



# The Crossroads

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI

## Greetings family of Our Savior's!

In this email you'll find the latest edition of 'The Crossroads' newsletter. The links below will bring you to some highlights of things happening in the upcoming month at Our Savior's.

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### Worship Times

5:30pm - Saturdays

8:00am & 10:30am - Sundays



### Wednesday Evening Advent Services:

- \* **Advent worship**—Wednesday, December 5, 12, and 19 @ 6:30 pm (30 minute services of carols, Holden Evening Prayer)

### Christmas Week Worship Services:

Saturday, December 22—**No** 5:30 service

#### Sunday, December 23

(normal worship schedule of services at 8:00am and 10:30 am)

#### Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- \* 4:30pm (family oriented service)
- \* 7:30pm (a festival service)
- \* 11:00 pm (a quiet and reflective service)

#### Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

- \* 10:00am worship service



## From Pastor Hansen

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### It Takes Courage

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" (Psalm 27:1, 14)*

To say we live in rather tumultuous times might just be an understatement. It is difficult to avoid the news these days. When I was a kid there were four networks (CBS, NBC, ABC and PBS) and the daily newspapers. Growing up, we had the morning *Milwaukee Sentinel* and in the afternoon was the *Milwaukee Journal*. We also had radio, but it seems that I spent more time listening to bubble gum stations like WOKY and rocking out to the Jackson 5! LOL

The sixties were even more tumultuous than our current era, I think. I had to grow up understanding what curfews meant and I saw death, first hand through servicemen who were killed in action in Viet Nam. Because of the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, we wondered if our life would ever be the same. It was scary. It seemed that there was little we could do.

I suspect that there is some of this feeling creeping back into our lives again as we see the horrible things that people do to each other and the earth that we have been given to steward. There seems to be a hunger for hate and an itch for a fight that worries me the most these days. I do get afraid, sometimes for what we do to each other and the lack of civility. For many, I think it is built off of fear. People look around at the lifestyles of others and they are afraid that they are falling behind. They are afraid that their families aren't going to have the same opportunities and they are afraid that they have no voice in what it means to be citizen these days. Fear seems to play itself out in destructive ways in our relationships and in our communities around this country.

Fear is a poor motivator in the end. It only leads to more destruction. The psalmist is facing suffering at the hands of his enemies. The psalmist looks out at his situation and wonders if he is alone in his struggle or not. He remembers who and whose he is in this psalm. He says, "The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" If we believe that we are secure in the love of God, then why are we fearful? Paul says in Romans 8 that there is nothing that can separate us from God in Christ...not even ourselves. So if this is true and we believe it, then why are we consumed by fear? Fear is used by those in power to make people give in to their power. However, fear is not sustainable. It will consume itself in the end. So, what do we do?

We live out each day the callings of our God. We live to love God and others in the best way possible, because we are secure in God's love. The psalmist concludes the psalm with: "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord." We can live in this love and service of God and others through the courage that we have in a God who is as near as our breath. We live boldly in the midst of those

### Prayer Requests & Hospital Notifications

Do you have a prayer request or hospital notification you would like to pass along? You can share your requests with Pastor Tim at [tim@oslc-elca.org](mailto:tim@oslc-elca.org) or call the church office. When you submit prayer requests, they are sent to the Our Savior's prayer chain via email and are added to the prayers during weekend worship. *If you would like your request to remain confidential to a pastor, or would not like it shared with the prayer chain or included in worship prayers, please note your wishes in your request.*

### Pastoral Acts

#### Baptisms:

Kaiden Peters—Nov. 18

#### Funerals:

Alvin Anderson—Nov. 26

James Erickson—Nov. 27

**New MSP Schedule Coming Soon** A new schedule will be available in December. Watch the *Weekly Crossroads* for more details on when you can begin signing up!

### Would you like to join the Prayer Chain?

Many of you are praying for Our Savior's, its ministries and members, as well as concerns of the world. Are you willing to add the prayer needs of Our Savior's members or friends? We have an electronic prayer chain that your name could easily be added to.

A bit about how the prayer chain works. A request is received by the office and the email prayer request is sent. The email includes the person to be prayed for, a short reason for prayer being needed, and their relationship to Our Savior's.

If you are interested in joining the Our Savior's Lutheran Church prayer chain, please contact the office to be added to the list at [office@oslc-elca.org](mailto:office@oslc-elca.org) or 608-837-3111. If you ever have a prayer request that you would like shared with the prayer chain, email [office@oslc-elca.org](mailto:office@oslc-elca.org) and we will happily pass the request along.

who want us to be fearful and stand ready to reach out to those in need, because that is what it means to be a follower of Jesus. So have courage fellow believers and live for others. In our loving and serving our fears fade away.

Peace,  
*Pastor Tim*

### Synod Council Journey—Part 4 by Debi Peters

Decisions for the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin are made annually during the May Synod Assembly. Representatives are elected from each congregation. All 165 congregations come together and determine what should be the focus for the next year. By the way, the Synod Assembly remains a functional body until the next assembly. It was last May I was elected to be a representative to our synod and I am the representative until May of 2019.

