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OUR SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE





OSL UN-DECORATING PARTY - We will get together on Wednesday, January 5th beginning at 5:45 pm in the MPR for the Oasis Meal and then un-decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex at 6:30 pm. We need lots of folks to help and ones able to climb ladders. Please mark this date on your calendar and come out to help.



POINSETTIAS – The poinsettias will be moved to the solarium (near the church office). If you haven't picked up your poinsettia, you still can. Please have them picked up by Monday, January 10th. The remaining poinsettias will try to be delivered to the nursing homes and to our shut-ins.



LCMC 10TH ANNUAL THREE DAYS OF PRAYER JANUARY 4TH – 6TH



LCMC's Three Days of Prayer on **January 4th – 6th** is an opportunity for us to follow the Lord's example and to come together as one across the association with a shared purpose: to pray. Following are some suggested points of emphasis for each of the three days. These are not the only things to be prayed for, of course, but they can be points of daily emphasis that brings us all together as one in prayer.

Day One: January 4 ~ Pray for our congregations and leaders.

Day Two: January 5 ~ Pray for those who don't yet know Jesus as Savior and Lord, and the prodigals.

Day Three: January 6 ~ Pray for our international partners.

SHARON KACIR JOINS 2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

The OSLC Bylaws includes the following:

- **B3.03.** *Should a member's place on the Council become vacant the Council shall fill the vacant term from candidates not elected from the previous Congregation Meeting in order of votes received, and this Member shall fill the entire remaining term.*

With my pending departure from the Council there will be one vacancy on the 2022 Council. Following the guidance of *Section B3.03* of the OSLC Bylaws as provided above, the members of Council have selected Sharon Kacir as the candidate to fill the vacancy. We have taken this action at this time to allow Sharon to fully participate in the OSLC Leadership Retreat Meeting scheduled for January 15th. Please join me in congratulating and supporting Sharon as she joins Council!

On behalf of Council,

Randy Clark, Council President

OSL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2022

Members and email addresses:

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OSL MINISTRY LEADERS

Caring – Larry Henneke
Fellowship – Michael Buchhorn
Prayer –
Worship – Pastor La

Children & Youth – Katy Morris
Global Missions – Darryl Kern
Spiritual Formation – Gary Mueller

Community – Pam Raley
Hospitality – Hanta Andriamihaja
Welcome – Doris Dold

Memo for the Church Council & Ministry Leaders: The 2022 Retreat will be January 15th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Please inform Pastor La if you are not able to attend.

Installation Service: Church Council & Ministry Leaders will be installed January 16th at both services.



The staff at Our Saviour's appreciates and would like to thank all our volunteers for the hard work and dedication they have provided to our ministries at OSL. If you volunteered in 2021 you are cordially invited to attend our **Volunteer Appreciation Banquet** being held in your honor on Saturday, January 29th in the MPR, Happy Hour at 5:30pm & Dinner at 6:00pm.

Please RSVP to 575-4305 by Monday, January 17th



New Membership Class/Orientation: For those who are interested in being a member or for those who are curious as to what being a member at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is all about, you are invited to join Pastor La for two (2) consecutive sessions on Sunday, January 2nd & 9th at 9:15 am (between both worship services) in the Conference Room. The sessions are FREE, but registration (sign-up) is expected. To do so, please contact Doris Dold at 574-8585 or email her at ddold42@gmail.com by Thursday, December 30th.

SPRINGFEST - MAY 1, 2022

Our next Springfest meeting will be Monday, January 3rd at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to attend. Please join us!



WOMEN OF THE WORD



W.O.W. – will have their next monthly meeting on Monday, January 17th at 6:00 pm in the MPR. All ladies of OSL are welcome to attend. This is a great way to start the new year. There is always a time of great fellowship, meaningful devotion and these meetings are always purposeful. WOW would love to make 2022 a year of many new members. The WOW group would like to wish everyone a blessed new year!

OSL MINISTRY LEADERS MEETINGS ON THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Tuesday, January 4th at 6:00 pm in the Christian Ed Building



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – January 2ND

The purpose of this fund is for individuals or families in the congregation who may at one time or another need a little help. Please use the envelopes in the pew racks for your contribution.

BAPTISM AT OUR SAVIOUR'S - Baptism is the first of the two sacraments. There is a list of guidelines to follow. If you desire more information about baptism here at Our Saviour's, please contact the church office at 575-4305.



