



The Carillon

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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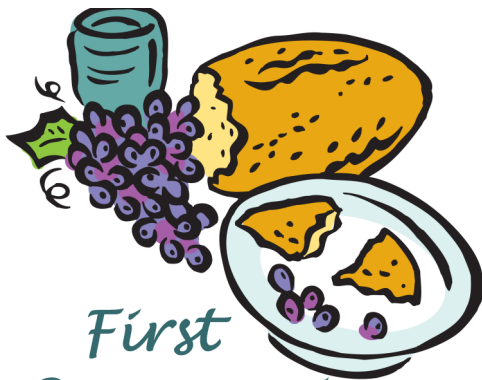


**Christmas Eve Family
Services**
3:00 & 5:00pm

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**
8:00pm

**Christmas Day
Service**
10:00am

***All services include Holy Communion.
The 8:00pm service is broadcast live over 94.3 FM.***

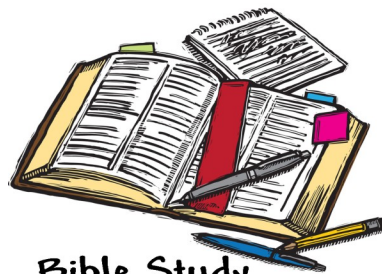


First Communion

Classes for our fifth graders will begin on Sunday, January 26th at 9:40am in Creation Station and will continue through March 24th.

The Seder Meal will be held on Saturday, March 14th and First Communion on Sunday, March 15th at the 10:45am service.

Parents will gather on Sunday, January 26th at 9:45am in the Sanctuary for an Orientation. If you have a fifth grader and have not received a letter by January 19th, please call the church office.



Bible Study

Lutheran 101

Pastor Paul's Bible Study will resume **Thursday, January 9th** at 10:30am & 6:30pm in the Gathering Room. We will be taking a look at our Lutheran roots and doctrine. If you're new to the Lutheran faith or want a refresher, this is for you. The coffee's on and you're invited!



Your 2020 offering envelopes have been mailed. If you do not receive yours by the end of next week, please call the church office. Also if you are on automatic giving and would still like to have envelopes let Christina know.

Radio Broadcast Is Back!

We just received word that WZNL is back on the air after being off for about a month. Those that sponsored during the outage will be repeated the next few weeks in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!



I'm sure many have noticed our beautiful LLadro nativity display in the Fireside Room. This wonderful nativity was given to Our Saviour's in loving memory by the family of Hettie Lindblom Cole, a lifelong member until her passing in 2017. We are so thankful and appreciative for this beautiful gift. Special thanks to Joy Nasi who built the crèche and painted the gorgeous backdrop.



**Tuesday, January 7th
10:00am**

It's always fun to decorate the church for Christmas and to see all the shimmering lights and decorations. Now we must face the fact that what goes up - must come down! On Tuesday, Jan. 7th we need volunteers to help with the task of un-decorating the church. We'll start at 10:00am and end with a lunch served by the staff.



***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 10th. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Thank You!



A big thank you to our wonderful Church Family who offer their time, gifts and talents to help make our church and its ministries thrive.

- For all who decorated our church.
- To those who baked for our home-bound or for our Fellowship Hour.
- For all who took an Angel Tree child.
- To those who sang during services and the Cantata.
- For all who ushered, lectured, served as acolytes and served communion.
- To those who work behind the scenes cleaning our pews, keeping our Fellowship cabinet supplied, repairs and yard work.
- For those who assist in the church office, count offerings, add our grocery receipts or the many other things done that keep our church going.

It is such a blessing when we all share our abilities to further God's kingdom.



Church Security Presentation

**Tuesday, January 7th
6:00pm**

In this day and age building security is becoming increasingly more important with physical threats to the workplace, schools, arenas, stadiums, and any area of public gathering. Unfortunately this list includes churches, which are especially challenged to find a balance between open doors and a secure place of worship.