A most enlightening moment during our last Synod Council meeting was a discussion about finances and the fine line the Synod has walked for a number of years.

First, some background: Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Sun Prairie has dedicated funds. A dedicated fund is one that must be spent for the purpose the money was given. Some dedicated funds for our church have sat for years and the original purpose may no longer exist. The careful and prayerful discernment about these funds is underway.

There are equivalent funds on the Synod level. However, these funds have been tapped to support losses from operations and special initiatives passed by the Synod Assembly. Today these Restricted Accounts may not have enough money. The Synod Council elected to use money from the sale of a church to restore the Restricted Funds.

A reason people were not aware of this situation was how these Restricted Funds were referenced. The phrase "reserved funds" was used which many believed meant the Synod had a savings account of reserves from which operating losses and unfunded initiatives were funded. The reality was and is...there is no such saving account and money has been pulled from the Restricted Funds to pay for these items.

The Synod Council voted to repay the "loans" represented by taking part of the money from the proceeds of the sale. Thanks be to God for the sale of the church that allowed us to do so. The Council also decided the Synod should have a Strategic Plan, paired with Capitol Campaign, to accomplish the following:

- Tie initiatives with funding;
- Increase the operating budget;
- Set aside a true rainy day or reserve fund.

The Synod Council will be creating a Strategic Plan that will be shared with all congregations. This Strategic Plan will begin with Mission Statements plus the Future Directions of the ELCA. These documents represent being church together. If you are interested in the Future Directions document, go to <http://elca.org/future>.

# Church Council

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## Council Notes

The OSLC Constitution is over 20 years old and badly in need of an update. Thank you to Debi Peters, Jim Alt, and Sue Lux for taking on this project. They will have a draft for the Council to review ready in December, and we look forward to a Special Congregational meeting to consider the new Constitution in the spring.

Our Savior's is one of the original community partners in the Sunshine Place. We have agreed to commit \$5,000 per year for the next two years toward the expansion plans of the Sunshine Place. We would like to fundraise at least half of that commitment using Thrivent Grants, Soup Suppers, and other fundraisers. If you are one of the many at Our Saviors that has a passion for the mission of the Sunshine Place, we could really use some help leading the fundraising. Please contact Steve Olson or Pastor Tim if you are interested.

We are planning a Ministry Fair on January 19/20 to highlight the many opportunities that we have to live out our faith at Our Savior's. What are your gifts and what is your passion?

There will be a number of positions on the Congregation Council that will need to be filled at our Annual Meeting in February. Several wonderful long serving members of Council will be leaving their positions and we look forward to the opportunity to share this ministry with new leaders. Please consider this opportunity for service and pray that others will seriously consider serving.

## Call Committee Update

The Council was blessed to have an excellent pool for candidates for the Associate Pastor Call Committee. We are so grateful to all of the members who expressed their willingness to serve. Those selected were:

Tom Schlinder	Tony Klemme
Marcia O'Donnell	Bill Rockeman
Zach Hanser	Steph Pinnow
Josh Wagner	Amy Stueck
Debi Boles	Rebekah Sweeney

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their work together.

**God's Peace,  
Steve Olson  
Congregation Council President**

## Financial Progress Report for Oct. 2018

- 1) General Fund:  
Giving: \$48,351.33  
Expenses: \$39,331.77  
Net Cash Flow: \$9,019.56  
YTD Cash Flow: \$15,328.62
- 2) Building Fund:  
Giving: \$7,787.83  
Expenses: \$8,294.00  
Net Cash Flow: \$<506.17>  
YTD Cash Flow: \$800.98

### A Note from OSLC's Finance Secretary regarding Pledges and Electronic Giving

- 1) Please keep in mind that if you change your prior year's pledge, it does NOT automatically change your electronic giving.
- 2) Any changes to electronic giving should specify if the member will make the change or if Our Savior's should change it. We need written authorization to go into your account to change your giving, either by an electronic giving form, a note, or an e-mail.
- 3) Please remember to **sign** your pledge card before turning it in so that we can record your pledge correctly. Thank you!



# Stewardship

## I Love to Tell the Story

Our stewardship drive was filled with stories this year as you got up to tell your stories of faith and the power of being a part of this community of faith. Through your witness we were able to think about how our faith has played a role in our own lives, and how we live it out through this ministry at Our Savior's.

Thank you to those who have returned their pledge cards for our fall stewardship drive. Through your commitments we will continue to make good decisions about the ministry we are called into as a congregation. If you haven't yet turned them in, please consider still doing it this year. There are cards at the Welcome Center.

As we hope to call a second pastor to be among us in the coming year, we trust that you are also excited about what that might mean for us as a community of faith. A call committee has been established and we look forward to their work ahead.

