

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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# February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 9a Worship with Holy Communion 10a 9th Grade	5	6	7 Bible study 1030a God Squad All Groups Service Project 6p Youth Movie and Pizza Grades 7-12 7p	8	9	10  Lunar New Year
11 9a Worship 10a Council Mtg Souper Sunday	12	13	14 Bible Study 1030a No God Squad Ash Wed Service 630p	15	16	17  OSLC Night out at Kokomos 6p
18 9a Worship with Holy Communion 10a Worship & Music Committee Mtg	19	20	21 Bible Study 1030a Lent Supper 545p Miller Family God Squad Group 2 6p Lent Service 6:30p Choir Practice 7p	22	23	24
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# Grapes from the Vine

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## From the Pastor

*Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. - Acts 2:46-47*

Gathering around a good meal is a very Christian thing to do. If you were to ask a person of faith to share one of their favorite experiences in Christian community, chances are it would involve fellowship around the table. This includes the table of Holy Communion and tables laden with potluck goodies. One model of thriving ministry that is new and very old is something called Dinner Church. It is one of the fastest growing formats for Christian gathering in North America. This movement asks the question, "What if church was like a good party, much as it would have been in the first century?"

Starting on February 21st, OSLC will return to our own version of Dinner Church. On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we'll gather for good food and good fellowship from 5:45-6:15 pm followed by mid-week worship at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join in and families with kids in God Squad can eat together before class time starts at 6pm.

These evening gatherings of a simple meal and contemplative worship are the ones that stick with me all year long. I'll save a place at the table for you.

Peace be yours,  
Pr. Liz

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# **Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

## **Council Minutes**

### **January 14, 2024**

Council members present: Pr Liz, Deb Gehrke, Terri Heimerman, Julie Rogers, Jim Grabow, Ginny Grabow  
(Guests—Vicki Walechka and Scott Lassiter)

Jim shared a devotional based on Psalm 91.

Vicki asked if we would resume soup and sandwich suppers before Lenten services. Council would like to resume more of the activities we had pre-COVID. It was decided to offer these suppers on February 21, through the following weeks of Lent, with the possibility of also serving on March 20th, depending on attendance. The four serving groups will coordinate this activity.

#### **Old Business:**

Discussion on Internet service to the church with Scott Lassiter and Jim taking the lead. Jim will ask the Church of Christ what service they have found to work for them. We hope to be finished with Mediacom by March 1, since they have raised their monthly fee to nearly \$280. We are looking for a reliable, but more affordable option.

There have been complaints about our 20-year-old sound system. Deb has received a quote for adding speakers in the sanctuary. The cost for two extra speakers would be \$1969.18. The decision was made, Motion by Jim, second by Ginny, to have two speakers installed in the spring after the Internet service is firmed up.

**Brian Block presented the financials for December**, as well as a preliminary view of the proposed 2024 budget.

The general fund received gifts of \$25,470.58 versus last year of \$27,964.91 giving us a difference of \$2,494.33. The checkbook balance at year's end was \$10,507.25. Year to date, the general fund received gifts of \$134,104.74 versus last year's \$131,088.55, a difference of \$3,016.19. Council suggested some small changes to the 2024 budget, which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on 1/28, The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

#### **New Business:**

- A Night Out/Adult Fellowship is being planned for February 17, 6:00 at Kokomos. Regular menu. Watch for a sign-up sheet if you wish to attend this evening of food and fellowship with your friends from Our Savior's..
- A youth movie & pizza night is planned for February 7 at church. (Grades 7-12)
- Pastor Liz will offer a First Communion Workshop on March 23.
- Green Lake Bible Camp information for 2024 has been sent out.
- Mid-week Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 with choir practice following.

Motion to adjourn by Julie/Terri second. Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.  
Next meeting on February 11 following worship.

Ginny Grabow, Council Secretary

## News and Updates

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit  
so all may know God's love.

### **God Squad**

Forms, God Squad schedules, and the volunteer sign up sheet is available in the "Kids Corner" in the narthex or under the 'Learn' tab on our web [page](#). The volunteer sign up sheet is also available online.

2/7 - All Groups Service Project

2/14 - No God Squad--Ash Wednesday Worship

2/21 - Group 2 - 3rd-4th, 7th-8th

2/28 - Group 1 - PreK-2nd, 5th-6th

### **Adult Bible Fellowship**

Our adult Bible Study and Fellowship meets at 10:30am on Wednesdays. Join Pr. Liz for a time of casual discussion about the readings for the following Sunday and time of intercessory prayer

### **Worship Help**

Sign up to help on Sundays: Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Video Operator, or Fellowship Host! Go [online](#) or check the paper copy of the sign-up sheet on the welcome table.

### **Tithing Tips from the Treasurer**

Have you challenge yourself to increase your giving? One way to up your giving is to be consistent. Have you thought about signing up for Simply Giving? With Simply Giving, the amount you want to give is taken out of a checking or savings account automatically with no charge to you. Take the hassle out of giving and sign up for Simply Giving today!