Please join us Tuesday, January 7th at 6:00pm for a church security presentation by our local Michigan State Police troopers. Information will be provided specific to churches, including but not limited to building security, children's ministry, medical emergencies and terrorist threats. The presentation is expected to last approximately one hour with time allotted for questions and answers.

A second presentation will follow, providing information on active shooter situations for anyone interested in attending.



Action

- Present at the Annual Meeting 3 changes to our Constitution's Bylaws.
- Hold \$4,500 from First Fruits, designated for Fukayosi at the 2019 Annual Meeting, in a restricted Money Market for future projects at Fukayosi per their request & Council approval.

Information

- Profile Update
- Tech Team - DVDs will only be done per prior request
- Committee sheets made available to congregation after updating info
- Advent Service of Healing - Wed., Dec. 11th, 6:30pm
- Special Needs Service - Saturday, Dec. 14th at 4pm
- Sunday School Christmas Program - Sunday, December 15th at 4pm
- Christmas Services – Christmas Eve – 3 & 5pm Family Services & 8pm Candle-light, Christmas Day - 10am
- Committee Updates & Reports due Jan. 6th
- Nominating Committee
- Annual Meeting - Sunday, Jan. 26th
- Light at the Inn - Jan. 19 –25 and Feb. 16 –22nd
- Our Saviour's 100th Anniversary - 2023
- Pastoral Acts for November



Women's Bible Study

Attention Ladies!

On Tuesday, January 21st, the Lydia Circle will have its regular monthly meeting at 1pm in the Gathering Room. All ladies are invited. As a part of our meeting, we will begin the study of a newly purchased women's study series from Sola Publishing (*a partner in ministry with our NALC Synod*).

The Proverbs 31 Woman and the Stories of Faithful Women in Scripture is a nine session study that gives a realistic look into the lives of a number of biblical women, both from the Old and New Testaments. Each chapter is based on a specific theme from Proverbs 31 and looks at how it was exemplified in that woman's life story. The eight women described in this study were not examples of perfection. They were ordinary, imperfect human beings like the rest of us, but God used them as his instruments, to his glory. The traits and character exemplified by these biblical women give us an insight into the way God transforms our lives of faith in Christ.

Participant books are available in the church office at a cost of \$8.00. We hope you can join us!



JANUARY

Birthdays

- | | |
|---|---|
| 2 Alexis Robb
Jenna Robb | 19 Betty Senatori
Ellie Smart |
| 3 Elaina Bortolini
Terri Shoquist
Paul Strom | 22 Jace Bonneau
Pam Chiamulera
Gene Davis
Kaye Wienke |
| 5 Kristina Kreh | 23 Mike Petrick
Paul Swanson
Kelly Usitalo
Carson Wakeham
Ashley Weecks |
| 6 RoseAnne Aman | 24 Harold Coplan
William Lautzenheiser |
| 7 Libby Harding | 25 Morgan Bates
Betty Kennedy
Mark Strom
Ian Wienke |
| 9 Barb DeRidder
Douglas Luoma
Brayden Polzien
Emma Strom | 26 Matthew Berglund
Wendy Wender
Aidan Wienke |
| 10 Jaeme Kaski | 27 Mark Moraska |
| 11 Cynthia Giachino | 28 Lynn LaVigne
Joe LeMire |
| 12 Liam Tregillis | 30 Nicole Kreh |
| 13 Ron Aman
Ginny Hansen
Ivy Anderson | 31 Tim Hallenbeck |
| 14 Brenda Johnson
Amanda Khor
Renee' Yake | |
| 16 Todd Johnson
Abishae Pann
Pam Pirkola | |
| 17 Vic Seppi | |
| 18 Cal Soderberg
Jane Vercoe
Todd Willman | |



God Club

Our first God Club lesson for December was entitled "What is Advent?" We wrote and read from the Old Testament...

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

We talked about how the Jewish people had been waiting a long time for God to keep his promise to send a Savior. Through prayers and songs they asked God to help them.