Again, thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Through your giving, people are fed and nourished, visited, and befriended. God's story is proclaimed through movies on the blacktop, serving at Sunshine Supper, God's Work our Hands, choirs for all ages, and through the ways in which you bear witness every day in your lives. Children and Youth have their faith strengthened through opportunities in Sunday School, Confirmation, CHAOS and RIOT, Youth Gatherings and service opportunities. Thank you for your continued support!

**End of Year Contribution Reminder!** Books will be closing on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Contributions must be in by the 10:30 am service on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> in order for these to be applied to your 2018 giving.

**Adam Bayliss & Chad Johll, Jaxon (11), Tyler (11),  
Camden (10), and Caleb (7) Johll-Bayliss**

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Adam works at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health as a medical physicist/professor. Chad is employed by the Sun Prairie Area School District as a teacher.



**Karen Komar**

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Karen has four adult children and eight grandchildren. Prior to her retirement, Karen worked in social work and sales.



**Louise Lemke**

306 Morningside Ave., Madison  
608-222-6740

Louise was a charter member of Our Savior's when it was organized. She was an organist at OSLC for 36 years and at another church for 13 years. She has three adult children—two sons and one daughter—and one granddaughter who lives in Scotland and is a teacher there.



**Josh and Kristi Swan, Aiden (9), Ella (1)**

341 Hoover St., Sun Prairie  
608-239-5137 swankm@gmail.com

Josh is employed as a Cloud Engineer at Zendesk in Madison. Kristi is self-employed as a small business owner. Josh enjoys golf and Kristi does yoga. Aiden plays tennis, and Ella enjoys playing with her brother and "getting into trouble."



**Kyle and Anna Tasch**

2306 Lakeland Avenue, Madison  
920-948-2674  
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Kyle and Anna are both employed at UW Hospital—Anna as a physician assistant and Kyle as a physical therapist. They are expecting a baby in November. Kyle and Anna enjoy hiking with their dog, Wisconsin sports, and cooking. Kyle's sister, brother-in-law, and nephews are members of OSLC.





**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Cordially Invites You to Our

**2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
*Christmas Program*

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**  
**5:30 pm**

Our Christmas Program has costumes for children to wear. If they do not want to wear costumes, they do not have to. We will be assigning and fitting on Sunday, November 18 and Sunday, December 2.

All practices will occur during Sunday School.

The night of the program we request that your child(ren) be at the Church at 4:00pm for final practice. We will have snacks after practice and before service. There will be a small celebration after service with cocoa and treats for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact Tamara Martin at [tam2007email@gmail.com](mailto:tam2007email@gmail.com) or Gary Dalgaard at [gary@oslc-elca.org](mailto:gary@oslc-elca.org).

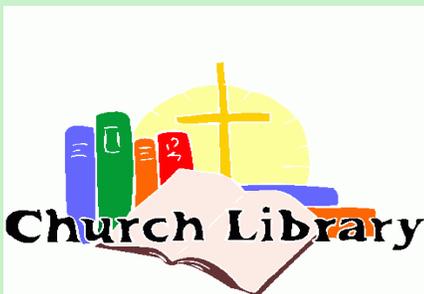


# Christian Education



## New Wednesday Evening Bible Study beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>

Join Pastor Tim for a Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 pm beginning on **Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Plan to come early for the "Wednesday Night Dinner at Church" and then join Pastor Tim at 6:30pm for Bible Study. Watch the Weekly Crossroads for room location information.



## Visit Your OSLC Library From Anywhere

Our Savior's library is accessible from your home computer, Smartphone or tablet! All you need to do is enter:

<http://www.librarysoft.com/HOSTED/SAVIORSEARCH/SAVIORSEARCH.htm>

and hit Enter and Bookmark the site!

## Adult Education Opportunity—"The Gospels of Advent"

Please gather with us at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings during Advent (December 2, December 9, December 16 and December 23) in the Conference Room to discuss and ponder the Gospel lesson of the day.

Come to all four gatherings, or as many as you are able to attend. If you have any questions, please see Marcia O'Donnell or contact the church office.



## Thursday Brown Bag Bible Study



Have you ever wanted to learn more about growing deeper in your faith? Have you ever heard the lessons read in worship and wondered what they were talking about, but were afraid to ask? **Join us for "Thursday Brown Bag Bible Studies" at noon for an hour in the conference room.** Bring your lunch and your questions as we look deeper into scriptures and ask questions together about what this book of faith has for us.

## Baptism Enrichment Class

Those who are planning a baptism in the near future should attend the Baptism Enrichment Class planned for **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m.



*I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

In this 60 minute class, we will discuss the meaning of Baptism and how parents and sponsors can nurture their children in faith. Participants can sign up at the Welcome Center. Childcare is available if needed—contact the church office.

## Communion Celebration

Attention First Grade Families. This year we will be celebrating Communion on **January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. All first graders are welcome as well as any older children who may not have had the opportunity to receive Communion prior to this. This is an important milestone in the faith life journey of your child.

There will be orientation classes on **Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 until noon. Please plan to attend with your child. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

## Worship & Music

### Christmas by Candlelight at Our Savior's on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

All the musicians of Our Savior's invite you to celebrate the Christmas season on **Sunday evening, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm** as all the choirs, the handbells, plus organ, piano, and more offer music of hope, comfort, and joy.

