



DECEMBER 2024

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**Sharing
the
Joy**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m.—10:45 A.M. Sunday School

Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA

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Pastor's Report
December 2024

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

You all know I like to use this report in December to recap all the fruitful ministry we accomplished together in the prior year...a sort of "Best of 2024" list. I continue to be both pleased and grateful for the fruitful partnership between Concordia and Our Savior's. Both congregations are growing in their own respective ways and each shows great potential for exciting ministry in the year ahead. Concordia's bi-weekly visioning meetings have already borne fruit. The new mission and vision meetings have helped guide our planning. The daycare won't likely get up in running until spring of 2026 but there is plenty of work to be done as preparation (i.e. playground fencing, emergency egress, bookshelves relocation, etc.). We're hoping to revive special music with monthly service performances and a summer/fall music festival. Community dinners and special groups on Sundays are also in the works. Our Savior's continues to provide enriching educational opportunities through faithful Sunday school, confirmation, and Bible studies. Five students were confirmed in the spring and two more are slotted to get confirmed next spring. I'd like to see more participants in all our educational programs though. All in all, I think both congregations are hitting their strides, and the partnership seems to be benefiting each. I hope there is long-term potential for a partnership.

I pray all of us have a joyful Christmas celebration!

Blessings,
Pastor Sean

Visitations: Meri Will (2), Russ Hendrickson, Jan Hendrickson, Tom Donaldson



Narrative Lectionaries December

December 1 Daniel 6: 6-27
Daniel's Hope in God

December 8 Joel 2:12-13, 28-29
Joel: God's Promised Spirit

December 15 Isaiah 61:1-11
Spirit of the Lord Upon Me

December 22 Luke 1:26-45 [46-56]
Jesus' Birth Announced

December 24 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Birth of Jesus


December 25 Luke 2:8-20
Shepherds Visit

December 29 Luke 2:21-38
Simeon and Anna



New Members

There will be a new member class on December 15th at 8:45 a.m. It will be held in Pastor's office. If you have questions or would like to attend, please contact Pastor or Linda in the office.





Bible Studies December 2024

Wednesdays (Our Savior's)/2 nd Thursday (Concordia), 10:30-11:30

(Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6627675381> or call 1-312-626-6799, passcode: 046800)

12-04-24 Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

1. In the context of present-day life, what could be the meaning of "rend your heart and not your garments?"
2. How can Joel's prophecy of the outpouring of the Spirit in Joel 2:28-32 inspire us to embrace diversity in our communities?
3. What does Joel 2 suggest about the relationship between individual and community repentance and restoration?
4. How does Joel 2 inspire hope in the face of looming judgments or difficult circumstances?
5. How does the prophecy of the outpouring of the Spirit in Joel 2:28-32 apply to our understanding of God's inclusiveness?
6. How does Joel 2:28-32 foreshadow the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost?
7. What does Joel 2 teach about the consequences of turning away from God, and how can this apply to individual and collective choices today?
8. How do Joel's visions of divine judgment and mercy reflect our personal understanding of God?
9. How can we reconcile the image of God as a judge and as a compassionate restorer?
10. What can we learn from Joel 2 about God's patience and willingness to forgive, and how can we apply this in our interactions with others?

12-12-24 Isaiah 61:1-11

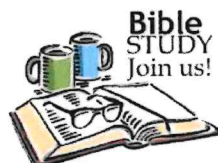
1. How does Isaiah's divine mission, as described in verses 1-3, relate to the work of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament?
2. In verses 4-9, what does it mean that foreigners will shepherd the flocks and work the fields of God's people?
3. In what ways does the concept of divine justice in Isaiah 61 challenge or affirm our understanding of justice?
4. How can the message of restoration in Isaiah 61 offer hope in times of personal or societal devastation?
5. How does the promise of an eternal covenant in verse 8 comfort or challenge us?
6. How might the concepts of redemption and restoration in Isaiah 61 be applicable to addressing social injustices today?
7. How does Isaiah 61 inform our understanding of God's view on poverty, broken-heartedness, and captivity?
8. What role does patience play in waiting for the fulfillment of God's promises as revealed in Isaiah 61?
9. How can the declaration of God's vengeance be reconciled with His love and favor?
10. How does the metaphor of a garden in verse 11 reflect our personal spiritual journey?.

