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# *SIDELITES*

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

*January 2022*

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***The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
will be held Sunday,  
February 6, 2022 at 11:30 A.M.***

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Seventy-five voting members shall constitute a quorum. **Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

The Church Council has recommended, and we will vote on the following constitution changes:

**Personnel Committee Constitution Change:**

**Current:**

**C13.04** A **Personnel Committee** of five members shall consist of the president, vice president, past president, and two members elected by the congregation. Term of office shall be three years and members shall serve no more than two terms consecutively.

**Change to:**

**C13.04** A **Personnel Committee** of five members shall consist of the president, vice president, and three members elected by the congregation. Term of office shall be three years, with one member elected each year. Members shall serve no more than two terms consecutively.

**Finance Committee Constitution Change:**

**Current:**

**C13.06** A **Finance Committee**, of three members including the treasurer, a member of council and one member elected by this congregation. Terms of office shall be three years and members shall serve no more than two terms consecutively.

**Change to:**

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**Copies of the 2021 Congregational Annual Report will be available in the Social Hall and on our website by January 28, 2022. The Budget Meeting will be held on January 30, 2022.**



Church leadership and Ministry Team reports to be included in the 2021 Annual Report are due **no later than Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**. Reports may be dropped off in the church office, or emailed to [jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org).

### **Ministry Team Members and Leaders... Thank you for serving!**

Thank you to all those members who served in 2021. Your willingness to serve and participate in ministry through your leadership has made a huge difference! Thank you for sharing your gifts with Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



### **The Stars that Guide us to Jesus**

The day of Epiphany is January 6. Guided by a star, Epiphany is the day the magi arrived to worship Jesus. The star shone so brightly it guided the magi (or wisemen or kings) to Jesus. The star directed them not only to where Jesus was to be found, but the star guided them to who Jesus is, our Savior. A Savior for all people. Through the star, the magi recognized the royalty of Jesus.

We too, need “stars” to guide us to Jesus and what his love means for us. What thing or things guide you to Jesus and what Christmas means? Many speak of lighting the candles and singing “Silent Night” as the best part or most moving part of Christmas Eve. That special moment is something that they hold on to all year. Or maybe it’s the children’s Christmas program, or a certain Christmas carol that guide you to Jesus at Christmas. What is it that you have experienced at Christmas that you can hold on to all year?

It’s not just Christmas, of course. Outside of Christmas time, what are the other “stars” or bright lights that guide you to Jesus and his love? Very often it is people. Maybe it’s an event like an ELCA youth gathering or maybe it is your daily devotion. I hope worship and the many ministries we have at Our Savior’s are a star that guides you to Jesus and what he means in your life. For me, it is all of those things and more.

Your prayers, your support, encouragement, volunteering, leadership, teaching...all of these things are an Epiphany star that leads others to Jesus and his love. The church, our community, and our world need you and your gifts. The magi shared their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What are the gifts you can share that God will use to guide people to Jesus and help them come to know his love and grace? We give imperfectly, not always as much as we could or as lovingly as we could. God knows that, and that’s why he sent Jesus. God takes what we share and what we give, and God uses it shine in the lives of others to draw them to Jesus.

Pastor Kathy



In the spirit of the of the New Year, I offer ten scripture passages to hold in your heart in 2022, and always. These aren't the top ten or the best ten, just a suggestion. I find that simple reminders such as these help me to place my trust in God and guide me in my daily life.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. *Psalm 23:1*

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. *Psalm 9:9*

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. *Ephesians 4:32*

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. *Galatians 5:22-23*

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

Let all that you do be done in love. *1 Corinthians 16:14*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. *Romans 8:26*

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. *John 6:35*

May God's Word give you strength and guide your life in 2022.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Kathy



## ***Our Savior's Adult Happenings***

### **Epiphany Around the World**

Have you ever had questions about the Magi/Wise men? Who are they? When did they visit Jesus? What are Frankincense and Myrrh? What about celebrating Three Kings Day, Epiphany, or the Magi? Join Pastor Dave on **January 9<sup>th</sup> in between services** for a discussion about Epiphany and all of the things you've never been told about its celebration.

