
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

December 2018

Please join us for worship this Christmas season as we celebrate God's gift to the world, Jesus Christ!



Advent Schedule

Join us during Advent for our special worship themes:

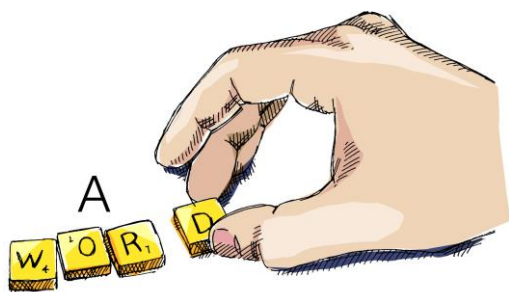
- December 2: Prayer 1 – Ask
December 9: Prayer 2 – Cry
(*Blue Christmas/Healing*)
December 16: Prayer 3 – Bless
December 23: Prayer 4 – Thank

Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 24

- 3:00 PM Christmas with Children
5:30 PM Traditional Worship
10:00 PM Quiet/Contemplative

***No Christmas Day Worship
Service***



from the
Pastor

It's in the small things that people learn the true heart within another. Every one of us has a favorite theme that gets paraded out for a first encounter. First impressions stick, they are valuable and important. But the true heart of a person is something to be learned with time and closer scrutiny.

The same is true of congregations. Getting to know the true heart of a place takes time, requires building a relationship, and involves discovery. And yet – early on there are indicators that suggest deeper realities. Who are we? That's an important question to ponder in an interim time.

A team of us are working to learn the heart of **OSLC** (Our Savior's Lutheran Church). We are working on a **Mission Assessment Project** with an eye for discovering God's future. We are asking a lot of people questions about who we are and what the future looks like. We are aware that "brainstorming" creates insights which go beyond the obvious and are bigger than any single response. We are asking with openness to God the Holy Spirit's serendipity. We are alert for ideas that bubble up as hopes. We are asking with confidence that God has a plan for our future.

This month, and in January, we will be inviting people to participate in a **Focus Group**. Focus Groups will gather to imagine where God wants OSLC to be headed. We will be asking simple questions and inviting participant to listen to each other and to brainstorm together about new directions. Ideas are always rooted in the past, but a vision for the future is captured with the imagination. Possibilities that are born from dreams. Our Focus Groups hope to open the doors to the heart of OSLC and learn where God's future will take us. Watch for your opportunity to be part of the process!

Pastor Gene



On Sunday, December 9th, we will hold a special Blue Christmas/Healing Service. This day brings an opportunity for healing, not only of our physical being, but for God to tend to our emotional and spiritual health as well. Members of the congregation will be invited to come forward to receive a blessing, and as we leave worship, receive the name of a loved one or family to hold in our prayers.



Christmas can be chaotic! During this busy season, let's take a minute each day to be mindful of the miracle we wait for during Advent. We encourage you to sign up for God Pause from Luther Seminary during Advent (web search "Luther Seminary God Pause" to find the devotional). We will use the OSLC Facebook page to host discussions about the daily devotion. Join us for time to slow down and discuss what God is up to in this season. Questions? Ask Ann Anderson at queenmatic@gmail.com or 701-412-1531.

*Paper copies are also available outside of the Sanctuary.



A hearty "Thank You!" to our Advent Festival helpers! Special thanks to Bridget Phifer for setting up all of the craft rooms, and to all of the volunteers who made it wonderful, fun time for OSLC families!

Jesus, Light of the World

You're invited to the Our Savior's Sunday School Christmas Program on December 16th right after our 9:00 a.m. worship service. Come to see the children of Sunday School tell the story of Jesus bringing light to our world and watch as the Nativity comes to life.



On December 16, 2018, the Adult Choir will be presenting the Cantata "Canticles in Candlelight" by Joseph Martin during our regular 9:00 AM worship service. With music, scripture and narration, the story of Jesus' Birth is brought to light in a beautiful program. Please come and join us for a wonderful service.



Nursing Home Caroling Trip

**Christmas Caroling
December 19th!**

No Confirmation or Youth Group on December 19th. Instead, we will be caroling at Oak Hills at 6:30. The whole congregation is invited to carol with us and to come back to OSLC after for Hot Cocoa and a Christmas movie! Get it on your calendars and get in the Christmas Spirit!

**NOISY OFFERING
DECEMBER 23RD!**



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday School Christmas Program

December 2 – 10:10 AM (During Sunday School)
December 9 – 10:10 AM (During Sunday School)
December 15 – 9:00 AM

Cantata Rehearsal:

December 15 – 10:00 AM

The
Church
Office



**Will Be
Closed:**

**The OSLC Office will be
closed on the following
days:**

December 25, 2018
January 1, 2019



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

This year, 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.** Plants will be kept for pick up for 2 weeks following Christmas.*

Given By _____
(Your Name)

_____ I will **bring a poinsettia plant**
(please bring to the church **Dec. 20** and place on the table in the by the Music Ministries Office)

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

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

_____ Given in memory of _____

_____ Given in honor of _____

_____ Given as a gift



*Please Note: Forms must be returned to the church office
no later than Dec. 14 for printing in Christmas bulletins.



