

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Happy New Year!

On January 6, we celebrate Epiphany. Matthew writes that when the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Matt. 2:10-11). In the home, Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, Christ is welcome. Consider doing the following service as a way of celebrating epiphany at home – either by yourself or with family or friends. As always, I am available for home blessings during the month of January.

In Christ,

Pastor Kristina

The following service of blessing can be done as a family or with friends.

GREETING

May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (*Proverbs 24:3-4*)

READING *As we prepare to ask God's blessing on this household, let us listen to the words of scripture.*

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.
From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
(*John 1:1-4, 14, 16*)

INSCRIPTION *This inscription may be made with chalk above the entrance: 20 + C M B + 14*

The magi of old, known as
C: Caspar, M: Melchior, and B: Balthasar
followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us
20: two thousand 14: and fourteen years ago.
+: Christ, bless this house,
+: and remain with us throughout the new year.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then everyone may walk from room to room, blessing the house with incense or by sprinkling with water, perhaps using a branch from the Christmas tree.

OSL Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2013

President Sandy Rau called the December 11, 2013, meeting, of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, to order. Present were Pastor Kristina, Tammy Sipsas, Howard Lehman, Rozie Maki, Cindy Knapp, Karen Maron, and Doug Thyberg. Excused were Peg Hipsher and Ken Tanula. Cindy Knapp led the Bible study of Colossians, Chapter 3.

SECRETARIES REPORT from November was approved by Howard and seconded by Doug; motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT was presented by Doug. Cindy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit. Seconded by Rozie; motion carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT- Because of the lack of a quorum, at the congregational budget meeting, we will continue with our 2013 budget until the next congregational meeting where the motion for the 2014 budget can be ratified, at a meeting with a quorum. Pastor presented a detailed written report of her 2013 leave. She ended the year with 0 vacation days and 5 sick leave days left.

PASTORS REPORT- Pastor presented a report of her November ministry. She has assigned Prayer Partners amongst the council members. We are encouraged to contact each other weekly to touch base and pray for each other. Pastor suggested we consider asking the synod for help in creating a more caring church membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE Doug and Dick Rewalt met to prepare the 2014 budget based on the stewardship drive. They also ordered 2014 offering envelopes.

OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM planned playground promotion. New highway sign installation is postponed by weather. Planning for Sister Congregation is ongoing. Coffee time charity is vitamins for Honduras.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE did not meet but are working on the Christmas program.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE have handed out the compiled Time and Talent reports.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE decided to delay any bathroom remodeling until a better financial status is made clear. There is a problem with a frozen lock on the back door. A large coffee pot needs replacing. Tile will be installed at the new door installation areas. The parking lot yard light still flickers and will be taken care of.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE met on December 2. They selected hymns for services through January 5. 5:00pm and 7:30pm Christmas Eve services were planned. The December 29 service will be a lessons and carols service.

Doug made a motion to accept the committee reports. Seconded by Tammy; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-Howard presented a member opinion checklist for us to consider using to get an idea of the members view of the ministry at Our Savior's. Sandy and Howard will draft a letter to send to non-attending members to update our membership list.

NEW BUSINESS-Pastor made a motion to give our church secretary, Evelyn, 30 hours of paid sick leave and 20 hours of paid vacation in addition to her current contract. Seconded by Rozie and motion carried. Upon Evelyn's absence Pastor will do her computer work and volunteers will man the phones.

The meeting was adjourned and we prayed the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be January 14, 2014

Submitted by Sandy Rau, acting secretary



Volunteer Schedule January 2013

Prayer for Families

We will continue this year to include three families or individuals in our Sunday morning prayers. I know there are many of you that pray for individuals and the needs that we know of, but there are many times we don't know when someone is in need of a prayer. This is one more way for us to care for each other placing them in God's hands.

January 6

Dale Carlson
Barbara Carlson
David & Debbie Christensen

January 13

Bill & Rita Collins
Arlene Crowley
Harold & Carole Danula

January 20

Jim & Carrie DeRosia
Jim & Charlotte DeRosia
Trey & Michelle Drougas

January 27

Scot & Tess Eisenhauer
Rick & Jody Forsythe
Richard & Joann Forsythe



BIRTHDAYS this month

Jan Modeen 2nd
Lauri Lind 2nd
Matlene Hagstrom 4th
Landen Peck 5th
Jody Forsythe 6th
Evie Berge 7th
Laurel LaBelle 7th
Janelle Armbruster 7th
Jim Olson 11th

John O'Brien 11th
Carole Danula 13th
Matthew Berube 22nd
Emalee Anderson 22nd
Gabrielle Raunio 25th
Ted Callahan 30th
Nancy Johnson 31st
Debbie Landgreen 31st




Jerry & Tricia Talso 1st
Richard & Joanne Forsythe 7th
Jerry & Julie Peck 20th
Dick & Kathy Rewalt 31st

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
January 5	Dick & Evie Berge	John Schrock	Volunteer Needed
January 12	John & Donna Kramolis	Linda Pepping	Volunteer Needed
January 19	Ken & Linda Watters	Lynette Kesler	Volunteer Needed
January 26	Tammy Sipsas & Karen Wicklund	Donna Trautt	Volunteer Needed
Monthly			
Ushers: Dick & Kathy Rewalt			
Greeters: Bonnie Rantala & John Johnson			
Altar Guild: Jan 8 ~ Adrienne Luoma Jan 12 ~ Shane Sipsas Jan 19 ~ Luke Drougas Jan 26 ~ Allison Luoma			
Acolyte: Carole Danula & Sandy Rau			

