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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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December 2022

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve
3pm & 7pm

Christmas Day
9am





Council Notes

Action Items

- To allow Nolan White to use the re-building/construction of the youth room/ cinema room as his Eagle Scout project and begin fundraising.
- To remove all Covid restrictions with the exception of passing the offering plate.
- To approve a quote from Superiorland Electronics for microprocessor panel and cell dialer to repair lines and replace the current fire panel at a cost of \$3,121.00, with annual costs of \$410.00.

Informational Items

- Call Committee meeting every Sunday at 3:00pm.
- Centennial Meeting – scheduled for Thursday, November 10th at 5:30.
- \$23,112.08 should be received by month-end from the insurance claim filed for the roof damage from the storm in May 2022.
- (I) Meal provided to Bay College students scheduled by Terri Shoquist on December 1st, 2022

- Pastoral Acts for October 2022

Baptism – I

Paul Edwin Rotter

Wedding - I

Glen Siegler & Ramona LaFave

New Member - I

Lucas Davidson



We are still collecting grocery receipts from SuperOne and Tadyach's Marketplace.

How it Works:

Save your register grocery receipts (does not include receipts from the service counter – stamps, gift cards, etc). Give the receipts to Our Saviour's to support our women's or youth programs. Our Saviour's receives a 1% cash donation for all receipts we turn in. Any Superone receipts are accepted, Tadych's receipts must have the new logo (shown here) to be accepted.

Tadych's
MarketPlace FOODS

LYDIA



How very nice it was to gather once again on the third Tuesday of November! A good-size group enjoyed a time of fellowship, prayer, dessert, discussion, and planning.

We appreciated Sandy Giordana's beautiful devotion of ***Thanks, Prayer, and Peace***. We sang Henry Smith's ***Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart***...

...Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ,
His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for
us..."

As we conducted our business meeting it was noted that...

- The group has sent \$200 for hurricane relief, with Thrivent adding another \$100.
- A new Bible Study booklet has been ordered and is in the church office for pick-up, with a \$10 cost. Entitled ***God's Reluctant Leaders, The Biblical Stories of Jonah, Gideon, and Moses***, we will begin this study at our January meeting.
- A sign-up sheet was passed for those able to provide cookies for the **December 18th Christmas Cookie Fellowship** – to be

served by the ladies following the special **9:00 AM Sunday School Program/Worship Service**. (See the Lydia Circle mailbox to add your name/cookies.)

- Cookies, help, and delivery folks will also be needed for the December 8th cookie packing for shut-ins.
- A plea for new Altar Guild members was made. Please watch for this important church announcement.
- Many and varied opportunities are available to O.S.L. members as we plan and begin to celebrate our 2023 Centennial year. Please stop by the church office to learn more.

Invitations will be given/mailed/announced for the **Lydia Circle Advent Gathering** to be held **at noon on Tuesday, December 13th**. Please watch for these.



We will have a special tree up front in the sanctuary to place hats, mittens, gloves & socks to gift the local elementary schools. Many times children come to school without these items and there is a need.



Sunday school and youth group happenings...

During the month of November the Sunday school focused on the story of Abraham. We learned how God promised Abraham as many descendants as there are stars in the sky or grains of sand on the shore. We tried counting the stars with a star projector and the grains of sand with a magnifying glass. Next, we celebrated the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah by making toilet paper wedding outfits. After that, we traded our birthright to Jacob for a bowl of lentil soup just like Esau. Finally, we made a coat of many colors to help us remember the story of Joseph. We also sang Father Abraham and the Butterfly song in church. We will be practicing our Christmas program in the month of December.

UPCOMING DATES:

- December 4: Christmas program practice during Sunday school; youth group shadow drama practice during youth group
- December 11: Christmas program practice during Sunday school; youth group shadow drama practice during youth group



In youth group this month, we learned wisdom from the book of Proverbs, discussed Abraham, and made Advent wreaths. We also started an Advent candle study to learn what each candle represents. This will continue into December. The youth group looks forward to presenting a shadow drama during the Christmas program.



An invitation from Pastor Ryan Flunker: Come to our evening Bible Study where no questions are too small and no subjects too big. We meet on most Mondays in the Gathering Room at 5:30 - all are welcome!

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 19th. There will be a sign up sheet in the fireside room or you can call or e-mail the church office to volunteer.



This year's devotional — entitled *And He Shall Reign* — was written by sixteen members of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) staff and based on words in Revelation 11:15. The readings each day are based upon the daily lectionary provided in the NALC Devoted To Prayer daily prayer and reading guide, which is also an adapted version of the daily lectionary in the Lutheran Book of Worship.

The season of Advent is upon us, and it is time, once again, to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus and His eternal reign. It is our hope that this devotional will aid and bless your personal reflections during this season.

For details on how to access this Advent devotional, visit thenalc.org/advent.