12-18-24 Luke 1:26-45

1. What are some of the most difficult aspects of waiting?
2. How does the Angel's announcement to Mary contrast with the one to Zechariah?
3. What does Mary's willingness to accept the angel's message say about her faith?
4. How does Elizabeth's joyful greeting to Mary underscore the significance of Mary's role?
5. What role does the Holy Spirit play in the events of Luke 1?
6. In what ways does the opening chapter of Luke set the stage for the rest of the Gospel narrative?
7. How do the experiences of Mary and Zechariah challenge and inspire our faith?
8. What aspects of God's character are revealed through the angelic announcements in Luke 1?
9. How does the joy expressed by Elizabeth, Mary, and Zechariah impact our understanding of the joy of salvation?
10. How can the events in Luke 1 inspire our trust in God's promises?

12-25-24

CHRISTMAS: NO BIBLE STUDY



Advent Candles

We need readers for the lighting of the Advent candles.

Here are the readings to be used to accompany the lighting of the advent candles:

week 1: Lighting a candle in the darkness helps us find our way. In darkness we lose direction. We cannot see where we have been or where we are going. A single candle, flickering brightly, helps us find our way again. On this first Sunday in Advent, let this light shine brightly as the days grow shorter, so that we will be ready for your face to shine upon us at Christmas. Amen

week 2: Fire burns. It hurts. It can destroy. Fire also gives warmth and light. The coming of Christ is both a day of judgment and a day of promise. Two candles, flickering brightly, help us remember that the coming of Christ has many meanings. We have much to do and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important: to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. Amen

week 3: The light glowing from our Advent wreath is burning brighter. This radiance warms our hearts and fills us with joy! The Lord has done great things for us. Let us rejoice. We carry many burdens and worry over many things. Help us to hear your promise in this Advent season, that in hearing, we may receive the Spirits' gift of joy. Amen

week 4: Once God's plan was a mystery, hidden from our sight. Now God has disclosed what was kept secret for so very long; he has brought it out in the light. In the brighter light on this fourth Sunday in Advent, may we see more clearly the glory of God in Christ and sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever. Your faithfulness has been great, leading us to this day of anticipation and celebration. May the glorious light of your steadfast love shine brightly in us and through us, that all may give you praise and glory. Amen

We can do these readings before the announcements are read. The candles are lit right after we sing verses to hymn 240 (1st week= 1 verse, 2nd week=2 verses, 3rd week=3 verses, 4th week=4 verses). Please contact Linda in the office to volunteer.

Catechism Mentor 3 Questions

1. How would you define the term, “creed?”
2. What does it mean to say, “I believe” something? How is it different from simply “knowing” something?
3. What difference would it make if you heard yourself beginning each article of the creed with these words, “I will shape every aspect of my life around the truth that...”?
4. What fascinates you about creation?
5. Think about all the things in your daily life that God creates. What is particularly a blessing to you?
6. Who is God? What are your earliest images of God? How have your images of God changed?
7. What does it mean to be able to refer to God with a title reflecting a loving parent-child relationship?
8. What does it mean to you to believe that God is almighty?
9. God created; God creates; God will continue to create. In what ways do you celebrate God as creator?
10. How and where do you see God the creator at work?
11. How does your faith affect your understanding of death and dying?
12. In what ways does Christ’s birth, life, death, and resurrection set you free?
13. How does it free you to engage in your call to join in God’s life-giving mission for the world?
14. What are some new beginnings you see coming into your life in the next year or so?
15. In what ways do you sense God’s ongoing creative work in these beginnings yet to come?
16. What are some changes you see ahead that will bring some endings?
17. How was Jesus fully God and fully man?
18. What did Jesus dying on the cross really do?
19. Why would he descend “to the dead” when he died?
20. How does Jesus’ resurrection affect us now?

