
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

November 2017

God Bless Our Confirmands

On Sunday, November 12,
the following twenty-one Our Savior's youth
affirmed their faith during our Confirmation service:

Confirmand Name	Verse	Parents
Rilye Steven Carson	Phil. 4:13	Steven & Jessica Carson
Aaron Jeffrey Eikanger	John 1:12	Jeff & Rebecca Eikanger
Paige Aleah Hoffmann	Psalms 28:7	Pete & Brenda Hoffmann
Rachel Mary Hohensee	1 Cor. 16:14	Jeff & Mary Hohensee
Teagan David Kamm	Phil. 4:13	Denise & Troy Kamm
Carter Patrick Lang	1 Tim. 4:12	Pat & Melanie Lang
Dylan James Lund	Prov. 3:27	Craig & Melinda Lund
Zachary Michael Lund	Ex. 3:5	Doug & Kathy Lund
Johnathon Henry Mehlhop	Phil. 4:13	Pat & Tara Mehlhop
Reece Roger Melby	Phil. 4:13	Jason & Amber Melby
Haley Munro Messenger	Matt. 5:14-16	Jeff & Lynn Messenger
Faith Marie Nachreiner	Phil 4:13	Roger & Tricia Nachreiner
Logan Thomas O'Neill	Jer. 29:11	Mark & Becky O'Neill
Megan Rose Runck	Job 33:4	Dave & Caryl Runck
Dakota Lyne Savoy	Phil. 4:13	Randy & Amber Jacobs
Glavine Bradley Schugel	John 3:16	Brad & Angie Schugel
Hannah Rose Steele	Col. 3:23	Jason & Kari Steele
Ally Lynn Steffensmeier	Luke 1:37	Mike & Stefanie Steffensmeier
Olivia Rae Wick	Jer. 29:11	Melissa Wick
Elizabeth Anne Wilfahrt	John 14:27	Kris & Tom Wilfahrt
Ellie Lynn Wilker	Psalms 100:1	Paul & Heidi Wilker

Please congratulate and pray for our 2017 confirmands. Be inspired too by the verses they chose as their favorite verse to guide their faith! Thank you to all members of this congregation who played a part in their journey- leading Sunday school, teaching confirmation, or supporting them on summer camps and trips!

Ministry Focus

Thanksgiving Service

Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 22 – Services at 12 & 7 pm

We will worship together with members of Christ the King AT Christ the King Lutheran Church located at 1515 N Garden St, New Ulm. There will be pie and coffee served following the 7pm worship service. If you would like to donate a pie, please bring pies to the Christ the King kitchen November 21 or 22.



Advent Festival

Sunday, November 26th - 9:25-10:25 am

Lower-level Sunday school rooms – All are invited!

Children's ministry is so excited about all the fun crafts that are getting ready for the Advent Festival! All ages are invited to attend this fun event!

Thank you so much for supporting this FABULOUS tradition at Our Savior's!



Advent Bible Study with Pastor Deb

9:25 am in the Upper Room

Starts November 26

November 26: Promises and Prophecy

December 3: How much do you know about Christmas?

December 10: Infancy Narrative in Matthew

December 17: Infancy Narrative in Luke

Sunday School

Christmas

Program

Please join us on Sunday, December 10th at 10:30 am as the children pull back the curtain of time and

peek into heaven as God reveals his plans for the very First Christmas. *An Unexpected Christmas* tells the old familiar story from a whole new perspective – with a dash of humor. Leading up to the Nativity story. Based on the book “An Unexpected Christmas” by Simone Graham made into a play by St. Pauls’ Church in Auckland, New Zealand.



Sing Joy to All the World!

On December 17th, the Adult and Youth Choir will be singing a Christmas Cantata by Lloyd Larson called “Sing Joy to All the World!” at both of our regular church services. This Cantata tells us that no matter how difficult or hopeless things seem to be in our world, God has sent us a newborn baby to bring us a deep and lasting joy. A joy that we should share and celebrate this Christmas season. Please come and join us as we share the story of God becoming human and living with us in a way that changed our world forever!



Christmas Cantata



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. 20 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. 17 for printing in Christmas bulletins.

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

Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 24
3:00, 5:30 & 10:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship
Monday, December 25
10:30 AM

Saturday, December 30
No worship service

Sunday, December 31
One service at 10:30 AM

****Saturday, December 16 – 5:30 pm***
Blue Christmas Service



The Ongoing Reformation



Thank you everyone for your interest and good work to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. As your Pastors, Pastor Dave and I thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories about Martin Luther, his beliefs and his faith. The Reformation truly changed the world, and opened up many new ways of thinking about and serving God.

