



OSLC WEEKLY-March 5, 2023

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

**Remember in your Prayers**

**Member Concerns:** George Meyer; Maxine Thoreson; Merle Houdek; Karen Schlein; Bob & Joan Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Lois Rink; Jeanette Erickson, Bonnie Storlie, Marsha Dick; Connie DeLorme, Mike & Sandy Miller

**Non-Member Friends/Family Concerns:** Lucille (Kari Wright’s mom) Lori (George Meyer's cousin); Matt (Wayne Rogelstad's cousin); Kayla & family (Gladys Jensen’s granddaughter); Dennis Dick (Marsha Dick’s brother); Becca, (Connie Delorme's niece); Dan (Gladys Jensen’s son); Brian Howe (nephew of Marti Howe); Shawn Mahoney (son in law of John & Darlene Kelley); Magnus Svennungsen (Thoreson's great-grandson)

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

**Global Ministry:** Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania

**Seminary Student:** Martha Bec

<i>*Events listed in italics are non church activities here in the building.</i>	
<b>Sunday, March 5</b>	6:30pm Bell Choir
9am Worship	7:15pm Vocal Choir
10am Fellowship	<b>Thursday, March 9</b>
10:10 Worship Arts—music	P. Nikki Day off
10:30am Food n’ Chat	9am-3pm Office Open
<i>5pm Troop 83-fellowship</i>	9:15am Faithfully Fit
<b>Monday, March 6</b>	10:30am Bible Study
<i>SEMYO using Parking Lot</i>	<b>Friday, March 10</b>
P. Ben Day off	Family Retreat at Good Earth Village
<b>Tuesday, March 7</b>	P. Ben at Retreat
9am-3pm Office Open	P. Nikki off
11am P. Nikki @ Text Study	<b>Saturday, March 11</b>
1pm All Staff Meeting	Family Retreat at Good Earth Village
2pm Office Staff	P. Ben at Retreat
6:30pm Leadership Meeting	<b>Sunday, March 12</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 8</b>	Family Retreat at Good Earth Village
9am-3pm Office Open	P. Ben at Retreat
9:30am Priscilla Circle	P. Nikki Off
11am P. Ben @ Text Study	9am Worship-Bold Women Sunday
5:30pm Lenten Supper/Worship	10am Fellowship
	10:10 Worship Arts—craft

9:00am Worship

You will need a worship bulletin for the order of worship. Please see an Usher for one.

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

*“As the Winter Days Grow...”* ACS 924  
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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast...”* ELW 517  
*“Eat This Bread”* ELW 472

SPECIAL MUSIC

BIBLE READING John 3:1-21

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS  
Pastor Nikki Rockne

HYMN OF THE DAY  
*“Wash, O God, Our Sons...”* ELW 445

SENDING SONG  
*“How Firm a Foundation”* ELW 796

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."  
<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

<sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"  
<sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.  
<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.  
<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

GATHERING SONG

As the Winter Days Grow Longer

Musical notation and lyrics for the song "As the Winter Days Grow Longer". The lyrics are:

1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;  
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,  
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,

as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—  
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—  
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.

yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:  
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - freshed from sin.  
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.

God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!  
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!  
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody  
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DID YOU KNOW...

**PAST BULLETINS** are available on the OSLC website. Click the Worship tab on the home page and then click bulletins.

**LEADERSHIP MINUTES** are available on the OSLC website. Click the leadership tab on the homepage. There you can find our financial numbers and what Leadership is discussing.

**OSLC HAS A PRIVATE 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. We also have a public page for all to view.

**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 DIRECTORIES** can be found in the Business/ Mail Room.

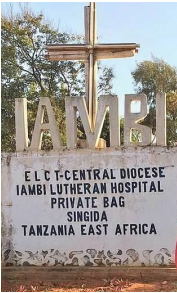
CHURCHILL/HOOVER  
Snack & Food Shelf  
Ministry-



The most wanted food shelf items are:  
Peanut Butter/Jelly  
Microwave mac & cheese, oatmeal  
microwave or stove top packets of ramen, rice  
cereal  
fruit cups  
Items can be left in the blue barrel along with the classroom snacks.

GLOBAL MISSION on OSLC  
WEBSITE

If you would like more information or want to see more pictures from the OSLC trips, go to [www.rochesterosl.org](http://www.rochesterosl.org) and click on the Global Mission drop-down menu



Quilters **QUILTING**  
Third Tuesday of the month at 9:00am

Fellowship Hall  
No sewing skills are needed.  
If you can tie a knot, you can help.  
Everyone is invited to help out.

WORSHIPING ARTS

The first and 3rd Sundays Greg (our music director) & Bev (our bells director) will lead us in music. The 2nd & 4th Sundays there will be a craft or an activity.

Here is our Schedule:  
**March 5--**Music  
**March 12--**Craft  
**March 19--**Music  
**March 26--**1st Communion Class



## MARCH/APRIL CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTION—FABRIC KITS

Sewing is a valuable skill that can help men and women earn reliable income. Fabric Kits provide fabric and thread for vocational training programs teaching sewing, and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing businesses.