Memory work

1st Article

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

2nd Article

And I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death,



Mission and Outreach Suggested Donations

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CASDA

(Center against Sexual and Domestic Abuse)

1st Week- Disinfectant sprays & wipes, Toilet bowl cleaner, Laundry & Dish soap

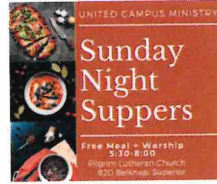
2nd Week- Bleach, 42+ gallon heavy duty garbage bags, 13 gallon garbage bags

3rd Week- Dryer sheets, Scrubbing pads/sponges/
Toilet paper, Facial tissue

4th Week- Deodorant, Lotion, Shampoo & Conditioner,
Brushes & Combs



Campus Ministry



Sunday December 8th, Our Savior's is in charge of the main course. The dinner is at 5:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Church. We plan for 30-40 people. We are looking for someone to volunteer to prepare the main course. There is re-imbursement for the cost. Please contact Pastor or Kandee Rosburg if you are interested in doing this. The sooner we find out the better, because than we can put together a signup sheet for the side dishes. Please consider helping out!

Altar Committee

This month I will be working on the **Monthly Altar Committee Helpers for 2025**. I hope that those that assisted last year will continue and that we can add some additional helpers. I will be checking in with those that helped out last year. If anyone else would be willing to volunteer, let me know. Your duties would be for one month, we also have subs that can fill in a Sunday here and there. You would be paired with a partner. You would be setting up and cleaning up communion. There are written instructions, and I will go through it with you your first time. Right now, we have the months of April, June, and November that need an additional person. If there are two of you who want to partner together, I can try to arrange that.

Kandee Rosburg



Quilters

The quilters continue to be busy. Anyone is welcome to join them on Mondays from 9 am to 11:30 am or so. Knitters and crocheters are also welcome. It is a great time to get out and socialize with others. During this time, we tie the quilts. Most of the sewing is done at home. We welcome anyone. Talk to Kandee. We will also provide you with donated materials we have. We are now going to be making children's mittens. Contact Kandee for instructions and patterns.

We can always use donated materials. Our biggest need is always the back material for the quilt. Top sheets that are in good condition work great. Any cotton or cotton-blend fabric. We also will use polyester fabric. Other things that work and are in good condition include: drapes, table cloths, shower curtains, etc. Thread Yarn. Thank you, Thrivent for help with our supplies!!!

Through Thrivent Action Teams we purchase batting and fabric for quilt backs. If you have insurance or investments in Thrivent, you are usually eligible to write for moneys on each account that can be used to purchase materials. This can be worth two (action teams), worth \$250 each, to help pay for projects at church. Talk to Carol Roberts or Kandee Rosburg for more information.





Rummage Sale Reminder!

An analog (non-digital) TV was left for the rummage sale. **PLEASE TAKE IT BACK!**

That is an item that won't sell, and we do not want to pay from our profits to have it recycled.

A list of what we ask for when leaving items:

- **Put items in a box for easier stacking.**
- **No clothing**
- We only want things **that work**.
- If something has an **operator's instruction book** please include if you have it.

Don't give us things that we would have to **PAY** to get rid of. That includes analog TVs, microwaves, computers, computer printers, mattresses, etc. *The only exception is if you talk to Linda Gran in the office or me about it.*

Thanks

Kandee Rosburg

Educational Corner

Confirmation

Confirmation classes meets Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m

5th and 6th grade students will now meet on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m. We are calling this a pre-confirmation class. It is being taught by Jeff Skrenes

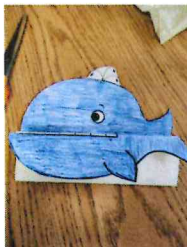
A belated thank you to Greta Clark, Lily Clark and Katie Westlund for volunteering at our 2024 VBS.

Sunday School

While our numbers remain small they are enough to continue with the Sunday School program. We hope we will continue to see children returning or welcome new students .Each week we do a story usually related to their sermon along with a related craft. Samples of their crafts are on display in the fellowship hall.

With the small number of children attending, we have decided not to do a full Christmas pageant. However, **the students will do a short program of Christmas songs on December 15th during the church service.**

School is open to students from age 3 through 6th grade. **Students from age 3 through 4th grade will meet on Sunday mornings.** They will begin in the sanctuary with their family at 9:30 a.m. After the children's sermon, they will be dismissed to the fellowship hall for Sunday School. Sunday School then runs until 10:40 p.m. They should be picked in the fellowship hall. We will have them stay in the fellowship hall until they are picked up unless instructed otherwise by the family. The older students now meet Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m.