Rev. Dr. Robin Steinke spoke about the ongoing reformation to the Adult Education class. She believes that we are in a great time of reformation in the church. Church attendance and participation is dramatically lower than just ten years ago. As the world evolves, churches need to evolve and grow in order to reach those who are hungry to know God, and grow deeper in their faith.

Bishop Jon Anderson, in a recent article, reminded us that reformation is ongoing, not a one-time event. God's love is active, growing and alive in the world. We are called to grow in faith as individuals, and as communities following Jesus Christ. Martin Luther puts it this way:

"This life, therefore, is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness; not health, but healing; not being but becoming; not rest, but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but this the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified." – Defense and Explanation of all the Articles: Luther's Works, Vol. 32

We often think of growth as more people, programs or ideas. ***What if we thought about growth in terms of growing deeper in our relationship with God? Of reformation as RE-forming us to be more like Jesus?*** Jesus calls us to center our lives on his teaching, and to trust God's love. Often the idea of change and growth scares us, or makes us anxious. But with God as our guide and leader we are safe and can know the joy of living with the peace that passes all understanding.

Reforming Advent and Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving, and the season of Advent are approaching. How will you continue re-forming your life to grow closer to God? How can you help Our Savior's grow deeper in its mission to welcome the stranger, serve the needy and teach the world about Jesus? Let the seasons of thankfulness and waiting for Jesus influence your life in the next few weeks by keeping you focused on how God is alive in, around and through our daily lives.

Need some resources to reform your Advent? Check out: buynothingchristmas.org or adventconspiracy.org for ideas on simplifying the season. Check Godspacelight.com for devotions. Godspace's recent post recommends taking a walk, taking a nap, or simply lighting a candle to find a moment for God in each day.

I will be re-forming my life in the next few months, as Our Savior's will also be re-forming with new leadership. May each of us take this time to grow closer to God, and continue re-forming ourselves as followers of Jesus to love, serve and give to a world that needs our care and attention.

God's Peace,

Pastor Deb

Reformation Celebration 500 October 29, 2017 at Our Savior's



You know you are Lutheran...



Jenny Krosch-Lisette Tom Kaehler-Host



Ted Sauers-Father Erhard Schaefer



Pat Lang - Johann Tetzel



Larry Hunstad-Cardinal Bendetto Fiore



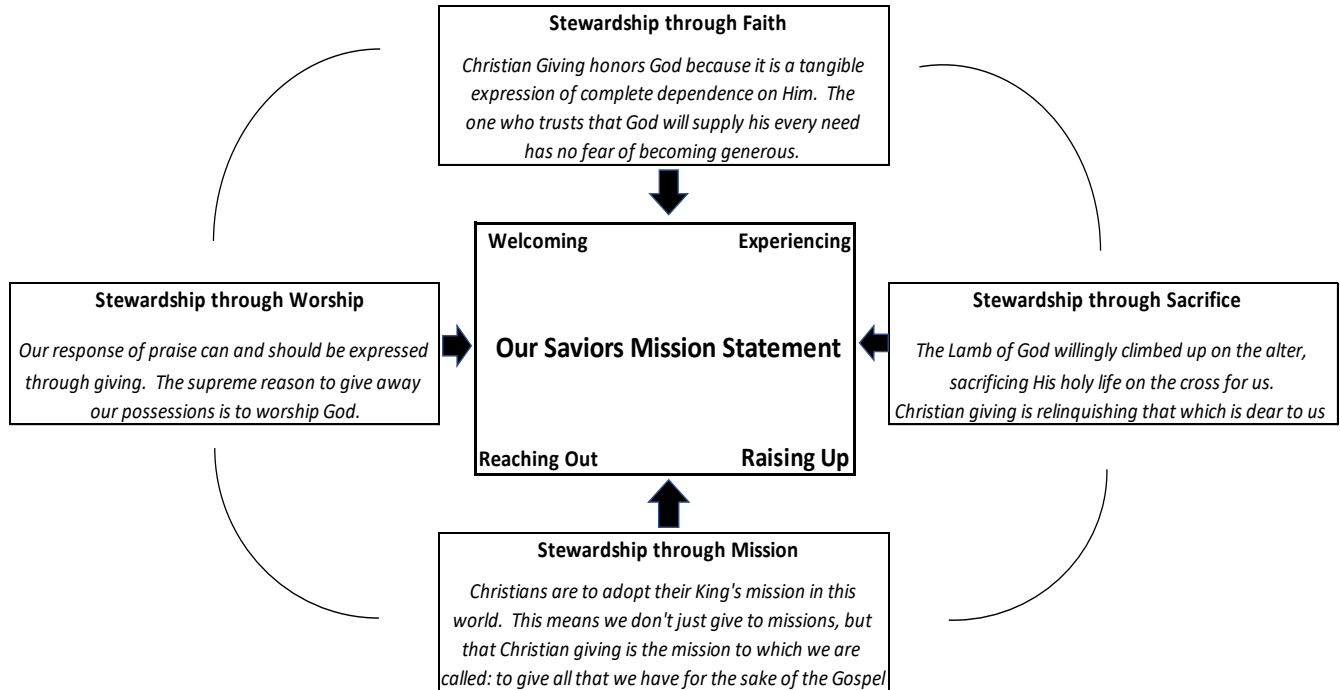
Pastor Deb-Katie Luther Brenda Nielsen-Director
Pastor Dave-Martin Luther