### **Theology on Tap**

Join us for the third gathering of Theology on Tap at the Schell's Bier Halle on **January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM!** Come for a night of conversation, discussions about faith, friendship, and a beer or 1919 root beer. *Event for Adults age 21+.*

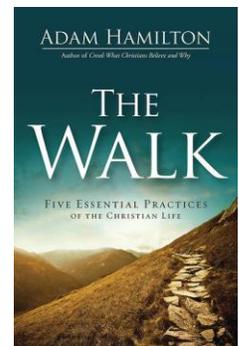
### **Faith & Books**

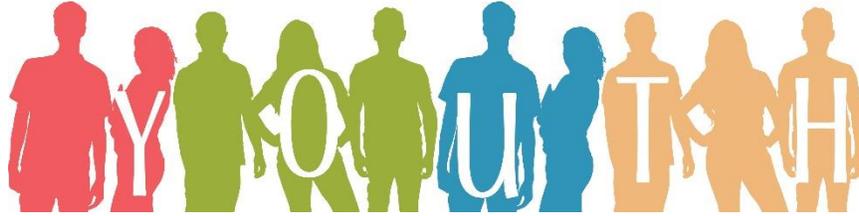
The book group will meet on **January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM** in the Upper Room. Feel free to bring your supper to the discussion. The book for January is "*Gilead*" by Marilynne Robinson. Two books are available in the church library that may be borrowed.

Questions to think about as you read: What is the novel's vision of the good life? How should we conceive of meaningful work? There are several father-child pairings in the book. What are the conflicts and tensions in these relationships? How does John Ames work through the issues in the relationship between his father and Jack? Does the prodigal son parable in scripture help you understand it? What kind of community is portrayed in Gilead? Is it a good place for Christian community? How and why? For more discussion questions, pick up a sheet in the church library.

### **"The Walk" by Adam Hamilton - Video Series**

Starting February 13<sup>th</sup> in between services, we will be watching a video series and having a discussion about what it means to be a Christian. The video series was created by Adam Hamilton (we've done his series called "Enough" and "Christianity and World Religions"). This is a great time to grab a cup of coffee and donut and learn together about the basics of how we live out our faith on a daily basis. There is no cost and no book required for the study. Keep your eyes peeled for more information as it draws closer!





## ELCA Youth Gathering News!

All youth attending next summer's gathering in Minneapolis will gather on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM to begin "Getting Ready" for the gathering. We will be learning about the theme, getting to know one another better, and hearing more about the gathering so that we can have the best trip possible. There are still openings to attend the Gathering! Please speak with one of the pastors for more information.



**Fifth and Sixth Grade Youth Group** continues to meet each Wednesday from 6:30PM - 7:30PM in the lower level (resumes January 5<sup>th</sup>). All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to attend. We have a great time talking together, playing games, doing service projects and sharing devotions. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kathy.

### **Mount Kato Tubing Trip January 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 PM – 3:30PM 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Meet at church at 12:45PM, bus returns at 4:15PM

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Adult and teen helpers needed.

**Please contact Lindsay to sign up! All participants (and parents) must sign a waiver.**



### **WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

If weather is in question, please check our website and Facebook page for any cancellations or postponements. Be sure to 'like' and follow us at [www.facebook.com/oslcnwulm](http://www.facebook.com/oslcnwulm) to stay up to date!

For midweek classes and programs, we'll follow the lead of the public schools. If ISD 88 dismisses early, choirs, confirmation, and groups will not meet. We will also not hold evening suppers.

## Wednesday Night Suppers!

We are so grateful to be gathering on Wednesday evenings for suppers from 5:15PM-6:15PM! All proceeds from the free will offering will be going towards Wednesday LinC† programming.



January 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Pork Carnitas tacos, Spanish rice, and traditional 3 Kings cake <i>(to-go option available)</i>
January 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Pasta Bar, salad, and a very special dessert!
January 19 <sup>th</sup> :	Pizza
January 26 <sup>th</sup> :	Jayne's Chili

We are looking for people/groups to volunteer to help serve and clean up on Wednesday nights. The food will already be done, we just need 3-5 people to help serve. If you have any questions, please contact Annette Haynes at (507) 381-6552.



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## January Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** will go to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for U.S. tornado relief. If you write a check, be sure to write "U.S. tornadoes" on the memo line. From the ELCA:

On the night of Dec. 10, a devastating outbreak of more than 30 tornadoes swept through six states. Kentucky was impacted the most, with more than 70 people reported dead. Homes and businesses were destroyed, including a candle factory in Mayfield, Ky., where first responders are still searching for survivors. More than 330,000 people are without electricity across multiple states. The full extent of the damage is expected to become clear in the coming days.

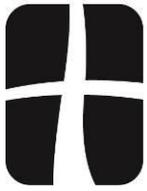
Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with partners in the affected areas, including the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, to respond to immediate needs. Given the initial damage assessments, recovery will likely take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to accompany survivors until the response is complete.

**Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "U.S. tornadoes" will be used entirely (100%) to assist those affected by tornadoes until the response is complete.** Together, we can support those who are on the long road to recovery. Please give today.