Come, hear the Cherub Choir, Youth Choir, Alleluia Singers, Senior Choir, and Chancel Ringers. No tickets are needed but a free will offering to benefit the Sun Prairie Emergency Food Pantry will be received. A reception will follow the program. The Senior Choir will also present their portion of the program in the newly renovated chapel at Oakwood Village East at 2:00 p.m. on December 16<sup>th</sup>



**Poinsettias**—We will once again have poinsettias during the holiday season at Our Savior's. You can order one or more poinsettias to decorate OSLC for Christmas, and then pick up the plant(s) after Christmas to take home with you if you choose. There is a choice of ordering red or white poinsettias. Price is \$16 each. **Deadline to order is Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.** Look for the poinsettia order forms in the pews and at the Welcome Center.

### Wed. Night Dinner Before Advent Worship

Would you like to join us for Wednesday Night Dinner before Advent Worship? **If so, please RSVP to <http://www.oslc-elca.org/wednesday-dinners>**

### Happy New Year! Advent Begins on December 2

The old church year ended with the celebration of Christ the King Sunday on November 25<sup>th</sup> and a new church year begins with the First Sunday in Advent on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Among the gospels, Luke's—the focus of the new year—is arguably the most loved. Look for stories about Zacchaeus, the road to Emmaus, and baby Jesus in a manger. Happy new (church) year!

### Advent Worship Services on Wednesday Evenings

Plan to attend midweek Advent worship at Our Savior's. The dates are Wednesday, December 5, 12, and 19. The informal 30 minute services will begin at 6:30 pm. As part of each service we will sing the Annunciation and Magnificat sections of Holden Evening Prayer. Each Wednesday we will also sing two Advent/Christmas carols and find out a bit of their histories. There will also be a "request time" so that you can have us sing one or two Advent/Christmas hymns or carols of your choosing. So, please join us!

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Pantry Concert at Our Savior's on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Do you like to sing Christmas carols? Do you want to hear vocal choirs from throughout the Sun Prairie area plus handbells, organ, piano, and other instruments? Do you wish to help the Sun Prairie Emergency Food Pantry in its mission to serve our community? You can do all of this at once!

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Food Pantry Concert on **Friday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's**. Join your voice with those of 200 musicians from 8 choirs as they usher in the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Bring your donations of money and food to support the Food Pantry. The Sun Prairie Emergency Food Pantry is an equal opportunity provider.

**Attention OSLC bakers:** Your help is needed! Each church with participating choirs is asked to supply 12–15 dozen cookies, bars, or holiday treats for the reception in the Narthex following the concert. If you can provide any of these goodies, **please bring them to the OSLC kitchenette between 10 a.m. and noon on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.**



### Celebrate Christmas by Worshiping with Us on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

On Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, there are three opportunities to worship and celebrate: a family oriented service at 4:30 p.m., a festival service at 7:30 p.m., and a quiet and reflective service at 11:00 p.m. On Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, we will worship at 10:00 a.m. Come, and bring your guests and visitors with you!



## Women's Ministry & Evangelism

### Thankoffering Thank You!

—The Women of the ELCA of OSLC would like to thank you for your generous offerings on Thankoffering weekend. We collected nearly \$1,600 in offerings to help fund future events like the Mother/Daughter Tea and Women's retreats.

A special thanks to all the women worship volunteers and to Deacon Sue Lux for her wonderful message at all three worship services.

### Altar Flowers for 2019—Openings Now Available!

The Altar Flower Sign-up Board for 2019 is available now in the Narthex. There are two spots available per weekend. Please remember to: 1) sign up on the flower board, 2) fill out an Altar Flower Order Form, and 3) deliver payment to the church office. Also—remember to indicate if you want to pick up the flowers after Sunday's services or donate them. Thanks!

### Women's Adventure Group (WAG)—Next Outing Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

—Join us for a festive walk through the Henry Vilas Zoo to experience Zoo Lights on Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church parking lot at 5:30 pm to carpool (or meet us at the main entrance to the zoo at 6 pm). Cost is \$7 per person. Following our walk, we will have hot beverages and our faith discussion at Barriques on Park Street. Dress warmly! Sign up at the Welcome Desk.



### Women's Retreat—"We Saved You a Seat"

The first annual OSLC Women's Retreat, held on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> was a great success. There were over 20 women who participated in the event where we explored deepening our friendship with Jesus and with each other.

We would like to thank our corporate sponsors—Market Street Diner, Erbert & Gerbert's, and Pick-N-Save—who donated food to help make the day memorable.

A special thank you to Sue Lux and Marcia O'Donnell for their special gifts and talents. They created a unique, enjoyable, and extraordinary experience that will be carried on throughout the year. We would like to also thank Diane Padrutt for playing music for us throughout the day; her gift of music was inspiring. Another notable thank you is to Scott Breitenbach who volunteered to help out throughout the day, helping set up, take down, serve food, run errands, and all around right-hand man!



