
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

December 2023



Sunday, December 24th Worship Schedule:

9:00 AM

Advent into Christmas Worship Service

This service will not be shown on Facebook.

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

Christmas Eve Worship

The 3:00 PM service will be Live on Facebook

Special Worship Events in December:

Healing Service:

Sunday, December 10th at 8:30 AM

This Service will not be on Facebook.

Wednesday LinC† Program:

Sunday, December 10th at 10:30 AM

This service will be Live on Facebook.

Cantata:

Sunday, December 17th at both services

Sunday, December 31st – Worship at 9:00 AM Only, also Live on Facebook.

As we prepare ourselves to once again receive the gift of Jesus, we encourage you to worship at Our Savior's with your friends in Christ. Advent and Christmas worship services will be in person, on Facebook, or on television. Please note the times for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. As Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, the 9:00AM service that day will be a service that moves from Advent into Christmas. The services at Noon, 3:00PM and 5:00PM will be traditional Christmas Eve services.

We are offering many times for worship, and pray there will be one that fits you so that we can celebrate the birth of Jesus together. Each and every one of us needs to experience the hope, peace, love, and joy of

Christmas. Please join your friends in Christ this Advent and Christmas as we prepare and celebrate the good news of great joy for all the people, the good news of Jesus!

Your church staff would like to thank you for your partnership with us as together we make Christ known in both word and deed. Merry Christmas to you and your family. May your Christmas be filled with love and joy.

Merry Christmas!

Jan Pastor Kathy P. Dave Lydia
Matt Madeline Sarah Chon



What is it that fascinates us about candles? I know that I could stare into a candle or a fire for hours at a time. There is something almost hypnotizing about it. We can stare and think about our day, work through problems, drift away in silence and calm, or just watch as the flames dance. We don't get enough of that during our modern, busy lives.

Imagine if we could take that same time to focus on where God is calling us. We could sit and think about who we helped over the course of a day; we could think about ways that we can serve others as a part of work, school, or daily life; we could take a moment to relax in the presence of God and wonder about how God will use us in big and small ways. This is meditative prayer. Many people don't feel comfortable praying out loud as others listen, but we can pray in silence, even without using words.

Try this practice for a couple of days. Light a candle or a fire in a fireplace/firepit. Sit and listen as the flame crackles and moves. Take some deep breaths. Notice how as you exhale over the fire it changes. Feel the tension in your body. Notice the aches and pains, as well as the comfort. Then take time to reflect (not to think or to plan); time to notice how God has spoken to you through the people around you. Don't worry about if you are doing it right. Wonder at the opportunities that God has placed before you.

Breath out stress; Breath in the Peace of God.

This will not bring fast or immediate results, but the more time we spend relaxing with God, the more peace we can find in our Maker, Savior, and Redeemer. Find ways to reflect and rest in God.

Rest and Peace,
Pr. Dave



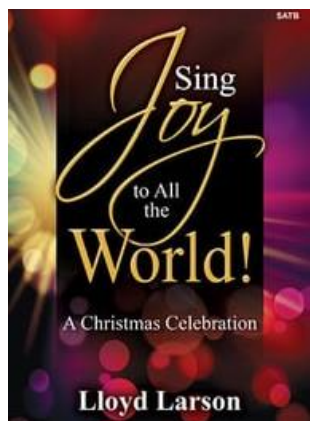
We need your help getting the church decorated for Christmas! We are looking for volunteers to set up Christmas trees inside the building on Thursday, November 30th. Trees and decorations will be set out for you to use. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Tom at tom@oursaviorsnewulm.org or call (507)233-4434.



During this season of Advent, Our Savior’s will be holding a service of Advent Prayers of Wholeness and Healing. During this service, we will hear how the coming Christ brings gifts of wholeness and healing to his people. This service of Holy Communion will also have a time of laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing. If you are in need of healing of body, mind, spirit, or relationship, please join us for this worship service on **Sunday, December 10th at the 8:30 AM worship service**. This service will not be shown on Facebook.

**Join us for the LinC† Christmas program!
December 10th at the 10:30 AM service**

Enjoy the children of OSLC sharing the Christmas story and singing traditional Christmas Hymns. This service will be Live on Facebook.



**Christmas Cantata
December 17th at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**

“Sing Joy to All the World,” a cantata by Lloyd Larson, will be presented by the Adult Choir on December 17th at both worship services.

The message of Christmas is one of deep and abiding joy! It is a message filled with the assurance that no matter how difficult the journey may seem, joy will eventually come.

Theology on Tap

Join us for Theology on Tap at the Schell’s Bier Halle on **December 7th at 6:30PM!** *Event for Adults 21+.*

Faith & Books

Faith & Books will discuss the Charles Dickens classic, “A Christmas Carol,” on Wednesday, December 13th at 5:30 PM in the church library. Reading any version of the book will work. If you don’t have time to read it, watch the movie! Join us for a fun discussion of this Christmas classic!

Wednesday Night Suppers

We are so grateful to be gathering on Wednesday evenings for suppers from 5:00PM - 6:15PM! All proceeds from the free will offering go to support Wednesday LinC† programming.



