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# SIDELITES

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

*November 2022*

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## Thanksgiving Worship with Christ the King at OSLC

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM

We celebrate and give thanks to God with our friends in Christ from Christ the King Lutheran Church this Thanksgiving. We have changed the night of worship, but we are eager to worship together in a service of praise and thanksgiving. Join us for pumpkin pie and fellowship after worship.

Can you bring a pumpkin pie? It doesn't have to be homemade! Please contact the church office if you are able to bring a pie to share.

We are looking forward to this special worship service and hope you will be there!

## Advent Festival

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> between services.

Children's Ministry is very excited about all the fun crafts being planned for the Advent Festival, which will be back in the downstairs classrooms!

Adults (10) and older youth (10) are needed to lead crafts! You will know the craft you are helping with ahead of time. All rooms and materials will be set up and waiting for you. If you would like to be a craft leader for Advent Festival, please email [lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org). Thank you for supporting this WONDERFUL tradition at OSLC!



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.**



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 6<sup>th</sup>!

*Our Savior's is the Election Polling Place for New Ulm Ward 4. Please be aware that there will be increased traffic around our building on General Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>.*



## ***All Saints Sunday***

**“If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” *Romans 14:8***

All Saints Sunday is November 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a special day in the church year, as we remember and give thanks for all the saints from Our Savior's who have died in faith and gone to be with the Lord since last All Saints Day. It is meaningful to remember each of them on the same day, and to remember what they meant to our congregation and to their family and friends. It is also a time for us to thank God for the gift of eternal life we have been given, for that helps us live with hope in all circumstances.

As I think about All Saints Sunday, it brings to mind the many questions and comments I receive about funerals, so I want to share a few thoughts. A funeral is a time to commend the one who has died to the care of God. It is a time to comfort one another with the assurance of the power and goodness of God. And it is a time to praise God, who has destroyed death and is the source of life and salvation. Here is what is in our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*:

“At a person’s death, the church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life on earth. At the funeral we give voice to sorrow, thank God for our loved one, and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. Trusting in God’s promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection. When the church gathers to mark the end of life, Christ crucified and risen is the witness of worship, the strength of mutual consolation, and the hope of healing.”

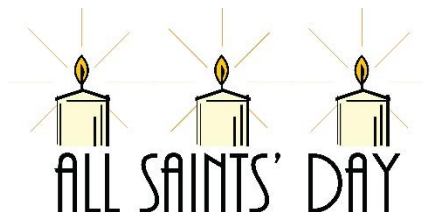
At a funeral we accompany the one who has died on the last part of his or her earthly journey. Yet, much of the funeral is for the living. For those who mourn someone’s death, it is important to have the opportunity to grieve, to share memories, and hear the promises of God. It is important to comfort one another in our grief. We need these things. As people of faith, we know that death is not the final word for we believe in the resurrection. Yet, we still miss our loved ones, and a funeral helps us in our grief. A funeral gives us both comfort and hope.

As part of accompanying the one who has died, in New Ulm, the funeral procession goes to the cemetery with lights on and is led by police officers. This procession reminds us that each life matters. Whether there were ten people at the funeral or hundreds, that person is a precious child of God. Think of it, people pull to the side of the road in an act of dignity and respect in this last part of the earthly journey! It is beautiful. Does the deceased need it? They don’t, but it reminds all of us who are still living that each life makes an impact in this world and is worthy of our care.

One more thing. Many people share that they want their funeral to be a celebration, no tears. I agree, a life well lived is worth celebrating. Yet the price of love, whether that is the love of a spouse, a parent, a grandparent or a friend, is that there will be grief when that person is gone. At a funeral, sharing memories and stories helps us in our grief, but those memories may bring both tears and laughter, sadness and joy. That is all part of losing someone we love. There may even be tears if we know that person had a lived a very long life and was ready to depart this world into the arms of God. A celebration of life can bring laughter and joy, but know too, that the tears that come in remembering are also part of the healing.

There is more, but for now, I'll end with my gratitude for our funeral committee, musicians, and staff who are part of our ministry to the time of a death. They bring God's comfort and hope to the bereaved. If you have questions about funerals or about planning what you would like at your funeral, please speak with me or with Pastor Dave.

Pastor Kathy



On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, we observe All Saints Day. On this day, we give thanks for all the saints from Our Savior's Lutheran Church who have died in faith and gone to be with the Lord since last All Saints Day. We will live stream the 8:30AM service for those unable to attend.

Curt Asleson

Merrle Asleson

Barbara Baumann

Velma Hale

Larry Hunstad

Richard Lane

Sharon Larson

Gloria Nelson

Lorraine Polzin

Tom Postel

Mary Raitz

Wayne Schultz

Jesse Steinberg

David Swenson

Conrad Trapp

Linda Trimmell

Dean Wegner

Paul Wilker

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### **Missions Prayer Corner:**

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Dear God, Thank you for all of our circumstances. Thank you for protecting us even when we do not realize we need your protection. Thank you for peace and grace that surpasses all earthly understanding. Thank you for bringing purpose and new meaning into our lives. Thank you for being a calming presence in the midst of all of our storms. Amen.