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TABITHA QUILTING MINISTRY

Meets Every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Christian Ed Building
contact Dorothy Waltersdorff for details 576-1465.

Life After Loss Support Group - Meets on the second Saturday of each month in the Christian Education wing of Our Saviour's. This month they will meet on Saturday, Jan. 8th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor La.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

We have very committed & faithful children, youth & family ministry here at OSL. This year we would like to encourage those who have not been active to consider joining us in 2022 as we continue to grow in our devotion to the Lord and sharing that devotion with others through our actions every day.



Sunday, January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th – Sunday School at 9:15 am

Wednesday, January 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th 31st – Kid's Choir or Tone Chimes at 5:15 pm,
Oasis Meal at 5:45 pm, Confirmation & Lighthouse Small Group at 6:30 pm





TONE CHIMES

I would like to thank my wonderful Tone Chimes Kiddos, Nicole, Haley, Hannah, Abby, Konor, Arun and Hunter for their participation this year. And a special thanks to our honorary bell ringer Tanner. You all did a great job this year. The residents at Twin Pines really loved your playing and singing. We are also invited back any time we like. I would also like to thank the parents for allowing their children to come and play. Thank you all also for the Christmas gift card. I will email everyone our next schedule after the new year. Kathy Kern.




JANUARY 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div> PLEASE NOTE</div> <div>CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</div>						
2 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study 9:15 am - New Member Class/Orientation	3 OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 pm - Springfest Meeting	4 LCMC Day 1 of Prayer 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 6:00 pm - Ministry Leaders/Team Meeting in Christian Ed Building	5 LCMC Day 2 of Prayer 5:15 pm - Kids' Choir or Tone Chimes 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Undecorating Party 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Confirmation 6:30 pm - Sr. Choir Rehearsal	6 Epiphany LCMC Day 3 of Prayer 12 noon - Pastor La's Bible Study	7 OFFICE CLOSED Sanctuary Unavailable	8 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group Sanctuary Unavailable Chapel Rented
9 Baptism of Our Lord 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study 9:15 am - New Member Class/Orientation	10 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting	11 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 4:00 pm - Pantry Chapel Rented	12 5:15 pm - Kids' Choir or Tone Chimes 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Confirmation 6:30 pm - Sr. Choir Rehearsal	13 12 noon - Pastor La's Bible Study	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 9:00 am - Council & Ministry Leaders Retreat
16 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION Installation of Council & Ministry Leaders at both services 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study	17 Martin Luther King Day 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Women of the Word in the MPR	18 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 6:30 pm - Council Meeting	19 5:15 pm - Kids' Choir or Tone Chimes 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Confirmation 6:30 pm - Sr. Choir Rehearsal	20 12 noon - Pastor La's Bible Study	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
23 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study	24 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep	25 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 4:00 pm - Pantry	26 5:15 pm - Kids' Choir or Tone Chimes 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Confirmation 6:30 pm - Sr. Choir Rehearsal	27 12 noon - Pastor La's Bible Study	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 5:30 pm - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
30 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study	31 9:00 am - Staff Meeting					

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Due to COVID-19 there are new procedures and guidelines that our Worship Assistants must follow. Below is the schedule of worship assistants for this month. We will provide training and instruction to those who have not already received this information. **NOTE:** If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please try to find a replacement or call the church office at 575-4305.