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January 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Pastor's Hours of Availability: Monday-Thursday 9:30-1:00 Call 715-372-8701 or 715-813-0830 to reach the Pastor.</p>	<p>Secretary's Hours Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30</p>		<p>1 Office Closed </p>	<p>2 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 12:00 Yoga</p>
<p>5 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Rice</p>	<p>6 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 5:00 Worship 6:30 Education @ the P. Parlor 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>7 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>8 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School Resumes 5:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>9 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 12:00 Yoga</p>
<p>12 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Hand Lotion</p>	<p>13 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>14 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council</p>	<p>15 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>16 WELCA @ the Landgreen's 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga</p>
<p>19 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Kleenex</p>	<p>20 Newsletter Deadline 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>21 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>22 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>23 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 12:00 Yoga</p>
<p>26 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Paper Towels</p>	<p>27 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>28 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>29 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>30 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>31</p>	



**FAITH
IN ACTION**

January Mission of the Month - Faith In Action Mission Statement- Faith In Action-Ashland County provides outreach, support, and assistance to elderly people and their family caregivers throughout Ashland County, with the intent of supporting their independence, dignity, and ability to remain safe in their homes.

What Do We Do?

Faith In Action recruits volunteers to senior citizens with a range of support services designed to help seniors remain living independently in their own homes.

Who Do We Serve?

Our program serves adults living independently in Ashland County who are 60 years of age or older, regardless of race, religious belief, or economic status. Faith In Action fills the gap for elderly people who could remain in their homes with just a little help. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Contact Megan Perrine @ 715-682-4414 ext 3

Thank You Thank you so much for your generous gift of money and kind Christmas wishes. It is my joy to be here at OSL! ~Patty Lehman

Thank You Everyone for the warm holiday wishes, the kind words and for the gift of money I received in your Christmas card. Merry Christmas and Happy 2014.
~ Evelyn Pamer

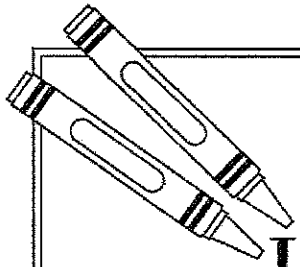
From the Secretary- A list of the Ushers and Greeters for the next 6 months is listed in this newsletter and will also be posted on the bulletin board.

The Newsletter deadline has been moved to the 3rd Monday of every month. This will give you more time to compile information over the weekend and during Sunday Morning Fellowship, then get it to the secretary by Monday.

New Member Classes Beginning Jan. 5- Are you interested in being a member of Our Savior's? If so, we would love to have you. New member classes will cover a variety of topics from explaining Lutheran liturgy and theology to learning how you can work with us to serve Christ in the community. They will be held on Sunday evenings in January from 5:00 – 6:30. A light supper will be provided. We will be receiving New Members during our Sunday worship service on February 2.

A Note Of Thanks- Thank you all for the generous gifts given to our family this Christmas. The gas card and cash were a wonderful surprise and will be put to very good use in the coming year. Your gifts made Jonathan and I feel very loved and appreciated.





Just for KIDS

Unique Creations

It is the New Year and in many places it is cold enough to snow. God created snowflakes that are so unique that no two are alike! It is the same way with people – we are all one-of-a-kind. If God cares so much about how each snowflake is made, imagine how much God cares about you!

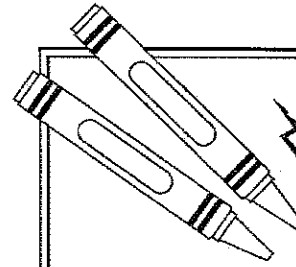
Directions: Draw lines to match the two halves of the snowflakes. Write the letters on the numbered blanks to form the words and to complete the verse.

1			7		
2			8		
3			9		
4			10		
5			11		
6			12		

"I _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ I _____ 4 _____ 5 _____
 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ ; _____ 9 _____ 10 _____
 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____"

Psalm 139:14, NIV

Answer: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful...."



PUZZLE

The Beginning

The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

Directions: Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Ushers and Greeters- The volunteer list for the Ushers and Greeters has been set up 6 months in advance so that you have time to switch months with those listed here or find other replacements . The list will also be posted on the bulletin board. If you are unable to help during the time you have been assigned, please find your own replacement and let the church secretary know of the changes as soon as possible.

Greeters

January~ Bonnie Rantala &
John Johnson
February~ Tim Landgreen &
Shirley Saker
March~ Doug & Nancy Thyberg
April~ John & Donna Kramolis
May~ John & Jeanne Joseph
June~ Ted & Donna Callahan

Ushers

January~ Dick & Kathy Rewalt
February~ Ken & Linda Watters
March~ Laurel LaBelle &
Jane Jensen
April~ Merv & Rozie Maki
May~ Nan & Jim Olson
June~ Fred Baue &
Karen Wicklund

The following people have volunteered to be greeters this year:

Ted & Donna Callahan, Rick & Jody Forsythe, Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel, Laurel LaBelle, Merv & Rozie Maki, Jim & Nan Olson, Dick & Kathy Rewalt, Mark & Melinda Santikko, Ken & Linda Watters, John & Jeanne Joseph, John & Donna Kramolis, Fred Baue, Tim Landgreen, Bonnie Rantala, John Johnson, Wayne & Lynette Smith, Doug & Nancy Thyberg, Shirley Saker and Karen Wicklund.

The following people have volunteered to be ushers this year:

Ted & Donna Callahan, Laurel LaBelle, Tim Landgreen, Merv & Rozie Maki, Jim & Nan Olson, Dick Rewalt, Mark & Melinda Santikko, Wayne & Lynette Smith, Doug & Nancy Thyberg, Ken & Linda Watters, and Karen Wicklund.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING.

IT IS A LARGE COMMITMENT AND WE ARE GREATFUL FOR YOU.