

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

**Remember in your Prayers**

**Concerns:** Jane (Katie Zahasky's cousin); Neighbors of Doreen Markus; Pat Navratil (neighbor of Wayne Servais); Dan (Gladys Jensen's son); Shawn Mahoney (son in law of John & Darlene Kelley); Merle Houdek; Ed Sehl ; Karen Schlein; Magnus Svenningsen (Thoreson's great-grandson); David Eberhart; Bob Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Byron Stads vold; Lois Rink; Mark (Pat Heath's son); 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

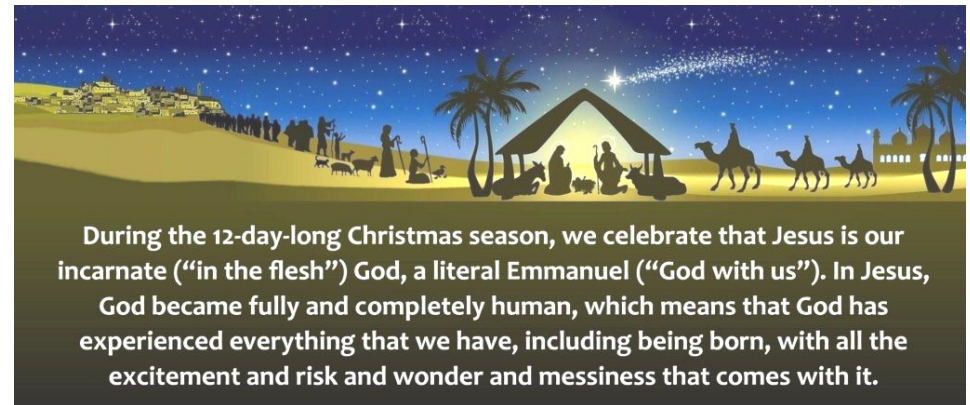
<b>Sunday, January 2</b>	10-11am P. Ben Open Door
P. Ben Off	<b>Saturday, January 8</b>
9am Virtual Worship	9am Christmas Décor take down
9am Worship	<b>Sunday, January 9</b>
10am Fellowship	9am Virtual Worship
<b>Monday, January 3</b>	9am Worship
P. Ben Off	10:30am GIFT Worship
10am-12pm P. Nikki Open Door	<b>Monday, January 10</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 4</b>	P. Ben's Day Off
9am-3pm Office Open	9am Naomi Circle
10am-11am P. Ben Open Door	10am-12pm P. Nikki Open Door
1pm All Staff Meeting	<b>Tuesday, January 11</b>
2pm Office Staff Meeting	9am-3pm Office Open
<b>Wednesday, January 5</b>	9:30am-12pm Pastors at Conference
9am-3pm Office Open	2pm Office Staff Meeting
10am-12pm P. Nikki Open Door	6:30pm Business/Finance
1-3pm P. Ben Open Door	<b>Wednesday, January 12</b>
11am P. Ben @ Text Study	9am-3pm Office Open
7pm Media That Moves Us	9:30am Priscilla Circle
<b>Thursday, January 6</b>	10am-12pm P. Nikki Open Door
P. Nikki Day Off	11am P. Ben @ Text Study
9am-3pm Office Open	1-3pm P. Ben Open Door
11am Bible Study	
6pm Bell Choir	Go to <a href="http://www.rochesterosl.org">www.rochesterosl.org</a> and click the
7pm Vocal Choir	calendar tab for all building activities.
<b>Friday, January 7</b>	
P. Nikki Day Off	



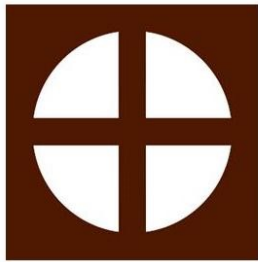
**WELCOME VISITORS & WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**  
JANUARY 2, 2022

*"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.



<b>Call To Worship</b>	<i>"The First Noel"</i>	ELW 300
<b>Gospel Reading</b>		Luke 2:41-51
<b>Song of Praise</b>	<i>"Cold December Flies Away"</i>	ELW 299
<b>Song</b>	<i>"In the Bleak Midwinter"</i>	ELW 294
<b>Songs During Time of Prayer</b>		
	<i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"</i>	ELW 257
	<i>"Lo, How A rose E'er Blooming"</i>	ELW 272
	<i>"Silent Night, Holy Night"</i>	ELW 281
<b>Song</b>	<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	ELW 267
<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	ELW 289, vs. 1
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<i>"Away in a Manger"</i>	ELW 278
<b>Sending Song</b>	<i>"As with Gladness Men of Old"</i>	ELW 302



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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.rocheesterslc.org](http://www.rocheesterslc.org)

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Katie Zahasky, Prayer Chain—254-7894 or [ktzahasky4@gmail.com](mailto:ktzahasky4@gmail.com)

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

10:30am Worship—Maureen Lemens

Offering Counters: Kevin & Cindy Norgard

Pastor Ben's Open Door Hours: Tues. 10-11am, Wed. 1-3pm, Fri. 10-11am

Pastor Nikki's Open Door Hours: Mon. 10am-12pm, Wed. 10am-12pm

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!