Thank you to all those who made our Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation a delightful success. Thanks to Brenda Nielsen and the actors in worship, Thanks to Brenda Ruch and the Fellowship team for a great meal. Thanks to Pastor Dave and Ashley Hendrickson-Rasche for great intergenerational activities. Thanks to Shannon, and the choirs for beautiful music. May we keep celebrating how God is continually reforming us!

Dear member of Our Savior's,

The opportunity to be good stewards touches every part of our Christian lives. Our faith, our sacrifices, call to mission, and daily worship are all reflections of God's grace alive in us.

The many gifts and talents that bless us individually make us stronger as a congregation, and move us to act on our mission statement to Welcome Others, Experience God, Raise up Believers in Christ, and Reach Out into our community.



These efforts take the commitment of people and their time and resources. The work of the church doesn't just happen on its own, and we are blessed to have so much talent in our congregation.

We are also blessed with abundant resources. By the grace of God prayerfully consider how together we can respond and be cheerful givers of what God first gave us.

In Christ,

The Finance Committee

Youth Dates Ahead!

December 1 & 2 – Planet Wisdom

Eden Prairie, MN

For guys and gals ages 7-12th grade. Cost is \$30.00
A great youth conference with worship, learning, fun and entertainment from the Skit Guys! Pick up a form on the youth board or download it from the church website. **Forms and money due to Zach's office November 19th!**

Junior High Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 13

7:00-9:00pm

For all youth ages 7-9th grade.
Come for fun Christmas games, treats and fun! Sign up on the youth board today!



Senior High Caroling/Lock-In



Saturday, December 16
6pm – Sunday,
December 17, 9:15am
Come carol around town
and then retire back to
church for Christmas
treats, movies and fun!
Then attend 8:15 service

in pjs and blankets! All youth ages 10-12th grade
and friends welcome! Sign-up on the youth board
today!

Check out the new youth board located near
the restrooms in the social hall for more
information on events and sign-ups!

Check out the church website and visit the
youth page for events and to download the youth
calendar!

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of
Sidelites will be in mailboxes **Dec. 17**.
Please have items for the newsletter to
JoEllen by **Dec. 7**. Thank you.

Choir Faith and Fun Mission Wednesday

On November 29th, Choir Faith and Fun participants
will be collecting toys for the families involved with
the Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery. The
Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery is a free service
in New Ulm that provides a safe and loving 'home'
for children ages 0 – 12 temporarily while parents
deal with emergencies that arise and when they
need support. There are many items on the
Donation Wish List for this non-profit organization
and I'd like our children's choirs to donate *new or
slightly used items* to this wonderful service right
here in New Ulm.

Especially during the Holiday Season, I'd like the
children to learn how to be thankful for what God
has given us and how we can be good stewards by
sharing with those in need. At the end of our time
together we will have a short worship service in the
Sanctuary where the kids will help lead us in
prayer. *You are welcome to join us at 4:50 p.m.
when our short worship service will begin.*

From the Missions Ministry Team:

Thanks to those who donated loose change for the
noisy offering. A total of \$271.50 was raised and
was used to purchase additional needed supplies
for Washington Learning Center.

The Mission Team's current focus is our
sponsoring school, Kikatiti located in
Tanzania. Diane Lambrecht will be leading the
children's sermon on Nov. 26. She will be sharing
about the Kikatiti children with a talk about wants
vs needs and thanksgiving. More information will
be coming soon on how we can continue to help
support this very worthwhile school.

2017 Year-End Contributions

As our year is quickly coming to a close, please
remember that in order for your offerings to be
credited in 2017 for tax purposes we must receive
them in the church office by December 31, 2017. If you
are mailing your offerings, it is important that they be
postmarked by December 31, 2017. Thank you for your
gifts to Our Savior's.

Reactivating the OSLC Endowment Fund

Faithful Stewards. Lasting Impact.

