

Sermon Series
Unwrap Jesus This Year

Jesus started this Christmas deal.
But it became more about other presents.
What is the gift which is Jesus?
Will I unwrap the child in swaddling clothes?

Dec. 16 = A Gift of Freedom
Dec. 23 = A Gift of God's Intervention
Dec. 24 = A Gift of God's Reign
Dec. 25 = A Gift of Power
Dec. 30 = A Gift of Eternity

Please pray for

Healing: Dale Brockmeyer, Abigail Cash, Vera Erdmann, Joanne Finstad, Rick Heet, Bruce and Linda Petersen.

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

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

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.

Calendar for the Week of 12/16/2018

Sunday: 09:00 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: 06:00 p.m. No Adult Bible Study Class
07:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 07:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday: 07:00 p.m. Open MIC Night at the Branch

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

**OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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 – Debbie Curtis, Jim Morris & Jack Horn; Ushers –, Debbie Curtis and Bob Luebbert; Communion Assistants – Tim and Kim Duggan; Brunch Hosts – Marjorie Beenders and Steve Walker; Nursery Attendant – Janice Rambo. At the 10:30 a.m. service: Greeter – Shirley and Gordie Menken; Communion Assistants –Gordie Menken.

Bible Studies:

Hannah Circle: No circle will be held in December.

Tamar Circle: meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:30a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no circle in December.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Come join us in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. This bible study starts again on January 9, 2019. If interested in coming, speak with Gretchen Mueller or just come.

December Stewardship Verse – John 10.10 (NIV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

December Mission Emphasis - Please take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the

Narthex/Foyer: (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!

Cookies for Shut-Ins: Thank you to all who provided cookies for the Shut-ins cookie plates.

Good Samaritan Fund: We have developed a Good Samaritan Team of Marjorie Beenders, Kate Kirchoff, and Stan Linsenhardt who will address all local financial need requests (needs of those in the congregation will take priority), except for emergency ones. Since we desire to enhance our ability to address the many needs, we have added a Good Samaritan fund to the online donation options. As an initial kickoff for the effort, people are invited to consider a \$10 a month contribution to this fund. Please notify our Good Samaritan Team of any needs that become evident to you.

Happy Birthday, Jesus: First Christmas Stories from the Birth of Christ. **NOTE: Date has changed to December 29 at 5:30 P.M.** Mark your calendars and invite family and friends to Happy Birthday, Jesus! The evening starts with a potluck meal and the opportunity to make a keepsake craft. Then we will hear about the very first Christmas from Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary, the innkeeper, a shepherd and a wise man and have the opportunity to sing some of the treasured songs of Christmas. Birthday cake and ice cream will be provided.

Re-Keying of Locks - New keys are now available if you desire to have one. Because these are keys which can only be copied by church authorization, we will keep a list of those who have keys and there will be a \$15 deposit per key. At such time as you might decide you no longer need or desire a key, your deposit will be returned. To secure a key, either contact the church office email or simply write a check to OSLC for \$15 with the designation of key deposit.

Donation Options – Simply put, at Our Savior's we seek to connect people to Jesus. If you would like to invest in that mission, you can make a donation in the offering plate (passed during the 9:00 a.m. service, and up front during Communion at 10:30 a.m.); you can go to our web site and choose Give; or you can scan the QR Code at the right with a smart phone. Thank you for your partnership with God as He brings about His Kingdom through people like us.



Getting Involved – A key way to a satisfying church experience is to find ways to serve. Some current opportunities that allow us to reach out with love include: hosting the church office one morning, visiting people in homes or at the hospital, changing the signboard by the street, programming, running or scheduling our AV efforts, starting or attending a discipleship group, joining the prayer team, coordinating an outreach idea that you have, etc. If you want to know more, contact the church office or one of the leadership team members.

Directory Information - For those of you who like hard copy congregational directories, you'll find updated ones in the display case by the main lower entrance. We do have a great new digital resource where you download an app (iconcmo) and then contact either Janice Rambo or Pastor Scott for password information. So that we can assist people in connecting names and faces, the Kincaids are presently taking photos for inclusion in our database. You can certainly submit a digital photo to the church office email address if you'd like. Indeed, when you sign up for the online resource, you control all of your contact information to make sure its up-to-date and how you desire.