

# Our Savior's - December 2022

| Sunday   | Monday                            | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <i>4</i><br>9:00 AM<br>Communion<br>Service<br><br>10:15 AM<br>Christmas Eve<br>Practice<br><br>11:00 AM<br>Christmas Party  | <i>5</i><br><br>Member<br>Visits  | <i>6</i><br>1:30 PM<br>-3:30 PM<br>Shut in Calls  | <i>7</i><br>1:30 PM -5:00<br>PM Office Hours<br><br>6:00 PM<br>Confirmation<br><br>7:30 PM Council | <i>8</i>  | <i>9</i><br>9:00 AM<br>-12:00 PM<br>Office Hours<br><br>Member<br>Visits  | <i>10</i><br>9:00 AM<br>-12:00 PM<br>Office Hours |
| <i>11</i><br>9:00 AM<br>Worship<br><br>10:15 AM<br>Christmas<br>Eve Practice   | <i>12</i><br><br>Member<br>Visits | <i>13</i><br>1:30 PM<br>-3:30 PM<br>Shut in Calls<br><br>7:00 PM<br>Jesus Cares<br>Christmas<br>St. Martins | <i>14</i><br>1:30 PM -5:00<br>PM Office Hours<br><br>6:00 PM<br>Confirmation                       | <i>15</i> | <i>16</i><br>9:00 AM<br>-12:00 PM<br>Office Hours<br><br>Member<br>Visits | <i>17</i><br>9:00 AM<br>-12:00 PM<br>Office Hours |
| <i>18</i><br>9:00 AM<br>Communion<br>Service<br><br>10:15 AM<br>Christmas<br>Eve Practice  | <i>19</i><br><br>Member<br>Visits | <i>20</i><br>1:30 PM<br>-3:30 PM<br>Shut in Calls   | <i>21</i><br>1:30 PM -5:00<br>PM Office Hours<br><br>6:00 PM<br>Confirmation                       | <i>22</i> | <i>23</i><br>9:00 AM<br>-12:00 PM<br>Office Hours<br><br>Member<br>Visits | <i>24</i><br>7:00 PM<br>Christmas<br>Eve Service  |
| <i>25</i><br>9:00 AM<br>Worship  | <i>26</i><br><br>Member<br>Visits | <i>27</i><br>1:30 PM<br>-3:30 PM<br>Shut in Calls   | <i>28</i><br>1:30 PM -5:00<br>PM Office Hours  | <i>29</i> | <i>30</i><br>9:00 AM<br>-12:00 PM<br>Office Hours<br><br>Member<br>Visits | <i>31</i><br>9:00 AM<br>-12:00 PM<br>Office Hours |

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church November/December 2022 Newsletter

There are two big celebrations on the horizon right now - Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our celebration of Thanksgiving will be here shortly after you receive this newsletter. We will have opportunity to gather on the evening before Thanksgiving at 7:00 pm to reflect on and give thanks for everything the Lord has done and continues to do for us. Not just the little things like food, home, clothes, etc. that most people reflect on at Thanksgiving. But the big things like a Savior, forgiveness, heaven which are certainly at the top the of list of what we are thankful for. Without Jesus in our life, nothing really matters. With Jesus in our life, we have what really matters. Thank you God for making us your children through faith in Jesus.



Consider reading Psalm 136 as your Thanksgiving devotion before the meal this year. The theme of the Psalm is “His mercy endures forever” with a lot of emphasis on giving thanks. Here are a few verses to get you started.

Psalm 136:2 Give thanks to the God of Gods. For his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 136:3 Give thanks to the Lord of Lords. For his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 136:26 Give thanks to the God of the heavens. For his mercy endures forever.

Next comes Advent. Advent prepares us for the birth of Jesus. Let me suggest some devotional materials for you to use during advent. These are a nice way to remind ourselves of the real reason for the season.

This Advent, discover how the Gospels of John the Elder and Luke the Historian record the details of the incarnation—God becoming man—in the booklet, *Word Made Flesh: The Historical Reality of Christmas*. Long title; but as always, brief, beautiful meditations from Martin Luther College.



Each of the 25 devotions is prompted by a question about the historical accuracy of the Christmas account. Each reminds us that Christmas is not a sweet children’s story or fairy tale. It is a historical event. In our skeptical times, John and Luke help us reaffirm the objective reality of Christmas.