Your passion...

Your plan ...

Your gift for those you love, and

God's work in the world!

You are invited to explore how you can make a difference in the lives of your loved ones and to ministry, both now and in the future.

On Sunday, December 3rd at 9:25 a.m., Amy Bigot with the ELCA Foundation will be here to share with you information on creating your Legacy Plans. This presentation will get you thinking about the gifts you've received throughout your lifetime, and how your family and ministry can benefit from these gifts to make a lasting and meaningful impact in this world.

As a resource from our church, the ELCA, Amy will include an overview of how to make informed decisions -- while always considering your current needs as well as your loved one's future needs. One on one follow up appointments will answer your personal questions, confidentially.

Amy Bigot

ELCA Foundation Regional Gift Planner

NW MN and SW MN Synods

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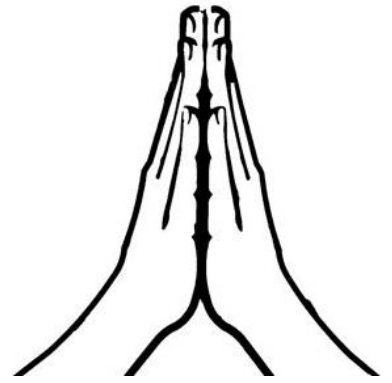
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God's work. Our hands.

If you have any questions about the OSLC Endowment Fund, please feel free to contact any of the committee members. Endowment Committee members include: Charlie Bornhoft, Linda Heine, Duane Lambrecht, Darlene Meier, Harold Remme, and Marlys Zetah. Pastor Deb is an Ex-officio member.

Advent Morning Prayer Time

Through the Season of Advent, a time of anticipation, change, and business, we will be taking 20-30 minutes on Thursday mornings at 11:00 AM to dwell in the Spirit of

God. We will sing, read scripture, and pray for the future of our church, our community, and our world. Come and see what God has in store.



WELCA Christmas Brunch

**Saturday, December 2
9:00 AM**

New Ulm Country Club

Cost: \$7.00

Program: Christmas Hymns and Their Meaning – by Pastor Dave & Alyssa Nissen
All Women Are Welcome!
Sign up in the social hall

WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS: If weather is in question, please listen to KNUJ, Z99, or WCCO radio for cancellations and postponements. 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.

Please welcome MaryLu Anderson as our new Church Business

Administrator. Mary Lu comes to us with nearly 30 years of experience in the offices of Brown County Family Service. She is happy to have part time work at this time in her life. MaryLu will be training with Lynda Bauer and Scott Blumhoefer in the next few weeks to get up to speed on our financial processes and procedures. Please stop by and welcome her!



Thank You Notes

Thank you for your cards, visits and the beautiful prayer shawl while I was in Oak Hills and Crystal Seasons Assisted Living Centers. I appreciate our kindness.

Sincerely,
Margaret Blasing

The family of Beth (Remme) Flick express a very sincere Thank You for the many prayers and support we received during Beth's illness. Your prayers were felt by all. A sincere Thank You for those who visited and sent flowers, cards, and memorials.

Unless otherwise indicated, memorials will become part of Beth's Legacy Fund. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will be remembered forever. Please consider these thoughts in lieu of thank you cards.

Harold & Maxine Remme

A heartfelt thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and visits at the time of my recent hospitalization and recovery at Oak Hills, they were very much appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Deb and Pastor Dave for their visits, encouragement and for bringing communion. Glad to be part of this caring faith congregation.

Helen Runck

Community News:

The New Ulm Jaycees are now accepting donations for our Annual Christmas Basket Fund Drive! We will be assembling and delivering baskets of food to over 100 local families. Please help us make this year's Christmas a little brighter for those who are a little less fortunate. Monetary donations can be sent to: New Ulm Jaycees, PO Box 331, New Ulm, MN 56073

Thank you for your support!

Community Friends Thanksgiving Dinner

Open to the public

Date: Thursday, November 23, 2017

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: St. Mary's Church – 417 S Minnesota St, New Ulm

Eat In or Take Out's available; Rides available Home deliveries (RSVP at 354-3045 before 11/20/17) Free will donations accepted and necessary to keep this event going.

If you would like to volunteer, we can always use help Wednesday from 8am to 6pm and Thanksgiving Day from 9am – 4pm. Call Mary Ellen to volunteer 354-3045. Thank you!

Community Friends Thanksgiving Dinner –
Les Schultz & Mary Ellen Schanus – Co-chairs

Come One, Come All to McDonald's in New Ulm to support Pro Kinship for Kids

Date: Wednesday, December 6 Time: 4:00-7:00 p.m. Come to enjoy a Christmas themed family fun night at McDonald's in New Ulm. 15% of all the business from 4-7 p.m. December 6 will go to support Pro Kinship for Kids programming.