December 6 th :	Chicken Burritos or Chicken Salads
December 13 th :	Mashed Potato Bar
December 20 th :	No Programming – Christmas Break
December 27 th :	No Programming – Christmas Break

Kudos to our Confirmands!

Confirmed during worship on October 29th:



Back Row (L to R): Pastor Dave Nissen, Jevin Zamzow, Braxton Kiecker, Dirk Haynes, Brayden Wendinger, Cole Frederick, Isabel Krenz, Kelsey Landsteiner, Pastor Kathy Ulland-Klinkner
Front Row (L to R): Henry Oscarson, Sophia Netzke, Aubree Schmidt, Sophia Lund, Calleigh Frederickson, Lauren Kveno, Brynn Gramentz



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OSLC is planning on attending GLLM Bible Camp from June 23rd – June 27th.

Bible Camp registration opens December 14th. We have spots reserved through January 18th. Early Bird discount of \$50 per camper ends February 15th.

****camp mailing will be sent soon****



Watch for more information to come, this event is weather dependent.



Please remember that the pastors will never text, call, or email congregation members and ask them to purchase gift cards or anything else for them!

If you ever receive a suspicious message, please do not hesitate to call the pastors or the church office.

2023 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 2023 for tax purposes, we must receive them in the church office or be postmarked by December 31, 2023. Please consider the seasonal postal delays if you choose to mail your offering. Thank you for your gifts to Our Savior's!

Mission Prayer Corner:

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace:

As we wait for you this Advent, we pray for our neighbors here and around the world. We pray for the people suffering in Israel and Gaza, the Ukraine, and every war-torn nation. May those living in the shadow of war and terror feel your comfort and protection. During this season, we will light the four candles on our Advent wreath and pray for Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Help us to honor these prayers and live in your light. In your name we pray. Amen.

ELCA Good Gifts is an effective way to combat hunger during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. The gift of an animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops, and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. Learn more about God's Global Barnyard at <https://goodgifts.elca.org/> or pick up a catalog in the Social Hall.



The **NUMAS Haus** playground project has been postponed until spring. If you have already signed up, we will be in touch when we have more details to see if you can still help. We will also ask for volunteers again in the spring when we know more. In the meantime, please keep everyone at NUMAS Haus in your prayers. Thank you for your willingness to help in this important mission!



Pastor Kathy & Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Our family is so grateful for baptizing Maverick. Thank you for all you have done to make us all feel comfortable joining the church. We are so thankful. Also appreciate the extra baptism gifts at his service.

Warm regards,

- Megan, Matt, Mason, Mily & Maverick Furth

Thank you to the funeral committee for serving at our mom's lunch.

- Family of Delphine Domeier

Huge thanks to Pastor Kathy, Ashley, and the seven kids that came to my house and raked my leaves. 22 bags full! They did a great job and I appreciated that so much. You were letting your lights shine. Blessings to all of you.

- Phyllis Kosbab

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/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.

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <i>Gudmonson Baptism</i> Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:40am Advent Festival 10:30am Worship	27	28 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 9:00am Quilting Group 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	29 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship	30 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	1 10:30am MRCI Group 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	2 8:30am Men's Bible Study
3 <i>Uhl Baptism</i> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting	4 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	5 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	6 11:00am WELCA Board 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship	7 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap	8 10:30am MRCI Group	9 8:30am Men's Bible Study
10 8:30am Worship – Healing Service 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship - Children's Christmas Program	11 Sidelites Deadline	12 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team	13 9:00am Cards of Caring 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:30pm Faith & Books 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship	14 9:00am Immanuel Circle 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service 6:00pm Cub Scout Neighborhood Meeting	15 8:30am Sidelites Group 10:30am MRCI Group 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	16 8:30am Men's Bible Study
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24 9:00am Advent into Christmas Worship 12:00pm Christmas Eve Worship 3:00pm Christmas Eve Worship 5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship	25 Christmas Church Office Closed	26 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 9:00am Quilting Group 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	27 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering	28	29 10:30am MRCI Group	30 8:30am Men's Bible Study
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The church office will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th,
and New Year's Day, January 1st.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

If you would like to contribute to the cost of our Christmas Decorations, or if you would like to bring a poinsettia, please complete the form below. This year, our poinsettias will be a variety of sizes, and the cost of each is listed here:

- 6" pot for \$12.00
- 8" pot for \$25.00
- 10" pot for \$35.00

Please print clearly! Names will be listed in the bulletin as written.

Given By _____

Choose one:

- I will bring a poinsettia plant.
 - Please bring to the church **by December 20th** and place on the table by Tom's office.
 - If you bring a poinsettia and would like to have it in your home after the holiday, please label your plant. Plants will be kept for pick up until January 3rd.
- I would like to contribute \$_____ toward Christmas decorations.
 - **Make checks payable to OSLC, and write "Christmas Decorations" in the memo line.**

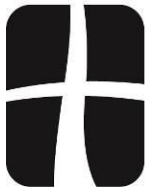
Choose one:

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Given as a gift.

Forms must be returned to the church office **no later than December 18th** for memorials to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Wednesday Worship – 7:30 PM

Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

4th Thursday of the month – 6:00 PM

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