



The Carillon

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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GLORY TO GOD



**Christmas Eve Family
Services**

3:00 & 5:00pm

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**

8:00pm

**Christmas Day
Service**

10:00am

January 2019

***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, February 3rd at 9:40am in Creation Station and will continue through March 24th.

The Seder Meal will be held on Saturday, March 23rd and First Communion on Sunday, March 24th at the 10:45am service.

Parents will gather on Sunday, February 3rd at 9:45am in the Gathering Room for an orientation. If you have a fifth grader and have not received a letter by January 28th, please call the church office.



Your 2019 offering envelopes have been mailed. If you did not receive yours by the end of next week, please call the church office.

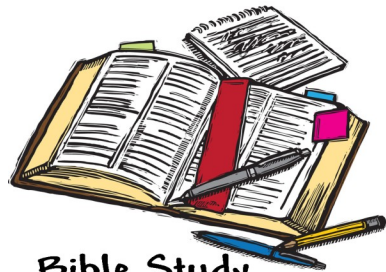
Also if you are on automatic giving and would still like to have envelopes let Christina, our Financial Secretary know.



The Truth Project Women's Bible Study Beginning Tuesday, January 22nd 5:15pm - Gathering Room

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 13 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. As it has been throughout history, God continues to call ordinary people to make an eternal difference in our world.

Please call the church office to sign-up by Monday, Jan. 14th. There are no books for this study.



Bible Study

Pastor Paul's Bible Study will resume **Thursday, January 10th** at 10:30am & 6:30pm in the Gathering Room. The coffee's on and you're invited as we dig into God's word together.



**Tuesday, January 8th
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. 8th we need volunteers to help with the task of un-decorating the church. We'll start at 9:00am 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 18th. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Meet Our Newest Members!



We welcome Paul & Jeanne Castor to our church family. They have recently retired from the hospital and both enjoy gardening.



We would like to encourage everyone to continue giving to the Capital Fund. Our church building is starting to show its age and will be needing continuous repairs and projects. The big one in the not so distant future is a new roof. Thanks again for all your faithful giving! God is generous to us and we respond in thanks and giving.

The Finance Committee

THANK YOU
for SERVING



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 homebound 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.



Sunday School is on break and will return Sunday, January 6th at 9:40am.



The BASIC kids have been busy again this month! Some of them put on a puppet show telling the Christmas story for the Special Needs Service. All of them helped with the planning and rehearsal for it. We will definitely be sharing more puppet shows in the future! We also watched a video about early Christians in Cappadocia (eastern Turkey!) What a great history lesson on how they got there and the persecution they endured. We are looking forward to the New Year! Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:40 (between services) for fun and fellowship in the youth room! We will resume on Sunday, January 6th.



Church Council



Action

- To approve 9 staff Christmas gifts at \$30 each.
- To approve the Annual Meeting date for Sunday, January 27th with lunch by the Council.
- To approve the following for First Fruits benevolence totaling \$3,300.
 1. \$100 for Christmas gift for Asha
 2. \$1,000 for a lift chair at the VA
 3. \$1,000 for the California wildfires
 4. \$500 for World Hunger
 5. \$200 for bedding for Light at the Inn
 6. \$500 for Nancy Buchcuski's trip to Tanzania

Information

- Advent Service of Healing - Wed., Dec. 12th, 6:30pm
- Christmas Services – Christmas Eve – 3 & 5pm Family Services & 8pm Candle-light, Christmas Day - 10am
- Security Camera Update
- Committee Updates: Finance - Planning of funds needed for 2019 Budget
- Thermostats
- Light at the Inn - December 27th is our day at St. Mary's in Norway (churches are splitting the week of Christmas since no one volunteered). Our other weeks are Jan. 20th - 26th and March 10th - 16th.

- Council Person-in-Charge Schedule and Communion Assistants for Christmas
- Review of 2019 Budget at January meeting
- Pastoral Acts for November



On a Mission

Thank you to everyone at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for the generous donation to Mennonite Disaster Service. You helped feed 86 volunteers for 30 days.

In that time an older 2 story home was sided and painted, one foundation was put in, three new houses were framed (with roof rafters) and sheeted. Two of those houses have windows and doors. They are also sided and painted.

I was there when one home owner went up the temporary steps, paused and wiped her tears before she could walk through the doorway of her newly framed home.

