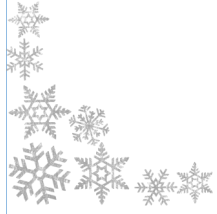




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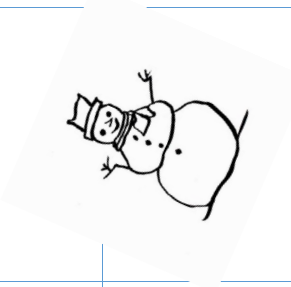
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 9am Worship with Holy Communion Epiphany of our Lord	8	9	10 Bible Study 10:30a God Squad Group 2 6p	11	12	13
14 9am Worship Council Meeting after Worship Deadline for Reports for Annual Meeting Second Sunday after Epiphany	15 	16	17 Bible Study 10:30a God Squad Group 1 6p	18	19	20
21 9am Worship with Holy Communion Third Sunday after Epiphany	22	23	24 Bible Study 10:30a God Squad Group 2 6p	25	26 	27
28 9a Worship Annual Meeting after worship Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	29	30	31 Bible Study 10:30a God Squad Group 1 6p			

Grapes from the Vine

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From the Pastor

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. -Isaiah 43:19

Beloved of God, Grace to you and peace and a Happy New Year! As people of faith we enter into each New Year with memory and hope. We remember what has been and look forward to what may be in the sure and certain knowledge that God has been, continues to be, and will be with us in all that we say and do.

Many things happened at OSL in the past year - we searched for and finally found a new office administrator. Jan Rustman is a wonderful addition to the OSLC staff. She is full of enthusiasm for making sure that things run smoothly behind the scenes and sharing faith in all that she does. God Squad welcomed the biggest group of kids since I've been here and we hosted the Cleveland Trunk-or-Treat for the 6th year in a row. I had the opportunity to lead prayers at the Memorial Day program and start the groundwork for a Mutual Ministry team. This group will help evaluate and guide both pastor and congregation in our ministry together. The church council continues thinking about strategic planning and building maintenance as well as how to best steward our time, resources, and talents for doing God's work in our congregation, community, and the wider world. 2023 was a busy year! Looking forward to 2024, there are more exciting things to anticipate!

First is the Annual Meeting at the end of this month where we will review ministry and business from 2023 and plan for this year. Please, join us to give your input! There will be some business, but also some fun and exciting discussion about the future of our church! Peace be yours,

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Pr. Liz

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Council Minutes

December 10, 2023

Members present: Pastor Liz, Deb Gehrke, Tom Christensen, Terri Heimerman, Julie Rogers, Jim Grabow, Ginny Grabow. Terri, presented a devotional concerning God and our goals.

Scott Lassiter was present to help council understand our needs concerning the Internet in view of Mediacom greatly increasing our monthly cost. This equipment is necessary to have Wi-Fi in the church for many reasons...email, storing documents on the cloud, newsletter production, any use of the Internet, etc. Jim explored the possibility of using a Netgear Nighthawk M6 unit which would cost \$65/month. Mediacom has raised our monthly payment to \$276.63/month. Jim will see if AT&T has a test unit we could use to check the viability of this unit for our application. Tom suggested if we go that route that we should plan to install an external antenna since he has had experience using a similar unit. If we decide to drop Mediacom, they need to have a 30-day notice, giving us time to do more research. Since Mediacom handles our landline phones, we will have to see about picking them up with Century Link.

Brian Block presented the November financial report: The general fund received gifts of \$9,081.00 versus last year of \$9,612.16 giving us a difference of (\$531.16). Checkbook balance is \$3,744.65. The memorial fund has been repaid for the roof advance. Year to date; The general fund received gifts of \$108,631.72 versus last year's \$103,120.64, giving a difference of \$5,511.08. Brian also presented a preliminary 2024 budget, which the council will need to approve prior to the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2024. The financial report was approved in a motion by Julie, second by Tom.

Snowplowing: Tom presented three estimates for plowing church parking lots. Council accepted Bobcat One at \$100/occurrence on a motion by Jim, second by Julie. The plowing will be paid through Building & Grounds maintenance fund, not by a budget line item. Motion by Tom, second by Terri.

Council minutes for November were accepted. Motion by Deb, second by Jim.

New Business:

Discussion of Stewardship emphasis. Julie will work with Pr. Liz to write up information to share with the congregation.

The Project List was reviewed.

Julie has been working on an activity evening for the youth...maybe pizza and a service project connected to God Squad.

Children's Christmas Program on December 17. Treat bags for the children will be prepared on December 16, at the church by council.

