

Welcome to Our Savior's!

Time after Pentecost ♦ November 11 and 12, 2017

Today and This Week at OSL

Through the **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** the OSL community welcomes *Josephine Sue Pederson* into the Body of Christ. Josephine is the daughter of Mark and Erin Pederson; her sponsors are Jon and Cindy Groen, Justin and Ally Pederson, and Hannah Risch.

OSL FOOD MINISTRY: Breakfast is served in The Gathering Place on Sunday, starting at 9:30. Wednesday supper is served from 5:00 to 6:30, in The Gathering Place. Thank you for contributing to the freewill offering to help cover expenses.

SAVOR THE BLESSINGS IN YOUR LIFE: Check out some of the books on display in the OSL Library. For your convenience, a large number of books on Thanksgiving and God's blessings is on display for adults and children.

Magnify! The time is here! This Sunday, Nov. 12, is the deadline for you to share your reflection on what God has done in your life by writing a brief item for **MAGNIFY!, OSL'S 2017 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL**. When we tell the stories of what God has done for us, we magnify God in our world. Perhaps you treasure a memory of a moment you knew God was close because of a miracle, a coincidence, a beautiful moment, or a feeling you couldn't explain. Send your contribution (400 words or fewer) to Bill Reynolds, breynolds@oslchurch.com, preferably as a Word document attached to an email message. Authors of all ages are encouraged to contribute!

CALL PROCESS UPDATE: At a congregational meeting on Oct. 15, OSL members voted unanimously to extend a call to the Rev. Justin Kosec to fill the position of Pastor of Outreach and Communication. Following a time of discernment, Pr. Justin and his wife, Susanne, have accepted the call and will be moving to Sioux Falls in the near future. (Read more about the Kosecs in the November *Intercom*, online at oslchurch.com/intercom-november-2017.) Watch for details as they become known, and please keep the Kosec family in your prayers during this transition time.

MAKE YOUR OWN ADVENT WREATH this Sunday, Nov. 12, from 10:00 to 10:50 A.M., in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to this Cross+Gen event, where families will work together to make one wreath per household. This special event is in place of Sunday School that day, and children younger than grade six must have a caring adult with them.

YOUTH TRIP MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE: The meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7:15 P.M. in Fellowship Hall, for parents and caring adults of all students going to Houston and Minneapolis next summer. The primary topic of this meeting will be fundraising, including the Silent Auction. Contact Pr. Sami (336-2942, ext. 12; sjohnson@oslchurch.com) if you cannot be there so she can share the forms and information with you.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST meets on the first and third Friday of every month, at 6:30 A.M., in The Gathering Place, for food, Bible study, and fellowship. Next meeting: Nov. 17.

Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.

 **Calendar****Saturday, November 11**

2:30 pm Movie: *The Case for Christ* - HolyWord Theater
4:30 pm Library Open - Library
5:00 pm Festive Worship - Sanctuary
6:00 pm Saturday Night Supper - The Gathering Place

Sunday, November 12

8:00 am Response Singers - Adult Choir Room
8:45 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center
8:45 am Festive Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 am Breakfast - The Gathering Place
9:45 am The Art of Marriage - Office Conference Room
10:00 am Baptism Orientation - Room 103
10:00 am CrossGen Advent Wreath - Fellowship Hall
11:00 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center
11:00 am Festive Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 pm Second Sunday Fun Day - Off-site

Monday, November 13

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
11:00 am Writing Group - Room 103
7:00 pm Pickleball - Gym

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Staff Meeting - Office Conference Room
9:00 am Quilters - Labyrinth Room
2:00 pm Hope for Living w/llness - Friendship Room
5:30 pm Bells of OSL - Bell Choir Room
5:30 pm Library Committee - Library
5:30 pm Sad Isn't Bad Board - Room 103
5:30 pm Women of Faith Circle - Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Sad Isn't Bad/Journey - Youth Room
7:00 pm Hezekiah House Meeting - The Gathering Place
7:00 pm Celebrate Band - Celebrate Center

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 am Conversation with God - Chapel
8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:30 am Friends of the Library - Room 103
1:00 pm Library Book Covering - Library
3:00 pm Crocheting Sleeping Mats - The Gathering Place
4:30 pm Open Gym - Gym
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper - The Gathering Place
5:30 pm Recent Loss Group - Chapel
6:00 pm Wednesday School - Labyrinth Room