Advent is *our* time of waiting. Each year, during Advent, we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus -- that is, Christmas. The word Advent means "coming." Advent is the four weeks before Christmas when we prepare for Christ's coming. During Advent, we pray to Jesus to fill our hearts with his love. It's a time when we try to pray more and to do good deeds. It isn't always easy, but we can offer our prayers and good deeds as gifts to God.



As our special craft, we turned little wooden boxes into mangers. We made them look like they were made of boards

nailed together for holding animal feed. Miss Joy gave us a ziplock bag full of straw and a list of ideas for kindnesses we could do during Advent. Each day in December, when we did an act of kindness, we could put a pinch of straw into our manger. By the 25th there will be a nice soft bed for a Baby Jesus figure -- which we also made ourselves.

Each Wednesday we "lit" the electric candles on our cedar Advent wreath and sang to the tune of Jimmy Crack Corn...

***Light 1 candle Advent's here
Light 1 candle Advent's here
Light 1 candle Advent's here
Christmas time is near. (clap, clap)***

We talked about the 4 candles of Hope, Preparation, Joy, and Love.

Later in the month we read the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20. Our lesson was "Angels Point the Way!" The angels brought the shepherds the best and greatest news of all: that God came to us as a baby. Jesus came to live with us and to experience everything it means to be a human being. Just as the shepherds were told to *go and see* and then to *go and tell*, we are asked to do the same. We made beautiful angels of wood, felt, lace, and ribbon to use as Christmas decorations and ended the month with a Birthday Party for Jesus. And, it just doesn't get any better than that!

Merry, merry Christmas from
Mrs. Shulstad, Mrs. Poupore, Miss Joy
and all of the God Club Kids!



35 Years - January 4
Robert & Sandra Edgar

In Sympathy to:

** Jack LaChapelle & John & Linette Hiller
and family on the death of wife
& mother, Norma LaChapelle



Thank You From:

Mission Bible Training Center
UPCAP Services
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
Lutheran World Relief
Ila Calvi
Pat Wickman



Christmas Greetings from:

UPCAP Services
Mission Bible Training Center
Nicolet Welcome Service
Prison Fellowship
North American Lutheran Seminary
Okler Roofing
Sally Nelson
Joy Flaherty
NALC
Specialty Landscaping



Our Saviour's will host LATI the week of
January 19th - January 25th. If you would
like to work a shift or provide a meal,
please call the church office.

Financial Report

Nov. Receipts	\$46,189.00
Nov. Expenditures	\$39,508.00

Balance \$6,681.00

Monthly Benevolence	\$300.00
Disbursed	\$ 85.45

Attendance

Dec. 1	100
Dec. 8	184
Dec. 15	191

Alpha Omega	Local
AGAPE	Disbursed





It has been an exciting December in our classroom! Lots of learning, projects and playing in the snow! We are ready for Christmas and celebrating the birth of Jesus!

Our preschoolers have been busy with learning colors, shapes and recognizing the first letter of their name. We have taken that a little further and have started to learn what our first name looks like. They have even been able to pick out their friends names!

Projects are always fun at Christmas! We have made Santa hats, candy cane J for Jesus, and a special gift to give to our parents.

The Pre-Kindergarten class is moving right along with their letter recognition and sounds for each letter. Our cutting skills have been amazing! Our time has been shortened with a few school cancelations and delays this month, but we have made the best of it! Playing in the snow and sled-ding is always fun! We have made beautiful angels to represent Angel Gabriel, a candle for Jesus to light the way, and of course we made gingerbread men and a Santa too. Both classes have spent the month of December learning about the birth of our Savior. Mary's visit from Angel Gabriel; the birth of baby Jesus in a manger; and the beautiful star that shone so bright for all to see. Our last class for the semester will be

Friday, December 20th. We will resume with our second semester starting Monday, January 6th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Miss Mandy and Miss Kaye

Thank You!

