

ECHOES Weekly Deadline is Tuesday prior to the Sunday you wish your article published.

Calendar Items deadline is the 20th of each month.

Hearing devices are available in the sound system area at the back of the Sanctuary. These devices can be used with or without a hearing aid.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from the Fohrman Ladies in honor of baptism.

Remember in your Prayers

Concerns: Floyd Peterson; Dan (Gladys Jensen's son); Shawn Mahoney (son in law of John & Darlene Kelley); Merle Houdek; Vickie Schulz; Ed Sehl ; Karen Schlein; Magnus Svenningsen (Thoreson's great-grandson); David Eberhart; Bob Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Byron Stadsvold; Lois Rink; Mark (Pat Heath's son); Chris Stoltenberg, Jeanette Erickson, Bonnie Storlie, Marsha Dick; Connie DeLorme

Military Concerns: Andrew McCumber; Chris Sikich; Margaret & Catherine Maher; Clark Rose; Scot Heathman; Ryan Nordstrom; Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and all of our veterans who have served.

Missionary Partner: Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania

Seminary Student: Martha Bec

Sunday, Dec. 5 Pastor Nikki out of town Grace Bell Sunday Basket Delivery day 9am Virtual Worship 9am In-Person Worship 10am Fellowship 10:30am GIFT—Christmas Program	Thursday, December 9 P. Nikki Day Off 9am-3pm Office Open 11am Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir
Monday, Dec. 6 Pastor Nikki out of town Pastor Ben day off	Friday, December 10 P. Nikki Day off 10-11am P. Ben Open Door
Tuesday, Dec. 7 P. Nikki out of town 9am-3pm Office Open 10am-11am P. Ben Open Door 1pm All Staff Meeting	Saturday, December 11 Sunday, December 12 Fair Trade Day 9am Virtual Worship 9am In-Person Worship Christmas Program Video 10am Fellowship 10:30am GIFT Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 8 P. Nikki out of town 9am-3pm Office Open 11am P. Ben @ Text Study 11:30pm Priscilla Circle @ Hollenberry 1-3pm P. Ben Open Door 6:30pm Advent worship	Monday, December 13 P. Ben day off 9am Naomi Circle 10am-1pm P. Nikki Open Door Go to www.rochesterosl.org and click the calendar tab for all building activities.

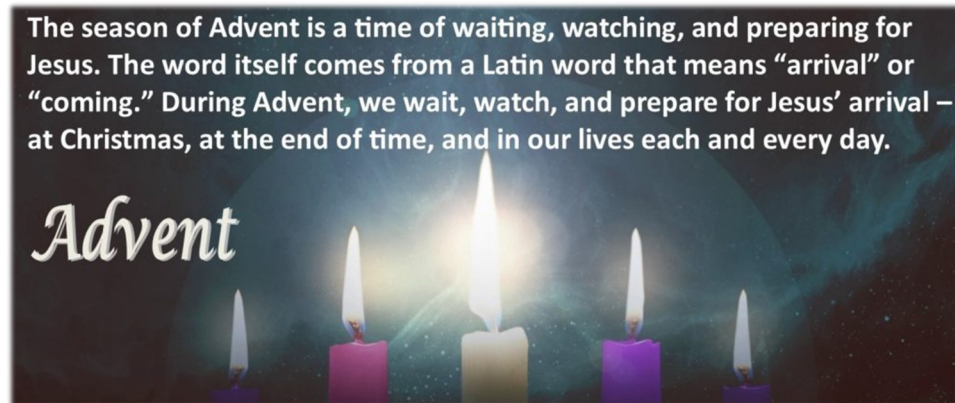


WELCOME VISITORS & WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

DECEMBER 5, 2021

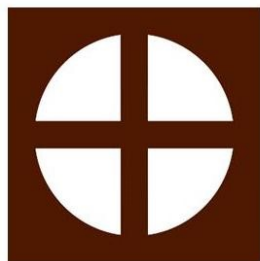
"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God." Romans 15:7

We welcome new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here. You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sorrow, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.



CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>"From Heaven Above"</i>	ELW 268, vs1-6
	<i>"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"</i>	ELW 272
CANDLE LIGHTING	<i>"Christ Be Our Light"</i>	ELW 715, vs 1
OPENING SONG	<i>"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"</i>	ELW 254
GOSPEL CALL	<i>"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"</i>	ELW 257, vs 6
EXPERIENCING THE STORY	<i>Bell Choir Meditation</i>	
SONG OF THE DAY	<i>"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"</i>	ELW 286
PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>"Wait for the Lord"</i>	ELW 262
GREAT THANKSGIVING	<i>"Come Now, O Prince..."</i>	ELW 247, vs 2-3
COMMUNION SONG	<i>"Away in a Manger"</i>	ELW 278, vs 1 & 3
POST COMMUNION	<i>"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"</i>	ELW 244, vs 4
CLOSING SONG	<i>"The Bells of Christmas"</i>	ELW 298

10:30am GIFT WORSHIP—Christmas Program



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OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am to 3pm
Joanne is working from home on Mondays and Fridays.

Office—289-3021; **Website:** www.rochesteroslcl.org

Pastor Ben Loven—bloven@rochesteroslcl.org; cell 701-580-1559

Pastor Nikki Rockne—pnikki@rochesteroslcl.org cell 507-398-7710

Joanne Hamilton, Office—office@rochesteroslcl.org

Greg Henderson, Director of Music—music@rochesteroslcl.org

Carole Joyce, Family Ministry Consultant—carole35@charter.net

Sound Board Engineer: 9:00am Worship—Dean Frank

10:30am Worship—Maureen Lemens

Offering Counters: Scott & Joyce Bagne

Pastor Ben's Open Door Hours: Tuesday 10am—11am

Friday 10am-11am

Pastor Nikki's Open Door Hours: Monday 10am—1pm

We have set aside these times to specifically be in the office and available for conversation, but please note that meetings, visits, or pastoral emergencies may pull us away from our scheduled office hours



Thank you for your generosity! Thank you so much for your continued generous financial giving to our congregation's ministry! During the pandemic, your generosity has enabled our congregation to continue witnessing to Christ's love, a message that is desperately needed in our world. We invite you to continue living into this faith-practice; you may give by placing your gift in the offering plate during in-person

worship, by mailing your gift to the church building, by signing up for the automated Simply Giving program, or by going to our website. This QR code will take you directly there! Again, thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH NEWS

This coming July (yes, I KNOW it is a long ways away...) is the trip to the **ELCA Youth**

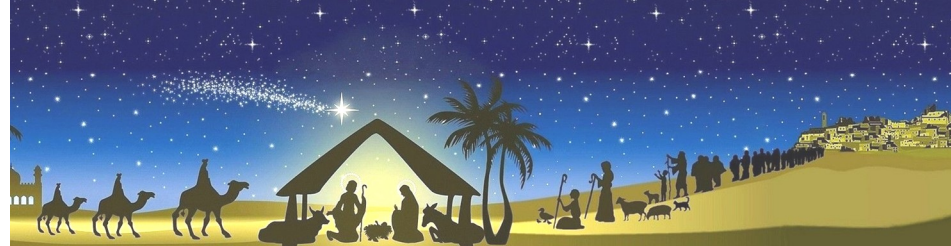
Gathering in Minneapolis.

This is an INCREDIBLE

opportunity, and I hope all consider attending. It is open to this year's 8th-12th graders. The cost will be \$350/youth. I need to get the registration in soon. Registration fees go up as the date gets closer, so I would like to get all registered by November 21. Here is a link to the worksheets: <https://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-Youth-Gathering#General> The one I need ASAP is titled "2022 Youth Gathering Registration Worksheets-Youth Participant". You can either print that form, or email me the information in that form, so I can get it all entered online. A \$150 deposit is also due. If finances would be a reason you couldn't attend, let me know. We have funds for that, too. If you have any questions, ask Cassie!



Christmas Eve Worships



December 24

4:00pm, 5:30pm & 10:00pm

DID YOU KNOW...

HEARING DEVICES are available in the sound system area at the back of the Sanctuary. These devices can be used with or without a hearing aid.

OSLC HAS A CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE It's a place for members and those who are active in the life of our congregation to stay up-to-date with events and activities! This is also a place for us to share life-events with our siblings in Christ. Search Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN and ask to join.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS/Weekly's are available each Sunday

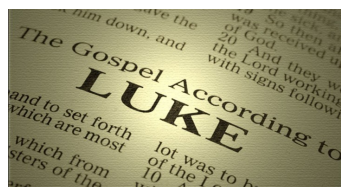
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR DECEMBER

Priscilla Circle

December 8, 11:30am

Meet at Hollandberry Restaurant, 214 N. Broadway

Check to Family's First in lieu of bringing diapers



BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BEN

Thursdays, at 11:00am at OSLC



Simply Giving is an easy way to keep up on your giving. There are forms in the Business Center on the wall rack. They can be filled out and left in my box marked Financial Secretary in the Business Center, or you can contact me for more information.
Tim Hornseth, Financial Secretary

Greetings siblings in Christ.