2019 Summer Mission Trip

In the Summer of 2019, OSLC will be going on a mission trip to the Appalachian Mountains in West Virginia! This will be a trip with YouthWorks, a Christian Mission Organization that plans trips throughout the United States and the surrounding region. This is a trip for kids who have completed 7th through 12th grade. We will be leaving on Friday July 26th, and returning Sunday August 4th. The cost of the trip will be \$650, but some of that will be covered through fund raising and scholarships for those who need it. More information will be coming throughout December!

Come and see where God is calling us to serve!

WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If weather is in question, please listen to KNUJ, Z99, or WCCO radio for cancellations and postponements. The announcement will also be posted on our website. The church council has determined that as a congregation we will follow weather and travel recommendations.

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

Donations Needed

NUMAS Haus Needs Your Help!

WELCA is currently looking for donations which will benefit NUMAS Haus.

NUMAS Haus provides emergency shelter and support services to the women and children of the Brown County Area who are homeless.

A donation box is located in the Social Hall. Items needed include personal care items, baby wipes and diapers, sheets and pillow cases, laundry detergent pods, sanitary napkins/tampons, and grocery or gas gift cards. Prayers are always appreciated!

2018 Year-End Contributions

As our year is quickly coming to a close, please remember that in order for your offerings to be credited in 2018 for tax purposes we must receive them in the church office by December 31, 2018. If you are mailing your offerings, it is important that they be postmarked by December 31, 2018. Thank you for your gifts to Our Savior's.

Annual Report Time!

Church leadership and ministry team reports to be included in the 2018 Annual Report are due in the church office no later than Monday, January 7. Reports may be dropped off in the church office, or emailed to jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.





Be a Teacher

Sunday School needs you! We are always looking forward to helpers in our classrooms. Please come and join the fun!! Contact

Lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org



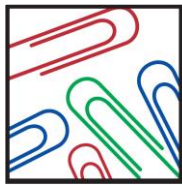
Serve him in
SINCERITY
and in
FAITHFULNESS.

JOSHUA 24:14

PLEASE SIGN-UP TO SERVE!

We need YOU to make worship happen: Ushers, Communion Servers, Lectors, & Greeters!

Sheets for the month of December are posted in the Social Hall.



Office Hours

Church Office hours have changed!

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Prefer your church news via email?

Please email Jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org or call 233-4430 with any updated contact information, or to be added to our email list.

Pastor's Office Hours

Our Pastors are called out of the office during the week for meetings, visits, and other work, but during these hours you can be sure that the Pastors will be in their office. Stop by to visit, have a cup of coffee, or just to chat.

Pr. Gene: Monday 9 AM - Noon

Pr. Dave: Friday 9 AM - Noon

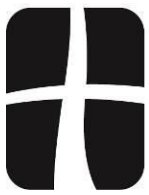
Newsletter Deadline: Please have items for the next newsletter to the church office by December 14th. Thank you!

You may have mail!

OSLC Members, please remember to check your church mailbox - located outside the church offices!

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship 7:00 PM Middle School Lock-in
2 Advent 12:30 AM Middle School Lock-in 9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team	3 3:00 PM Prokinship Activity	4 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team	5 8:30 AM WELCA Focus Group 11:00 AM WELCA Board 3:00 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbells 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM 7th Grade 6:30 PM Confirmation – 8th & 9th 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:15 PM Youth Group (10 th – 12 th)	6 Interim Pastor's Meeting 4:00 PM Prokinship Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM MAP Team Meeting	7 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Den Meeting - Tigers	8 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
9 9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Sunday School	10 3:00 PM Prokinship Activity 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Leader Meeting	11 Sidelites Deadline 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 4:00 PM Prokinship Activity 7:00 PM Adult Ministry Team	12 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 9:00 AM MOPS Full Meeting 10:30 AM NU Ministerial Mtg 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 3:00 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbells 5:30 PM Mission Ministry Team 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM 7th Grade 6:30 PM Confirmation – 8th & 9th 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Youth Focus Group 8:15 PM Youth Group (10 th – 12 th)	13 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle 1:30 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service 5:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack Meeting 7:00 PM Girl Scout Leader's Meeting	14 3:00 PM Prokinship Activity	15 Cantata 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Christmas Program Practice 5:30 PM Worship
16 Cantata 9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Executive Committee Meeting 10:15 AM Facilities/Grounds Team	17 3:00 PM Prokinship Activity	18 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 5:30 PM Personnel Committee 6:00 PM Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team	19 3:00 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbells 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM Caroling at Oak Hills 7:15 PM Adult Choir	20	21	22 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
23 Noisy Offering Sunday 9:00 AM Worship No Sunday School	24 3:00 PM Worship - Christmas with Children 5:30 PM Worship - Traditional 10:00 PM Worship - Quiet/Contemplative	25 Christmas Day Holiday - church closed	26	27 First Call Pastor's Meeting	28	29 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
30 9:00 AM Worship No Sunday School	31	1	2	3	4	5



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Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM

Sunday worship – 9:00 AM

Coffee/Fellowship – 10:00 AM

Sunday School – 10:10-11:00 AM

Regular Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7 PM; Thurs.–11:00 AM & 5 PM

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