



The Carillon

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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*A New Year
for Serving*



January 2024



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@osfamily.org or dropped off there. Deadline is Monday, January 29th. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



First Communion Classes

Classes for our fifth graders will begin January 21st. Letters with more information will be coming soon. If you have a 5th grader and do not receive a letter please let the church office know.



Church Council

Kris Kreh, Doug Louma, Pastor Hopman, Michelle Carlson, John Reed, Bev Wadke, Lucas Davidson, John Kelm, Lindsay Rigoni, Jim Meier, Justin Cowen, Doreen Olson, Eileen Anderson, Terri Shoquist, Molly Gustafson, Roseanne Aman, Ginny Gibson, Chuck Gibson, Linda Westman, Al Westman, Kayla Johnson, Jean Haigh, Kathy Kelm, Thad Strom, Cris Hamlin, Michael Hamlin, Linnea Marchetti, Kristine Cohodes

Action

- Reinstate Justin Cowen as a Church Council Member.
- Install Lindsay Rigoni as a Church Council member and install Jim Meier as a member without vote until he is eligible in February of 2024.
- Table any action regarding our continued involvement with FLLC until the next council meeting.
- Not renew the Financial Administrator newspaper posting nor to place a posting for the Office Specialist opening until after interviewing the four candidates we have received.
- Appoint Ted Sparapani to fill Jaeme Kaski's Council vacancy upon his acceptance of this nomination. (cont'd)

- Raise Pastor Nicholas Hopman's salary for 2024 to \$61,000, to combine his yearly budget for continued education and travel expense accounts into one account to be used for either topic at his discretion and to allow him and his family the opportunity to vacate the parsonage at any time in the future that they desire provided they give the Church Council at minimum a 6 month written notice at which time Pastor Hopman will be paid a housing allowance to be determined by the Church Council at that time.
- Add Joy Nasi as a signer to the church bank account.
- Allow Christina Maki to be paid our typical temporary office fill in wage as needed when she is requested to help train our temporary or permanent replacement office staff.

Information

- Review the initial draft of our Church Budget for the 2024 year prior to next month's Council meeting
- Our Centennial Time Capsule, containing OSL children's and youth items, was buried on the church grounds on 9/10/2023 and is to be opened at the 25 year mark. Location: Start at the NE corner of the church building. Measure 12 yards EAST, then 10 yards SOUTH. *(These numbers were used with our 1210 S. Kimberly address in mind.)* Use metal detector as needed. *(See 2023 Annual Report for more information.)*

- Please review the council in charge list to see if you are the alternate for a council person that has resigned.
- Christmas Services are:
 4th Sunday of Advent, Saturday Dec. 23rd in the Sanctuary @ 5 pm
 - Christmas Eve Services, Sunday Dec. 24th @ 3 pm & 9 pm
 - Christmas Day Service, Monday Dec. 25th @ 10 am
- Pastoral Acts for November 2023

MEMBERS RELEASED:

Bonnie McMorrow
 Kory, Elsa & Malin Pontbriand
 Tania Taff
 Jaeme Kaski
 Jeremy, Christina, Violet & Arlo Maki

BAPTISM:

Shane Douglas Winkler



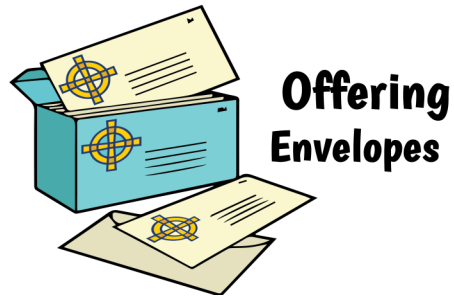
LYDIA



How very nice it was to gather once again, on the third Tuesday of December, for our annual Advent Women's Gathering. Punch was served by Dodie Wagner and hors d'oeuvres were provided by the Lydia Circle Ladies. All women of the church were invited – as well as some special friends.

We were welcomed with beautiful piano selections by Solveig Hopman and the Kreh Sisters. Thank you, girls! After enjoying good food and good company, attendees had the opportunity to share Christmas readings, devotionals, memories and song. We concluded with a fun Christmas Party Game.