Adult Education:

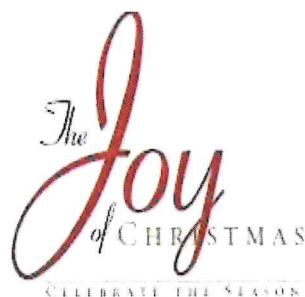
Adult bible studies continue on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. See elsewhere in this newsletter for this month's study questions. Anyone is welcome. These are now joint studies with Concordia. Remember the second Thursday of the month, bible study will be held at Concordia at 10:30 a.m.. There will not be a bible study at OSLC that week.



Happy Holidays from the Stewardship Board!

Spending time with family is so often a part of the holidays - and the Simply Giving program makes it easy to give to the church even though you are traveling and away from services in person! Your offering is automatically withdrawn and sent from your bank account - easy! Please consider signing up through the church website, contact the church office, or connect directly with Carol Roberts if you have questions.

Also, the Scrip program using gift card purchases to pay for the things in town (or out of town) that you already buy!! There is a list of participating businesses in hallways outside the sanctuary - check it out! It is a great way to raise money for the church without spending extra money. And gift cards make great gifts. See the weekly newsletters for more info and who to contact!!



Poinsettia Plants

In Memory or Honor

(Need to receive by Sunday December 17th)

Purchase poinsettia plant/s to help decorate the church during the Christmas season or make a donation towards church in memory or honor of a special person/s in your life. Forms may be turned into the office or placed in the offering plate.

Each poinsettia plant is \$16

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

from _____

Total poinsettia/s _____ x \$16 = \$ _____ or Donation \$ _____

Plants will be purchased locally, so the price is an estimate of what may be charged. Any donations and extra money will be used by the church.

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Festive Creations

Saturday, December 7, 2024

9 am—2 pm

- + Handmade Crafts by 20+ Local Artisans and Vendors*
- + Bake Sale...satisfy that sweet-tooth!*
- + Chance Tickets (Themed Baskets)*
- + Frozen Pasties...savor the flavor!*
- + Lunch Available—Walking Tacos*



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(For Information Call 715-394-3472)

Help Needed

Hey Folks— We'd love your help for our annual "Festive Creations" vendor fair sale on December 7th.

- Bake up your specialty for the bake sale.
- Donate items for the themed baskets. There is a list of themes for inspiration on the table in the narthex (in front of the coffee area). There are donation bins under the table.
- Build a basket yourself (wow!). Ask your friends to help.
- Donate your creations for Our Savior's table.
- Sign up to help the day of the sale!
- Shop!

Thank you so much for your help to make this event a success.

We will be selling burritos again for \$6.00 a piece.

I want to thank my amazing crew of burrito makers: Chad Erickson, Kim Erickson, Linda Gran, Dave Jokela, Dawn Heinen, Rose Reijo, Cheri Splinter, Sandy Steinberg, Cheri Splinter, and Bonnie Wentzel. It was a great group, and they completed the project in two-and-a-half hours. (More help makes the work go faster!) So, there are: 96 regular burritos and 16 vegetarian burritos on sale now.

Thanks again to my wonderful helpers!!
Kandee Rosburg

We will also be selling pasties. Len will be making these on Wednesday December 4th at 9:00 a.m. Help will be appreciated.

Audio-visual Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with our audio-visual programs. This is mainly to provide the online part of our church service although other events may come up. Audio-visual experience is not absolutely necessary but would be helpful. Computer skills are necessary. You will receive training. Contact the office if you are interested.

THE GIFT THAT IS YOU!

2024 Christmas Message



As I reflect on my time in Malawi back in early November, I had so many experiences that merit being shared. As I write this letter, perhaps the most important lesson I can offer was that of my new reality as a guest overseas.

Everywhere I turned, I truly felt like I was the most important person present. Yes, there were times where I was the honored guest as a bishop. I was granted the best seats in the church, in the van, on the stage. When I walked the grounds at the Lutheran Compound in my purple clerical, EVERYONE immediately stopped what they were doing to greet me, even if that was their first encounter with me. I was fed better than most and I never had to carry my own luggage. I had women pour water over my hands

before certain meals (including communion) much like Christ did during the Last Supper in washing the disciples' feet. And despite my innermost desires to remind them that I was just another guy, I simply could not insult them in that manner. The way in which they treated me was at the core of their faith practice.

