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# ***SIDELITES***

***Our Savior's Lutheran Church***

***December 2022***

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## ***Christmas Eve Worship Times***

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 Noon, 3:00 PM, & 5:00 PM

3:00 PM Service will be Live on Facebook.

## ***Christmas Day Worship Time***

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Only

This service will not be shown on Facebook.

## ***Special Worship Events in December:***

Healing Service:	Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM
Sunday LinC† Program:	Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM
Wednesday LinC† Program:	Wednesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM
Cantata:	Sunday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> at both services

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – Worship at 9:00 AM Only, also Live on Facebook.

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Merry Christmas from your church staff! We thank you for your partnership with us as together we make Christ known in both word and deed. We pray this Advent and Christmas brings you peace, joy, hope, and love.

Pastor Kathy Ulland-Klinkner

Shannon Stucky

Pat

Caryn Nelson

P. M. Dow

Jan Berger

Ann Sofka

Madeline  
Cacciatore Warren



In this time leading up to Christmas there are so many traditions, celebrations, and histories for us to focus on. There are TV programs about people falling in love at Christmas time (the Hallmark Channel was on from November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> at my house growing up). There are documentaries and strange TV shows about the “pagan roots of Christmas” (this is fascinating as most of these things are exaggerated or even completely fabricated; if you are interested come and talk with me). There are concerts, plays, carols, songs, shopping trips, fundraisers, days of decorating, and so much more... It gets to be a lot. So, I want to focus on two words this Christmas: Emmanuel and Jesus.

First off, Emmanuel is a Hebrew word, but we usually use the Greek spelling (both Emmanuel and Immanuel are correct). We get a direct translation of it from the Gospel of Matthew 1:23. It is a word that simply means “God is with us.” That is a pretty common fact around Christmas, but I want us to think about what it actually means. It is a promise; a shining beacon of hope in a cold world. God is with us...no. GOD IS WITH US!!! That is how we should read it. Read it with excitement and joy. God is with us in the person of Jesus Christ! God is with us in the gift of the Holy Spirit! God is with us!

This promise gets overlooked because of the business of the season. It gets lost in all of the other noise, but the Gospel won't let us forget it.

That brings us to our other word, Jesus. This is a pretty important word, right? The Savior of the world, God made flesh for us, who has come to set us free from sin and death. But much like how Emmanuel has an original meaning, so does Jesus. In Matthew 1:21, an angel of God tells Joseph, “She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” He is named Jesus because his name literally means “God will save.”

Within a few verses we get the whole story of faith. God is with us and God will save us! That is what Jesus Emmanuel means. May these words be a prayer for you as you do your shopping; as you enjoy your Christmas movies; as you gather with friends and family. Trust in the promise of...

Jesus Emmanuel! God is with us and God will save us!

Blessings and peace,  
Pr. Dave



Pastor Kathy and Pastor Dave would like to visit with you! If you would like them to come to your home, the hospital, or meet at the church, please contact them. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain or the prayer list at worship, please contact the Pastors. If you are home bound, or know someone who is, please let the pastors know so that we can bring communion to you. The pastors can be reached at 507-233-4430.

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### Missions Prayer Corner:

God in Heaven, thank you for the hope of Advent. As the days get colder and the nights get longer, help us all to cling to the light of that hope. We pray for the lonely, the unhoused and those without heat and warm clothes. Surround them with your love and grant them community and warmth. Amen.

