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# ***SIDELITES***

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

*November 20, 2016*

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## ***Advent Festival!***

**Sun., Nov. 27 – 9:25 to 10:25 AM**

It is tradition that each year, Bridget Phifer welcomes all to the Advent Festival! Sunday school classrooms are full of beautiful and creative crafts to make, take home and display during the Advent/Christmas season! It is so much fun! You can check out pictures of past Advent Fests on our website under Shutterfly Photos!



## ***Cantata***

**Sunday, December 11 at 8:15 & 10:30 Worship Services**

***Let There Be Christmas, a cantata by Joseph Martin***

Presented by the Adult Choir on December 11<sup>th</sup> at both the 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services. The beautiful choral anthems and the expressive texts that are read express the miracles of the season.



**Let there be Peace.....** as the Spirit descends like a Dove with healing Love.

**Let there be Love.....**as the world feels the embrace of God's perfect light.

**Let there be Joy.....**as our cup of worship overflows with Thanksgiving.

# Holden Evening Prayer Service



**Saturday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m.**, all are invited to a Holden Evening Prayer service, with time for healing prayers and meditation.

## Christmas Program Sing We Now of Christmas!

Children's Christmas Worship  
Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am

Come and celebrate Christmas worship with our children as they tell you the story of Jesus' birth! Cider, Cocoa and Cookie Fellowship for everyone immediately following the service!



## Mission & A Show Trip



Join us for an evening of Mission work, the show Triple Espresso, and Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory!!  
**Saturday, December 10, 2016, 11am**

For all ages! Cost \$50 per person  
Only 40 spots available – Registration forms available on the youth bulletin board located outside the church office.

## WELCA Christmas Brunch

WELCA Christmas Brunch – Saturday, December 3 9:00 AM – at the New Ulm Country Club – Cost is \$9.00. For more information, and to sign-up, please see the WELCA bulletin board in the social hall!



# *Ministry Focus*



Welcome New Members

## *Members received November 12 & 13:*



Dale & Kristen Anderson



Madeline Cacciatore



Sara Hoffmann



Melinda Lund



Dave & Alyssa Nissen



Andy & Daniele Sharits,  
Jackson & Charles



Steve & Holly Sieg,  
Brandon & Ethan

Julia Young, Ayden & Rorrick (No picture available at this time)



Believe it or not, the season of Advent begins on November 27. Once again we will prepare tell the story of Jesus' birth and remember how the love and grace of God came to earth as a tiny baby. This miracle is always worth celebrating and allowing into our hearts with joy so our faith can be renewed and deepened.

But every year, we are tempted to allow other seemingly fulfilling messages to get in the way of letting the mystery of Jesus' birth into our hearts and minds. This Advent let's all seek Jesus, and put aside the temporary ways of the world. Here are a few thoughts about how to do that.

## Seek Jesus this Advent

**S**top the junk. If you use email, there's a junk filter. Filter out all the extra junk that comes our way this time of year. Instead of television, watch a movie or netflix; give away the extra sweets and fill your fridge with frozen fruit to snack on; delete all the shopping emails before you even open them.

**S**teep your soul. Find an advent devotion for every day. Take just a minute and

read and pray for your day. Try <https://www.luthersem.edu/advent/> or just Google Advent Devotional.

**S**ee the needy. Our world is full of people who have so much less than we do. As God gave us Jesus, we are called to give to the needy. Find a cause, lend a hand. Give a gift that helps others. Our mission team recommends giving to ELCA good gifts where you can buy a cow or a chicken for a farmer in need.

<https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts>

**S**pend Family time. Jesus was born in to a family, and spent his childhood growing up in a family home. These days our families are spread apart, and include diverse relationships. Make it a priority to tell them you love them, and take time to just BE together.

Friends, Jesus is the light in our world, and we need Jesus in our lives more than ever today. I pray that you will let Jesus' light shine on you to warm your heart and deepen your faith as we journey together to follow Jesus at Our Saviors this Advent.

Pastor Deb

*Christ  
IS Coming!*

## Music Ministries at Our Savior's The Importance of Music

We all have music in our lives in some form or another. Even if it's just watching television or going to a movie, the music sung or played gets into our brains and affects our emotions as the story line progresses. Many times we aren't even aware that the music is playing...it's become such a part of the whole experience that we can easily take it for granted. But how wonderful is it, when we can experience a live performance, or watch our children enjoy playing an instrument or sing a favorite song before bedtime. Our bodies and minds react to the sounds and sights on so many levels. It's really part of what it is to be human: to be able to create, react, listen, feel, and enjoy.

I'm given the honor of experiencing music with many people of all ages in our congregation. One of my favorites though is when the children want to sing solos, or duets for their peers on Wednesday Rehearsals. I'm so proud of their confidence and willingness to try. I even got to hear a 5<sup>th</sup> grader play his trumpet yesterday when he's only had his instrument for 6 weeks! I can't wait to hear him at the end of the year!