	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	GREETER	WELCOMER	WELCOME DESK	LEADER IN CHARGE
Jan. 2 nd 8:00 am	John Hersey Sally Hersey Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Steve Fiedler Joyce Cardinell Jean Huber	Konor Eliot	Steve Fiedler	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	Jan. 2 nd Randy Clark Jan. 9 th Marilyn Young Jan. 16 th Gerald Merks Jan. 23 rd Jan. 30 th
10:30 am	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Darryl Kern Doris Dold	EJ Raley Pam Raley Gary Mueller Christine Willis Brett Ckudre	Arun Pickens		Brett Ckudre Christine Willis	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	
Jan. 9 th 8:00 am	Glenn Gisler Gerald Merks Mitchell Thurman Steve Fiedler		William Wright	Jean Gisler	Jean Gisler Janet Merks	Laura Wright	Linda Mueller	ALTAR GUILD Norma Lawrence Elaine Thurman Nell Bush Doris Weischwill
10:30 am	Randy Clark Hanta Andriamihaja Sharon Kacir Jason Eliot		Haley Morris		Marilyn Young Billy Blanchard	Doris Dold	Norma Lawrence	
Jan. 16 th 8:00 am	Terry Krueger Royce Krueger Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Glenn Gisler Libby Stirneman Jan Jacob	Hunter Jacob	Glenn Gisler	Kathleen Reimann Jan Jacob	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	ALTAR FLOWERS Jan. 2 nd Susan Woodson Jan. 9 th Jan. 16 th Jan. 23 rd Jan. 30 th Kathy Kern
10:30 am	Tom Willis Christine Willis Patty McGehee Gary Mueller	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Marilyn Young Pat DeDear Janine Rothmann	Arun Pickens		Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Pam Raley	Sharon Kacir	
Jan. 23 rd 8:00 am	Glenn Gisler Gerald Merks Mitchell Thurman Laura Johnston		Alex Johnston	Diane Dabney	Jean Gisler Janet Merks	Joyce Cardinell	Linda Mueller	
10:30 am	Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger Billy Blanchard Elaine Thurman		Hannah Morris		Brett Ckudre Christine Willis	Doris Dold	Norma Lawrence	
Jan. 30 th 8:00 am	Steve Fiedler John Hersey Royce Krueger Terry Krueger		Cole Neill	Kim Neill	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Jan Jacob	Sally Hersey	
10:30 am	Marilyn Young Randy Clark Hanta Andriamihaja Gary Mueller		Abby Christian		Billy Blanchard Sharon Kacir	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



HARVEST
WORKERS

Reflecting on Advent & Christmas - *This guest post is by Kari Malinak. Kari serves as the Associate Pastor of Living Word Lutheran Church in Grapevine. Kari was elected to the District Council in 2020.*

Happy New Year! Well, as I write this, happy new liturgical year! With Advent, the Christian Church begins a new cycle of seasons and liturgy.

Advent is a special season filled with hopeful anticipation, expectation, and joy knowing the celebration of Christ's birth is only a handful of weeks away. Advent is also a penitential season in which we reflect on the need of God entering this sinful world and our own sinful nature. In our modern world, though, we can lose the meaning in a hectic holiday season. So, writing this now, I hope we can appreciate Advent and Christmas in a calmer time.

In this Mission Moment, let's join to reflect on Christ's birth: Consider the King of kings, the Lord of lords, before His birth. As the second person of the Trinity, Jesus could have rightfully entered this world with pomp and circumstance, demanding glory and laud; instead, we find an infant born in humble means and placed in a feeding trough. What do the crude circumstances of Christ's birth tell us of the nature of God and the nature of God's kingdom? First, we witness the humble and gentle Spirit of the Lord. As Paul writes to the Philippians, Jesus "did not count equality with God a thing to be exploited, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men." Jesus did not exercise His divine right, demanding to be served and worshiped, but came to serve humanity by living perfectly, as none of us can do, to give us His own righteousness through His death and resurrection. Second, in His humble birth and life, we see that Jesus and His Kingdom are for all – there is no earthly hierarchy or preference involved in His birth and there is no earthly hierarchy or preference involved when He will come again to draw us all unto Himself.

In this new year, reflect on Jesus' humble birth, asking yourself:

- Why does it matter (if it matters, at all) that the God who created all the world entered humanity without pomp and circumstance or luxury?
- Why did God choose this particular setting and scene for Jesus to enter the world, and what does this tell us about the nature of the kingdom of God?

Advent opens for us, not only the new liturgical year, but the opportunity to share with others the extent of God's love. Let's pray...

Lord, we lift praise and thanks to You for entering humanity so long ago. We give You all glory for showing us Your own gentle Spirit and for counting us worthy to receive Your forgiveness, though we cannot and have not earned it. Bless us as we reflect on Advent and Christmas, giving us the courage to share You with others, telling of Your humble birth that those around us may know You as their eternal loving and saving Lord. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.



A Note
From
the OSL
Library



The featured book this month is found in the Christian Living section of our OSLC library. In the book Angels by Dr. David Jeremiah many contemporary beliefs about angels are challenged. Dr. Jeremiah dives in and separates angel facts from myths and misconceptions. Bible based scripture and solid biblical truth reveals answers to questions such as: What are angels? What is their role in God's plan?