It is a privilege to represent the members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Thank you,
Ginny Gibson



3 Elaina Bortolini
Terri Shoquist
Pastor Paul Strom
5 Kristina Kreh
6 RoseAnne Aman
7 Libby Harding
9 Barb DeRidder
Douglas Luoma
Brayden Polzien
10 Jaeme Kaski
11 Cynthia Giachino
13 Ron Aman
Ginny Jungles
Ivy Anderson
14 Brenda Johnson
Amanda Khor
Renee' Yake
15 Curt Pitts
16 Todd Johnson
Abishae Pann
Pam Pirkola

17 Vic Seppi
18 Cal Soderberg
Jane Vercoe
Todd Willman
19 Betty Senatori
Ellie Smart
22 Pam Chiamulera
Gene Davis
Kaye Wienke
23 Mike Petrick
Paul Swanson
Kelly Usitalo
Carson Wakeham
24 Harold Coplan
25 Morgan Bates
Betty Kennedy
Mark Strom
Ian Wienk
26 Matthew Berglund
Wendy Wender
Aiden Wienke

28 Lynn LaVigne
Joe LeMire
30 Nicole Kreh
31 Tim Hallenbeck





January 2019



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> | 2 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 Sewing Bee | 3 10:00 Prayer at the Altar | 4 | 5 5:00 Evening Worship |
| 6 8:30 Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School/ B.A.S.I.C. 10:45 Worship Service | 7 <i>Annual Reports Due</i> 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 4:45 Girl Scouts | 8 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 9:00 Church Un-Decorating 2:00 ManorCare Service 5:00 Council Executive 7:00 Ultreya | 9 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 8:30 Sewing Bee 1:00 Hospice Quilters 5:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Confirmation | 10 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at the Altar 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study | 11 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's | 12 5:00 Evening Communion Service |
| 13 8:30 Worship Service 9:15 Praise Practice 9:30 Sunday School/B.A.S.I.C. 10:45 Praise Service 4:00 Special Needs Service | 14 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 6:00 Girl Scouts | 15 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 1:00 Lydia Circle 5:00 Church Council | 16 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 8:30 Sewing Bee 1:00 Hospice Quilters 3:15 God Club 5:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Confirmation | 17 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at the Altar 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study | 18 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's | 19 5:00 Evening Worship |
| 20 8:30 Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School/ B.A.S.I.C. 10:45 Worship Service 5:30 Light at the Inn | 21 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 4:45 Girl Scouts 5:30 Light at the Inn | 22 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 5:15 The Truth Project 5:30 Light at the Inn | 23 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 8:30 Sewing Bee 1:00 Hospice Quilters 3:15 God Club 5:00 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Light at the Inn | 24 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at the Altar 5:30 Light at the Inn 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study | 25 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 5:30 Light at the Inn | 26 5:00 Evening Worship 5:30 Light at the Inn |
| 27 8:30 Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School/ B.A.S.I.C. 10:45 Praise Service 11:45 Annual Meeting Lunch 12:15 Annual Meeting | 28 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's | 29 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 5:15 The Truth Project | 30 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 1:00 Hospice Quilters 3:15 God Club 5:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Confirmation | 31 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at the Altar 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study | | |

January

USHER

LECTOR

ACOLYTES

NURSERY

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|---------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Jan 6, 2019 | 8:30 am | Steve Faust Kory Pontbriand Damian Taff Tania Taff | Nancy Buchcuski | Troy Watt Hailey Greenleaf | |
| | 10:45 am | Fred Shoquist Doreen Olson Molly Gustafson Debbie Sleik | Ali Bray | Morgan Sleik Connor Watts | |
| Jan 13 P&W | 8:30 am | Dennis Veale Todd Veale Ernie Larson Pam Larson | Cris Hamlin | Garrett Veale Audrey Veale | |
| | 10:45 am | Michele Johnson Kalie Johnson Sandra Edgar | Bev Wadke | Nolan Whtie Matthew Richer | Abby Richer |
| Jan 20 | 8:30 am | Steve Westphal Donna Westphal Verna Hower Jason Roell | Patrick Tanguay | Clara Anderson Cole Baij | |
| | 10:45 am | Wade Edwards Connor Edwards Bruce Buckman | Bob Williams | Brett Ramme Madison Jungles | |
| Jan 27 P&W | 8:30 am | Terry Reed Lynne Reed John Reed Raquel Boone | Paula Swartout | Eli Reed Wyatt Scott | |
| | 10:45 am | Deb Jump Sandy Bale | Doug Luoma | Paige Janousek Eden Janousek | |