On January 16th we will complete our Bible Study, Session 9, Members of the Body, with Terri Shoquist as leader. Colleen Holmes will serve as hostess. All are invited to join us in the Gathering Room at 1:00pm for our study, fellowship, prayer, dessert and a short business meeting. We would love to see you there!



Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available for pick up in the hall outside the church office until Thursday, January 5th. At that time, they will be mailed to everyone who has not picked them up or requested to be removed from the offering envelope list.



Church Un Decorating Tuesday, January 9th 9:00am

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. 9th we need volunteers to help with the task of un-decorating the church. Many hands make light work.

January Volunteers

9:00am	Ushers	Lector	Acolytes
Jan. 7	Jason Anderson	<i>Praise & Worship No Lector Needed</i>	Alexis Robb
	Eileen Anderson		Jenna Robb
Jan. 14	Steve Faust	Blanche Walimaa	Jaycie Marchetti
	Larry Nasi		Jayda Marchetti
Jan. 21	Steve Westphal	Steve Faust	Eli Slade
	Donna Westphal		Emily Strickler
Jan. 28	Marge Sparapani	Heidi Gareau	Hayden Grunlund
	Ted Sparapani		Solveig Hopman





Confirmation

Confirmation is on break and resumes on Wednesday, January 10th.



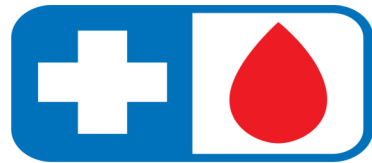
Radio Broadcast

Our Radio Broadcast is available to sponsor for the next several weeks. Any donation over \$50 will be listed in the church bulletin. This may be in honor, in memory, or in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, retirement, etc. The options are many. This is an important outreach for our community and homebound members which was started by Pastor Faust many decades ago.

Our YouTube and flowers are also open for several weeks.



A big thank you to Carol Bates for her many years of service at Our Saviour's. Carol assisted fundraising for both the youth and women for 20 years by adding up all of the Super One & Tadych grocery receipts, which we receive 1% of the sales.



Blood Drive

**Hosted by Our Saviour's
Monday, January 22nd
2:30 - 6:00 pm**

Help save lives in the Upper Peninsula by donating blood! All donations made with the UP Regional Blood Center stay in the UP by supplying blood to patients in need at all 13 UP hospitals. Walk-ins welcome!

For more information visit
uphealthsystem.com or call 906.449.1450.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP

December was an exciting month for our youth programming at Our Saviour's. We began the month by learning about Elijah, a prophet of God. We re-enacted the life of Elijah, played a relay game and made an Elijah story counter.

During the second half of December, we focused on our Christmas presentation "The Jesse Tree: Jesus' Family Tree". Each family was given a Jesse Tree family activity kit to reinforce the message at home. The

Jesse Tree theme is how we belong to God's family through Jesus. The Jesse Tree brings us through God's promises and salvation with symbols of Jesus' victory from Creation to the Cross. Jesus is the Seed of Jesse's tree. He is the Root of Jesse's tree.

Sunday school and Youth Group resume on January 7th.

Important upcoming dates:

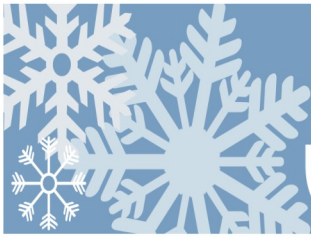
January 7: Sunday school & Youth Group resumes

January 14: Sunday school & Youth group

January 21: Sunday school & Youth Group First Communion lessons begin.

January 28: No Sunday school or Youth Group – Annual Church Meeting





JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Alexis Robb
Jenna Robb
- 3 Elaina Bortolini
Terri Shoquist
- 4 Mya Brunswick
- 5 Kristina Kreh
- 6 RoseAnne Aman
- 7 Libby Harding
- 9 Douglas Luoma
Brayden Polzien
Ave Weecks
- 10 Violet Lehtinen
- 11 Cynthia Giachino
- 12 Liam Tregillis
Vera Mendina
- 13 Ginny Haelterman
Ivy Anderson
- 16 Abishae Pann
- 17 Vic Seppi
- 18 Cal Soderberg
Jane Vercoe
Todd Willman

