

Remember in your Prayers

Member Concerns: Janelle Bonnes: Tom & Ardie O'Hanlon; Gladys Jensen; Bonnie Storlie; George Meyer; Merle Houdek; Karen Schlein; Bob Loos; Francis Pflibsen; Jeanette Erickson, Connie DeLorme, Mike & Sandy Miller

Non-Member Friends/Family Concerns: Craig (Connie DeLorme's son); Shirlee (Ruby Florine's Mom); Jon (Wayne Rogelstad's brother); Shawn Mahoney (son in law of John & Darlene Kelley); Glenn Riekmann (son of Gordon & Lois); Raymond Heckman (Shirley Thomann's son); Mary Johnson; Chris Wilson (son in law of Everett and Vickie Schulz); Lori (George Meyer's cousin); Becca, (Connie Delorme's niece); Dan (Gladys Jensen's son); Magnus Svenningsen (Thoreson family member)

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

**Events listed in italics are non church activities here in the building.*

Sunday, December 17—Advent 3

P. Nikki at Good Shepherd
Fair Trade Sunday
9am Worship-Christmas Program
10am Fellowship
10am Orchestra Rehearsal
10am SS Christmas Party
1pm Babysitting Opportunity
5pm Troop 83

Monday, December 18

P. Ben Day off
P. Nikki visiting

Tuesday, December 19

9am-3pm Office open
11am P. Nikki at Text Study
2pm Office Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 20

9am-3pm Office open
11am P. Ben at Text Study
5:30pm Advent Soup Supper
6pm Grace Bells

6:30pm Advent Worship

7:15pm Vocal Choir

Thursday, December 21

P. Nikki day off
9am-3pm Office open
9:15am Faithfully Fit
10:30am Bible Study

Friday, December 22

P. Nikki day off

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24—Advent 4
Christmas Eve

9am Worship
10am Fellowship
4pm Christmas Eve Worship
10pm Christmas Eve Worship

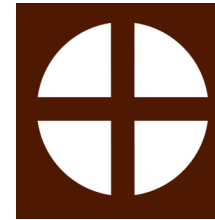
Monday, December 25—January 1

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Offices' closed this week

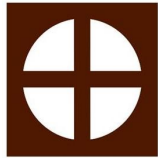
Tuesday, January 2, 2024

9am-3pm Office open
P. Nikki at Text Study
1pm All Staff Meeting
2pm Office Staff Meeting



December 17, 2023
Advent 3
Welcome to Our Savior's





Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2124 Viola Rd NE
Rochester, MN 55906
www.rochesteroslcl.org



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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.rochesteroslcl.org

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

Pastor Nikki Rockne—pnikki@rochesteroslcl.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@rochesteroslcl.org

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

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

Katie Zahasky, Prayer Chain—254-7894 or ktzahasky4@gmail.com

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 9:00am Worship

Organist: Greg Henderson, **Pianist:** Jan Matson

Special Music: Christmas Program—Directors: Greg Henderson, Bev Gronvold, Jennifer Humke

Sound Board Engineer: David Flynn

Offering Counters: Scott Moon, Tim Valen

Ushers: Tim & Megan Valen

Communion Assistant/Offering Assistant: Kim Pickett

Altar Guild Member: Tammy Olson

Fellowship: Ruth Moran

Treasurer's Report:

Income YTD (as of 10/31/23): \$317,602.94

Expenses YTD (as of 10/31/23): \$393,383.49



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WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 9:30am

Location: OSLC

Hostess; Ardie O'Hanlon

Bible Study: Wanda Hagquist

MARTHA CIRCLE

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 10:00am

Location OSLC

Hostess: Carol Rogelstad

NAOMI CIRCLE

Date: Monday, Jan. 9 at 9:00am

Location: OSLC

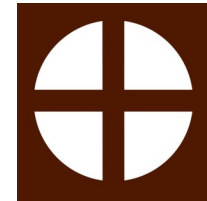
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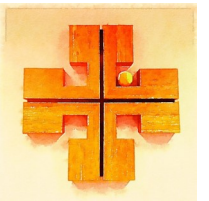
SARAH CIRCLE

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 1:00pm

Location: OSLC



Shared Ministry



WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

Every Wednesday from 9-10:30am

Join Pastor Carl-Eric for an in-depth study of classical and contemporary works of Luther. Contact Pastor Carl-Eric at Good Shepherd to join or more information.

TABLE TALK AT THE THIRSTY BELGIAN

Join Pastor Carl-Eric at 8:30pm on Wednesdays for a lively discussion on the topic of the day.

FIRESIDE FELLOWS

Men's Study Group at Good Shepherd

2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00pm

No Prep is Needed

Join us

The season of Advent is a time of waiting, watching, and preparing for Jesus. The word itself comes from a Latin word that means "arrival" or "coming." During Advent, we wait, watch, and prepare for Jesus' arrival – at Christmas, at the end of time, and in our lives each and every day.

