

Remember in your Prayers

Member Concerns: 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: Sam (Mary Ann Smith’s nephew); 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: Sadie Short

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

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
2pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 10
9am-3pm Office open
9am Priscilla circle
10am Martha circle
11am P. Ben @ Text Study
6pm Grace Bells
7pm Vocal Choir

Thursday, January 11
9am-3pm Office open
9:15am Faithfully Fit
10:30am Bible Study

Friday, January 12
P. Nikki Day off

Saturday, January 13
12pm Sons of Norway in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 14
9am Worship
10am Family Sunday School
10am Faith Connections
10am Fellowship
5pm Troop 83

Monday, January 15
P. Ben day off
P. Nikki on visits
Joanne on vacation



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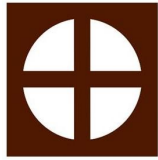
January 7, 2024
Welcome to Our Savior’s
ELW Setting 8
Baptism of our Lord



Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”



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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

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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:

Sound Board Engineer: Bob Westland

Offering Counters: Scott & Wendy Moon

Ushers: Scott & Wendy Moon

Communion Assistant/Offering Assistant: Ruth Moran

Altar Guild Member: Sharon K. Peterson

Fellowship: Ruth Moran, Ardie O'Hanlon

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. 8 at 9:00am

Location/Hostess: Mary Ann Smith
3071 21st St NE

Leader: Shirley Harbeck

SARAH CIRCLE

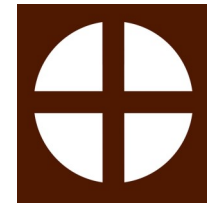
Date: Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 1:00pm

Location: OSLC



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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.
Instruments of Our Savior’s rehearsal. January 14, 10am

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

Middle and High School Faith Connections

"Role"ing our way through the Bible

Sundays at 10AM!

Thank you everyone (donors, packers, delivers) for the bag of goodies and cards for Christmas. It was greatly appreciated.
Pam Shulze

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift. Your generosity always amazes me.
Joanne Hamilton

Thank you for the generous gift you gave us for Christmas! I am so thankful to be a partner in ministry with you! -
Pastor Ben

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God from Bev Gronvold in thankfulness for the Grace Bell & Hope Bells choirs.

SCHEDULE	Jan. 14—OPEN	Jan. 21—	Jan. 28—
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BUDGET REVIEW MEETING

JANUARY 14 10AM

THE ANNUAL CHURCH Meeting

JANUARY 28, 10AM

OSLC Office Weather Closing Policy...if we ever get bad weather...

To ensure the safety of all our office staff, the church office will be closed if the Rochester school district cancels school due to weather conditions. We will also follow the 2-hour late openings. During this time the staff will be working from home and can be reached by email. If there are extenuating circumstances, communication with the congregation will take place over Facebook and Constant Contact email.

For a pastoral emergency, the pastors can be reached by phone.
Pastor Ben—701-580-1559
Pastor Nikki—507-398-7710



I've Ben Thinking...

About hope.

It's the beginning of a new year, which often brings a sense of endless possibilities and optimism about the future. In other words, hope.

But hope isn't untethered from reality. Hope isn't just looking at the world in an overly positive way, ignoring the very real problems and struggles that people are facing.

In his letter to the church in Rome, St. Paul writes, "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:1-5, NRSV)

Hope *sees* our suffering, hope *listens* to our cries, hope *knows* our fears – and yet, because of our faith that God loves us, we trust that these hardships do not have the final say in our lives. We look forward with hope, acknowledging that the struggle is real, but that God holds our future, and it is a future filled with life.

As we enter this new year, there are some very real problems that we will have to deal with, personal, professional, and communal. Yet we know that these do *not* have the final say in our lives – God, and God's love for us, point us to hope!

In Christ's love, Pastor Ben

FUTURE CHURCH CONVERSATIONS

Pastor Ben and another member of our Future Church Taskforce (Melissa Psomas, Joanne Heathman, Scott Moon, Bob Westland, and Emily Blain), will be holding informational conversations regarding our congregation's future ministry. If you are interested in learning more and becoming more involved, please sign up for one of these conversations (clip board being passed around today). They will be smaller (eight people max) so that we can have more in-depth conversations. If you have any questions about the conversations, or if you'd like to attend one but none of the times work for you, please talk to Pastor Ben or one of the Taskforce members.

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!