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### **Faith & Books**

Our Savior's Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM** in the Upper Room. Feel free to bring your supper. The book for November is "*Peace Like A River*," by Leif Enger. Some things to think about as you read: As the novel begins, a miracle happens. How does it happen? Who accomplishes it? What other major and minor miracles occur in the book and what role do they play? How does Reuben cope with his asthma and how is he influenced by it? Much of this novel concerns the inner life of childhood: imagination, storytelling, chores, play, and school life. Do the children depicted here seem realistic? Why or why not? A full set of discussion questions are available in the church library.

The December book is: "*The Deal of a Lifetime*," by Fredrik Backman.



## Welcome to our New Members!

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the newest members of our church family!



Adam & Trista Barka  
Karin, Greta & Krin



Johnny & Emily Bystrzycki  
Eli



Aaron & Bonnie Fortwengler  
Kaden & Bryn



Tammy (Adam) Hoffmann  
Jaxton, Maverick & Hazley



Michael & Shawna Kiecker  
Braxton, Carson & Cohen



Jay & Kelly Longhenry



Steven & Rachel Pfarr  
Graham



Whitney Schaefer  
Shawn, Lillen & Esme



Nicholas Thedens-Koep & Natasha Holm  
Tristan



Travis & Kristina Walden  
Britta & Josie

Not Pictured: Catherine Cowley; Jean Riser; Erik & Christine Skoglund and family  
We hope to share their photos in next month's newsletter.



## Notes of **THANKS**

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$330.74 to Ivy House, given on September 14, 2022. Because of you and your kindness we can continue to grow in our mission of sharing God's love with families by providing a safe and caring place for kids to stay.

On behalf of all our kids, parents, & caregivers – thank you! We are grateful to have generous people in our community like you who see the value of helping our families and children. You are a blessing!

- Trisha Homan, Executive Director

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Together, we are neighbors helping neighbors. Thank you for your generous gift to support the services of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS). Your contribution of \$125.00 was received on 9/14/2022. Your contribution of \$57.50 was received on 10/3/2022.

From adoption and foster care to shelter and safety for youth experiencing homeless to support for people with disability to nutritious, home-delivered meals for older adults, LSS impacts 1 in ever 65 Minnesotans. I invite you to learn more about our services and see how your generosity is already inspiring hope, changing lives, and building community at [lssmn.org](https://lssmn.org).

- Jesse M. Stremcha, Vice President & Chief Development Officer

## Theology on Tap

Join us for Theology on Tap at the Schell's Bier Halle on **November 3<sup>rd</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+.*

## 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!



November 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Breakfast for Supper
November 9 <sup>th</sup> :	Carnitas Tacos
November 16 <sup>th</sup> :	Pizza
November 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	<i>No Meal – Thanksgiving Break</i>
November 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Soup, Grilled Cheese & Hot Dogs



## Equipping Congregations Roadshow Registration is open!

The equipping workshops are hitting the road! The former Equipping Congregations Day is taking a new format. This Roadshow will offer three different dates and three different locations.

- **Thursday Evening, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Faith Lutheran, Spicer**
- **Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> @ First Lutheran, Marshall**
- **Monday Evening, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> @ American, Worthington**

*All three event are FREE! This event is supported by a generous gift from the Page Family, in honor of their parents,*

*James and Mary Page, for lay leadership ministry formation.*

Visit <https://swmnsynod.formstack.com/forms/roadshow2022> to Register!

## Scandian Grove Lutheran Church's Lutefisk & Meatball Fall Supper

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Serving Buffet Style from 11:00am to 3:00pm or until fish is gone! Contactless pickup is also available.

Menu: Lutefisk, melted butter, white sauce, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, buns, lefse, cranberry sauce, and dessert!

Price: \$20 per meal, \$12 for ages 10 and under. A portion of the net proceeds will be donated to charities.

## Operation Christmas Child

First United Methodist Church is sponsoring this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Bring your shoebox gifts to the church at 1 North Broadway, New Ulm. Questions? Call or text Kris at (507) 276-5856.

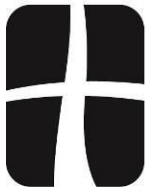


## November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	<b>1</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 11:30am Nominating Committee 6:30pm Youth Ministry Team	<b>2</b> 7:00am Early Risers Bible Study 11:00am WELCA Board Meeting 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Children's Handbells 5:15pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Rejoice Ringers 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>3</b> 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap	<b>4</b> 10:30am MRCI Group	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> All Saints Sunday <b>8:30am Worship &amp; Facebook</b> 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Psalm Study 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>8</b> <i>Election Polling Place</i> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00am Cards of Caring 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 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. Youth 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00am Immanuel Circle 3:00pm Pro Kinship Activity 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service 6:00pm Scouts Leader Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:30am MRCI Group	<b>12</b> Nelson Wedding - Offsite
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<b>27</b> Noisy Offering Sunday <b>8:30am Worship &amp; Facebook</b> 9:30am Advent Festival 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship <b>10:30am Worship</b> 6:00pm 7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Game Night	<b>28</b> 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>29</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	<b>30</b> 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt <b>5:00pm LinCt Family Worship</b> 5:15pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Rejoice Ringers 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	1	2	3



The church office will be closed November 24<sup>th</sup>  
and 25<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



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## **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

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OUR **SAVIOR'S** is a Welcoming

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reaching out and raising up followers of

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