Thankfully, Deacon Laura taught me a valuable insight that helped my understanding more clearly. They didn't treat only bishops that way, they treat all guests that way! Having been to Malawi five times before she took me, Laura has experienced that generous hospitality time and time again. And now that I'm a few weeks removed from their genuine welcome, I still firmly believe that their faith has taught them to love their neighbor and lift them up no matter how far away we may come.

What if we all treated our neighbor as though they are the most important person present at that time? What if we lifted the spirits of the people God places in our lives each and every day? As we prepare for the Christmas story once again this year, we emphasize the gift that comes in the Christ child, God made flesh to live among us mortals. Just think about the lives that the Christ child touched! It started with Mary and Joseph, continued to the shepherds in the fields, and even gave the heavenly host something to praise!

Of course, Jesus went on to touch so many lives - people in need of healing, children in need of welcoming, outcasts in need of community, sinners in need of redeeming. Jesus became the gift who helped them all feel that they were the most important person present at the time, people worthy of his unconditional love, people whose spirits were uplifted.

As we march through the season of Advent toward the birth of God Emmanuel, Jesus the savior of the world, remember the gift of God's presence in your lives. Recognize that God is ever present within you and that you are a gift, as well! And much like my new friends in Malawi, be that gift for others. Reveal Christ's presence to others through your continued faithfulness and dedication to the God of love because that love can overcome division. You are a gift to this synod and to God's church when you let God's light shine in and through you! May this Christmas also reveal to you the light of Christ through others.

Bishop Martin



Offering


We are passing the plate for the offering. You still have the option to place your gift in the plate at the back of the sanctuary or to use the online or mail in options.



Sharing the Peace



There is an increase again in CoVid and now RSV along with the viruses common in the fall. These variants particularly affect small children and those over 65. We encourage congregants to do only as they feel comfortable for sharing the peace. Masks are optional but are available along with hand sanitizers at the church entrance and in the pews. You may hug, shake hands, touch elbows, wave or simply smile and say the words, as you feel comfortable. Be aware of the other person's preferences as well.



OSLC COOKS: Christmas Treats



HOLIDAY SPRINKLE COOKIES

2-1/4 c flour
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
3/4 c butter
3/4 c brown sugar
1/4 c sugar
1 (3.4 oz) pkg instant vanilla pudding, dry
3/4 c of yellow cake mix, dry
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 c red & green sprinkles

Stir together flour, salt and baking soda. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars.
Add in dry pudding and cake mix. Mix until well blended.
Add eggs and vanilla. Mix until smooth.
Slowly add in flour mixture until mixed well.
Mix in sprinkles.
Scoop or roll 1" balls. Place on greased or parchment
Paper lined baking sheet.
Bake 350 degrees for 10 - 12 minutes.
Makes about 5 dozen cookies.



ENGLISH TOFFEE

1 cup butter
3 1/2 ounce bag chopped pecans
1 cup sugar
6-8 chopped Hershey bars
1/3 tsp salt

Bring sugar, butter and salt to fast
boil on high heat. Turn to medium
heat. Boil until deep beige (candy),
about 7 minutes. Place nuts on
large greased platter or cookie sheet.
Pour above mixture on nuts at once.
Let stand 4-5 minutes. Then sprinkle
with chopped Hershey bars. As they
melt, spread them over the mixture.
Cool then crack into pieces.

Peppermint Snowball Cookies



1/4 cup finely crushed
peppermint candies
(12 candies)
1/4 cup powdered sugar

1 cup butter, softened
1/3 cup powdered sugar
1/4 cup finely crushed
peppermint candies
(12 candies)
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 1/4 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 325. Mix 1/4 cup crushed candies and 1/4 cup powdered sugar; reserve.

Mix butter, 1/3 cup powdered sugar, 1/4 cup crushed candies, and the vanilla in medium bowl. Stir in flour and salt.