## Theology on Tap

Join us for Theology on Tap at the Schell's Bier Halle on **December 1<sup>st</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+.*

Christmas Brunch for the Women of the church on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM at the New Ulm Country Club. "Visions of Hope" will be our theme. Pastor Dave will provide music and lead us in singing Christmas Carols with his ukulele. You may reveal your prayer partners from this past year and draw a new one for this coming year if you would like. The cost of the meal is \$15.00 (includes gratuity and tax). Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall or call Jen in the office to make a reservation by Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. For those who need gluten free meals, call Marlys at (507) 351-6692 by Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## Healing Service

During this season of Advent, Our Savior's will be holding an Advent service of healing and wholeness. This service of Holy Communion will also have an option of laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing. While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. During this service, we will hear how the coming Christ brings gifts of hope, wholeness and healing to his people. We come together seeking healing and room to share grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion. If you are in need of hope and comfort, or in need healing of body, mind, spirit, or relationship, please join us for this worship service, on **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 PM.**



## Early Risers Adult Bible Study!

We will meet December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 AM-7:45 AM, in the Social Hall. We are on chapter three of the book "Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say" by Adam Hamilton. This month's chapter is titled "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle." Even if you don't have the book or haven't been at the previous month's conversations, please feel free to attend!

## Faith & Books

Our Savior's Book Group date change! Due to the LinC† Christmas program, we will meet on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** in the Upper Room. Feel free to bring your supper. The December book is "*The Deal of a Lifetime*" by Fredrik Backman. Questions to think about: What footprints are you leaving? How would you like to be remembered? What would you be willing to sacrifice to save a life?



## Pork Chop Fundraiser

On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, right after second service until 1:30pm, come get a delicious meal of a pork chop, mashed potatoes, a side, and dessert! This meal is a fundraiser to help our kids go on a summer trip to Camp House. The youth will be selling tickets for \$10 each before the event and day of. Please come and support our youth by getting a wonderful meal!

## **Join us for our LinCt Christmas Programs!**

Enjoy the children of OSLC sharing the Christmas story and singing Christmas songs.

### ***Sunday LinCt Christmas Program***

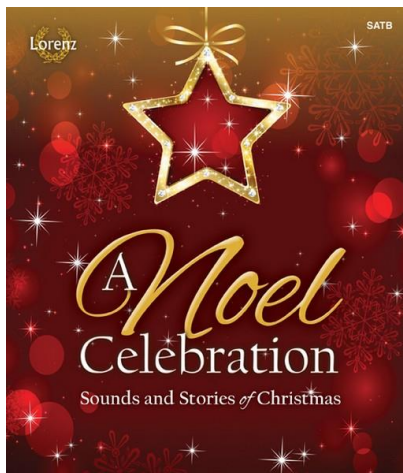
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM worship service.

### ***Wednesday LinCt Christmas Program***

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM, with Wednesday Supper to follow in the Social Hall. We are asking for our LinCt families to bring bars and Christmas cookies to share for this event.



The programs will be recorded and posted on our Facebook page and our website for those unable to attend.



## **Christmas Cantata**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**

"A Noel Celebration, Sounds and Stories of Christmas," a cantata by Lloyd Larson, will be presented by the Adult Choir on December 18<sup>th</sup> at both the 8:30 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Come and listen to the choir sing some loved and familiar Christmas melodies, and celebrate the Christmas Story.

## ***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 LinCt programming. Carry-out meals are available each week, just stop by the Social Hall to pick up your supper!



December 7 <sup>th</sup> :	Turkey Supreme & Chips
December 14 <sup>th</sup> :	BBQs, Hot Dogs, Chips & Christmas Cookies
December 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Pizza
December 28 <sup>th</sup> :	No Meal – Christmas Break



## **Women's Retreat**

Women of Our Savior's are invited to a retreat April 21-23, 2023, at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp.

"Refresh, Recharge and Renew" will be our theme as with God and with one another. Mark your calendars and look for more information in January.

## Kudos to our Confirmands!

Confirmed during worship on October 30<sup>th</sup>:



Madeline Backer, Tucker Berg, Ian Bruderie, Kaelyn Eikanger, Rory Gieseke, Graham Glaser, Addison Haynes, Ramsey Hopp, Reid Krenz, Mia Lambrecht, Makena Meier, Brooks Miner, Brecken Neuman, Joseph Riebe, Jaxon Salonek, Bodee Schmiesing, Lexi-Lyn Schneider, Brandon Sieg, Cullen Slette, Brody Wenner

## 2022 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 2022 for tax purposes, we must receive them in the church office or be postmarked by December 31, 2022. Please consider the seasonal postal delays if you choose to mail your offering. Thank you for your gifts to Our Savior's!