You may also give directly by mail to the ELCA now. Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response, and write "U.S. Tornadoes" on the memo line. Checks may be mailed to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM Worship &amp; Facebook Live</b> <b>9:30 AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship</b> <b>10:30 AM Worship</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:30 AM MRCI Group</b> <b>6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</b>	<b>5</b> <b>11:00 AM WELCA Board</b> <b>3:30 PM Wednesday LinCt</b> <b>5:10 PM Children's Handbells</b> <b>5:15 PM Wednesday Suppers</b> <b>5:45 PM Rejoice Ringers</b> <b>5:45 PM Youth Choir</b> <b>6:30 PM 5th &amp; 6th Grade Youth Group</b> <b>6:30 PM 7th &amp; 8th Grade Confirmation</b> <b>6:30 PM Adult Choir</b> <b>6:30 PM ELCA Youth Gathering Getting Ready Meeting</b> <b>7:30 PM Worship</b>	<b>6</b> <b>11:00 AM Ridgeway on 23rd Service</b> <b>4:00 PM Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting</b> <b>6:30 PM Theology on Tap</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Annual Reports Due</b>	<b>8</b> <b>8:30 AM Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM Worship &amp; Facebook Live</b> <b>9:30 AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 AM Epiphany Around the World</b> <b>9:40 AM Sunday LinCt</b> <b>10:30 AM Worship</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10:30 AM MRCI Group</b> <b>6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting</b> <b>5:30 PM Adult Ministry Team</b> <b>6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team</b> <b>6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team</b> <b>7:00 PM Facilities &amp; Grounds Meeting</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM Cards of Caring</b> <b>10:30 AM NU Ministerial</b> <b>1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle</b> <b>3:30 PM Wednesday LinCt</b> <b>5:10 PM Children's Handbells</b> <b>5:15 PM Wednesday Suppers</b> <b>5:30 PM Faith &amp; Books</b> <b>5:45 PM Rejoice Ringers</b> <b>5:45 PM Youth Choir</b> <b>6:30 PM 5th &amp; 6th Grade Youth Group</b> <b>6:30 PM 7th &amp; 8th Grade Confirmation</b> <b>6:30 PM Adult Choir</b> <b>7:30 PM Worship</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM Immanuel Circle</b> <b>4:00 PM Oak Hills Worship Service</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</b>	<b>15</b> <b>8:30 AM Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>16</b> Anderson Baptism (10:30AM) <b>8:30 AM Worship &amp; Facebook Live</b> <b>9:30 AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship</b> <b>10:30 AM Worship</b>	<b>17</b> Sidelites Deadline <b>10:30 AM MRCI Group</b> <b>12:45 PM Mount Kato Snow Tubing Trip (Grades 4-6)</b> <b>6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</b>	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting</b> <b>6:00 PM Missions Ministry Team</b> <b>7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team</b>	<b>19</b> <b>3:30 PM Wednesday LinCt</b> <b>5:10 PM Children's Handbells</b> <b>5:15 PM Wednesday Suppers</b> <b>5:45 PM Rejoice Ringers</b> <b>5:45 PM Youth Choir</b> <b>6:30 PM 5th &amp; 6th Grade Youth Group</b> <b>6:30 PM Adult Choir</b> <b>6:30 PM Confirmation</b> <b>7:30 PM Worship</b>	<b>20</b> <b>9:30 AM Conference Rostered Leaders</b> <b>1:30 PM Pro Kinship Annual Meeting</b> <b>6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting</b>	<b>21</b> <b>8:30 AM Sidelites Group</b>	<b>22</b> <b>8:30 AM Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>23</b> First Grade Bible Milestone (8:30AM) Nursery Milestone (10:30AM) Noisy Offering Sunday <b>8:30 AM Worship &amp; Facebook Live</b> <b>9:30 AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 AM Milestone Classes</b> <b>9:40 AM Sunday LinCt</b> <b>10:30 AM Worship</b>	<b>24</b> <b>10:30 AM MRCI Group</b> <b>6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting</b> <b>9:00 AM Quilting Group</b>	<b>26</b> <b>3:30 PM Wednesday LinCt</b> <b>5:10 PM Children's Handbells</b> <b>5:15 PM Wednesday Suppers</b> <b>5:45 PM Rejoice Ringers</b> <b>5:45 PM Youth Choir</b> <b>6:30 PM 5th &amp; 6th Grade Youth Group</b> <b>6:30 PM Adult Choir</b> <b>6:30 PM Confirmation</b> <b>7:30 PM Worship</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</b>	<b>29</b> <b>8:30 AM Men's Bible Study</b>
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## **Worship**

Wednesday Worship – 7:30PM

Sunday Worship – 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Facebook Live – Sunday at 8:30AM

## **Television Broadcasts**

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

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