Lastly, we would like to thank all the ladies who participated in the event. We hope the retreat brought you to a new level of friendship with Jesus and with the new friends you made throughout the day. We look forward to spending the day with you at next year's retreat, and we will be sure to save you a seat!



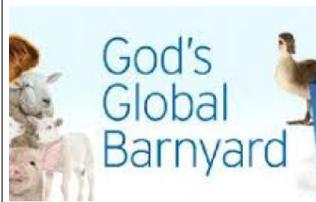
**Triangle Community Ministry Shared Table—Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 755 Braxton Place in Madison. Set up is at 4 pm and dinner will be served by OSLC to the Triangle neighborhood residents near Park Street, Regent Street, and West Washington Avenue.

Please watch for the sign-up in the Narthex for helping set up and serve and food donations. This has been a rewarding experience for the volunteers who have participated in the past—hope you consider getting involved. Carpooling can be arranged—Call Maggie Zimmerman 608 206 0401 with questions.

# Outreach (Church in Society)

## **Spirit of Giving Program (Giving Tree)**

The Spirit of Giving Program matches Sun Prairie families in need of gifts and food over the holiday season with community members who want to help. This year over 430 families (1400 kids) will be helped. **Tags for children who OSLC is sponsoring will be hung on our giving tree and available to pick up after Thanksgiving. Gifts will be due back to church by Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>.**



**God's Global Barnyard** – This is a way to help people around the world with life-sustaining gifts such as a chicken, honeybees, a pig, a water filter, or a microloan to start a business. Ornaments denoting gift and price will be hung on a tree in the Narthex. Members can choose an ornament and make a donation through ELCA Good Gifts. **Please follow the instructions on the order form and make your donation through ELCA Good Gifts either online or by mail.** Please do not give your donation to the church office.

**Food Pantry Concert**—Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's. Several Sun Prairie churches join together to present a Christmas concert with a wide variety of beautiful Christmas music to benefit Sun Prairie Food Pantry. This is a free event but canned goods and monetary donations are very welcome!



**Just Bakery Christmas Baked Goods—Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> (between services)**—Many of you have already had the pleasure of tasting

the delicious Just Bakery cookies, breads and pies so you can imagine how scrumptious their Christmas treats will be! This will be an excellent way to buy some Christmas goodies for the holidays especially for those who don't have time to bake!



MADISON AREA  
URBAN MINISTRY

**Mark your calendars—  
Hanging of the Greens  
on Sun., Dec.  
2 @ 11:45 am!**



A light lunch will be served and Christmas music will play while we decorate God's house. Sign up at the Welcome Center. If questions, please contact Peggy Schaub at plschaub@gmail.com.

Some may feel warm,  
some may feel cold,  
Don't touch the thermostat,  
or so we've been told,  
Whatever the settings may be,  
adjust the temperature,  
as you please  
If in doubt,  
please come see me,  
As with any and all  
of your needs, always ready,  
to do a good deed  
Whenever the congregation  
is scheduled to be,  
Trust in our staff  
and members alike  
that Our Savior's community  
will worship in comfort  
and peace.

*I'm truly thankful for the wonderful people and staff that I've been blessed to meet and work with during the past year at Our Savior's. Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

**Love and Peace,  
George Lazar Jr.**

# Fellowship

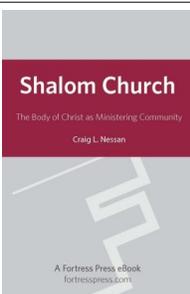
**Eat Boldly—Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People!**

The Eat Boldly group will not meet in December. We will resume meeting on **Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** at Buck and Honey's, 804 Liberty Boulevard, in Sun Prairie at 7:00 p.m. Watch for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk in mid-December. (There will be a choice of four dinner selections.)



Please call Judy Fenske with any reservation questions, changes, or cancellations (608) 837-9000. All are welcome!

**Spirited Book Club—Thursday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

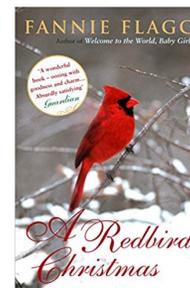


This month we will gather at Gloria's home to discuss **Shalom Church** by Craig L. Nesson on **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

For more information, contact Joy Kroeger at: kroegerjoy@gmail.com or (608) 512-5305 for location.

**OSLC Book Club—Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

The **OSLC Book Club** meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00am at the church. We will meet on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss **A Red Bird Christmas** by Fannie Flagg. This is an enchanting Christmas story of faith and hope. Oswald T. Campbell meets a little redbird named Jack, who is the center of this tale of a magical Christmas when something so amazing happened that those who witnessed it have never forgotten it.



**Dinner and a Movie—Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

—Bring a dish to pass and come join us for the movie **Crazy Rich Asians** (rated PG-13). Rachel Chu is happy to accompany her longtime boyfriend, Nick, to his best friend's wedding in Singapore. She's also surprised to learn that Nick's family is extremely wealthy and he's considered one of the country's most eligible bachelors. Thrust into the spotlight, Rachel must now contend with jealous socialites, quirky relatives and Nick's disapproving mother.