Terri & Tom are willing to serve another term on council.

Next meeting January 14, following worship. Jim will provide the devotional time. Annual Meeting January 28, 2024. **Note: All reports to be inserted into the 2023 Annual Report are due January 14.**

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

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.

1/3- No God Squad

1/10 - Group 2 (3rd-4th) and (7th-8th)

1/17 - Groups 1 (PreK-2), (5th-6th)

1/24 - Group 2 (3rd-4th) and (7th-8th)

1/31 - Groups 1 (PreK-2), (5th-6th)

Adult Bible Fellowship

Our adult Bible Study and Fellowship meets at 10:30 am 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 for more info.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

We follow Cleveland School District for all weather-related closings. If our school is closed or dismissed early due to weather, ALL church related activities, particularly God Squad activities on Wednesdays are cancelled. Our Sunday worship and other scheduled meetings will be announced. Sunday worship will be announced through our local St. Peter radio station, KRBI – FM 105.5, and KEYC News.

GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES BIBLE CAMP 2024

*Early Bird discount (\$50 off per registered program!) ends February 15, 2024. Balance due May 23, 2024.

*A sibling discount of \$25 for a full week, and \$15 for Half Blast can be applied for families registering multiple children. Be sure to select this discount during the registration process. Scholarships are also available through GLLM.

*Our Savior's Lutheran pays \$200 toward the registration fee for any child involved in our church who wishes to attend. Be sure to list Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Cleveland under "Additional Information" on the Household Form when registering online. Please let Pastor Liz know if you need additional financial assistance.

*A full week of camp runs Sunday-Thursday. There is also the "Half Blast" option, for kids who aren't ready to be away from home so long, which runs Sunday-Tuesday. Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of parents/caregivers.

*If your child is interested in the life-changing opportunity of attending summer camp, get more information here:

<https://www.gllm.org/summer-camp.html>

*Contact Ginger McCabe with questions.

Ours Saviors in Need

OS is in need of a working vertical file cabinet. We could use a 4 or 5 drawer cabinet. If anyone has one they are not using and want to get rid of it, we'd take it off their hands. Contact Deb Gehrke (507-381-0815).

Annual Meeting notice

Jan 28th after worship - various reports are due by Jan 14th.

Thank You from Pr. Liz

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards and gifts for Christmas. It helped make the season a little brighter for me and my family!

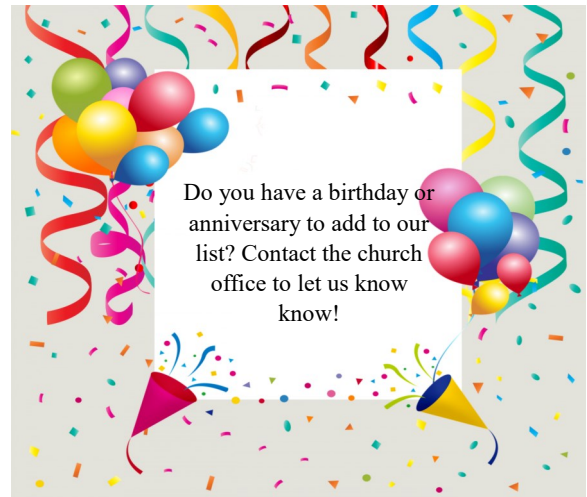
Birthdays

4th Kevin Johnson, Harrison Sexe
8th Emma Hahn
9th Sierra McCabe
13th Ryan Ponwith
15th Lael Starkweather
16th Rhonda Johnson
17th Colin Krenik
18th Sullivan Sexe
19th Dick Newbrough
20th Dennis Hiller
21st Harper Meyer
24th Jonathan Anderson, Jennifer Nelson
25th Tyler Piotter
26th Kade Miller
28th Brandon Seitz



Anniversaries

6th Bill & Nancy Hensel
8th Adam & Sue Wendelschafer



Preparing for Worship

1/7 - Epiphany of our Lord - Isaiah 60: 1-6,

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Matthew 2:1-12

1/14 - Second Sunday after Epiphany -

1Corinthians 6:12-20, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18,
John 1:43-51

1/21 - Third Sunday after Epiphany -

1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Psalm 62:5-12, Mark 1:14-20

1/28 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany -

1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Psalm 111, Mark 1:21-28

Prayer Concerns

Members: Dave Wendelschafer +, Terry Bateman+, Myron Wolf+, Mark Consoer+, 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, Jim Grandaw, Tyler Seitz and Tyler Piotter.

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

Send your prayer concerns to 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.