I wish to extend a very heartfelt thank you to my church family for all of the calls, texts, cards & especially the prayers after my surgery. Bill and I felt God's presence each step along the way to my recovery.

Dodie Wagner



Have you thought about signing up to get your Carillon by email? There are several good reasons to do just that.

1. Get rid of that mailbox clutter!
2. Save the church paper, toner & mailing costs!
3. It comes in color!
4. You will always know where it's at when you are looking for that important date!
5. Be the first to know what's happening at OSL!

Well - if you're convinced, just send an email to connect@oslfamily.org letting us know and we will get you added to the list.



The Sunday School children put a lot of work into their Christmas Program this year and it showed. They did an amazing job performing the *T'was the Night Before Christmas* on December 15th at 4:00pm. The program was a spin of the *T'was the Night Before Christmas* storybook that taught the true meaning of Christmas. We learned that Christmas isn't all about the loot, bills and gimmie, gimmie, gimmie! It is all about Jesus, joy and love straight from God.

Sunday School is now on break for the Christmas Holidays and we will resume on January 5th. May God Bless You and your family this Christmas and in the New Year!

In Christ's Love,

Your Sunday School Ministry Team



Confirmation is on break and resumes on Wednesday, January 8th. There will be no class on the 22nd due to Light at the Inn.



Pastor's Link

In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ tells his followers, ***“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? ~ Matthew 5:43-48***

The lyrics below tell the true story of an unofficial truce between British and German soldiers on the Western Front in 1914 in World War I. It is told from the perspective of a British soldier.

CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES

'Twas Christmas in the trenches
and the frost so bitter hung,
The frozen fields of France
where no songs of peace were sung.
Our families back in England
were toasting us that day,
their brave and glorious lads,
fighting so far away.

I was lying with my buddies
on the cold and rocky ground,
when across the lines of battle
came a most peculiar sound.

I said; "Now listen up boys,
and each soldier strained to hear,
as one young German voice
sang out so very clear.
Soon one by one each German voice
joined in harmony.

The cannons rested silent
and the gas cloud rolled no more,
as Christmas brought us respite
from this terrible deadly war.
The song they sang was "Stille Nacht."
'Tis "Silent Night," says I,
and in two different tongues
one song filled up that sky.

There's someone coming towards us now,
the front line sentry cried.
All sights were fixed on one lone figure
trudging from their side.
His truce flag like a Christmas Star
shone on the plain so bright,
As he bravely trudged unarmed
into the dark of night.

Then one by one men on both sides,
walked in to No Man's Land
with neither gun nor bayonet,
and we met there man to man.
We shared some secret brandy
and we wished each other well,
we traded chocolate and cigarettes
and photographs from home,
these sons and fathers fighting
far away from families of their own.

Soon daylight shone upon us,
and France was France once more.
With sad farewells we each began
to settle back to war.

But the question haunted every heart
that lived that wondrous night,
what families father do I have
fixed within my rifle sights?

'Twas Christmas in the trenches
and the frost so bitter hung.
The frozen fields of France were warmed,
the songs of peace were sung.
For the walls they kept between us
to exact the work of war,
had been crumbled and were gone now,
gone forever more.

Each Christmas that has come since,
I've learned its lessons well,
for the one who calls the shots
won't be among the dead or lame,
and on each end of the rifle
we are all just the same.

May the Peace of God, which passes
all of our understanding,
give us hope love and peace
this brand new Christmas Morn!

In the name of Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace and the Lord of lords,
Pastor Paul



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ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26th
Lunch - 11:45am
Meeting - 12:15pm

At our 97th Annual Meeting of Our Saviour's we will review the past year and receive reports from our various ministry teams. A budget for 2020 will be presented for approval. We will also be voting on Bylaw changes.

Prior to the meeting our Church Council will serve us a soup luncheon with all the trimmings immediately following worship.

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



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THE SAVIOR
is BORN!