Lutheran Social Service of MN is looking for volunteers (age 55+) to serve in the Senior Companion Program. Senior Companions serve isolated adults in their homes and in the community. Our volunteers receive a tax-free hourly stipend, as well as mileage reimbursement and other benefits. Contact: Gail Sumerfelt at (507)530-2295 or gail.sumerfelt@lssmn.org

Mankato & North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's presents Singing Hills Chorus

Peace, Love & Joy Concert

Saturday, December 16, 1 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel

170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN

General Admission \$10; children five & under are free

For tickets or information, call (507)519-0626 or email katoactonalz@yahoo.com

New Ulm's Own

Fair Trade and Art

Open Thursday through Saturday

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

212 N Minnesota St

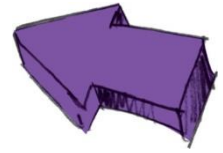
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OSLC Bulletin Board



Hey! What's Going On?



November 2017

Adult Ministry Team

1. Sunday Evening Supper Club potluck
December 3 at 5:00 p.m.
2. Advent Study beginning November 26
3. Beginning planning for winter Bible Study

Children's Ministry Team

1. The Journey to Bethlehem Sunday school rotation
2. The Unexpected Christmas program
3. Advent Festival and volunteers!

Deacon Ministry Team

1. Looking into replacing Christ Candle with an oil candle
2. Please keep signing up to help in worship!
3. Looking into live streaming services

Facilities & Grounds Ministry Team

1. Sound system to be installed in November

Fellowship Ministry Team

1. Thanks for participating in the Reformation Celebration! So much fun!
2. Working on scheduling Advent decorations
3. Delivered candy to home-bound members

Missions Ministry Team

1. Washington School
2. Kikatiti
3. New Ulm's Own Fair Trade

Youth Ministry Team

1. Finalizing summer trip and working on meeting date with parents
2. Getting ready for Planet Wisdom
3. Getting ready for December events: Jr. High Christmas Party, Sr. High Caroling, Ski/Tubing Trip

Church Council

Finance Committee

1. Preparing 2018 Budget
2. Endowment committee speaker on December 3
3. Third quarter statement with stewardship message sent

Personnel Committee

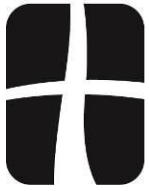
1. Staff Reviews upcoming
2. New insurance plans selected

Church Staff

1. Welcome new CBA MaryLu Anderson
2. Working on staff covenant

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4:00 PM Planet Wisdom - 7th-12th Graders	2 12:30 AM Planet Wisdom - 7th-12th Graders 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
3 Temple Talk - Amy Bigot of the ELCA Regional Gift Planning Division 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team 9:25 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Advent Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Sunday Evening Supper Club Potluck	4	5 5:15 PM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team @ Hansen's	6 11:00 AM WELCA Board 11:15 AM Luther Memorial Home Service 3:45 PM Celebrate Choir 4:20 PM Jubilate Choir 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir	7 11:00 AM Midday Advent Prayers	8 1:00 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service	9 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study Christmas Program Rehearsal - Time TBD 5:30 PM Skluzacek Baptism 5:30 PM Worship 6:00 PM Culture Keepers Meeting
10 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Advent Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship - Sunday School Christmas Program	11 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service	12 6:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting	13 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 9:00 AM MOPS Full Meeting 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 3:45 PM Celebrate Choir 4:20 PM Jubilate Choir 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:30 PM Mission Ministry Team 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Jr High Christmas Party 7:15 PM Adult Choir	14 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle 11:00 AM Midday Advent Prayers	15	16 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Cantata Rehearsal 5:30 PM Worship - Healing Service 6:00 PM Senior High Caroling & Lock-In
17 Sidelites Newsletters Available in Mailboxes 8:15 AM Worship - Cantata 9:25 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Advent Bible Study 9:30 AM Facilities/Grounds Team 10:30 AM Worship - Cantata	18	19 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team	20 6:30 AM Men's Study Group 3:45 PM Celebrate Choir 4:20 PM Jubilate Choir 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir	21 11:00 AM Midday Advent Prayers	22	23 No Saturday Worship Service
24 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship	25 10:30 AM Christmas Day Worship Service	26 Church Offices Closed	27 3:45 PM Celebrate Choir 4:20 PM Jubilate Choir 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir	28	29	30 No Saturday Worship Service
31 Noisy Offering Sunday 10:30 AM Worship						



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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