



The Carillon

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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December 2023



Christmas Worship Schedule

December 23rd - 5pm - 4th Sunday of Advent
Worship in Sanctuary

December 24th - 3pm & 9pm Christmas Eve Services

December 25th - 10am Christmas Worship





Council Notes

Present – Kris Kreh, Doug Louma, Pastor Hopman, Michelle Carlson, Jason Roell, Bev Wadke, Lucas Davidson, John Kelm (via Teams), David Shogren, Mandy Shogren, Kayla Johnson, Lindsay Rigoni, Cindy Bradley, Doug Karttunen, Sally Karttunen, Gayle Nault, Michael Olsen & Megan Olsen.

Absent – John Reed

Statements regarding our continued involvement with FLLC – Mandy Shogren, Kayla Johnson, Lindsay Rigoni, Cindy Bradley, Doug Karttunen, Sally Karttunen, Gayle Nault & Michael Olsen.

Action Items

- To table any action regarding our continued involvement with FLLC until the next council meeting.
- To elect Lucas Davidson as the new Vice President of the Church Council.
- To appoint Lindsay Rigoni to fill Thad Strom's Council vacancy and Jim Meier to fill Tania Taff's Council vacancy upon their acceptance of these nominations.
- To post the position of Financial Administrator as soon as possible and to begin the process of having volunteers fill in, where able, until the position is filled.

- To add John Kelm and Pastor Nicholas Hopman as signers to the church bank account.
- To continue confirmation classes as they currently are through the end of the year and to give Pastor Nicholas Hopman authorization to adjust them as he sees fit starting in January.
- To have the proceeds from the Christmas ministry (pointsettias) used for the Agape Fund.
- To approve Volunteers for council person in charge for the following services:

5 pm Saturday, Fourth Advent December 23rd in the sanctuary – Michelle Carlson

3 pm Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve:
- Lucas Davidson

9 pm Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve:
- Jason Roell

10 am Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day: - Doug Louma

- To post the position of fill-in Saturday Pianist as soon as possible.
- To give Pastor Nicholas Hopman the authority to update the Wedding handbook and fee structure as he sees fit.

Informational Items

- The NALC has sent us a certificate commemorating our 100 year anniversary.
- Mark Moraska usually takes several vacation days for deer season. His usual substitute is not available this year so Mark is planning to adjust his schedule the weeks of November 15th to the 30th.
- Christmas decorating will take place on November 28, with church staff serving breakfast at 9:00am to kick off the morning.
- Please review the council in charge list to see if you are the alternate for a council person that has resigned.
- The church office will be closed the day before (November 22nd) and the day after (November 24th) Thanksgiving.
- Pastor will be taking vacation November 18th through November 27th.
- Katie will be gone November 27th and November 28th and also the week of December 26th.
- Christina's last day will be November 30th.

• Pastoral Acts for October 2023

Funeral – Charlotte Emond

Confirmed - Mya Brunswick, Caleb Erickson, Seth Greenleaf, Clark Robb, Jessa Rossler, Madalyn Sleik, Emma Strom, Michael Weber, Connor White



In an effort to continue to gather information on the congregation's wishes regarding our continued support of FLLC, the Church Council would like to invite members of our congregation to submit statements for review. These statements will then be read at our next Council meeting. Also, anyone wishing to make a statement in-person can do so by attending the next Council meeting on December 12th, at 5:30 pm. Statements will be read/heard at the beginning of the meeting prior to the Council beginning any action items.



Additionally, the Church Council would like to extend an invitation to any congregational member who desires to join their ranks. As many of you might know, four of our Council members have resigned recently. The Council voted this past November to appoint two temporary fill-in members. As a result, we are currently seeking five more volunteers to fill the two remaining vacancies as well as the three fresh vacancies we will have in January. Anyone interested can contact a current member of the Church Council for more information.



During the month of November, Sunday school continued learning about the Kings of Israel. We focused on the building of Solomon's Temple and the division of the Promised Land into Israel and Judah under Kings Rehoboam and Jeroboam. We also celebrated Reformation by having a movie party.

Upcoming Important Dates:

December 3 – Regular SS and YG

**December 10 – All youth (SS and YG) participating in Christmas program practice from 10:15-11:25
Regular YG at 11:30**

**December 17 – Youth Christmas program during Church service at 9
NO SS or YG**

January 7 – SS and YG resume following Christmas break



For two weeks youth group enjoyed learning about the Reformation with Pastor Hopman. We ended the month discussing how Israel divided into two kingdoms following King Solomon's death. To reinforce this lesson the students enjoyed a blindfolded obstacle course showing how hard it is to focus on Godly advice amid worldly distractions.



Bible Study meets Thursday mornings at 10am in the Gathering room. The last meeting of the year will be on December 14th.

Lutheranism 101 meets at 10:30 Sunday mornings in the Gathering Room. The last meeting of the year will be on December 10th.