Church leadership and Ministry Team reports to be included in the 2022 Annual Report are due no later than Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Reports may be dropped off in the church office, or emailed to [jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org).

**Hey OLSC campers, our camp week is set!**



OUR CONGREGATION IS GOING TO CAMP JUNE 18-22 (WEEK 2)

REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 13TH

## 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 [facebook.com/oslcnewulm](https://facebook.com/oslcnewulm) 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.

**Venmo at Our Savior's!** For those who use Venmo, search for @OSLCNewUlmMN. This is a convenient way to give to the general fund, the building fund, or to pay for meals and other activities. Please make sure you put what the gift is for in the memo line. For example: General fund, building fund, Wednesday meal, etc. We hope this will be helpful to many who no longer carry cash or checks. If you have any questions, please contact Caryn at Our Savior's.

## December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap	2 10:30am MRCI Group	3 9:30am WELCA Christmas Brunch at NUCC <b>5:30pm Healing Service</b>
4 <i>Hagert Baptism</i> <b>8:30am Worship &amp; Facebook Live</b> 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b> 1:00pm Private Event	5 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	6 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	7 7:00am Early Risers Study 11:00am WELCA Board Meeting 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Children's Handbells 5:15pm Wednesday Suppers 5:30pm Faith & Books 5:45pm Rejoice Ringers 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	8 9:00am Immanuel Circle 3:00pm Pro Kinship Activity 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service 6:00pm Scouts Leader Meeting	9 10:30am MRCI Group	10
11 <b>8:30am Worship &amp; Facebook Live</b> 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship - Sunday LinCt Christmas Program</b> 11:30am Youth Group Pork Loin Fundraiser Meal	12 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	13 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:30pm Children's Ministry Team 6:30pm Youth Ministry Team	14 9:00am Cards of Caring 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt <b>5:15pm Wednesday LinCt Christmas Program</b> 5:15pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Rejoice Ringers 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	15 9:30am Conference Rostered Leaders 3:00pm Pro Kinship Activity 6:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting	16 8:30am Sidelites Group 10:30am MRCI Group	17 9:00am Cantata Rehearsal
18 Cantata Noisy Offering Sunday <b>8:30am Worship &amp; Facebook Live</b> 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b>	19 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	20 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Deacons Ministry Team 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 6:00pm Missions Ministry Team 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	21 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Children's Handbells 5:15pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Rejoice Ringers 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	22	23 10:30am MRCI Group	24 <b>12:00pm Christmas Eve Worship</b> <b>3:00pm Christmas Eve Worship</b> <b>5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship</b>
25 <b>9:00am Christmas Day Worship</b>	26 Church Office Closed	27 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 9:00am Quilting Group	28 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering	29	30 10:30am MRCI Group	31



The church office will be closed December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday, and January 2<sup>nd</sup> for the New Year's Holiday.



## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

This year, our Christmas decorations will include poinsettias and Christmas lights. If you would like to contribute to the cost of decorations (each plant is \$18.75), 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:

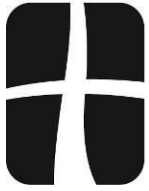
- I will **bring a poinsettia plant.**  
Please bring to the church **by December 22<sup>nd</sup>** and place on the table by Shannon's office.
- I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward Christmas decorations.  
**Make checks payable to OSLC – memo line "Christmas decorations."**

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 18<sup>th</sup>** for memorials to  
be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.





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*Address Service Requested*

## Regular Worship

Sunday Worship – 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Wednesday Worship – 7:30 PM

## Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

# SIDELITES

OUR SAVIOR'S is a Welcoming

community, experiencing God,

reaching out and raising up followers of

Jesus Christ