Financial Report

Oct. Receipts	\$56,625.00
Oct. Expenditures	\$30,459.18
Oct. Income/(Loss)	\$26,165.82

Attendance

Nov. 6	141
Nov. 13	162
Nov. 20	145



FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Greetings from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!

In the beauty of the transition that is fall in the Northwoods, we have some exciting news to share! **Fortune Lake has been selected as the recipient for the 2022 CoVantage Cares Foundation Inc, Giving Tuesday Campaign!** This means that CoVantage will match a portion of the funds raised from Giving Tuesday through the following two weeks (November 29 - December 13). The more we raise, the more potential for matching funds!

The money will be used to update our highest use buildings – duplexes, Emanuel Lodge, and the Dining Hall – making them more energy efficient and accessible and ensuring they'll be usable for many years into the future. You may remember that this project was initiated in early 2020, but was paused due to the pandemic. With the availability of the CoVantage Cares Giving Tuesday Campaign, now is the time to reinvigorate these efforts!

Plans are underway to maximize this opportunity for the benefit of generations to come at Fortune Lake, and we need your help. **We are asking each congregation to prayerfully consider a stretch gift of \$500 above and beyond your normal**

giving to Fortune Lake. This amount could be raised in any way you see fit, including coffee fellowship, special offerings, or creative fundraising. Gifts need to be received within the November 29 - December 13 window in a very specific manner. See details below.

Many regions throughout the Northern Great Lakes Synod will be hosting events to increase engagement and invite people to support this incredible opportunity. Please consider helping with and participating in the event closest to you. As more details become available, please share them with your congregation and community. Consider bringing your congregation's donation to the event in your region to add to their total and inspire some friendly competition! THANK YOU to those of you who are helping to plan and facilitate these super fun events!

Here's the rundown of regional events:

- Sunday, December 4 at 11am CT at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ironwood, MI:** *Feast for Fortune Lake*
- Sunday, December 4 from 3-6pm ET at **First Lutheran Church, Gladstone, MI:** *I Care... About Fortune Lake: An Afternoon of Talent, Delicious Food, and Festive Activities*
- Monday, December 5 at 7pm ET at **Bethel Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, MI:** *Comfort & Joy: A Celebration of Caring and Christmas benefitting Fortune Lake with Bells, Voices, & Horns!*

- Thursday, November 30th from 6-8pm ET at **Studio Pizza, Hancock, MI:** *Carols for a Cause*
- Friday, December 9 at 6pm CT: *Virtual BINGO Wrap-Up Celebration* **Livestreamed on Facebook**
- Saturday, December 10 from 4-7pm CT at **Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Crystal Falls, MI:** *Christmas at Camp: Pasty Dinner, Cookie Walk, Christmas Carols, and Candlelit Snowshoe*
- Sunday, December 11 from 10am-noon CT at **Bethel Lutheran Church, Menominee, MI:** *Drive-Thru Brat Fry & Yard Games*
- Sunday, December 11 from 12-6pm CT at **Alpha Brewery, Alpha, MI:** *Brew with a Purpose & Pulled Pork Sandwiches*
- Sunday, December 11 from 2:30-4:30pm ET at **Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI:** *God's Cafe: Open mic style Talent Show with Cookies, Coffee, and Tea*
 Congregations interested in making a donation to be applied to the Giving Tuesday Campaign should make a check payable to "CoVantage Cares Foundation" with Fortune Lake in the memo and mail to: CoVantage Cares Foundation, PO Box 107, Antigo WI 54409. Alternatively, checks or cash can be dropped off at the regional events listed above.

Watch fortunelake.org and our social media for updates on this exciting opportunity as more information becomes available! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. Thank you in advance for your generous, ongoing support of Fortune Lake and for your partnership in ministry!

Grace & Peace,
Amanda Rasner, Camp Director



It's time for our traditional
Advent Lunch Gathering!

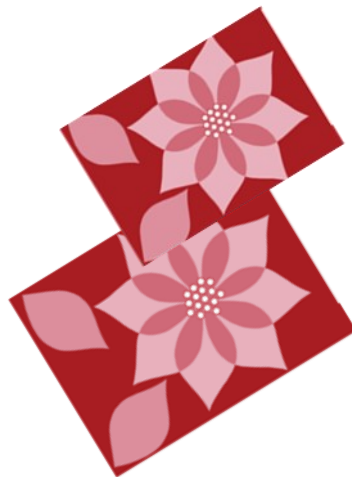
All women are invited to come together in O.S.L.'s **Gathering Room** at **NOON** on **Tuesday, December 13th**. Circle members will provide hors d'oeuvres, punch, coffee, and dessert. Included will also be a time of sharing – so, all are welcome to bring a short Christmas reading, story, memory, poem, etc. Members will also bring unwrapped gifts of mittens, gloves, hats, and socks to be donated to area schools. We sure hope you will join us!