Each Kit includes:

2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester) Each piece should match on of the sizes below.

2 1/4 yards of 58"-62" wide fabric

3 yards of 42"-45" wide fabric

4 yards of 34"-37" wide fabric

2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards

Items can be left in the Narthex.



Fabric Kits stand out among LWR projects in their application as tools to help people gain a skill they can use to earn an income. In 2019 alone, more than 16,600 kits were shared with people in nine countries. Among these were more than 1,000 kits distributed in Lebanon and Iraq to provide our neighbors displaced by conflict with tools to build a brighter future for themselves and their families.

## NEW KITCHEN COFFEE POTS

The new Bunn coffee makers are set up and ready for use in the kitchen. User instructions are beside the Bunn.



## THANK YOU

I want to thank Al, Bruce & Ed for coming and singing for Carol and I. We really enjoyed it.  
Merle Houdek

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.

## OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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

**Office**—289-3021; **Website:** [www.rochesterosl.org](http://www.rochesterosl.org)

**Pastor Ben Loven**—[bloven@rochesterosl.org](mailto:bloven@rochesterosl.org); cell 701-580-1559

**Pastor Nikki Rockne**—[pnikki@rochesterosl.org](mailto:pnikki@rochesterosl.org) cell 507-398-7710

Our office doors are always open for visits/conversations. Please make a call to the church office before visiting if you would like to specifically visit with one of us to ensure we are in.

**Pastor Ben & Pastor Nikki**

**Joanne Hamilton, Office**—[office@rochesterosl.org](mailto:office@rochesterosl.org)

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Organist/Pianist:** Greg Henderson

**Special Music:**

**Sound Board Engineer:** Dean Frank

**Offering Counters:** Bruce & Tammy Olson

**Ushers:** Wanda Hagquist, Todd McCumber

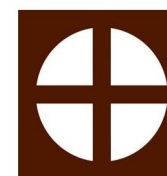
**Communion Assistant/Offering Assistant:** Mary Ann Smith

**Altar Guild Member:** Jodie Westland

**Coffee Fellowship:** Joanne Heathman



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**ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God from OSLC

**Please consider signing up.**

**Please remember to return your vase to the church.**  
**Our pricing is based upon us returning them.**



**FLOWER SCHEDULE**

March 12—OPEN

March 19—Schroeder

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP**

During Lent this year, we are going to be doing something new with our Wednesday meal and worship: dinner church! Soup supper will be served 5:30-6 in our Fellowship Hall. We'll then *stay* in the Fellowship Hall, gathered around our tables, and worship through song, scripture, and art, with the goal of being done around 6:30. Come grow in community!



**OSLC MUSIC**

During Lent, please check the OSLC calendar for rehearsal times for the Bell Choir, Vocal Choir & Orchestra. You are welcome to join us.



**March 8**

Chicken and Dumpling  
Corn Chowder

**March 15**

Chili  
Chicken Wild Rice

**March 22**

Chicken Noodle  
Cream of Potato and Ham

**March 29**

Tomato  
Vegetable Beef



Scan the QR code to visit the OSLC Website.



- . Program- Musical Encore from Our Savior's Lutheran
- . Dessert will be served
- . Offering will go to the Boys and Girls Club

This is an anonymous exchange of names for remembering your pal in prayer during the year. Some also remember their pal with a card. It is not a gift exchange. If you want to honor your pal with a gift, please make it to a charity of your choice. Many members do not participate in the program due to the expectation of giving a gift. This puts an extra stress for various reasons. Please participate in the program to pray for your pal and send cards if you can. No other acts are needed nor expected.  
**Please sign up in the Narthex if you wish to attend. You can attend without becoming a Prayer Pal.**



**FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12**  
**FOOD-N-CHAT**

**We meet today. In April on the 2nd —10:30am**  
We invite youth and caring adults to gather the 1st Sunday of every month for food and conversations. Exploring and growing in our faith life together. Plan for about an hour of time. Please RSVP so we know how much food to order.  
Thanks much. See you Sunday, Pastor Ben and Pastor Nikki

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Naomi Circle**—March 13, 9:00am  
Location: OSLC  
Hostess: Shirley Harbeck  
Leader: Megan Valen

**Priscilla Circle**—March 8, 9:30am  
Location: OSLC  
Hostess: Kathy Norby  
Bible Study: Julie Mullen

**Sarah Circle**—March 21, 1:00pm  
Location: OSLC



**Crafting at OSLC**

Calling all crafters! Do you scrapbook, quilt, knit, draw, sculpt, whittle, or do other crafty things? Join us on the Third Saturday morning of every month, from 9-11 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own supplies for your craft and gather with some other crafters to work on your projects and enjoy some fellowship. This is not meant to be a class, just a time to work on individual projects with members of your church family. Hope to see you there!