Dinner & a Movie is the second Thursday of every month. Come for dinner, to enjoy each other's company, and to watch a movie. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Potluck dinner is at 6:30 pm and movie will be at 7:00 pm.

# Parents' Night Out

## Parent's Night Out Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>!

If you are looking to finish that Christmas shopping or enjoy a date night, drop your kids off at **Parents' Night Out!**

Kids will enjoy creative, fun Advent activities with our youth and adult volunteer crew. We will play games, make crafts, watch **The Star** movie, and enjoy popcorn, goldfish and juice!

Free Will offering.

### Registration Required!

**Drop-off will begin at 4 pm**

**Pick-up promptly at 7 pm**

Please contact  
Shelly Perkolup to learn more:  
[shelly@oslc-elca.org](mailto:shelly@oslc-elca.org)

## Parenting Discussion Group

Welcome to our newer members. It is not too late to join the fun! In December, we will discuss tangible ways we can be more intentional in modeling and helping our kids know Jesus and demonstrate that love for others.



**Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15am**

(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)

# Children & Families



## Wednesday Night Dinners

**Wednesdays 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM**

**\$5/person, \$20/family maximum**

To **RSVP**, to **help**, or **learn more** visit: <http://www.oslc-elca.org/wednesday-dinners>

### Menu

All meals will include: Salad, Vegetable, Fruit, PB&J, Milk, Lemonade, Dessert

**Wed. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** Spaghetti, Meatballs, & Bread

**Wed. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

**Wed. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage

**Wed. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>** -NO DINNER-

**Wed. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>** -NO DINNER-

**Wed. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>** Menu to be determined

See Shelly Perkolup or Matt Weber to learn more.

**Family Movie Night** postponed until 2019. If you are interested in helping coordinate this event which falls the third Friday of the month, the duties include:

Choosing appropriate movie from approved/licensed list usually alternating between younger kids and tween/teen movie.

Printing Sign-up for Movie board. Writing monthly announcement for newsletter, playing movie, making popcorn, cleaning up theater. Please see Shelly Perkolup or Matt Weber for more information.



# Youth & Family Ministry

## RIOT High School Youth Group Coffee @ Beans 'n Cream

Our monthly RIOT coffee gathering for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet on **Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> (6:45-7:30am)** at Beans 'n Cream downtown Sun Prairie. This event typically meets on the third Thursday every month. Hope to see you there!

## CHAOS Middle School Youth Group – Wednesday Nights 7:30– 8:30pm!

All students in 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for CHAOS youth on Wednesday nights after confirmation class from **7:30–8:30pm**. CHAOS youth group will meet after confirmation class throughout the school year. So come for class and stick around for games, fun, and get to know some other students in our confirmation program too! Meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!

**NOTE: CHAOS will not meet on nights without confirmation class.**



## 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation/CHAOS Lock-in at OSLC – Nov. 30-December 1<sup>st</sup>

All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to attend our annual retreat on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at OSLC. Registration forms are available on our website or at the Welcome Desk. This retreat will include many fun activities, food, games, a late-night Bible study and maybe a little sleep. Parents, if you would be willing to assist as a volunteer for this event, please contact [Matt@oslc-elca.org](mailto:Matt@oslc-elca.org). Thanks!

## RIOT 150 Envelopes Fundraiser Setup – Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to join us on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm to help setup for our next fundraiser, the “150 Envelopes” fundraiser. We will decorate the envelopes and set up our fundraiser display in the Narthex. A pizza dinner will be provided. We need to decorate 150 envelopes, so the more hands we have, the faster this process will go. Please consider joining us to help with our next fundraiser to help support our winter/summer high school youth trips!

## Confirmation Christmas Party – Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

All confirmation students are invited to attend our Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm!** We'll have Christmas cookies, hot chocolate, and a white elephant gift exchange! A white elephant gift is something weird, or outrageous that should get some laughs! You don't have to spend any money on a white elephant gift (some of the best ones are probably in a box somewhere in your basement!). If you do spend money on your white elephant gift, please keep your expenses under \$10. Your gift should be wrapped when you arrive on December 19<sup>th</sup> (one gift per person if you plan to participate in the gift exchange).