We hope these devotions will remind you that we need more than just a spiritual idea or inspiring story. We need a real flesh-and-blood Savior, one who stepped into human history, changing it—and us—forever.

Ladies, plan on attending Advent by Candlelight on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Bring your friends with you and prepare your hearts for Christmas.

In addition, there are advent calenders at church that you can take home that will also help you prepare for what is described in Luke chapter 2. There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: Today in the town of David, a



Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind.

### **What does your Sunday Schedule look like?**

Why not make coming to church a regular part of your Sunday? It is a great way to start off your week. Psalm 122 states it this way, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" A chance to thank the Lord for all the blessings he gave us in the past week, an opportunity to be refreshed by hearing God's promises of forgiveness, by singing his praises and by gathering with your brothers and sisters in Christ. A great opportunity to reflect on what is really important and to focus on things that last for eternity. Rejoice with us on Sunday mornings. Bring yourself, your children, your friend and your neighbors.

**See ya in church.**

### **Sunday School**

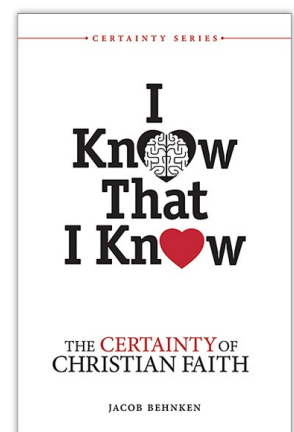
This would be a good place to give you parents and grandparents an encouragement to bring your children and grandchildren to Sunday School. What better way is there to show your child what is really important than to come to church, to see that it is a priority in our life and to have them learning about what the Lord has done and is doing for them. Our actions do speak louder than our words. Kid's can find 101 reasons not to go, but let your love for them shine. I'll be praying that you and your family make Sunday morning your special time to join together with other Christians in God's house.

### **Family Devotions**

I am going to put in another plug for the many devotional materials that we have available. One new one is "I Know That I Know". This short read tackles common questions about faith with God's Word. Pastor and author Jacob Behnken, explores the biblical definition of faith and its relationship to important Christian topics such as conversion, emotions, and good works. As you read, you will become more certain about the faith God has given you so that you can answer once and for all, "I know that I know!"

Don't forget to grab a copy of "Forward in Christ" or "Meditations"

Check out The books on the table in the fellowship hall that you can have absolutely free. There are many other choices in the church library. There are devotions designed for couples, families with young children, families of one, older, younger. The list goes on and on.





## **Christmas Party**

Our church Christmas party will be held on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Turkey, Ham, potatoes and buns will be provided. If you wish to bring a side dish or dessert please feel free to do that. There is a sign up list on the table in the entryway



A Children's Christmas Service

## **Christmas Eve Service**

If you would like to have your child take part in the Christmas Eve Service please contact Pastor Nelson. This year's service is entitled Illustrations of Immanuel. We are planning to distribute parts and begin rehearsals on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>. That will give us three Sundays to get ready for Christmas Eve which should be sufficient. The Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00pm

## **Thank you**

Thank you all for your continuing prayers for Stan as we prepare to leave for Mayo Clinic yet again. We meet with the surgeon on November 15<sup>th</sup> and Stan's surgery is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>. After surgery, the doctors estimate that he will be in the hospital for 3-5 days. God willing that is what we are planning for. We will keep everyone updated as we proceed

## **New Sign**

Just a brief update on the new sign. You may have noticed that the foundation for the sign has been poured. You may also have noticed that the old sign has been removed and there is a strange line of dirt in the lawn. That is because the conduit for the wiring has been trenched in and the wiring run out to where the sign will be installed. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to do the work. We are hoping to have the installation of the sign completed in November.

## **Finances**

There are financial updates available on the table in the entryway. We running very close to meeting our budgeted needs for the year. What a blessing to have already exceeded our goals for missions and Great Plains. Be assured that any and all funds will be used for their designated purposes.

## **Giving opportunity**

For anybody 70.5 years or older, an IRA is a great option for making gifts to the Lord's work at church, a local WELS-affiliated ministry, and/or a WELS area of ministry to save on taxes. For those 72 and older, the rollover to charity also counts toward satisfying their required minimum distribution. Contact the investment firm that handles your IRA to request a direct transfer of IRA assets to a WELS ministry or another charity of your choice. Pastor can also give you more information.

If you have any questions, please call and talk to Pastor or one of the council members.

Serving you as we all serve Christ

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