

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 Svennungsen (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 24—Advent 4
Christmas Eve

9am Worship

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

Wednesday, January 3

9am-3pm Office open

11am P. Ben at Text Study

No music Rehearsals

Thursday, January 4

P. Nikki day off

9am-3pm Office open

9:15am Faithfully Fit

10:30am Bible Study

Friday, January 5

P. Nikki day off

Saturday, January 6

9am Christmas Un-décor

Sunday, January 7

9am Worship

10am Family Sunday School

10am Funeral Forum

10am Fellowship

5pm Funky Bunch

5pm Troop 83

7pm Pastors leave for GEV

Monday, January 8

Pastors at GEV

9am Naomi Circle

Tuesday, January 9

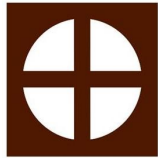
Pastors at GEV

9am-3pm Office open



December 24, 2023
Advent 4
Welcome to Our Savior’s





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

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

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

Greg Henderson, Director of Music—music@rocheesterslcl.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:

Sound Board Engineer: Bob Westland

Offering Counters: Bill Nicklay, Kevin & Joleen Carlson

Ushers: Jackie Rohe, bill & Doreen Markus

Communion Assistant/Offering Assistant: Katie Zahasky

Altar Guild Member: Katie Zahasky

Fellowship: No Fellowship December 24

Treasurer's Report:

Income YTD (as of 11/30/23): 345,402.88

Expenses YTD (as of 11/30/23): \$419,055.78



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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

Hostess:

Leader:

SARAH CIRCLE

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 1:00pm

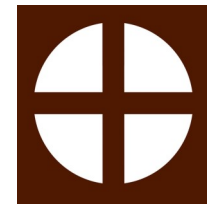
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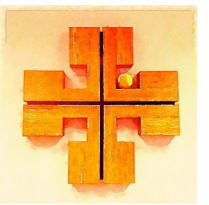
PASTOR BEN'S

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30am



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

QUILTING

Third Tuesday of the month at 9:00am

Quilting Area in Pod

No sewing skills are needed.

If you can tie a knot, you can help.

Everyone is invited to help out.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHOIR & ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS WILL RESUME
JANUARY 10**
Grace Bells rehearse at 6pm with Bev Gronvold directing.
Vocal Choir rehearse at 7pm with Greg Henderson directing.
Orchestra rehearsal. January 14, 10am

Worship Music

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

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE
Dec. 25—Jan. 1—Church Office Closed
Jan. 7—10am—Funeral Forum
Jan. 14—10am—Budget Meeting
Jan. 28—10am —Annual Meeting
Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday

Calendar Notes

Middle and High School
Faith Connections
"Role"ing our way through the Bible

Sundays at 10AM!

Thank you for the generous Friendship Basket filled with sweets and love. The pocket prayer shawl is a keeper! Also I enjoyed the picture—drawn by a SS student?—on the gift bag.
Jan Vilen

Thank you Our Savior’s Church and all it’s members for the cards, prayers and calls, and the men that sang at “The Waters”
Mike & Sandy Miller

Thank you so... much for the wonderful Friendship Bag that was given to me. Your generosity and kindness are very much appreciated. This is such a kind and giving congregation! Many, many thanks.
Bev Gronvold

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God from Wanda Hagquist in memory of Don & Drew Hagquist
SCHEDULE Dec 31—Olson Jan. 7—Grace Bells Jan. 14—OPEN

THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT GAVE POINSETTIAS
Jessica Grimmin honor of Jesus’ birth
Merle & Betty Petersonin honor of their families
Merle & Carol Houdek (2) in honor of children & grandchildren
Bob & Jodie Westland (2).....in honor of their kids, Jessica & Kevin
Glenn & Connie Leckband..... in honor of their family
Cassie Fohrman, Dan Jordan & Families in honor of their grandparents
Arlen & Joanne Heathman.....in honor of family
Rich Pederson in memory of Sandy Pederson
Wanda Hagquist.....in memory of Don & Drew Hagquist
Sherry RengstorfIn honor of Fred & Sherry’s children & grandchildren
Diana Schroeder.....in memory of Lorrie Swancutt
Craig & Diana Martens..... in memory of their parents
Katie Zahasky (2) in honor of the Zahasky Family
Robert Loos & Family in memory of wife & mother, Joan



A reminder that the church office will be closed December 25-29. We will be back in the offices' on January 2.

Pastor Anjanette Bandel from Bethel Lutheran will be Pastoral Coverage.
(507) 288-6430

There will be no weekly for Sunday, December 31st.

JOIN THE WORSHIP & MUSIC TEAM to help take down the Christmas décor on January 6 at 9am.

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 view.

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!

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.

More items will be needed in the new year.



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!

