

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

**Remember in your Prayers**

**Concerns:** Jane (Katie Zahasky’s cousin); Pat Navratil (neighbor of Wayne Servais); Dan (Gladys Jensen’s son); Shawn Mahoney (son in law of John & Darlene Kelley); Merle Houdek; Brooklyn (Great Niece of Mary Ann Smith); Karen Schlein; Magnus Svenningsen (Thoreson’s great-grandson); David Eberhart; Bob Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Byron Stadvold; 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

<p><b>Sunday, January 16</b>            9am Virtual Worship            9am Worship            10:30am GIFT Worship online only  <b>Monday, January 17</b>            Joanne off            P. Ben Day Off            10am-12pm P. Nikki Open Door            1pm Sarah Circle  <b>Tuesday, January 18</b>            Joanne off—Bev Cover            9am-3pm Office Open            9am Quilting            10am-11am P. Ben Open Door            11am P. Nikki @ Text Study  <b>Wednesday, January 19</b>            Joanne Off—Bev &amp; Katie Cover            9am-3pm Office Open            10am-12pm P. Nikki Open Door            11am P. Ben @ Text Study            1-3pm P. Ben Open Door  <b>Thursday, January 20</b>            P. Nikki Day Off            Joanne off            9am-3pm Office Open-Katie Cover            10:30am Bible Study online only</p>	<p><b>Friday, January 21</b>            P. Nikki Off            10-11am P. Ben Open Door  <b>Saturday, January 22</b>  <b>Sunday, January 23</b>            8:30am Worship            9:00am Virtual Worship            9:30am Budget Review Meeting            1030am GIFT online only  <b>Monday, January 24</b>            P. Ben Day Off            6:30pm WELCA Board  <b>Tuesday, January 25</b>            9am-3pm Office Open            10am-11am P. Ben Open Door            11am P. Nikki at Text Study            2pm Office Staff Meeting            7pm Worship &amp; Music Meeting  <b>Wednesday, January 26</b>            9am-3pm Office Open            10am-12pm P. Nikki Open Door            11am P. Ben at Text Study            1-3pm P. Ben Open Door              Go to <a href="http://www.rochesterosl.org">www.rochesterosl.org</a> and click the calendar tab for all building activities.</p>
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**WELCOME VISITORS & WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**  
**JANUARY 16, 2022**

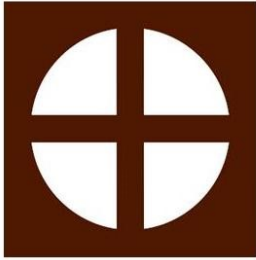
*"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God." Romans 15:7*

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.

**9:00AM WORSHIP, ELW, SETTING 8**  
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<b>SENDING SONG</b> <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"</i>	ELW 545
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**10:30am GIFT WORSHIP—online only**



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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.

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**Sound Board Engineer:** 9:00am Worship—Tim Pickett

10:30am Worship—Dave Flynn

**Offering Counters:** Scott Moon, Mark Troutman

**Pastor Ben's Open Door Hours:** Tue. 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!



## CHURCHILL/HOOVER Snack Ministry is Expanding!!!

Along with our continued snack ministry for the classrooms, Hoover has reached out and asked if we could help to fill their food pantry. This pantry has easy

to make items for food insecure kids to take home with them for the weekends or even week nights. The most taken items are

- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- microwave mac & cheese
- oatmeal, microwave or stove top packets
- ramen
- rice
- cereal
- fruit cups

Please help them fill their pantry so no kids in Rochester are food insecure. Items can be left in the blue barrel along with the classroom snacks.

Thank you.

## 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



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

## PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

Thursday Bible Study with Pastor Ben will begin at 10:30am online only.

# WAYS TO GIVE

## THANK YOU FROM RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Thank for the generosity of the congregation for the many, many items donated for the House. We also donated enough monetary gifts to cover families stay at the house 40 nights. Thank you so much.



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.



**ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God from the Kupers in honor of Uncle Jeff's birthday.

## 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. 23—OPEN

Jan. 30—OPEN

Feb. 6—Kupers

Feb. 13—MacGillivray

Feb. 20—OPEN

Feb. 27—OPEN

*We have many dates open and need your help.*

## THANK YOU

Dear Members of OSLC,

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift of so many goodies and needy items. Also the precious home made Christmas card made by the children. Also for the prayers. So much appreciated. **God Bless, Gladys Jensen**

## 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 is posted the on large bulletin board in the hallway.

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.

Please stay tuned in case these will need to have a format change or the unlikely event that the Annual Meeting needs to be postponed until Sunday February 27th.

Greetings siblings in Christ,

Pastor Ben had us confess, “We are done,” last Sunday as we reflect on our year plus of dealing with Covid. For well over a year we have had to rise up and make urgent decisions and it is exhausting.

Yet again we have come to that point.

Covid has now affected many OSLC families as it continues to spread. Testing sites are overwhelmed with patients and our hospitals and their workers are exhausted.

We realize that many of our OSLC family have had the opportunity to be vaccinated, which is why **we will continue to have in-person worship** even as the numbers soar.

We have been so appreciative of all the OSLC members who have worn their masks while in the building. Seriously- you are all so AMAZING! THANK YOU! It is because you are so great at doing this for your neighbor that we can continue to offer in-person worship.

Some things will change.

- Earlier as these numbers started to rise with the Delta variant we put restrictions on food and beverages in the building. This is still in effect. When we eat or drink masks come down/off, and that is not safe right now.
- Office hours may change with no notice. Minor cold-like symptoms will require us, and our families, to stay home to limit exposure and then test before returning to normal work hours. Is this a royal pain? YES! But we do this to keep everyone safe.
- Pastoral visits with members (in-person) will not be happening at this time. We do not want to bring this to anyone, especially those who may be struggling with their health. We will start our in-person visits again when it is safe to do so. Pastors will be happy to visit by phone or zoom.
- We will limit activities offered in person. All things that can take place by zoom or online will be encouraged at this time.
- All breath-related musical groups will be paused for now.
- Our Budget Review Meeting and Annual Meeting will happen in-person, but please stay tuned in case these will need to have a format change or the unlikely event that the Annual Meeting needs to be postponed until Sunday February 27th.
- Following Mayo’s current policy, we will move to requiring surgical masks by Sunday Jan. 23rd until further notice.

### **We will continue to have in-person worship,**

the following need to be considered at this time:

- If both pastors are in isolation or quarantine, worship will move to online only. Stay tuned for notice as late as Sunday morning.
- During this time we will move to one in-person service. The GIFT worship service will move online, at the same time (10:30), and it will be live (not recorded!).

We will re-evaluate all of these changes toward the end of February, with the hope that we will be in a different place with this virus and can move back toward fewer restrictions.

As always, we remain committed to helping our congregation serve God and our world through the ministry we have been called to, even in the midst of a pandemic. You are all doing GREAT work in an incredibly trying time. And as Pastor Ben ended his sermon on Sunday, remember that, no matter what, God loves you!

Pastor Ben, Pastor Nikki, and the Leadership Team

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

**February 2nd:** Pod Cast: **Daring to Lead by Brene Brown**

**March 2nd** (is Ash Wednesday- we will have to either meet after worship or a different date) **Dangerous Women** by Hope Adams  
Contact Pastor Nikki by phone or email for the Zoom or phone link.

**April 6 The Social Graces** by Renee Rosen

**May 4 The Four Winds** by Kristen Hannah



### **WOMENS NEWS**

**Sarah Circle** will meet at 1pm on Monday, January 17, 1:00pm

Location: OSLC

Hostess/Devotions: Darlene Kelley

### **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.