
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

December 2019

Please join us for worship this season, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



Advent Schedule

December 1st: Hope
December 8th: Peace and
Pastor Installation
December 14th: Blue Christmas
December 15th: Joy
December 22nd: Love

Christmas Eve Worship Times Tuesday, December 24

3:00 PM – Children's Choir
5:30 PM – Adult Choir
10:00 PM – Traditional Worship

*No Christmas Day
Worship Service*



Preparing

I have spent much time in the last couple of months preparing: Preparing the information needed for the pastor who will be at AES Ministries next. Preparing to say "good-bye" to wonderful congregations. Preparing to move all of my books and files to a new office. Preparing to say "hello" to the wonderful congregation of Our Savior's. Preparing for a new role and a new ministry. Preparing with prayer and meditation for God's guidance. The preparations I make are in anticipation of an exciting new call. I am eager to begin at Our Savior's on December 3.

When I arrive, we will be in the season of Advent, preparing again for the birth of the Savior. A season that dares us to imagine that in the birth of the Savior, God will do new things. Light will scatter darkness, despair will turn to hope, and death will be overcome with life. In preparation, we are called to repent and to direct our vision to the promise of the new life that is possible because of Jesus.

In this season of Advent, as you are called to repentance and to redirect your vision, what is it you hope for? What new thing do you imagine God doing in your life and in the life of Our Savior's? How does the promise of light that will scatter darkness change you? How does it shape the vision and ministry of our congregation? These questions are all part of preparing the way for Jesus. This Advent join me in prayer, asking God to direct our vision, to give us hope and to be confident in the promise that God will work in and through us. As we prepare for Christmas, may our hearts and minds be open to where God is leading in this new season of ministry together.

Pastor Kathy

Find Joy in the Journey

There will be no Bible Studies at OSLC in December. Bible Studies will resume in January. The Adult Ministry Team encourages people to gather in the Social Hall for fellowship and introduce themselves to someone new!

We also encourage you to take time to reflect on these daily Advent readings, which lead us to Christmas.

A graphic with the text "FIND JOY IN THE JOURNEY" in green and black. The text is surrounded by a green holly branch and a red ornament.

December 1	John 1:1-5
December 2	Isaiah 9:2-7
December 3	Isaiah 11:1-10
December 4	Jeremiah 33:14-16
December 5	Luke 1:5-10
December 6	Luke 1:11-17
December 7	Luke 1:18-25
December 8	Luke 1:26-38
December 9	Matthew 1:18-21
December 10	Matthew 1:22-26
December 11	Luke 1:39-45
December 12	Luke 1:46-56
December 13	Luke 2:1-5
December 14	Luke 2:6-7
December 15	Luke 2:8-12
December 16	Luke 2:13-14
December 17	Luke 2:15-18
December 18	Luke 2:19-20
December 19	Micah 5:2-5
December 20	Matthew 2:1-2
December 21	Matthew 2:3-6
December 22	Matthew 2:7-8
December 23	Matthew 2:9-12
December 24	John 1:14

My Heart's Song



Change is coming to Our Savior's. We will be welcoming Pastor Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner as our new Senior Pastor soon! Here is what you can expect:

December 3rd: Pastor Kathy arrives and will begin her work at OSLC.

December 7th & 8th: Pastor Kathy's first weekend of worship. An installation ceremony will take place during Sunday worship, followed by a welcome brunch during fellowship hour.



On **Saturday, December 14th**, we will hold a special Blue Christmas 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.



Join us for the Sunday school Christmas program!

"Good News Ahead... The Signs of Christmas!"
Sunday, December 22nd during worship.



On **December 15, 2019**, during our regular worship service, the Adult Choir will be presenting the Cantata "A Ceremony of Candles" by Joseph M. Martin. The beautiful choral anthems in this cantata are filled with the wonder and light of Christmas. From the shadows of a lowly stable to the simple shepherds, we can feel the warmth of the bright star. Please come and enjoy the carols and candlelight that embody the hope of Christ.



Sunday School Christmas Program

December 8th – 10:15 AM (During Sunday School)

December 15th – 10:15 AM (During Sun. School)

December 21st – 9:00 AM (Saturday morning)

Cantata Rehearsal:

December 8th – 10:15 AM

December 14th – 9:30 AM

The OSLC Church Office will be closed on **Wednesday, December 25th** in observance of Christmas, and **Wednesday, January 1st** for New Year's Day.



Women of the Church---You are invited to a Christmas brunch on **Saturday, December 7th at 9:00 a.m.** at the New Ulm Country Club. Ask a friend and sign up on our poster in the Social Hall. We have a program planned for you of "Christmas Memories" and singing of Christmas carols. Prayer Partners will be revealed and a chance to pick a new one for next year.



Advent Event
December 8th from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for horse-drawn trolley rides and Christmas caroling! Groups may ride in shifts from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. When not caroling, warm up inside with family activities and a potluck supper. Please bring your favorite Christmas dish to pass.

9th – 12th Grade Lock-In
December 7th at 7PM - December 8th at 8AM

Come for a Christmas themed Lock-In with games, movies, caroling, food, and so much more. Please register on the youth section of the OSLC Website! See you there!

2020 Boundary Waters Info. Meeting
December 15th after worship

The last week of July 2020, we will be going to the Boundary Waters in northern Minnesota. Come to this meeting for more information about important dates, registration info, cost, fundraising, etc. Questions? Email or call Pr. Dave.



The Food Library in front our church needs food, especially during this time of year! Please donate non-perishable items that can be safely stored in below-freezing temps. Donations can be left outside the church office. Thank you for considering those in need!