Advent



FAMILY
Sunday School

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL
Family Sunday School (FSS) will meet either in the 1st Pod area or the music room at 10am. Schedule sheet available at FFS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 9AM WORSHIP



Middle and High School
Faith Connections

"Role"ing our way through the Bible

Sundays at 10AM!

YOUTH TO HOST

KID TIME

1-4PM

DECEMBER 17TH

NEED ADULT TIME TO :
SHOP, WRAP PRESENTS, EAT AS ADULTS?

HERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!
THE GOOD SHEPHERD & OUR SAVIOR'S YOUTH WILL WATCH YOUR KIDS.

GO TO OUR JOINT YOUTH GROUP SITE UNDER EVENTS TO SIGN UP.
[HTTPS://GSOSYOUTH.GODADDYSITES.COM/](https://gsosyouth.godaddysites.com/)
TO REGISTER KIDS TO BE RAPHAEL FOLLOW THE SECOND LINK

THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE GS & OS YOUTH HEADING TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN JULY. FREE WILL DONATION IS APPRECIATED!

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God from Greg Henderson in memory of his Mom's birthday

SCHEDULE Dec. 24—Hagquist Dec 31—Olson Jan. 7—Grace Bells

FAIR TRADE SUNDAY

We have lots of products left from the market for that hard to buy for person.

Sunday, December 17

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2124 Viola Rd NE
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TODAY

THANK YOU for your support of the bake sale! The youth raised \$700 this year!! This money will go towards the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Thank you also to the congregational members for their donations for us to sell!! We VERY much appreciate your support!!!

Cassie

THANK YOU to Our Savior's for the wonderful bag of treats & candy. Your work of packing it and delivering our treats is greatly appreciated.

Gordon & Lois Riekmann

Thank You!

CHURCHILL/HOOVER Snack Ministry

We are once again making kids happy at Churchill & Hoover Schools this year. They are asking for things like individually wrapped: Granola bars Pretzels Fruit snacks, Goldfish or any kind of crackers, etc. for school snacks. These items are easy for teachers to store in their classrooms and hand out. They are not asking for pantry items at this time.

Items can be left in the blue barrel in the Narthex.

RONALD MCDONALD NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota provides a home-away-from home and offers support to families seeking medical care for their children. In 2017, The Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota served 761 families from around the United States and the world. The House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Governed by a volunteer board of trustees, the House hosts 42 families each night and has been in operation since 1980. (Taken from the Ronald McDonald house website.)

December is the month that, we, as a congregation collect much needed items for the Ronald McDonald House here in Rochester. Please put your donated items in the marked basket in the Narthex during November.

Ronald McDonald Wish List

Non-Perishable Food items

- Example: Granola Bars
Fruit Snacks, Juice Boxes
Cereal, Crackers
Flour/Sugar/Oil/Spray
Soup
Box Potatoes, Etc.

All Paper Products

- Example: Toilet paper, paper towels
Napkins, Kleenex
Heavy duty paper plates
Paper cups/bowls

Cleaning Supplies

- Example: Toilet cleaner/Brushes
Anti-bacterial hand soap
Liquid laundry soap
Bleach, etc.

Garbage Bags

- Example: 7, 13 and 30 gallon sized
Sandwich bags w/zipper

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- Dec. 13**—5:30pm Advent Meal/Worship
Dec. 17—Fair Trade Sunday
Worship Christmas Program
Sunday School Christmas Party
Dec. 20—5:30pm Advent Meal /Worship
Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Worships
4:00 & 10:00pm
Dec. 25-29—Offices’ closed

DID YOU KNOW...

FACEBOOK: You can help spread the word to non OLSC members by **Liking, Sharing and Commenting** on posts about events or messages from the Pastors.

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

Funeral Service Information and Planning Forum

After a loved one dies, one of the first things we must do is plan the funeral service. Even if they lived a good, long life, planning the service can be difficult. We juggle schedules, the wishes of various family members, and the desire to hold a service that our loved one would have appreciated – all while dealing with the immediate grief of saying goodbye to someone important in our lives. While it is never easy to walk through this time, it is easier when the one who died has already made a plan. To help with making these plans, as well as offering information on our funeral service processes and policies, we will be holding a forum after worship on **January 7, 2024**. We encourage everyone who is able and interested to attend!

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!



ADVENT MEALS
Serving December 6, 13, 20
5:30pm-6:15pm
Worship at 6:30pm

December 6 Vegetable beef barley & Potato w/ ham
December 13 Chili & bacon Corn chowder
December 20 Chicken noodle & Broccoli cheese