

Is God Present Here and Now?

Does God care?

Is he involved in my daily life?

What does that look like?

November 26 (Christ the King): God guides you

Next Sermon Series: *The Gift of Rebuilding Your Life*

December 3: God cares about your pain

December 10: Watch God rebuild your life

December 17: Prepare the way for God's work

December 24 (Christmas Eve, no morning worship): Jesus is the gift for all the earth

December 25: Jesus rebuilds the heavens

December 31: Who needs the gift of Jesus?

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:

Anita (Gloria Sharp's mother), Missy Blankenship, Tom Darmsted, lung cancer, Pamela Dawson, Laverne Edwards who has cancer (sister-in-law of Khane Williams), Bob Frohoff (cancer return), Bill Gathright (Judy Linsenbardt's brother) recovering from hospital stay, Dean Godsy, Corey Johnson William, (BJ) Kaullen, Jake Klund, David Kruse, Marguerite Kruse, Janet Leitterman, Frankie Lindquist, Gina McKinney, Fred Naes, Bruce and Holly Petersen, Pastor Scott for continued recovery, Kirstin Sanning (Linda Petersen's daughter), David Williams & Khane Williams (foot surgery).

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

Military Safety: Dylan Benedict, Cassidy Culver, Lucas Frey, Lewis Kempker and Weston Herman.

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 of flowers is \$45.***

Sympathy: to Janice Rambo and family at the time of the death of her brother-in-law, Charles Grobe. We pray for comfort and peace for you and your family as we join you in claiming God's eternal promises.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

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Calendar for the Week of 11/26/2023

Sunday:	09:00 a.m.	Classic Worship in the Worship Center
	10:30 a.m.	Modern Worship in the Worship Center*
Wednesday:	10:30 a.m.	Star Trip: Our Faith Awakens
	07:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday:	06:15 p.m.	Jubilation Bells
	07:00 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal
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.	Star Trip: Our Only Hope

Advent Devotionals - Advent is the season of the church year leading up to Christmas. It is a time of preparation and reflection. What does it mean for each of us personally that God chose to become an innocent baby? To aid you in your journey, there are Advent devotionals for you to pick up with the Sunday materials. The booklet is called, "Journey to Joy."

Advent Wednesday worship - This year we will have four half hour Advent Wednesday worship services at 6:30 pm beginning on November 29th and concluding on December 20th. The theme will be "The Stars Tell the Story." It will include the Perfect Star - Creation, the Fallen Star - Lucifer, the Promised Stars - Christians, and the Guiding Star - Bethlehem.

Poinsettias: It's time to order poinsettias to adorn our Sanctuary for the Christmas season. The cost will be \$13. Please place your order by Dec 3rd. Forms can be found in the narthex.

SAVE ANOTHER DATE! Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, 4:00 p.m., Our Savior's Singers will present "**Lead Me Back to Bethlehem.**" The music and words are truly memorable. It will be a heartfelt beginning for the season of Advent. Beautiful signing, chamber orchestra, hoop choreography, live painting and more!! Invite your friends and family to share in this celebration of Jesus' Birth.

Bakeless Bake Sale: Thank you to all who have given a Bakeless Bake Sale offering which will support the ministries of the Women of Our Savior's! If you have not had the opportunity to give, you may still do so. Designated Bakeless Bake Sale envelopes can be found in the narthex. You can put your offering in the collection plate or give it to Gloria Sharp or Karen Brockmeyer. Thank you for your continued support!

Bill Crum and family want to thank everyone who helped celebrate his 60th birthday with cards balloons, good wishes and food. God bless everyone!

Administration of Communion Permission - Communion is one of the marks of the church and as such is presided over by an ordained pastor who is set apart in the church to serve in this capacity for the whole church. "The Use of the Means of Grace", which guides our sacramental practices in the church give the bishop the latitude to extend their sacramental responsibilities as the pastor of the synod to "properly trained lay persons to preside at communion for a period of time and in a specific location." Bishop Candea has authorized Joel Pike, who has theological training and will be entering into the candidacy process to preside at communion.

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.

Church Decoration for Christmas: The church will be decorated for Advent and Christmas on Thursday, November 30 at 1 p.m. Anyone that is available would be welcome to come and help. If you have any questions, contact Linda Petersen.

Congratulations - Our most recent published author is Linda Eisinger. She has written a book about bullying and doing acts of kindness which is called, "Shadowmaker - Responding to Bullying." The book is now being disbursed to schools. There is no end for how God blesses the world through Linda's witness. Well done, good and faithful servant!

The Women of the ELCA Christmas Salad Supper - All Women of Our Savior's are invited to the annual Christmas Salad Supper hosted by the Women of the ELCA, **Monday, December 4 at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite salad if you are able. If not, you are certainly welcome to join us! Come and join us for delicious food, fellowship, short devotion, and caroling to begin the Christmas season! *Please sign up at the Information Center or call/text Debbie Curtis at 573-338-3779 or Gloria Sharp at (573)462-9758.*

NOVEMBER ACTS OF KINDNESS- How is your FAITH BINGO card coming along??? Please remember to put them in the box just outside church doors today if you brought it with you. If not, or if you're a little behind and just hearing about this idea that was introduced during the first Sunday's services in November, here's the scoop: First, the last day you can turn your bingo card in is next Sunday, December 3rd. While completing the items on the bingo card are their own reward November's outreach project is a fun game! Each member of your household — whether adult or child — everyone can and is welcome to participate. The idea is that at least one of the tasks on the card will be done by everyone each day. Some days you may do more than one! As each one is completed, mark it off, and when you have finished the whole card, sign your name at the bottom of this page and place it into the box in the church lobby. At the end of the month, there will be a drawing for a \$25 Domenico's Italian Restaurant gift card. There is also a second prize of a Christmas mug and handmade scarf generously donated by Amber Pike. If you cannot complete the entire card, complete at least two traditional bingo lines, such as one line across or one line down or a diagonal line or any combination thereof. There will be a second drawing of just those cards for a \$15 Perkins gift card. If you didn't get a bingo card yet, please pick up one from the bulletin table. If you are a shut in, please contact the church office or Dee Ann McKinney to have one mailed to you. Have fun and remember one act of kindness by you could change someone's life!

Star Trip: Our Faith Awakens: Our Savior's will provide a Star Trip: Our Faith Awakens program for children ages 2 through 12, focusing on John 1:5, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Our trips will take place Sunday mornings from November 29 – December 17 at 10:30. We will have a closing ***Twinkle and the Bethlehem Star*** event on **December 30 at 9:30** where we will hear the Christmas story through the eyes of Twinkle the Star. For more information about the weekly trips or to register for the closing event, please go to <https://reachingoutinlove.org/event/star-trip-our-faith-awakens/>. If you would like to help out at any of the events, please contact Debbie Musselman.

Bible Studies: All Are Welcome!! – Both of these bible studies are held once a month and make use of the ELCA Gather magazine bible study which is geared towards women. The Tamar bible study meets at church and the Circle meets at our individual homes. Please make time in your schedule to attend and if you have any questions, please contact Gloria Sharp at (573)462-9758 or Deb Curtis at (573)338-3779 for details.

Tamar Circle: Meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please speak with Gretchen Mueller.

Hannah Circle: There will be no meeting in December.