Shape dough by level measuring tablespoonfuls into balls. Place about two inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until set but not brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheet; roll in reserved candy mixture. Cool completely on wire rack. Roll in remaining candy mixture again.



December

December 3	Heidi Hoff
December 4	Matthew Gralewski Jennifer Johnstad
December 5	Jonathan Rhodes
December 7	Rick Gilbertson
December 9	Benny Carlson
December 13	Jean Larkee Pat Thompson
December 15	Kelsey Krob Cassie Stank Jack Stank
December 21	Scott Emberson
December 22	Richard Gran
December 24	Ryan Nelson
December 28	Daniel Shea
December 29	Tom Simon Karina Skudstad Joni Westlund
December 30	John Hendricks Tina Thompson
December 31	Myrna Raisanen



Script Cards

NEXT NEW CARD ORDER WILL go in 12/08/2024. This will be the last one before Christmas.

Thank you to all the people who purchased or reloaded their scrips cards. The last order was huge with a tidy profit of \$117.04 for new cards and \$129.45 on reloads. It adds up and it's so easy. The total profit for the year so far is \$1897.51. Consider using the cards for your holiday shopping or as gift cards themselves.

December 1st+ is the first Sunday of the month...which makes it **Mission Sunday!** Be generous with your Mission Sunday donations in the basket in the Narthex. All the money collected stays right in our

The church is currently operating in the red and we anticipate somewhat higher expenses in the next couple of months due to the boiler repair and increases in the upcoming insurance payments. We know times are difficult but if you are able to give any more right now, any amount is appreciated, If you have not done so already, complete your pledge card. Even if you do Simply Giving, you should fill out a pledge card.

We continue to look for fundraising ideas. The pie sale was a big success. Upcoming events include the vendor sale on December 7th. You can participate by working that day. See sign up sheets in the narthex. You can donate items to the bake sale and the chance sale. And come and shop!

Consider Scrip cards. They are an easy way to give to the church without costing you any more.

If you have any other ideas for fundraising, please contact a board member or the office.

Threads of Hope Children's Clothes Closet

Thank you Diane Tomczak & Carol Arthur for continuing to maintain the closet. It is definitely being used by the community. 152 items were given out in October. We only collect and distribute children's items. They should be clean and in good condition. The items have now been switched over to fall and winter. There will be a Christmas tree in the St. Paul's room in December to collect hats and mittens.

Warm winter gloves and mittens are needed in all sizes.



A big thank you to Brittani Hedtke who donated a box of handmade hats for our tree.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those serving in the military, those returning home with mental and physical scars, and for all military veterans. For the health of all unborn children and grandchildren, all those recovering or in nursing-home care, and for those struggling with addiction.

Worship Support Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, Pat and Amanda Shaw, Roger Prescott, Lynne Hoff, Ralph Rolson,, Russ & Jan Hendrickson, Tom Donaldson, Meri Will, Dawn Wicklund

Family Member: Mike Klawitter, Jeanne David, Joel Dykema, Casey, Bill Mullens, Beth, Chuck Korn, Dave Kangas, Dorothy Huffman, Jennifer Spring, Mickie, Paulette Jokela

Friend/neighbor: Sue Weber, Cindy Terhar, Mike Brinwall, Robert O'Dell, Ruth Ann, Sue Ann, Bob & Renita Sutherland

Call the church office (715-394-3472) to add (or remove) individuals to the prayer list.



OSLC Council Meeting Nov. 19th 2024 - 5:15 pm

Present: Pastor Sean, President Len Wicklund, Jim and Cheri Splinter, Steve and Stephanie Shaw, Carol Roberts, Bonnie Wentzel, Donna Liebaert, Linda Clark, Ben Gaard and Kathy Nelson

Devotions and prayers by Pastor: Reading from Isaiah 24. Complaints are given to God regarding our world being trashed, when we are the persons who make a mess of our environment. God holds us accountable to make right of what we have done wrong.

Secretary's report : reviewed report M/S/C to accept report

Treasurer's report : better month for income \$15,100 with expenses \$16,141 with a loss of \$1040 M/S/C to accept report

Board Reports:

Board of Education: There still is a concern about the church being left open and confirmation students in church unattended. Jeff (confirmation assistant) will be getting a key so this helps with this situation.