OSLC "Rent-A-Kid"

In the past, we have done "Rent-A-Kid" as a fundraiser for Summer Trips. This year we want to change it up a little. If you have any yard work (snow removal, ice chipping, raking, etc.), cleaning, or any projects that you think our youth could help with, email or call Pastor Dave at the church or on his cell phone at (320) 583-9242. Pr. Dave can then contact some youth and find a time when they would be able to help. All of this can be done for a contribution to our summer trip to the Boundary Waters.

Questions or requests? Contact Pr. Dave and help support our youth learning about God's incredible creation!

Items to be included in the next edition of Sidelites are due by **December 9th**! Grab 'N' Go pieces must be received no later than each Wednesday at noon. Email your news to jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.



Thank you for the Bazaar Donations of apples, lard, food, and crafts. Thank you to the apple pickers, the pie and lefsa makers, and anyone helping in any way to make the bazaar a success!

- Women of the Church

Thank you for your generous giving for the October Noisy Offering. We were able to raise \$439.19 for mission kits for Boarder Perspective!

- Missions Team

WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If weather is in question, please listen to KNUJ or WCCO radio for weekend 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, confirmation, and groups will not meet. We will also not hold evening suppers.



Annual Report Time!

Church leadership and Ministry Team reports to be included in the 2019 Annual Report are due no later than Monday, January 6th. Reports may be dropped off in the church office, or emailed to jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.



We need YOU to make worship happen! Ushers, Communion Servers, Lectors, Greeters, and Power Point Operators are all important to our worship services. Please consider volunteering your time on Sundays! Sign-up sheets for the month of December are posted in the Social Hall.

We also need Sunday School teachers! Please contact Lindsay if you are able to help.



Prefer your church news via email?

OSLC can send you our Sidelites newsletter and other news updates by email! If you would like to start receiving emails from us, please contact Jen at jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org or (507) 233-4430.

2019 Year-End Contributions

As the calendar year is quickly coming to a close, please remember that in order for your offerings to be credited in 2019 for tax purposes, we must receive them in the church office by December 31, 2019. If you are mailing your offerings, it is important that they be postmarked by December 31, 2019. Thank you for your gifts to Our Savior's!



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

This year, our Advent and Christmas decorations will include poinsettias and a tree. 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 _____
Please print! This will be how your name(s) will be listed in the bulletin.

Choose one:

- I will bring a poinsettia plant.
Please bring to the church **December 19th** and place on the table by Shannon's office.
- I would like to contribute \$_____ toward Christmas decorations.
Make checks payable to OSLC – memo line "Christmas decorations."

Choose one (please print names):

- Given in memory of _____
- Given in honor of _____
- Given as a gift.

Forms must be returned to the church office
no later than December 16th for memorials to
be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Advent Festival 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team	2 4:00 PM Pro Kinship Activity 6:30 PM Cub Scout Leader Meeting	3 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Den Meeting (Tigers) 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team	4 9:00 AM MOPS Steering 11:00 AM WELCA Board 3:30 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbells 5:30 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM 7th Grade Wednesday 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:15 PM Youth Group	5 4:00 PM Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	6 7:00 PM High School Lock-In	7 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM WELCA Brunch 10:00 AM Private Party 5:30 PM Worship
8 Installation of Pastor Kathy Ulland-Klinkner 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Welcome Brunch 5:00 PM Advent Event	9 Sidelites Deadline 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service 4:00 PM Pro Kinship Activity 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Den Meeting (Lions)	10 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting	11 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 9:00 AM MOPS Full Meeting 10:00 AM NU Ministerial Mtg 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 3:00 PM Choir Faith and Fun 3:30 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbells 5:30 PM Mission Ministry Team 5:30 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM 7th Grade Wednesday 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:15 PM Youth Group	12 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle 1:30 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting	13	14 Andrews Baptism 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Cantata Rehearsal 5:30 PM Worship
15 Cantata 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Executive Committee Meeting 10:15 AM Sunday School	16 4:00 PM Pro Kinship Activity	17 9:00 AM Quilting Group 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 5:30 PM Personnel Committee 6:00 PM Evening Quilting Group 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team	18 3:30 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbells 5:30 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM Confirmation Christmas Party 7:15 PM Adult Choir	19 12:30 PM Sidelites Group	20 8:30 AM Sidelites Group	21 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30 AM Conference Pastor's Mtg 5:30 PM Worship
22 Children's Christmas Program Noisy Offering Sunday 9:00 AM Worship	23 4:00 PM Pro Kinship Activity	24 Christmas Eve 3:00 PM Worship 5:30 PM Worship 10:00 PM Worship	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26	27	28 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
29 9:00 AM Worship	30	31 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting	1 New Year's Day - Church Office Closed	2	3	4

Pastors' Office Hours

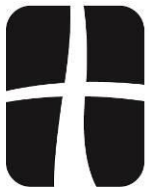
Our Pastors are called out of the office during the week for meetings, visits, and other work, but during these hours the Pastors plan to be in their office. Stop by to visit, have a cup of coffee, or just to chat.

Pr. Kathy: To be determined – stay tuned!
Pr. Dave: Friday 9 AM - Noon



Church Office Hours

Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 8:00 am – 2:00 p.m.
 Wed. & Fri.: 8:00 am – 12:00 p.m.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM

Sunday worship – 9:00 AM

Coffee/Fellowship – 10:00 AM

Sunday School – 10:15 AM

Regular Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

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