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 18th. There will be a sign up sheet in the fireside room or you can call or e-mail the church office to volunteer.



HEY SHOPPERS!

Are you looking for meaningful Christmas gifts for your family and friends? Don't forget our...

- Specially designed and handcrafted metal O.S.L. Centennial Keepsakes. These are especially fitting for folks who were baptized, confirmed, and/or married at our church.
- O.S.L. Centennial Cookbooks. Whether you are a member, live in town, or have moved away – how neat it is to find and try recipes submitted by old friends and family.
- O.S.L. Centennial T Shirts and Caps. Maybe you've already purchased these, enjoyed wearing them, and need more – or you know others who would be proud to wear our logo.

Our table is set up in the hallway outside The Fireside Room. Won't you please consider giving these special gifts?

Financial Report

Oct. Receipts	\$38,443
Oct. Expenditures	\$37,988
Oct. Income/(Loss)	\$454

Attendance

Nov. 5	177
Nov. 12	139
Nov. 19	132



**WINTER WONDERLAND
RETREAT**
AT FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP
JANUARY 12-14, 2024

Enjoy a weekend filled with all of your winter favorites while spending time at Fortune Lake!

Registration is open now!

fortunelake.org

Fortune Lake invites YOU to register for our Winter Wonderland Retreat! The retreat will take place at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp January 12-14, 2024 and is open to families, youth groups, and individual adults.

This retreat is the perfect opportunity to take some time away from your typical schedule to enjoy snowshoeing, skiing, sledding, hot saunas, and more. Lean into your adventurous side with more outdoor experiences or take a chance to curl up next to the fire with a book.

Registration is open now! Follow the link below to learn more and to find the registration page. Call the camp office at (906)214-2267 with any questions.

DECEMBER

9:00am	Ushers	Lector	Acolytes
Dec. 3	Jason Anderson	Jonathan Ringel	Alexis Robb
	Eileen Anderson		Jenna Robb
Dec. 10	Ken Marchetti	<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Weston Jarski
	Chuck Vercoe	<i>No Lector Needed</i>	Staysha Jarski
Dec. 17	Steve Westphal	Heidi Gareau	Landri Rossler
	Donna Westphal		Caylee Shogren
Dec. 23/24/25	Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers, lectors and acolytes for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Please use sign-up sheet in the Fireside room.		
Dec. 31	Krista Buchcuski	Donna Westphal	Jake Buchcuski
	Brent Buchcuski		Katilyn Peterson



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.



Miss Joy has been busy making cardstock Nativity sets. Beginning Sunday, November 26 th , she will start a series of Children's Messages taking the kids through the Christmas Nativity, piece by piece. Each week the kids will get their own pieces to take home...



*O come, little children,
O come one and all,
To Bethlehem haste,
to the manger so small,
God's son for a gift has
been sent you this night
To be your redeemer,
your joy and delight.*

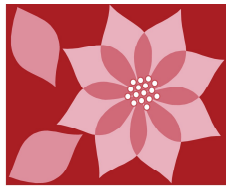


We will have a special tree up front in the sanctuary to place hats, mittens, gloves & socks to gift the local elementary schools. Many times children come to school without these items and there is a need.

Church Directories are here!



There is a copy for each family, even if you did not have your picture taken or did not submit a picture. Additional copies are available free of charge in the office.



DECEMBER

Birthdays

- 1 Aj Buckman
Casey Buckner
Susan Noel
Sally Nelson
- 2 Paige Janousek
Kayla Johnson
- 4 Chace Jungles
- 5 Joey Berglund
Gary Erickson
Ethan Plonke
Faith Roell
- 6 Laura Brodersen
Michelle Carlson
Shirley Larson
Travis Marchetti
- 7 David Holmes
Wanda Khor
Tim Olsen
- 8 Nick Jungles
- 9 Anthony Rigoni
- 10 Debbie Sleik
Jon Walimaa
- 11 Nancy Anderson
Jan Truel
- 12 Jan Buckman
David Christesen

- Evan Mendini
Braelyn Savage
- 13 Lindsay Richer
Jason Roell
- 14 Connor Edwards
Drew Ramme
Liam Castro-Ray
Andrew Strickler
Shane Winkler
- 15 Allan Raho
- 16 David Bates
- 18 Andre Clement
- 19 Collin Hirthe
Connie Swartout
Meghan Olson
- 20 Sandra Shulstad
- 22 Ryan Camp
Traci Charette
Michelle Polzien
- 23 Adaline Bray
- 24 Joy Nasi
- 26 Kathy O'Connell
- 27 Bridget Raiche
- 28 Kristin Edwards
Ingrid Martonen
- 29 Susanna Tyrcha
Lucas Davidson

