*January Sermon Series*

*“What's In Your Closet?*

Our closets hold many secrets.

Our sexuality may be there.

Our skeletons are there.

Let Jesus do some winter cleaning.

 January 7 (Baptism of Our Lord) = Open Your

 Closet.

 January 14 What’s in Your Closet?

 January 21 = Let Jesus Clean Your Closet.

 January 28 = Celebrate Your New Closet.

*Please pray for*

*Healing:* Chris Willbanks,Pat & Bob Smith, Rose Fish,Kris Lokemoen**,** Charles Rohrer**,** Judy Mankin**,** Shirley Koelling, Maxine Johnson, and Jason Johnson,Rick Heet, Cooper Alcott, Monica Anderson, Delphine Bauer, Janet Betros, Kenley Cash, Connie, Carolyn Etting, Elosia Gabaldon,Linda Eisinger, Vera Erdmann, Joanne Finstad, Bill Gathright, Jim Harper Sr. and the Harper family and friends, Adam Kincaid,Randy and Robin Matney, Pat McKinney, Eric Mueller, Dan Oligschlaeger,Bruce Petersen and Jennifer Schlotter, Leta Twehouse.

*Success* of new young adult ministry “The Branch”

*Military Safety:* Abney Cooper, Shawn Dinwiddie, Lucas Frey, Brittany Jackson, Lewis Kempker, Karli Shockley, Bryce Taylor and Tyler Temmen.

*(Names on this list for more than one month are removed at the end of each month, unless an extension is requested.)*

**Calendar for the** **Week of 01/14/2018**

**Sunday:**  **9:00 a.m.** Classic Worship in the

Worship Center\*

 **10:00 a.m**. Brunch

 **10:30 a.m.** Modern Worship in the Worship

 Center\*

 **10:30 a.m**. Children’s Worship, upstairs to

 the right\*

 **10:30 a.m.** Bible Study Class

 **11:40 a.m.** Prayer Time in Prayer Room

(upstairs to the right)

**Wednesday:** **6:00 p.m.** Bible Study Class

 **7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday: 6:15 p.m.** Jubilation Bells Rehearsal

 **7:00 p.m.** Praise Band Rehearsal

**Friday: 6:00 p.m.** Girl Scout Meeting, Fellowship Hall

 **6:00 p.m.** Open Mic Night, The Branch

**Saturday: 1:00 p.m.** Workday at The Branch

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**(\* Nursery available at this time downstairs next to the worship center)**

 *Altar Flowers*

You can contribute flowers for our altar in honor or memory of someone, to celebrate an event, or to the glory of God. A flower chart is located at the Information Center.

The cost is $30.

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REACHING OUT IN LOVE

*The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
that someone took and sowed in his field;
it is the smallest of all the seeds; but when it
has grown it is the greatest of shrubs.*

Matthew 13:31-32

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**Connections Team**: For today's worship services we thank the following people for assisting in His name. At the 9:00 a.m. service: Greeters – Carolyn Strobel and Jim Morris; Ushers – Jason & Jaden Schlotter, Chris Mzeru and Tim Kiesling. Communion Assistants – David & Olivia Michaelson; Brunch Hosts – Ruth Anderson, Tim Kiesling & Jennifer Strobel; Nursery Attendant – Janice Rambo. At the 10:30 a.m. service: Greeter – Gretchen Mueller; Communion Assistants – Linda Petersen & Gretchen Mueller.

**Is this the year that you have resolved that you will do more to help those less fortunate?**  As we enter 2018, why not consider helping prepare food in your home and then serve it at the Salvation Army with Our Savior’s Lutheran Church salvation army service team? If you can make a salad, bake a cake, fix a pot of vegetables or put together a casserole, you can do this once a month! One person volunteers for just one of those items. And, the more people we have will mean that you  will probably not get to help every month. Please contact Kate Kirchhoff for details.

**Please take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the Narthex:** (or two or three or more) with items listed from the “Personal Care Kit” Christmas tree located to the left of the inside church entrance (or left of the church Information Center). Items in a personal care kit consist of: 1 large sturdy comb, 1 toothbrush, 1 nail clipper, 1 bar of soap and 1 dark bath towel. Donations will also gladly be accepted! Please place items on the church Information counter.  God bless you and thank you for your donations to help others in need!

**January Stewardship Verse** – Malachi 3:10 - NIV

10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

**The annual Sweetheart Dinner** will be held on February 10 at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be catered by Sweet Chipotle Catering. *Each* attendee is encouraged to bring a wrapped cupid game prize. We will provide the cost and menu as soon as it is available, but for now, you may register on the signup sheet at the information desk.

**Missouri Valley Big Brothers Big Sisters** is a non-profit organization located in Jefferson City that serves at-risk youth in our community by matching children with adult mentors. The children we serve are primarily from single-parent homes and have little to no involvement with one parent that resides outside the home. Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1 to 1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Currently, there are over 40 children on our waiting list in need of a mentor. Mentors are asked to meet just once a week with their Little. For more information about how you can make a difference with a child in need in our community, please contact Lee or Mike at 573-634-3290 or visit our website www.mvbbbs.org. Thank you.

**CARD MINISTRY** - As the card ministry sales draw to a close, we would like to thank all those who came and participated in making the lovely cards that have been for sale the last few weeks. Whether it was stamping a phrase, cutting something out or gluing something together, etc. the diligence of those who serve was remarkable. Thank you so much for your time and good-natured camaraderie. Please remember, that the Card Ministry not only makes these cards to sell, but they are used for sending notes to members and nonmembers when we are asked to do so. Please contact us if you ever wish cards sent on behalf of the congregation to anyone for anything. Thank you from the card ministry

**Moving Day at The Branch** – Signup to help move furniture Saturday, January 20th at 1 P.M.

**January OSLC Mission -** Emphasis - Souper Bowl of Caring:  Each month, more than 2,500 children and adults depend upon the Samaritan Center to keep food on the table between paychecks or social security benefits.  The items most needed now include boxed macaroni and cheese, oatmeal and other cereals, meals in a can, soups, canned fruit, Ramen noodles, and jello.  Help our Kids in Christ collect these items in January and show love for our neighbors.  Place items in the container just inside the main lower entrance.  Monetary donations are also accepted.  Thank you!

**OSLC Online Directory Now Available** - We are announcing a new online directory of those who are active in our congregation.  It's especially designed for cell phone usage.  Not only will you be able to see contact information about others, but you can edit your own information and check contribution history.  If you'd like this feature, alert Janice Rambo (administration@reachingoutinlove.org).  We will grant you access, and you will receive an email from our church information management company, ICON, detailing that your first login entry is the phone number of the church (5736362609).  The email will share your personal username and password for the rest of the login process.  Then go to your app store for the free mobile ICON-CMO app (or if you want it on a computer, go to: <https://www.iconcmo.com/login/>).

**Time for Prayer** – Each Sunday, the Prayer Team meets after the second service in the Prayer Room upstairs (the last room in the hallway to the right). Everyone is welcome to join in or submit a prayer request. We have had some beautiful answers to our prayers. St. Paul reminds us not to “…fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God’s wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.” Philippians 4:6-7, *The Message.*