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 12:00a CHAOS Lock-in 9:00a Contemporary Worship Practice 10:00a AA 10:00a AA 5:30p Worship
<b>2</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a The Gospels of Advent 9:15a Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15a Sunday School 9:15a Youth Board Meeting 10:30a Worship 11:45a Hanging of the Greens	<b>3</b> 10:00a Little Cardinals Community Preschool 5:30p NA 7:00p Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 10:00a OSLC Book Club 6:30p Lay Visitation Ministry Committee - Conf. Rm	<b>5</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Little Cardinals Community Preschool 5:00p Alleluia Singers 5:15p Wed. Night Dinner 5:30p Cherub Choir 5:45p Youth Choir 6:00p Gather in Prayer 6:30p Advent Worship 7:00p Chancel Ringers	<b>6</b> 9:30a Play Group 12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30p Spirited Book Club	<b>7</b> 7:00p Food Pantry Concert	<b>8</b> 9:00a Contemporary Worship Practice 10:00a AA 10:00a AA 10:00a Baptism Enrichment Class 4:00p Parent's Night Out 5:30p Worship
<b>9</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a The Gospels of Advent 9:15a Bd. of Evangelism 9:15a Christmas Party Practice/Preparations 9:15a Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30a Worship 1:00p Marta Hansen Winter Recitals 6:00p 150 Envelopes Setup Event	<b>10</b> 10:00a Little Cardinals Community Preschool 5:30p NA 7:00p Boy Scouts	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Little Cardinals Community Preschool 5:00p Alleluia Singers 5:15p Wed. Night Dinner 5:30p Cherub Choir 5:45p Youth Choir 6:00p Gather in Prayer 6:30p Advent Worship 7:00p Chancel Ringers 7:00p Mentor Night 2	<b>13</b> 9:30a Play Group 12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00p Rebecca Circle @ Church 5:30p WAG (Zoo Lights) 6:30p Dinner & A Movie 7:00p Bd. of Finance 7:00p Ruth Circle	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00a Contemporary Worship Practice 10:00a AA 10:00a AA 5:30p Sunday School Christmas Program
<b>16</b> 8:00a Worship 8:30a Just Bakery here (Christmas Baked Goods) 9:15a The Gospels of Advent 9:15a No Sunday School 9:15a Parenting Together 9:15a Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30a Worship 6:00p Christmas by Candlelight	<b>17</b> 10:00a Little Cardinals Community Preschool 5:30p NA 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Elizabeth Circle 9:00p Deadline for items for January newsletter	<b>18</b> 10:30a Service @ SPHCC 6:00p Stamping Group	<b>19</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Little Cardinals Community Preschool 5:00p Alleluia Singers 5:15p Wed. Night Dinner 5:30p Cherub Choir 5:45p Youth Choir 6:00p Chancel Ringers 6:00p Gather in Prayer 6:30p Advent Worship 7:00p Confirmation Christmas Party	<b>20</b> 6:45a RIOT Coffee @ Beans 'n Cream Downtown 9:30a Play Group 12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study 6:00p Executive Committee 7:00p Congregation Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00a Contemporary Worship Practice 10:00a AA 10:00a AA 5:30p <u>NO</u> WORSHIP
<b>23</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a The Gospels of Advent 9:15a No Sunday School - Christmas Break 9:15a Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30a Worship	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 12:00p Office Closed @ Noon 4:30p Worship 5:30p NA 7:30p Worship 11:00p Worship	<b>25 Christmas</b> 8:00a Office Closed 10:00a Worship	<b>26</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting	<b>27</b> 9:30a Play Group 10:00a Monthly Crossroads Folders	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00a Contemporary Worship Practice 10:00a AA 10:00a AA 5:30p Worship
<b>30</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a No Sunday School - Christmas Break 10:30a Worship	<b>31</b> 12:00p Office Closed @ noon 5:30p NA	<b>Notes:</b>				

# December 2018 Sunday Servers

Counters: Barb Polishinski, Ann Breitenbach, Seth Kaste

Altar Guild: Sue Lux, Kim Smith, Barb Polishinski

**PLEASE NOTE: The schedule listed below does not include the three evening services on 12/24/18 & the one service on 12/25/18. (see the following page regarding those Christmas services)**