- 30 Rylan Grunlund
Alli Rossler
- 31 Brett Ramme



DECEMBER

Anniversaries

**Doug & Roberta Rigoni—40
years!
December 17th, 1983**

**Bob & Ruth Truscott—35 Years!
December 17th, 1988**

Thank You From:
Mennonite Disaster Service
Chuck & Ginny Gibson
UP Regional Blood Center



DECEMBER



As most of you already know, I will be leaving my position at Our Saviour's on November 30th. I want to take this moment to thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for the friendships that we've grown and the great memories we've made. I will count my time in the church office as one of my deepest joys. I will truly miss trying to think of ways to make our church a great place to worship. I pray for continued blessings on Our Saviour's ministries. I anticipate being back to visit quite a bit. I'm also looking forward to staying in touch. My personal email is christinamaki@ymail.com (yes, that's a "Y" not a "G"). For church related business, feel free to continue using the financial@oslfamily.org


Grace and peace,

Christina Maki
Office Administrator

Bible Quiz

Complete this Bible verse: "The (1)___ (2)___ in the (3)___, and the (3)___ has not overcome it."

- A. (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- B. (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- C. (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns; (3) world
- D. (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines; (3) world
- E. None of the above



Answer: B (See John 1:5)



It's hard to believe that we are near the end of the year already! Our classes are moving along very well, we have adjusted to our routine and are working on practicing songs for our Christmas program.

We spent the month of November learning about the changing seasons and how to be bucket fillers and not bucket dippers. Everyone has an invisible bucket inside of them. When you are kind to others we fill our bucket and theirs, when we hurt people with actions or words we are bucket dippers and empty our bucket and theirs.

We will spend the month of December talking about Christmas and the birth of Jesus. How celebrating Christmas and receiving presents is wonderful, but we must always remember the real reason, Jesus' was born on this day.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss Mandy and Miss Kaye

**Christmas Program:
Thursday, December 7th at 5:30pm**

**Christmas break:
Wed. Dec 20 - Mon. Jan 2**



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!



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 osl-family.org!



In December confirmation students will meet on the 13th 6:30-7:30pm. Classes will take a break during winter break and resume on January 3rd.

Our 7th graders have been studying the Ten Commandments and 8th grade has been learning about the Sacraments.

The Confirmation classes had a paper product drive to support the Caring House. Pictured below are the 7th graders with their contributions.



Financial Administrator

We are looking to fill an open position for a part-time, salaried Financial Administrator. They would be responsible for the overall management and completion of church office related functions. This person will manage the financial bookkeeping and reporting functions at OSL as well as cross-training with our Office Specialist. This position reports directly to the Senior Pastor. Anyone interested in learning more about this position should contact the church office at office@oslfamily.org or 906-774-2733.



PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Every December we look forward to and celebrate Christmas. In theological terms, we celebrate the incarnation of the eternal divine Son of God. “Incarnation” literally means “putting into flesh (carnem is Latin for flesh [accusative, object of preposition in]).” John’s Gospel puts it even more directly than our English word “incarnation” can: “The Word [God’s Son] became flesh and dwelt among us [John 1:14].”

This means that Jesus Christ is fully and completely human and fully and completely divine. Wherever the divine Son of God is, there is his humanity. Death itself could not separate almighty God from Christ’s body and blood.

As is often the case, perhaps the greatest statements of this truth come from the tradition of Christian hymnody. Proclaiming the death of God’s Son on the cross, Johann Rist (1607-1667) wrote in his Passion hymn,

“O great dread! God Himself lies dead. (O große Not! Gott selbst liegt tod)” Martin Luther (1483-1546) described the depths of this incarnation in his Christmas hymn, “From Heaven Above.” Verse 5 reads, “These are the signs which you will see / To let you know that it is He: / In manger-bed, in swaddling clothes / The child who all the earth upholds.(...das Kind gelegt, / das alle Welt erhält und trägt)”

The good news is that we need not wonder what God thinks of us. We need not encounter him in the terrifying holiness of his divinity, like Isaiah did in the temple (Isaiah 6:1-4). Instead, God has found us in the manger. As the Nicene Creed says, “For us and for our salvation, He [The eternal Son of God] came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.” In the body of blood of this man Jesus, which was shed and given for us on the cross, the same body that lay in the manger, God has come to have mercy. Unto you a savior is born (Luke 2:11). Happy Advent and Merry Christmas.

Pastor Hopman

Saturday Pianist

We are looking for an additional part-time Saturday Worship Service Pianist. We are looking for help to supplement our current pianists so even those with only partial availability are welcome to inquire. Anyone interested should contact the church office at office@oslfamily.org or 906-774-2733.

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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(Back Row: Caleb Erickson, Clark Robb, Michael Weber, Emma Strom, Connor White & Pastor Hopman Front Row: Madalyn Sleik, Seth Greenleaf, Mya Brunswick & Jessa Rossler)

Congratulations to our nine students who were confirmed on October 29th!



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