6:00 pm Confirmation - Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Woodshop Ministry - Shop
6:30 pm Our Savior's Choir - Adult Choir Room
6:50 pm Free Time - Gym
7:00 pm Emerge Youth Group - Youth Room
7:15 pm Youth Trip Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 16

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
10:00 am Preschool Storytime - Library
10:00 am Good Grief Group - Friendship Room
10:00 am Play & Pray - Room 102
12:00 pm Finance Board - Office Conference Room
1:00 pm Anna Circle - Friendship Room
1:00 pm Elizabeth Circle - The Gathering Place East
1:00 pm Rejoice Circle - The Gathering Place West
1:30 pm Patience Circle - The Gathering Place
1:30 pm Rachel Circle - The Gathering Place

Friday, November 17

6:30 am Men's Bible Study Bkfst - The Gathering Place
8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Friends of the Library - Room 103
3:00 pm Lefse Making - The Gathering Place Kitchen
5:30 pm Bowden Thanksgiving Dinner - Off Site

Saturday, November 18

8:00 am Woodshop Ministry - Shop
8:30 am LMIM - Office Conference Room
9:00 am Lefse Making - The Gathering Place Kitchen
10:00 am Memory Care Group - Office Conference Room
1:00 pm Open Gym - Gym
5:00 pm Festive Worship - Sanctuary

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am Response Singers - Adult Choir Room
8:00 am WELCA Lefse Sale - The Gathering Place
8:45 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center
8:45 am Festive Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 am Breakfast - The Gathering Place
9:45 am The Art of Marriage - Office Conference Room
10:00 am MS Youth Group - Youth Room
10:00 am Ayuda Forum - Friendship Room
11:00 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center
11:00 am Festive Worship - Sanctuary
3:00 pm Sioux Empire Brass Concert - Sanctuary

 **Community**

THE ADVENT FAIR will be on Nov. 29, from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Come make some beautiful crafts and enjoy a wonderful meal. All ages are welcome! Children must have a caring adult with them.

OSL'S HOPE FOR LIVING WITH ILLNESS OR CANCER GROUP meets on Tuesdays, from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M., in the Friendship Room.

Some activities are better done alone, like playing solitaire. Some activities are better and more satisfying when you work with others. **STEPHEN MINISTRY** is one of those work-together activities. Stephen Ministers meet regularly with another person to provide care; they meet with other Stephen Ministers to support and encourage one another; and Stephen Leaders provide training and supervision. When the Stephen Ministry team works together, God accomplishes wonderful things! Is God calling you to join this team? A training class is scheduled to start in January. For more information, contact Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19.

OSL CIRCLES — Nov. 16

Morning

Glory and Grace – Check with Circle Leader
Hope – Arlette Villaume, 4400 W. Creekside Dr., 271-0546

Afternoon

Anna – Friendship Room
Elizabeth – Audrey Knutson, 338-6914, The Gathering Place East
Goodness – Jackie Wickett, 4700 W. 37th St., 361-8019
Patience – The Gathering Place (1:30 P.M.)
Peace – Dorothy Eide, 3104 O'Gorman Dr., 338-8005
Rejoice – Margaret Widmark, 759-7745, The Gathering Place West
Rachel – Linda Axtell, 361-5263, The Gathering Place (1:30 P.M.)

Evening

Leah – Jan Boe, 324 E. Autumn Ln. (7:00 P.M.)
Women of Faith – Fellowship Hall: All are welcome to help make fudge for prisoners. (Nov. 14, 5:30 P.M.)

OSL'S RECENT LOSS GROUP will meet on Wednesdays, Nov. 15 through Dec. 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M., in the Chapel. Contact Michelle Anderson, 336-2942, ext. 28, or mianderson@oslchurch.com, to preregister. OSL Community Supper is available before the meeting, at 5:00 in The Gathering Place.

OSL DINING OUT—an evening of dinner and fellowship at a local restaurant—will meet at China Express, 2302 W. 41st St., on Friday, Nov. 17, at 6:00 P.M. RSVP to Donna Wilson, 371-1518, or sign up at the Information Center.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION meets on the third Saturday of each month, at 8:30 A.M., in the Office Conference Room, for an hour of Bible study, breakfast, and fellowship. The next meeting will be on Nov. 18. For more information, contact Pr. Tim Lemme, 336-2942 or tlemme@oslchurch.com.

