

Sermon Series
What's Next?

Life is hard.
But there's always opportunity.
Don't look down the road.
Just ask God what's next.

November 29: Deliverance for the Defeated

Next Series Sermon: Light in the Darkest Moments

December 6: God's Spirit is here.

December 13: God's Spirit brings freedom.

December 20: God's Spirit promises new life.

December 24: God's Spirit transforms reality.

December 27: God's Spirit implants peace.

Prayers - If you would like to have a prayer request shared with the congregation in a public manner, please email them to Deb Curtis by Thursday at 9 am: rcdciowa@gmail.com. Email private prayer requests to Pastor Scott: pastorscott@reachingoutinlove.org. Pastor Scott will share these latter requests with the prayer team.

Please Pray for:

Paula Barczewsk (Doris & Fred Naes daughter), health concern for Carol Balance (Wanda Brenner's sister), Sarah Betros (fighting kidney rejection), Randall, Paul and Patrick Boyer (friends of Dee Ann's daughter-they all have cancer), Dale Covington, Kyle Bopp (Eileen Rosheim's son-in-law), Courtney Cash (Kenley's mom suffering from a bad fall), Bob Frohoff, Frank and Rick Heet (Deb Curtis's dad & brother who are both on hospice care), Greta Jackson (Doris Naes mother), Frankie Lindquist, Dee Ann McKinney, Patrick McKinney, Sammie Kirchner (Linda Morris's sister) is hospitalized with covid-19, Dale Morris (diagnosed with prostate cancer), Bruce and Holly Petersen, Rachael Preston who has cancer and will have surgery soon, Tonya Beenders Speed (Marjorie Beenders' daughter), Dorothy Stroech (Gloria and Wayne Sharp's sister-in-law who has cancer), Aaron Walker; Steve Walker's son, Jean Walker (cancer), Dave Williams.

Military Safety: Dylan Benedict, Lucas Frey, Brittany Jackson, Lewis Kempker, Weston Herman.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy and prayers of comfort for the family of Gloria Leitterman Eskew who passed away last week.

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

Altar Flowers

Flowers for this Sunday are given by the Women of the ELCA in Thanksgiving for all the many blessings received during the year.

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.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are growing together in Christ. Therefore, we are reaching out in Love



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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Calendar for the Week of 11/22/2020

Sunday:	09:00 a.m.	Classic Worship in the Worship Center
	10:30 a.m.	Modern Worship in the Worship Center*
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Worship, upstairs to the right*
Sunday:	09:00 a.m.	Classic Service in the Worship Center
	10:30 a.m.	Modern Worship in the Worship Center*
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Worship, upstairs to the right*

November Stewardship Verse – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Advent Booklets - Advent begins November 29. To aid you in your journey to Christmas, there are Advent booklets available just outside the lower level main entrance doors.

Because of Bethlehem Study: Our Savior's is offering a four-session study on Monday nights at 6:30 during Advent using Max Lucado's book, ***Because of Bethlehem: Love Is Born, Hope Is Near.*** In the video-based series, Lucado unpacks the enduring promises of Christmas and discovers a lifetime of hope because of **one baby born in Bethlehem.** The book and study guide can be purchased through your favorite bookseller. The series is facilitated by Debbie Musselman. The first session is November 30th. For more information and to register, go to <https://reachingoutinlove.org/event/because-of-bethlehem-book-study/>.

OSLC Sunday Morning Fellowship – We want YOU to give it a try!!! – Remember the good ole days when you used to be able to come to church on Sunday mornings and worship with your friends and then visit with them in the Fellowship Hall between services while chatting over a cup of coffee, a glass of milk or juice, and enjoying donuts, coffee cake, fresh fruit, juice, etc. Well, we are trying to give you a similar experience at **OSLC's Sunday Morning (Virtual) Fellowship.** This is a great opportunity to connect with your friends that you have been missing. You can find out what different folks have been up to, how they are doing, does anyone need help with anything, has anyone read a good book or watched an interesting movie, the new Aldi's location (seriously), family plans for Thanksgiving, how to bake delicious bread, etc., etc., etc. **It's fun, casual and caring conversation. Wherever you are Sunday morning, either before, between or after worship, won't you consider "zooming in" to visit with us.** Just find some place comfortable, sign onto your computer or cell phone, grab a cup of coffee, a glass of juice or even a soda and a donut or coffee cake, whatever sounds good to you and join in for enjoyable fellowship. Marjorie Beenders hosts this online gathering from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Then, Kahne Williams hosts the group from 10:30 a.m. till 12 noon. You may want to just sign in and say good morning, stay for 5 or 10 minutes of conversation, or you may want to stay on for 45 minutes or an hour. It's entirely up to you. The link is available in the congregational emails - or contact Marjorie, Kahne or Pastor Scott. You will be able to come and go without the host needing to admit you from a Zoom waiting room. Looking forward to seeing you!

Congregational Facebook Group - Have you joined our Facebook group for Our Savior's? It's a closed group so it's great for sharing vital information in a relatively safe environment. Just search for Our Savior's Facebook Campus. Along with our church app, these are great communication tools for prayer concerns, relationship development, and mutual conversations.

Dough Holy Night: From November 29, 2020 through January 1, 2021, Our Savior's is hosting **Dough Holy Night** as our ***virtual Happy Birthday Jesus event.*** Participants will bake a batch of Christmas cookies and, along the way, hear the story of the very first Christmas. There's minimal preparation and a video that leads you step-by-step through the entire fun-for-all experience. Register at <https://reachingoutinlove.org/event/dough-holy-night/> to get the access code and instructions.

Fair Trade Fair: The annual Fair Trade Fair featuring items from SERRV will be online this year. Please check the email from Gloria on the church email and Vanco note for all the details. Please shop and help support artisans all over the world and the Women of Our Saviors. This is the weblink to use serv.org?a=WELCA2020. Thank you!

Next Steps in Reaching Out - Online worship is great for connecting to new people. But it's not enough. How do we build faith community? How do we come alongside people in their many and diverse needs?

So what is one area where you have something to offer? For instance, lots of people have financial concerns. Kahne Williams provides a way forward with Financial Peace University. Maybe you can help people with stress. Maybe you can listen to people in their pain. Maybe you can talk to people who are lonely. In present times, many people need help with technology. The possibilities are endless.

How has God gifted you? How are you willing to use those gifts? How can we let people know about you as a resource in ministry? Let our discipleship leader, Stephen Brooks, or Pastor Scott know about where you're willing to serve Jesus in the next steps of our Reaching Out In Love.

Online Offering – Especially as we continue to have very limited, if any, people gathering for worship, this is a particularly good time to consider online offerings. Just go to www.ReachingOutInLove.org and click on "Give." Then create an account. You can set up one time or recurring donations. At present, the costs to the church are less if you utilize a bank account. But you can certainly also use credit/debit cards. Thanks for your generosity as we journey through these difficult times as the body of Christ.