Leadership has been monitoring our Covid numbers as they have continued to rise. We recognize that we are at a different spot than we were a year ago when much of our population was unable to be vaccinated. Currently those 5 and up are eligible for vaccinations and many have already received their full dose.

We also realize that as the Holiday season approaches we want to do all we can to maintain the health and safety of all our members.

Holding all these things in prayer and deliberation we have decided that we will suspend the ability to have Food and Beverage fellowship at church starting immediately, until further notice. This includes all groups meeting at the church.

We will still have In-Person Worship.

You can still have fellowship time with your friends.

The only thing you cannot do is have food and beverages here where your masks need to come off.

We do this to take care of our neighbor and maintain a healthy and safe environment for all.

Thank you for understanding, Pastor Nikki & Pastor Ben



POINSETTIA SALES

Cost is 25.00 for an 8' potted poinsettia which is quite a bit larger than what we've had in previous years.

Deadline to order will be December 12.

Look for a form either in the OSLC Office or on the Narthex Counter. Please indicate on your check made out to OSLC that it is for poinsettias in the memo. Thank you.

Thank you VERY much for another successful Pie "Fellowship". The youth raised \$297 in this event. We appreciate all your support of the youth and their activities. We have the big ELCA Youth Gathering next summer, and I'd like to keep the expenses down for all participants. Thank you for getting us off to a great start! Cassie Fohrman

FAIR TRADE DAY AT OSLC—DECEMBER 12

Fair Trade Food products and non-food products will be available to purchase in the Narthex.

Remember, Fair Trade food products are always available for purchase either on Sunday mornings or during the weekly office hours. Fair Trade items make the perfect gift.





ALTAR FLOWERS

2022 Calendar is now posted. Get your favorite date/s now!

You can still sign up by emailing Joanne or calling the office.

Cost is \$40 and checks can be made to OSLC with Altar Flowers in the memo and can be left in the offering plate or dropped off at the office.

FLOWER SCHEDULE

Dec. 5—Wanda Hagquist

Dec. 12—Holm's

Dec. 19—OPEN

Dec. 26—OPEN

***We have many openings starting
on December 19 going forward.***

WAYS TO GIVE...

RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN

Your Church fellowship is invited to take part in The Salvation Army's annual Christmas Red Kettle Campaign. Individuals and groups can sign up to ring at various locations in the Rochester area by visiting www.RegisterToRing.com and selecting the times and places that work best for them. Please feel free to connect with me if you need any help getting signed up to ring. Thank you for all you do to love people.



SALVATION ARMY FOOD SHELF is in need of:

Canned Soups except Tomato & Cream of Mushroom

Canned Beans except for chickpeas or baked beans.



CHURCHILL/HOOVER Snack Ministry

Churchill and Hoover Elementary schools, who we've served in the past through the backpack program, have reached out to us, asking if we could help in providing snacks for their kids this year. They have noticed that many students are not bringing snacks to school, and

Channel One is unable to provide additional food this year. There is a list of approved snacks for us to purchase for them. Find this list in the Narthex or on the large bulletin board. Please help in any way that you can!



A Life Care Community

Samaritan Bethany has started up their church worship services and are still looking for more volunteers to help escort residents to the church service. We previously did this as

a church group two months out of the year but they are trying something different. They now have an online signup and you pick what Sunday would work for you. There are also new policies and procedures that must be followed with covid-19. All volunteers must have been vaccinated, must have a background check done and must go through a short training session. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding experience please contact Pam Shulze for details

phone 507-281-5918

email pks1752@charter.net

GIVE YOUR GIFT OF MUSIC

We are in the process of preparing for Advent and Christmas Eve services and would like to invite interested singers and instrumentalists to participate. We have simplified the plans for this season to allow for reduced preparation time without overlooking this special time in our church year. Due to these considerations, the number of rehearsals will be limited, special vocal and instrumental masks will be provided, and rehearsals will be shortened and held in the sanctuary to give us additional space.

If you are interested in participating, please let us know via the survey monkey link or via email to music@rochesterosl.org.

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday December 2nd 7:00 pm

Thursday December 16th 7:00 pm

Wind/String Instruments: Thursday December 16th 8:00 pm or Sunday December 19th 1:00 pm (please choose one or both)