**ANY TIME** is the perfect time to take advantage of walking in the church. 8 – figure 8 laps around equals one mile.



**IT'S THAT TIME...**to take down the Christmas décor. We will gather at 9:00am on January 8. Please consider helping out.

### THANK YOU

Our "Thank You" to you for the Christmas gift we received from our church family. Happy New Year to all! **The Houdeks**

Merry Christmas. To each person of the congregation and Ministry Team, I appreciate all the prayer cards, visits from each of you.

God Bless, **Gladys Jensen**



# CHRIST IS BORN!

# 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** are available each Sunday



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

## WHERE YOUR HOLIDAY OFFERINGS ARE GOING

The offering collected during our Thanksgiving Eve service and our midweek Advent services has been designated to go to help our youth attend the ELCA Gathering coming up this summer. Because of COVID, they have not had as many opportunities to fundraise, and this is a way that our congregation can continue to affirm our support of them and their growth in faith.

For our services on Christmas Eve, the offering collected will go to help our mission partners, like the Iambi Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania, and Lutheran Campus Ministry in Winona.



**ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God from the Lovens in thanksgiving for the steadfastness and courage of our congregation.

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

You can sign up on the large bulletin board, email Joanne or by 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

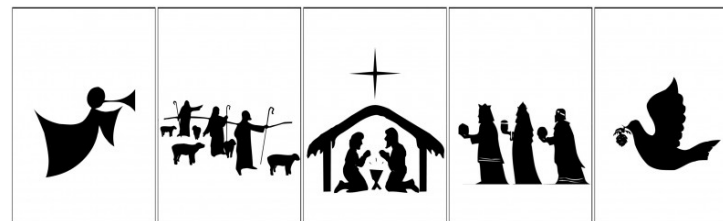
Jan. 9—Wanda Hagquist

Jan. 16—OPEN

Jan. 23—OPEN

Jan. 30—OPEN

*We have many dates open*



## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

### Congregational Meetings Notice

Coming up at the end of January we will have two meetings, one on January 23rd and one on January 30th.

The meeting on the 23rd is our annual budget review meeting. At that meeting, the budget for 2022 and other financial information will be presented and there will be a time for questions and other feedback.

The meeting on the 30th is our Annual Congregational Meeting. An agenda for this meeting will be posted in January.

These two meetings will both take place at 9:30AM in the Sanctuary, immediately following our early worship service. This service will be moved from its normal start time of 9AM up to 8:30AM. This change in worship time will only be for these two services; worship will go back to 9AM on February 6th.

**Team Chairs:** Annual reports are due to the church office no later than Jan. 10 to make the report.

## WOMENS NEWS

**Naomi Circle** will meet on January 10, 9:00am at OSLC

Hostess: Ruth Moran

Bible Study: Mary Ann Smith

**Priscilla Circle** will meet on January 12, 9:30am at OSLC

Hostess: Diana Schroeder

Bible Study: Group

## QUILTING AT OSLC

If you can tie a knot, you can help make quilts for LWR or for needs around the community. Join us in the Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9am.

**MEDIA THAT MOVES US** (1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm unless otherwise stated) We meet by Zoom or by phone link

**January 5th:** Movie "Tick Tick Boom" It is on Netflix. Let me know if you don't have it and we can arrange something.

**February 2nd:** **Dangerous Women** by Hope Adams

**March 2nd** (is Ash Wednesday- we will have to either meet after worship or a different date)

Contact Pastor Nikki by phone or email for the Zoom or phone link.



# WAYS TO GIVE



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 [pk1752@charter.net](mailto:pk1752@charter.net)

## DOROTHY DAY HOUSE

Now that we in the New Year, I wanted to ask again who might be interested in volunteering to help with the Dorothy Day house dinner that our church community has been providing for the evening meal on the third Thursday of every month. This outreach is a great way to serve those in our community who are struggling with homelessness. You can volunteer for one month or more. Please call me with your questions. Our congregation has several members who would be happy to support you in getting comfortable with our role. Thank you! Doreen Markus, [dorwm00@gmail.com](mailto:dorwm00@gmail.com), phone 507 281-1700.



## 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!