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
Evan Mendini
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
Lucas Davidson |
| 7 | David Holmes
Wanda Khor
Tim Olsen | 16 | David Bates | 30 | Rylan Grunlund
Alli Rossler |
| 8 | Nick Jungles | 18 | Andre Clement | 31 | Brett Ramme |
| 9 | Anthony Rigoni | 19 | Collin Hirthe
Connie Swartout
Meghan Olson | | |
| 10 | Debbie Sleik
Jon Walimaa | 20 | Sandra Shulstad | | |
| | | 22 | Ryan Camp
Traci Charette
Michelle Polzien | | |
| | | 23 | Adaline Bray | | |
| | | 24 | Joy Nasi | | |





**A Prayer
Petition from
the Call
Committee:**

Gracious Lord, we, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, ask that you will open our hearts to the patience we need while we wait for our next pastor. We know that you have already chosen our next pastor who will shepherd our congregation. Help us to call upon you for strength and patience during this call process.

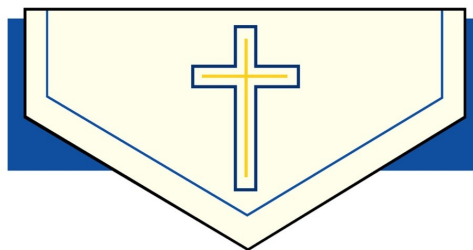


Radio listeners...Would you like to have a bulletin to follow along with during the service each week? If you would like to request that bulletins are mailed to you weekly, please call the church office at 906.774.2733.



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

Altar Guild



The Altar guild is the group of volunteers at our church who prepare the altar for worship each week. This includes preparing the elements for Holy Communion and changing the Paraments as needed.

Altar Guild Trainees Needed for 2023!

Over the years, the number of volunteers for Altar Guild has waned. We would very much like to see some new volunteers in this role! We would like to pair a new trainee with an experienced member of the Altar Guild for each month of 2023. The church will provide a detailed checklist and training will go slow, so don't feel intimidated by this important function of our church's workings.



UP Regional Blood Drive

**Our Saviour's
Monday,
December 5th
2:30 - 6:00pm**

To schedule an appointment call 906-449-1450. Walk-ins welcome!

Happy Anniversary!

Lois & Robert Martonen—30 Years
December 26, 1992

Bonnie & Shawn Greenleaf—20 years
December 28, 2002

Barb & Doug Hill—50 years
December 30, 1972

Thank You From:

Tori Walters
Pastor Brenda from Lutheran World Relief
PEO—Chapter AN



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!

Preschool News

Preschool and Pre-K are going strong! It has been a great year so far. During November, we learned about the changing seasons and everything we are thankful for. We watched the leaves change colors outside, and most are happy for the snow to come. We have been learning our colors, shapes, and letters. Our Pre-K has also been learning letter sounds and writing skills.

We have been missing our once-a-month chapel time and are blessed to have Miss Joy take on that task. She does a wonderful job, and both classes love to hear her stories. December is one of our favorite months for bible stories, it's when we learn of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus. This month we will start the story of Jesus with the Angel Gabrel's visit to Mary and Joseph, continuing through the birth in the manger. We will finish with our traditional Christmas program on Thursday, December 15th, at 5:30.

Merry Christmas!
Miss Mandy and Miss Kaye





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lwr.org/match for your
love to be **doubled**.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

In December confirmation students will meet on the 7th and 14th from 6-7pm. Classes will take a break during winter break and resume on January 4th.

Our 7th graders have been studying the Ten Commandments with Todd Veale and Mandy Shogren and 8th grade has been learning about the Sacraments with Renee Strom as their guide.

The 7th and 8th grade Confirmation classes had a paper product drive to support the Caring House. Both classes did a great job of supporting the drive with their donations! Pictured below are the 8th graders with their contributions.

All around the world, families have been suffering from compounding crises such as violence, natural disasters, disease and extreme weather. The war in Ukraine has only exacerbated suffering for communities already teetering on the edge of devastation. And it's getting worse. It is a terrible, perfect storm.

Our congregation is joining with Lutheran World Relief to walk with our neighbors amid this storm and raise funds to help our neighbors in need. Our congregational gift will be doubled up to \$200,000 and will provide food, shelter, medical services and other necessities for those families facing this horrific storm of crises.

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/match or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write "congregational match" in the memo line. Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Write "LWR" in the memo line and we will send one check from the church before the end of the year.

Please keep these families in your prayers and thank you for your generous hearts and contributions.



Saturday 5:00pm Service
Sunday 9:00am Service
Our 9:00am Service is
broadcast live each week on
WZNL94.3 FM radio and on
our YouTube Channel.

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Congregational Workshop
January 14th 8:30am—2:30pm

The entire congregation is invited to participate in a Congregational Workshop in preparation for the Call Process. Pastor Reiff, our local mission dean, will lead the congregation through prayer and workshop. It's your chance to share what qualities you feel are important in choosing our next pastor. Lunch will be served.



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