Sign-up for **Simply Giving** by requesting a form from the church office or give online with **Tithe.ly**. Go to the church website under the "[Donate](#)" tab. Contact the office or Brian Block or [lecenterhh@gmail.com](mailto:lecenterhh@gmail.com) for more info.

### **Worship and Music Committee**

There will be a Worship & Music Committee meeting on Sunday February 18 after service.

### **Make a Joyful Noise**

Do you fantasize about being a famous singer? Come join us for choir. We will sing at Easter service. Join us for choir practice on Wednesday nights at 7pm on February 21st and 29th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th come for Lent service and stay for choir practice. We are looking for new members, come join the fun. We cannot guarantee you will be famous, but you will be loved and appreciated.

### **Created for Community**

The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we enter this season together "with the whole church". It goes on to state that "we are created for communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation." Though many common Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of "repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love," Lent is also a time for deepening of community. Our mid-week worship series invites us to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God.

### **Lent Soup and Sandwich Supper**

We will be having soup and sandwich suppers during Lent, from 5:45 pm-6:15 pm. All are invited to attend.

February 21 - Miller Family serving

February 28 - Serving Group 2

March 6 - Serving Group 4

March 13 - Serving Group 1

March 20 - Serving Group 3

### **OSLC at Kokomos**

An evening our for Our Savior's is planned on Saturday, February 17th. Meet at Kokomos at 6p and join your church family and friends to enjoy a time of fellowship and food. All are welcome to join this gathering. We will be ordering from the regular Kokomos menu. There is a sign up sheet on the welcome table. Deadline to sign up is Friday February 9th. If you have any questions, call Ginny Grabow 507-304-0667

### **Souper Sunday - February 11**

The Cleveland Area Food Shelf could use your assistance. Our Saviors wants to assist with filling their Food Shelf needs. Please consider a donation of goods or a monetary donation. Just bring your items to church and drop them off in our grocery cart.

Needed items include: Apple or Sunny D juice boxes, canned chicken, canned fruit, baked beans and any and all kinds of breakfast cereals. Please do not bring vegetables or pasta as these items are not needed at this time. Questions can be directed to Shelly Miller (507) 327-7519 Or Rhonda Johnson (507) 995-2527

### **Ash Wednesday**

This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 14th. We will gather at 6:30 pm for worship with Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. There will be no other programs that night.

## Birthdays

2nd Chris Glassel, Jenna Zimmerman  
 3rd Tony Smith, Rylan Wargelin, Leanne Wolf  
 4th Cade Olson  
 5th Joe Biehn, Peter Koppelman, Karna Ziebarth  
 6th Leo Koppelman  
 7th Kristin VanEck, Walter Glaser, Mattea Grandaw, Jordan Wolf  
 8th Ravae Biehn  
 10th Gaylord Martin  
 11th Neenah Lassiter  
 13th Lori Mueller  
 17th Terri Heimerman  
 18th Reid VanEck  
 19th Dave Voss  
 21st Kayla Schafer, Myron Wolf  
 22nd Allison Cink, Anthony Hollerich, MacKenzie Johnson, John Weber  
 28th Wendy Friedrichs, Anne Hiller, Vicki Walechka, Andrew (A.J.) Zimmerman, Macey Ziebarth



## Anniversaries

1st Scott & Cindy Hass  
 14th Brian & Rhea Block  
 24th Patrick & Karem Johnson



### Preparing for Worship

**2/4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany -**  
 Isaiah 40: 21-31, Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c,  
 Mark 1:29-39

**2/11 Transfiguration of our Lord -**  
 2nd Corinthians 4: 8-12, Psalm 51: 1-17,  
 Mark 9: 2-9

**2/14 Ash Wednesday -** Isaiah 58:1-12,  
 Psalm 51: 1-17, Matthew 6: 1-16, 16-21

**2/18 First Sunday in Lent -**  
 Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, Mark 1:9-15

**2/25 Second Sunday in Lent -**  
 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22: 23-31,  
 Mark 8: 31-38

### Prayer Concerns:

*(Prayer concerns are listed for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested)*

**Members:** Wayne Quiram+, Dave Wendelschafer +, Terry Bateman +, Myron Wolf+, Charlotte Jacoby+, George Bauer+, Dan McCabe+, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+

**Non-Members:** Cindy Wieland+, Holly Kallestad+, Mary Heckman+, Ray Perkins+

**Those in the military service:** Active Military: Brendon Brown, Alex Garrison, Chris Glassel, Tyler Seitz, and Tyler Piotter.

We also pray for all veterans who have served in our nation's Armed Forces.

*Send your prayer concerns to [oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com](mailto:oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com) or call the church office. We will keep these loved ones in prayer for three weeks. If the concern continues, please let us know to extend your petition.*