Service	Dec 1 & 2	Dec 8 & 9	Dec 15 & 16	Dec 23 (no service on Dec 22)	Dec 29 & 30
<b>Greeters</b> 5:30 8:00 10:30	Karen Oehrlein, Marlene Hyer  Lauren Page, Greg Perkolup	John & Karen Oehrlein  Sally Campbell, Sherry Cameron  Debbie & Bryan Loney	Carolyn & Trent Kreitlow  Dave & Sara Herr  Wendy Harris	No 5:30 service  Kathryn DeRauf  Shelly & Dan Smith	Darlene & Brian Loken  Harold & Nancy Rollette  Jeannine & Ed Lauersdorf
<b>Lector</b> 5:30 8:00 10:30	Maggie Zimmerman  Pamela Wright	Sue Cowan  Sally Campbell	Bill Zimmerman  Pamela Wright  Debi Peters	No 5:30 service  Linda Stauffacher  Starr Seefeld	Jane Barnes  Sally Campbell  Thomas Koskelin
<b>Usher Captain</b> 5:30 8:00 10:30 <b>Young Usher—10:30</b>	Raymond Zit  John Gould  Ray Carlstedt Will Perkolup	Raymond Zit, John Vetter  Bill Rockeman  Helen Perkolup	Raymond Zit  Arnold Kleven  Roger Tremaine Will Perkolup	No 5:30 service  Roger Krause  Ollie Berge Helen Perkolup	Raymond Zit  Chuck Schultz  Tom Feldman Andrew Koskelin
<b>Nursery</b> 5:30 8:00 9:15 10:30	  Cameron Strangstalien  Helen Perkolup, Michelle Boles	Cindy Pursifull  Danica Walters  Kimberly Worgull, Madelyn Birrenkott	    Madelyn Birrenkott  Addy & Kaia Feldman	No 5:30 service  Danica Walters  Savannah Frei, Madelyn Birrenkott	Angela Harms  Kimberly Worgull  Lexa Bryant
<b>Acolyte</b> 5:30 8:00 10:30	Lexie Stein  Amber Meyers  Addy Feldman	Alexis McMahon-Bingham Caskey Schroeder  Addy Feldman	Angela Harms  Kiley Timm  Allie Spredemann	No 5:30 service  Adam Jasensky  Katherine Lick	Alexis Bingham  Jacob Baldwin  Michelle Boles
<b>Sound Tech</b> 5:30 8:00 10:30	  Steve Polishinski  Matthew Engelbrecht	Dave Kallstrom  Jason Bradley  Harold Sommer	Wayne Engelbrecht  Steve Caron  Harold Sommer	No 5:30 service  Jon Schmidt  Gary Dalgaard	Dave Kallstrom  Bill Egstad  Kris Koskelin
<b>Communion Servers</b> 5:30 8:00 10:30	Brian Loken, Karen Jasensky, Maggie Zimmerman  Brenda Gould, Mary Love-Patton, Richard Bohling, Linda Stauffacher  Austin Bradley, Dawn Bradley, Nan Olson, Agnes Valley, Linda Palzkill, Shelly Perkolup	Gail Niesl, Karla Kvalheim, Krista Poellot, Fritz Schunke  Sally Campbell, Dale Moschea, June & Bill Egstad  Arbutus Kjenvet, Bob Stowell, Diane Padrutt, Ronald Mach, Kim & Devin Millard	Maggie & Bill Zimmerman, Scott & Judy Singletary  Marvin Klang, Steven Smith, Becky Caron, Jean Minga  Linda Palzkill, Paul Kaiser, Kela Feldman, Jeannine & Ed Lauersdorf, Timara Budack	No 5:30 service  Angela Schmidt, Jean & Steve Minga, Dale Moschea  Wayne & Agnes Valley, Debi Peters, Kim & Devin Millard, Kela Feldman	Karla Kvalheim, Sue Cowan, Gail Rockeman  Sally Campbell, Kimberly Smith, June Egstad, Marvin Klang  Timara Budack, Bob Stowell, Sara Herr, Paul Kaiser, Gary Dalgaard
<b>Assisting Minister</b> 5:30 8:00 10:30	Bill Zimmerman  Sue Lux  Julie Niemeyer	Sue Cowan  Julie Niemeyer  Bob Pinter	Bill Zimmerman  Sue Lux  Gary Dalgaard	No 5:30 service  Nathan Smith  Julie Schlinder	Sue Cowan  Steven Olson  Kathy Stoffregen
<b>Welcome Center</b> 5:30 8:00 9:15 10:30	Yvonne Kahler  Pat Nicholson  Janice Williams Carrie Barrett	Janice Williams  Erin Schroeder  Oliver Berge	Janice Williams  Carrie Barrett  Joy Kroeger	No 5:30 service  Janice Williams  Lauren Page	  Pat Nicholson  Janice Williams Tonya Koskelin
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Janet Kostka	Garth Jorgensen	Margie Woodbury	Tracie Ruether	Sally Campbell

Service	Time	Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)—one service @ 10 AM
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	4:30	Sue Lux	Angela Schmidt
	7:30	Steven Olson	
	11:00	Nathan Smith	
<b>Greeters</b>	4:30	Judy Benz	Kathryn Shelley
	7:30	Betty Nelson	
	11:00	Sherry Cameron	
<b>Young Usher</b>	4:30	Andrew Koskelin	
<b>Lector</b>	4:30	Marvin Klang	Ralph Stauffacher
	7:30	Scott Singletary	
	11:00	Marcia O'Donnell	
<b>Nursery</b>	4:30	Not filled	Cindy Pursifull
	7:30	Sarah Kautza	
<b>Acolyte</b>	4:30	Allie Spredemann, Kelsey Neuman	Lin Sensenbrenner, Alexis McMahon-Bingham
	7:30	Not filled	
	11:00	Nikki Hanser, Lexie Stein	
<b>Sound Tech</b>	4:30	Steve Polishinski	Harold Sommer
	7:30	Jon Schmidt	
	11:00	Jon Schmidt	
<b>Communion Servers</b>	4:30	Erin Kaste, Richard Bohling, Sara Klemme, June Egstad	Mary Love-Patton, Gail Niesl, Kathryn Shelley, Linda Palzkill
	7:30	Wayne & Agnes Valley, Sally Campbell, Scott & Judy Singletary, Angela Schmidt	
	11:00	Bob Stowell, Erin Kaste, Diane Padrutt, Liz Anne Seymour	

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