Board of Deacons: Sunday November 24th Thanksgiving service and dinner for all Superior Church's at Pilgrim Lutheran Church at 5:30. We have been asked to bring sweet potatoes. OSLC Tree decorating on 11/24 after church service. All persons are needed and wanted. Advent starts Sunday Dec. 1st. Vendor Fair Dec. 7th. Christmas eve services at OSLC will be at 5 pm and 10 pm. Prayed for the congregation

Mission and Outreach Board: Salvation Army was very pleased with the food donation that was delivered by Barb Danielson. CASDA will be the group to receive donations for the month of December. A thankyou was received from CASDA for the monetary gift given this fall. A Christmas Tree will be put up in St. Paul's room to collect hats and mittens for needy children. Clothes closet gave out 152 items.

Board of Stewardship: Pledges to be blessed on Dec. 8th Pledges have been received from members. So far 28 pledges for the general fund of \$56,520 and 21 pledges for the building fund of \$26,480 for a total of \$83000. This has included some simply giving pledges.

Trustee Board report: Board met today and discussed the budget for 2025 which will probably be increased by 12 percent. This is due to the increase of utilities, stormwater abatement and the insurance increase of 25 percent. Early next summer they will start the process of searching other insurance bids. All boards need to complete their budgets for 2025 at their next meetings and turn them into the Trustee Board.

M/S/C to accept all reports

Pastors Report: Holiday service at 5pm and 10 pm on Christmas eve. Megan working on a combined choir with Concordia for Christmas Eve. The choir would sing at 3pm service at Concordia and 5 pm service at OSLC. Pastor asked to have Dec. 1st off as he has the need to help his mother move. M/S/C to allow the Pastor to have this day off. He has made arrangements for a pastor to fill in. Dec. 29th pastor will be off and a hymn sing will be in place.

Vision Victories: Elevator Permit finalized and today the elevator broke down. Linda is working to get this fixed. It is needed for the vendor fair. Pie sale went well with over \$3000 earned. Len took over the nominating committee and it is going fairly well.

Ongoing Business: staff support committee has met with most staff. Janitor position opened
Laura resigned last week

New Business: Nominating committee is taken over by Len.
Needs are a vice President, Trustees 2 members, Board of education 1 member
Stewardship Board 2 members. Secretary and nominating committee.

Upcoming events at OSLC and other churches.

- Nov. 24th Thanksgiving worship and committee meal at Pilgrim Lutheran church 5:30 meal and Bake Sale with community worship at 6:30
- Nov. 30th Lets paint Fundraiser canceled due to not enough to sign up.
- Dec. 7th Vendor Fair OSLC 9 to 2pm with sale of pasties, burritos and bake sale from OSLC members
- Dec. 14th Vendor Fair at Zion Lutheran Church 9 to 2 pm
- Dec. 25th Christmas Day Dinner 1 to 3 pm free for community at Zion Lutheran Church

Upcoming meetings:

All boards December 10th
Council Dec. 17th 5:15 pm

Motion made to adjourned at 6:05 PM
Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer



Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Nelson, Council Secretary





DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online)- guest preacher 9:30 a.m. Sunday school	2 9:00 a.m. Quilting	3	4 NO NP service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study NO HH service NO Pre-confirmation NO Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir	5	6	7 OSLC Vendor Sale 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
8 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 5:30 p.m. Campus ministry meal	9 9:00 a.m. Quilting	10 5:15 p.m. Boards	11 9:00 a.m. NP service 3:30 p.m. Pre-confirmation 3:30 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir	12 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Concordia	13	14 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Vendor sale Zion
15 8:45 a.m. New Member class 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Program 	16 9:00 a.m. Quilting	17	18 9:00 a.m. NP service 10:30 a.m. Bible study 1:30 p.m. HH service 3:30 p.m. pre-confirmation 3:30 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir 5:30 p.m. Music Committee	19	20	21
22 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online) 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service at Zion	23 NO Quilting	24 Christmas Eve Services 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. 	25 Christmas Dinner 1:00 -3:00 p.m. at Zion	26	27	28
29 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online)- hymn fest 9:30 a.m. No SS	30 NO Quilting	31				