USHER LECTOR ACOLYTES NURSERY

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| Feb 3, 2019 | 8:30 am | Jason Anderson Family | Heidi Gareau | Sophie Anderson Alyssa Englund | Gabe Ceello |
| | 10:45 am | Dodie Wagner Bill Wagner Jon Walimaa Blanche Walimaa | Jan Buckman | Julia Bradley Mya Watkins | |
| Feb 10 P&W | 8:30 am | Tim Hallenbeck Family Chuck Vercoe | Joy Nasi | Jared Johnson Cole Myllyla | Ali Metras |
| | 10:45 am | Doug Luoma Julie LaCost Jim Chartier | Geoff White | Adyson Weber Mackenzie Primeau | |
| Feb 17 | 8:30 am | Harrison Klossner Bennett Klossner Jaeme Kaski | Steve Faust | Elaina & Anna Bortolini | Josie Scott |
| | 10:45 am | Geoff White Family | Doreen Olson | Marcella Martonen Evan Mendini | Macy Edwards |
| Feb 24 P&W | 8:30 am | Larry Partanen Barbara Partanen Larry Nasi Joy Nasi | Tania Taff | Lexi Stanley Mya Grunlund | Dominic Schinderle |
| | 10:45 am | Fred Shoquist Doreen Olson Debbie Sleik | Julie LaCost | James & Sammy Chartier | |

March

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| March 3 | 8:30 am | Adam Buchcusi Brent Buchcusi Hayley Buchcusi Nancy Buchcusi | Chuck Vercoe | Gabe LaFreniere Geno Schinderle | |
| | 10:45 am | Michele Johnson Kalie Johnson Sandra Edgar | Deb Jump | Sam Yake Adyson Shogren | Macy Edwards |

God Club

On the last Wednesday in November we began our Advent project. This year we added four animals to the beautiful peg doll nativity sets we made last year. Following the "Carol of the Beasts," we each created a donkey, cow, sheep, and dove – along with a case to keep them in. We wish you could hear us all sing this sweet song...

**JESUS OUR
BROTHER,
KIND AND
GOOD**



*Jesus our brother,
kind and good
Was humbly born in
a stable rude
And the friendly
beasts
around Him stood
Jesus our brother,
kind and good.*

*"I," said the donkey,
shaggy and brown,
"I carried His
mother up hill and
down;*

*I carried her safely to Bethlehem town."
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.*

*"I," said the cow, all white and red
"I gave Him my manger for a bed;
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head."
"I," said the cow, all white and red.*

*"I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave Him my wool
for His blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.*

*"I," said the dove from the rafters high,
"Cooed Him to sleep
that He should not cry;
We cooed Him to sleep,
my mate and I."*

"I," said the dove from the rafters high.

*Thus every beast by some good spell
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift he gave Emmanuel.*

Each week our Bible verse, lesson, extra craft, video and prayers are somehow related to each animal. One of Miss Joy's favorites was our *Mary Had a Little Lamb* lesson. We made fingerprint lamb ornaments and read a beautiful new little lamb poem. Here are the first and last verses...

*Mary had a little Lamb,
He was born on Christmas day.
She laid him in a manger bed
To sleep upon the hay.
Why do I love this precious Lamb?
What can the reason be?
The answer is quite plain to see,
It's because He first loved me!*

Each of our Wednesday gatherings is packed full of good things -- so we have much more to share, but will stop here for now. All of the God Club kids, Miss Joy, Mrs. Poupore and Mrs. Shulstad wish you all much happiness this Christmas and a most blessed New Year!

Miss Joy

JANUARY

anniversaries

25 Years - January 8
 Ted & Marge Sparapani
 10 Years - January 10
 Bob & Char Williams

In Sympathy to:

- ** Sympathy to Ted Gustafson, Molly Gustafson and Jamie, Lindsay, Abby & Matthew Richer on the death of mother, mother-in-law & grandmother, Joyce Gustafson.
- ** Jim & Bonnie McMorrow on the death of his mother, Thelma McMorrow.
- ** Tom & Carol Bates & family on the death of her brother, Merlin Hicks.



Thank You From:

Ben Vercoe
 Zach Ceello
 Ginny Gibson
 Dorothy Kasten
 Ila Calvi
 First Lutheran Food Pantry
 Brenda Kelly
 Pat Wickman

Christmas Greetings from:

Okler Roofing
 Mission Bible Training Center
 Caring House
 Samaritan's Purse
 The Vanderbloemen Team
 NAL Seminary
 Specialty Landscaping
 UPCAP Services, Inc.
 NALC
 Ernie & Pam Larson
 Debbie Johnson
 Sovereign Communications

Financial Report

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| Nov. Receipts | \$45,849.00 |
| Nov. Expenditures | \$31,166.00 |
| Balance | \$14,683.00 |
| Monthly Benevolence Disbursed | \$ 300.00 \$1,035.80 |

Attendance

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|---------|-----|
| Dec. 2 | 196 |
| Dec. 9 | 188 |
| Dec. 16 | 241 |

Alpha Omega Local
 AGAPE Disbursed



The Preschool and Prekindergarten kids had their Christmas program on Thursday, December 13. They all did a fantastic job! It was a beautiful program and a wonderful way to let the little ones share the good news of our Savior's birth. We've been working on our program songs since the beginning of November and all the practice and hard work definitely paid off.

