstances surrounding us, we were unable to have our Christmas program. We did record each class singing and they are posted on the Shepherd's Preschool facebook page! Be sure to check them out! The kids did a wonderful job!

Ms. Mandy & Ms. Kaye



- ** Greg & Brook LaFreniere & family on the death of her father, Hank Beaumier
- ** Margaret Petrick on the death of her husband, Michael Petrick.
- ** Family & friends on the death of Robert "Bob" Rumpf.
- ** Barbara DeRidder and family on the death of her husband, Jeff DeRidder.



Action

- Resume in person worship beginning the weekend of December 12 & 13th with our Saturday, 5:00pm service and Sunday, 9:00am service. Masks are required.
- Add \$2,288.00 to Account #60530 to the 2021 budget for organ repair on 8 pipes in the swell.
- Accept the 2021 Budget

Information

- Christmas Eve Service - 3:00pm on YouTube and the radio.
- Nominating Committee for new Council members – John Kelm, Kris Kreh, Ted Sparapani, Geoff White (*Kris Kreh will serve another 3 years*)
- Annual Meeting Committee Reports by Council representatives due January 5th
- Light at the Inn weeks – Jan. 24th - 31st, March 14th - 21st all offsite
- Terri Shoquist retiring - Jan. 28th last day
- Our Saviour's 100th Anniversary - 2023
- Pastoral Acts for November



Light at the Inn is now in the 6th week of operation as the Voucher Agency for Community Action. All but one of the churches has carried the phone for a week's time and their turn is coming soon. During the month of November they were able to issue 10 separate vouchers. Some of those were for a single homeless person and others were for families with children. Currently we're aware of 2 families that were helped out who are now able to prepare for Christmas in their own home! In addition, they were able to assist with gift cards to Econo, McDonald's and even gas cards when needed. While we are not caring for as many folks as in previous years, they have seen that each of these cases were truly an emergency situation. Thankful for all the great work....winter has just begun.

Yvonne Clark – Administration Board, LATI

Our Saviour's will answer the phones for LATI the week of January 24th - January 31st.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Alexis Robb | 16 Todd Johnson |
| Jenna Robb | Abishae Pann |
| 3 Elaina Bortolini | Pam Pirkola |
| Terri Shoquist | 17 Vic Seppi |
| Paul Strom | 18 Cal Soderberg |
| 5 Kristina Kreh | Jane Vercoe |
| 6 RoseAnne Aman | Todd Willman |
| 7 Libby Harding | 19 Betty Senatori |
| 9 Barb DeRidder | Ellie Smart |
| Douglas Luoma | 22 Jace Bonneau |
| Brayden Polzien | Pam Chiamulera |
| Emma Strom | Gene Davis |
| 10 Jaeme Kaski | Kaye Wienke |
| 11 Cynthia Giachino | 23 Paul Swanson |
| 12 Liam Tregillis | Kelly Usitalo |
| 13 Ron Aman | Carson Wakeham |
| Ginny Haelterman | Ashley Weecks |
| Ivy Anderson | 24 Harold Coplan |
| 14 Brenda Johnson | William Lautzenheiser |
| Amanda Khor | |
| Renee' Yake | |



In Sunday School we'll continue virtually for the month of January. On January 10th we will have a Sunday School *Show and Tell* at 11:00am using our online meeting platform. We will follow the *Show and Tell* by learning about the best gift of all - Jesus. Emails will go out Saturday for both the live meeting and the self-paced family guided lesson.

The following week we will have a snow angel challenge. Students are encouraged to go outside and create a snow angel sometime during the week. If parents want they can take a picture and email it to sunday-school@oslfamily.org or students can show their pictures to us online on Sunday morning. Anyone that turns in a picture will be entered into a drawing for a prize Sunday morning, January 17th during our virtual Sunday School Meeting. That morning we will learn how God surrounds Elisha with Angels.

January 24th we will learn about friends and how God is David's friend. On January 31st we will learn all about Jonah. We are also going to try something new this month by mailing calendars home to families so they can hang them up to remind them of the things we have going on each week. Calendars will be mailed this week. If you did not get a calendar and you want one please email sundayschool@oslfamily.org

In Christ Love,
Your Sunday School Ministry Team



Mission Bible Training Center
Marcie Veale - Kingsford Backpack Program
Okler Roofing
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
UP Regional Blood Center Crew
North American Lutheran Seminary
Sandy & Jim Meijer & Jeanette Granquist
Alene Bloomquist
Church Music Solutions
Bishop Dan Selbo & NALC Staff
Jack LaChapelle

Financial Report

Nov. Receipts	\$26,723.00
Nov. Expenditures	\$22,847.00

Balance \$3,876.00

Attendance

Dec. 13	47
Dec. 20	56
Dec. 27	47