Are they present? Do they appear? Do they give us personal insight about our work and our worship? Be sure and "check-out" Angels and read the remarkable truth about the Agents of Heaven!

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2022 FLOWER CALENDAR - is at the Welcome Desk with spots still available. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a Sunday, please sign up and provide us with a good phone number where you can be reached. Thanks!



BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL LED BY PASTOR LA

Every Thursday at 12 noon in the Christian Education Building.
Bring your Bible & lunch and join us.

DAILY TEXTS - is a world-renowned resource for daily devotions that will last you the entire year. Two simple Bible verses for each day provide the Word we need to plant God's Word inside of us. Copies are available at the Welcome Desk. Cost is \$10.50 per book suggested donation. Get yours soon for the start of the New Year!



faith and finances

Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the best part of everything you produce.
Then he will fill your barns with grain,
and your vats will overflow with good wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCE GENERAL FUND MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

BEGINNING BALANCE: November 1, 2021	\$217,253.48
TOTAL GF RECEIPTS:	\$63,123.25
OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH:	
Benevolence	5,966.63
Spiritual Formation	0.00
Outreach	253.20
Youth & Children Ministries	1,187.67
Ministry Support	1,562.50
Worship Support	241.59
Office Support	560.21
Utilities	3,787.54
Supplies, Equip., Maintenance	3,946.73
Insurance	3,042.27
Miscellaneous Support	3,810.25
Staffing	28,039.46
TOTAL GF EXPENSES FOR MONTH:	\$52,398.05
ENDING BALANCE: November 30, 2021	\$227,978.68

Attendance

Our average weekly attendance
for December is 138.



December Attendance

December 5 th	137
December 12 th	137
December 19 th	140

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS NOVEMBER BALANCES

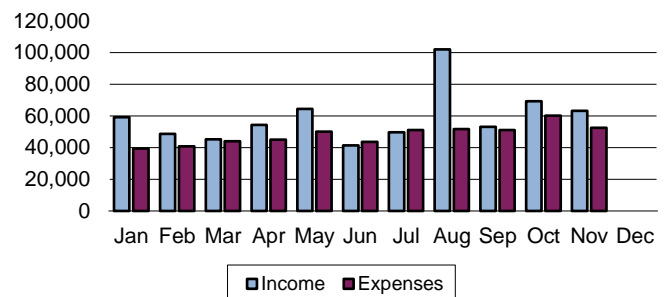
Building Maintenance Fund	11,307.55
Children's Ministry Fund	10,403.34
Helping Hands Fund	11,770.09
Youth Ministry Fund	10,262.93
Memorial Fund	4,925.55
OSLC Ministry Fund **	58,802.94
OSLC Mission Fund	1,439.57
Spiritual Formation Fund	2,573.86

Total Misc. Accts. \$111,485.83

** This fund consists of several small funds including:

Tabitha Quilting Ministry, Kitchen, ILT, Choir, Prayer Garden, Grant activity & Food Pantry.

General Fund 2021 Income vs. Expenses



Dear OSL, as an office staff, we wanted to say thank you to all of you who gave so generously this Christmas season. We appreciate all the goodies, the visits, the monetary gifts and the encouraging words you express. It is indeed an honor to serve our Lord through Our Saviour's. May you all have a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Thank you for giving so generously to the Lutheran Disaster Response. Your support helps our church continue its effective and efficient response to disasters.

On behalf of the staff of Lutheran World Relief, our partners, and the communities we serve with your support, thank you for your gift and may God continue to bless you.

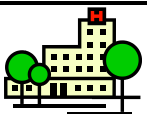
Thank you so much for your donation. We appreciate you! Sole Hope

Thank you for your generous donation to VCAM. We appreciate your support of our ministry. We are truly grateful.

Thank you for your donation to Christ's Kitchen it will help us to continue serving a hot meal at no charge to be people in need.

AROUND THE CHURCH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PRAYERS

If you have any information for AROUND THE CHURCH please call the church office.



With our prayers for a speedy recovery,
these folks were listed in the hospital:
Glenn Weischwill



Special Concerns: All those we hold dear
in our hearts that are facing a battle for
good health, mind, and spirit.

Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church;
it is a goodly Christian weapon. ~ Martin Luther



We extend our deepest sympathy to...

...the family of Judith Carroll

...Shirley Hoffmann and family on the
loss of her mother

...Shelia Kresta and family in the loss of
her mother

Funeral services were held for:

Judith Carroll

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