WHAT WAS LOST NOW IS FOUND, and is on the tables in The Gathering Place West! If you have missed something recently, be sure to stop by the Lost and Found table to see if it turned up there. Unclaimed items will be donated.

HEARING SCREENINGS will be conducted at OSL on Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M., in Caring Ministries. Screenings will be conducted by a Stanford Hearing Specialist; they are free, and any age is welcome. Sign up in the Church Office or at the Information Center, or call Michelle, 336-2942, ext. 28.

During this season of thankfulness, be sure to view the **STICK TOGETHER MOSAIC** being built in the Library to reveal one of God's many blessings. Since this fall reading program began, over 1,500 stickers have been placed on the mosaic, one for each item patrons have checked out since Sept. 10. Can you guess what the image will be?

You are an invited to attend "**AN ALMIGHTY FORTRESS**," presented by High Plains Woodwinds, conducted by Spencer Kruse, this Sunday, Nov. 12, at 2:00 P.M., at Peace Lutheran Church, 5509 W. 41st St. The concert will feature music of the Reformation, including works by Mendelssohn, Ravel, Haydn, Frackenpohl, and Dvořák. A freewill offering will be received, and sponsorships will be available.

 **Community**

HELP MAKE LEFSE! OSL's Women of the ELCA are looking for volunteers to help mix lefse dough on Friday, Nov. 17, from 3:00 to 5:30 P.M. (about five people), and on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9:00 A.M. until noon, to roll lefse balls, grill, and package. Bring your lefse grill, turning sticks, pastry board, cloths, and rolling pin. Everyone is welcome; no experience required! Come for fun, good fellowship, making new friends, and sampling lefse! Sign up at the Information Center, or contact Donna Wilson, 359-7718, or Lori Tendler, 323-8009.

THE SIOUX EMPIRE BRASS will present its Holiday Concert on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 3:00 P.M., at OSL. The performance will include a tribute to the group's founder, Harold "Doc" Krueger, with two new commissioned works by composers Jeff Bowar and Jeremy Hegg, plus a variety of holiday favorites. The Sioux Empire Brass, a 35-piece brass choir made up of musicians from Sioux Falls and the area, is directed by Rolyn Beaird. A freewill offering will be received.

It's almost time again for **MIDNIGHT MADNESS**, when OSL invites Augustana University students to come over for an evening of study, relaxation, recreation—and pizza!—as they prepare for finals. This semester's Midnight Madness will be on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 6:00 P.M. to midnight, and there are many opportunities for you to help. Stop at the table in The Gathering Place or contact Loretta Nelson, lnelson@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 14, to see how you may donate your time, food, or financial gifts for pizzas. Thank you for your support of OSL's Augie neighbors.

 **Service**

THE CARING FRIENDS PROGRAM expands OSL's visitation program to members who are homebound or in nursing homes or care facilities. To learn more, contact Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19, or Deb Harlan, dharlan@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 48.

 **Generosity**

SOCKS FOR CHRISTMAS: OSL is helping the SIGH (Stepping into Good Health) Foot Care Clinic again this year by collecting new socks for the under-served and homeless in the community. Contributions of women's crew socks and diabetic stockings are especially welcome. Items must be new, any design or color. Place them in the large red Christmas stocking in the donation area near the Library throughout December.

IF YOU ARE A THRIVENT MEMBER, you are eligible for two \$250 Thrivent Action Team grants each year to help a cause or organization make an impact in your community. To date, OSL members have received over \$4,000 in action team grants to benefit OSL and the community. For more information, talk to OSL librarian Deb Merxbauer, or log into your Thrivent Financial account at thrivent.com.

HY-VEE AND FAREWAY CARDS will be on sale this Sunday, from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M., in The Gathering Place. Check out all the gift cards you can order as well. Sales support OSL Youth summer trips.

OSL MINISTRY PLAN UPDATE

Our ministry of proclaiming Christ and nurturing faith that connects to everyday life is made possible through the generosity of OSL members and friends. Thank you for your ongoing support through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Projected Contributions YTD	\$1,557,275
Contributions Received YTD	\$1,487,598
Ahead/(Behind)	(\$ 69,677)

We've reached that time of year when we can see the finish line. Let's do what we can to finish the year strong so that we will not only sustain our ministry but also cover past shortfalls and position our ministry for future growth.

Keep up the good work, OSL! And may God continue to bless this ministry that we share, the lives that are touched, and all of the ways that each of us contribute—to the glory of God.