There's always a lot to do when the Christmas season begins. Both classes work hard on making Christmas gifts for their families. We sing songs, make projects and continue our daily lessons and classroom routines. Most importantly, we always spend time each day reading and learning about Jesus and the reason we celebrate the season in the first place! The students have two weeks off for Christmas break and will back at school the second week of January.

Happy Birthday Jesus!



Confirmation is on break and resumes on Wednesday, January 9th. There will be no class on the 23rd due to Light at the Inn.



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 me know and I will get you added to the list.



Our Saviour's will host LATI the week of January 20th - January 26th.



Marky's Corner

Hi everybody!

I just wanted to check in and let you all know how things are going for me! Last month I moved into a group home near Stephenson, and I just love it! I am learning all kinds of new things, meeting new people and going to a whole new school! There are other people living here, and they are helping me learn new social and coping skills. They have a creek behind the house and we live near a lake and they have a pontoon boat and a couple of cats to play with.

I do miss all of you so much, and I am looking forward to coming back to church soon! I have to settle in here first, so I can get used to my new place. I am doing very well and think of all of you often. You have all treated me and my family so well and with so much love and acceptance. You are so patient with my 'differentness'. Please tell Daryl that when I come back I can't wait to stick my finger in his ear again! He complains, but I know he loves it. God bless all of you and thanks for all the prayers...they worked!

Marky Luther Strom

How Do I Know? By Diana Miller

How do I know Lord
if I'm where you want me to be?
How do I know if I'm looking at
what you want me to see?
My mind tells me to follow my heart
and you will lead.
My heart says there is need everywhere,
take root and you will succeed.
So gentle we must walk among
those yet to know you,
So they don't shy away from knowing
God's love that is so true.
Blessed with the task to share your love
and joy from the start.
Blessings given we know can multiply,
growing in the heart.
God Bless !



Pastor's Link

Advent and Christmas. Two seasons of the Church Year that fall in one month that reveal the very heart of God and speak the truth of God's Word: that God became human in order to save humankind from the condemnation we brought upon ourselves and the eternal death that awaited humans in this cursed and fallen world. God becoming human to save humans. Non-believers find this teaching ridiculous, and they think that we who hold this belief as delusional at worst, and foolish at best. They know nothing of God's sacrificial, unmerited love for them in sending His only begotten Son into our very flesh in order to be the savior of all of humankind.

God's Son was born to die that we might never die. God becoming human to save all humans. The fallen world around us finds the incarnation and birth of Christ ridiculous and offensive. They hear the story as a quaint little fable that is meant to make some moral point of generosity and good will toward our fellow man. How sad that the season that is suppose to focus on God's most precious gift to us has become the focal point of materialistic gain in the name of greed and works righteousness. The "prosperity gospel" is based on how we live, and whether we have been "naughty or nice" – it is the exact opposite of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Theology of the Cross, where God gives His greatest gift to us without any merit on our part, indeed loving us while we were yet sinners and His enemies!

And in response to this twisting of God's gift to us, it seems there is even a growing rejection of the spiritual for the secular, ignoring that we are not earthly beings on a spiritual journey, but rather spiritual beings on an earthly journey...this place is not our home. We were hardwired on the cross and in our baptism for spirituality, for a relationship with God no matter how much we may try to ignore it. It is that "God-shaped hole" that exists in every human heart, that can only be filled with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Those who try to fill it with what the world offers will wander this earth in pain and loneliness. They will fill that void with some other form of spirituality that points away from Jesus and His love. In a time when the Good News of Jesus seems to be increasingly watered down to fit pop

culture's politically correct approval meter, we might be tempted to withdraw or to change our message. But this fallen world's need is the same as it always has been since that first bite of forbidden fruit – that is, the need in our heart remains the same: a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will only come by clearly, boldly, and lovingly proclaiming Jesus the Word in all His entirety and purity – or as we also state: 'To speak the truth in love'. God became human to save humans – to save those caught in false religions, materialism, secularism, paganism, atheism, or other forms of fallen man's natural religion based on works righteousness. By God's gracious Word alone through the Holy Spirit, He has opened our blind eyes to His Truth and breathed life back into our spiritually dead hearts. This He has done through faith in His blessed Son's Incarnation, death and resurrection. He has shown us His heart and brought us back into His family. And now He works through His Church, which is ALL of us, to shine this light of God's Word to all who so desperately need to hear it.

All people need this Good News proclaimed – all need to have the True Living God's heart revealed to them; the truth that God became a man in order to save all human-kind. May we begin the New Year in faith, trust and hope in His love and His Word!

In Jesus Name,
Pastor Paul



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Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 27th
Lunch - 11:45am
Meeting - 12:15pm

At our 96th Annual Meeting of Our Saviour's we will review the past year and receive reports from our various ministry teams. A budget for 2019 will be presented for approval.

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 14th.



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