Thank you for supporting the Music Ministries at Our Savior's. Our children are given the opportunity to experience music and share their gifts every week and I'm blessed to be a part of it.

Shannon Stuckey



**Interested in helping set up a nursery for Our Savior's?** Would you like to have nursery care during worship? We need volunteers for a task force to develop this idea. Please call or text Becca Warta (507)217-9133.



The OSLC Book Study is back! We will meet on Monday, January 16 at 6:30 pm at church. This time we will read "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult. It deals with what it means to be a good parent, a good sister and a good person. And involves medical ethics. If you would like to participate, read the book and come discuss it on Jan. 16. There are copies available at the public library, and you may request a copy through inter-library loan. Or you can purchase your own copy. If you have questions or need more information, contact Patty Young 439-6335.

**Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of Sidelites will be in mailboxes Dec. 18. Please have items for the newsletter to JoEllen by noon Dec. 12. Thank you.**

**THANK YOU!**  
*THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!*  
**THANK YOU!**



Dear Pastor Deb & Church Family,  
Thank you all so much for the support and care you provided to Seab, and to our family during Seab's final days and at his funeral. Both of my parents, Seab and Marly s Seifert, experienced God's overwhelming grace over the years within your congregation and His final blessings these past weeks. Pastor Deb's words and presence, Shannon's music, all of those who graciously served, gave hugs and lovingly held us up, provided the hope of Christ we needed to walk the path of saying good-bye to both Seab and Mom in such a short period of time.

We will always warmly remember you and offer you our highest regard. May God continue to bless your ministry together at Our Savior's.

With sincere gratitude,  
Denice Hinrichs

Thank you to Pastor Deb, Pastor Dave, WELCA ladies, funeral committee, and everyone who visited and prayed for our mom. Thanks for those who took her to events. It meant a lot to her.

The Family of Hertha Block

The Family of Patricia Rodenberg appreciates and thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for your support and service to our family. The funeral and lunch were exactly as Mom would have wanted them and we appreciate your service.

John, Tom & Mary & families

*★ Thank You! ★*  
**THANK YOU!**  
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OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS will include poinsettias, a tree and wreaths.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of decorations, or if you would like to bring a poinsettia, please complete the form below.

*(If you bring a plant and would like to have it in your home after the holiday, please label your plant.)*

Given By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring a poinsettia plant  
(please bring to the church Dec. 21 and place in sanctuary)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_ toward Christmas decorations.

**(Make checks payable to OSLC – memo line "Christmas decorations")**

Given in **memory** of  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Given in **honor** of  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Given as a **gift**

\*Please Note: Forms are due in the church office no later than Dec. 18 for printing in Christmas bulletins.





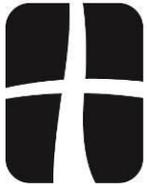
# OUR SAVIOR'S

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## DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  5:30 PM Decorate the church for Advent & Christmas	2	3 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM WELCA Christmas Brunch 5:30 PM <b>Worship</b> 6:00 PM High School Culture Keepers Meeting
4 Children's Choirs sing at both worship services 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Claire Hansen baptism	5  7:00 PM Adult Ministry Team	6  5:15 PM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team	7 11:00 AM WELCA Board 11:15 AM Luther Memorial Home Service 3:10 PM Wed. Choir, Faith & Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir	8 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle	9  1:00 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service	10 Cantata Rehearsal 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM Feed My Starving Children/Triple Espresso 5:30 PM <b>Worship - Holden Evening Prayer Service</b>
11 Cantata 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	12  3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service	13 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team	14 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 3:10 PM Wed. Choir, Faith & Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Jr High Christmas Party 7:15 PM Adult Choir	15	16	17 Christmas Program Rehearsal 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study  5:00 PM High School Caroling/Overnight 5:30 PM <b>Worship</b>
18 Christmas Program 12:00 AM High School Caroling/Overnight 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Facilities/Grounds Team 10:30 AM Worship-Christmas Program	19	20  6:15 PM Missions Ministry Team 6:30 PM Deacons Ministry Team	21 6:30 AM Men's Study Group 3:10 PM Wed. Choir, Faith & Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir	22	23	24 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship-Children's Choirs sing 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship
25 <b>Christmas Day</b> No Sunday School One Worship Service 10:30 AM Worship	26	27 9:00 AM Mission Quilting Day 7:00 PM Church Council	28	29	30	31 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study  <b>No Worship Service</b>



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## **Worship Services**

Saturday Worship – 5:30 PM

Sunday Worship – 8:15 & 10:30 AM

Education Hour – 9:25 AM

## **Regular Broadcasts**

(Comcast Channel 14; NU Telecom Channel 3)

Mon.–7 PM; Thurs.–11:00 AM & 5 PM

# SIDELITES

OUR **SAVIOR'S** is a Welcoming  
community, experiencing **God**,  
reaching out and raising up followers of  
**Jesus Christ**