- 19 Betty Senatori
- 21 Ellie Smart
- 22 Jace Bonneau
Pam Chiamulera
Gene Davis
Kaye Wienke
- 23 Paul Swanson
Kelly Usitalo
Carson Wakeham
Ashley Weecks
- 24 Harold Coplan
- 26 Matthew Berglund
Wendy Wender
- 27 Mark Moraska
- 28 Lynn LaVigne
Joe LeMire
- 30 Nicole Kreh
- 31 Tim Hallenbeck

Anniversaries:

Ted & Marge Sparapani
30 years - January 8th

Bob & Char Williams
15 years - January 10th

Dave & Mandy Shogren
20 years - January 24th



Christmas Greetings



Joy Carlson
Mission Bible Training Center
Fortune Lake Staff & Board of Directors
Bay Cliff Health Camp
UP Regional Blood Center
Dorothy Kasten
Church Music Solutions



Betty and Cal Soderberg on the death of
brother-in-law David 'D.J.' Schiavo.



We are looking at getting a group to travel to Tanzania this year to visit our sister congregation. If you would be interested in going please contact Jan Buckman at 906.779.5088 or the church office.



Larry & Barb Partanen
Mary Parrott
Marge Bantle
Betty Senatori
Pat Wickman
First Lutheran Food Pantry
Jack & Sandra Bale

Attendance

Dec. 3	167	Dec. 23	39	Dec. 31	140
Dec. 10	176	Dec. 24	368		
Dec. 17	229	Dec. 25	45		



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!

Just send an email: connect@oslfamily.org letting us know and we will get you added to the list.

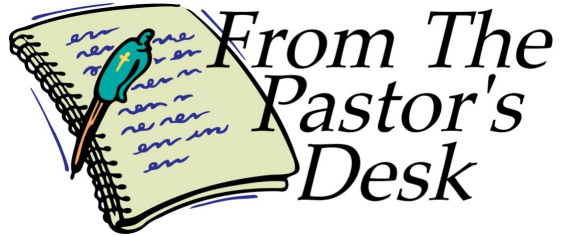


God's Love Gift Wrapped

The January donation for our Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits will be:

A lightweight dark colored bath towel.

You may drop off in the church office.



In Epiphany we remember the Magi's visit to the Holy Family (Matthew 2:1-15). This shows us the importance of Jesus. Wise and perhaps powerful men come from the east to worship him and give him expensive gifts.

Jesus is the Messiah (the Greek word for "Messiah" is "Christos," which has come into English as "Christ") that God promised to his chosen people Israel. But the appearance of the gentile Magi shows us that Jesus' significance will extend outside of Israel also. Christ's ministry on earth is mostly for his fellow Jews, but even during this period he occasionally helped gentiles. The Apostle Paul writes, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew then to the gentile" (Rom. 1:16).

Christ is fully and completely human. He will be Mary's son for all of eternity. The same Jewish body that lay in the manger died on the cross, rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven. Christ did not rise as a ghost or a disembodied, universal or neutered soul. Instead, the tomb was empty. Mary's son rose from the dead and, among other things, he will always be Jewish.

Christ is also fully and completely divine. He is the creator of all the earth and the universe. After his resurrection, this creator instituted the Baptism of all nations (Matthew 28:19). This is of course universal in a sense, but at the same time it is also very specific. Just as God became incarnate through one specific woman in one specific place, Baptism is for a specific person. It is not a universal promise, but a promise given to the specific person whom the water touches.

The creator of the whole universe has arrived at a specific manger and become a part of a specific family in order to get a specific promise to you. In Epiphany we give thanks that God does this “apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21). We gentiles do not have the law that God gave to Israel, but we are justified by faith in God’s promises, just as Abraham and his Jewish decedents were justified by faith in God’s promises (Galatians 3:18).

Merry Christmas and Happy Epiphany,
Pastor Hopman



*Adoration of the Kings (1522)
Lucas Cranach, the Elder (Martin Luther's pal)
(1472-1553)
Oil on Wood Panel, 33 in. x 25 in.
Historical Museum Bamberg (Germany)*

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)

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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Sunday, January 28th Following 9:00 am Worship

At our 101st Annual Meeting of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, we will review the past year and receive reports from our various ministry teams. Our usual topics will be discussed, including the budget for 2024 and voting for church council members. Watch the bulletin announcements in January for more details.

All committee reports for the Annual Report need to be in the church office by January 9th.



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