

Welcome to Our Savior's!

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ♦ January 27 and 28, 2018

Today and This Week at OSL

ALL SAINTS

A **FOUR-WEEK MINISERIES** based on the movie *All Saints* continues in worship services through Feb. 10–11. This week's theme: Receiving Those Whom God Sends. Take your experience to the next level by participating in a **LIFEGROUP** study during this series. Sign up at the table in The Gathering Place. For more information, or to serve as a LifeGroup Connector, contact Trish Syverson, tsyvers1@gmail.com, or call the Church Office, 336-2942.

Through the **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** the OSL community welcomes *Elin Corrine Johnson* into the Body of Christ. Elin is the daughter of Allan and Sarah Zellmer Johnson; her sponsors are Brett and Lori Koenecke.

TELECASTS are sponsored by Bryan Peters and Safe-N-Secure Security Equipment in memory of Marilyn Peters.

CONNECTING FAITH AND LIFE, an adult discussion and study group, meets on Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M., in the Conference Room. Pr. Randy leads a discussion of the draft social statement on Women and Justice published by the ELCA. All are welcome to participate in the discussion; men are especially encouraged to attend.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be held this Sunday, Jan. 28, in The Gathering Place. A light lunch will be served at 12:00 P.M., followed by the meeting.

PR. JUSTIN KOSEC will be installed at all worship services this weekend. Pr. Justin is OSL's new Pastor for Outreach and Communication.

OSL FOOD MINISTRY: Breakfast is served in The Gathering Place on Sunday, starting at 9:30. On the menu this week: Eggs and bacon. Wednesday supper is served from 5:00 to 6:30, in The Gathering Place. This week: Garlic herb chicken breasts. Thank you for contributing to the freewill offering to help cover expenses.

STEPHEN MINISTRY SERIES CLASSES started on Jan. 2. Eight people have signed up for Stephen Ministry training, two from Asbury Methodist and six from Our Savior's: Karen Andrisen, Deb Thormodsgard, Sherri Bloch, Lavada Woods, Michelle Black, and Beth Rickel. Continue to keep these dedicated people in your prayers!

THE SILENT AUCTION is the major fundraiser for youth summer trips each year. How can you support this effort? (1) Donate an item, service, or experience to be auctioned—donations are due to the Church Office by Feb 4. (2) Come to the Silent Auction Banquet on Sunday, Feb. 25—tickets will be available soon. And, of course, (3) bid on items, starting on Saturday, Feb. 17. The auction will end on Sunday, March 4, at 12:15 P.M.

Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.

 **Calendar****Saturday, January 27 - Installation of Justin Kosec**

8:00 am Woodshop Ministry - Shop
10:00 am Memory Care Support Group - Conference Room
5:00 pm Festive Worship - Sanctuary

Sunday, January 28 - Installation of Justin Kosec

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
10:00 am Frolic - Heavenly Hangout
10:00 am Sunday School - Labyrinth Room
10:00 am MS Youth Group - Youth Room
11:00 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center
11:00 am Festive Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 pm Annual Meeting Lunch - The Gathering Place
12:30 pm Annual Meeting - The Gathering Place
1:30 pm OSL Foundation Meeting - The Gathering Place
2:00 pm Special Council Meeting - The Gathering Place

Monday, January 29

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Gentle Yoga (OLLI) - Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Chair Yoga (OLLI) - Fellowship Hall
11:00 am Writing Group - Room 103
6:00 pm Mindfulness Yoga (OLLI) - Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Pickleball - Gym

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
11:00 am Tai Chi (OLLI) - Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm Hope for Living w/illness - Friendship Room
5:30 pm Bells of OSL - Bell Choir Room
5:30 pm Sad Isn't Bad - The Gathering Place
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Series - Friendship Room
6:30 pm Elder Abuse (OLLI) - Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Celebrate Band - Celebrate Center

Wednesday, January 31

7:00 am Conversation with God - Chapel
8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:30 am Friends of the Library - Room 103
12:30 pm Pickleball (OLLI) - Gym
1:00 pm ABCs of Social Media (OLLI) - Friendship Room
1:00 pm Pipe Organ (OLLI) - Balcony
3:00 pm Crocheting Sleeping Mats - The Gathering Place
4:30 pm Open Gym - Gym
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper - The Gathering Place
6:00 pm Wednesday School - Labyrinth Room
6:00 pm Connecting Faith and Life - Conference 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

Thursday, February 1

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
10:00 am SF News and Issues (OLLI) - Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 2

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Friends of the Library - Room 103

Saturday, February 3

8:00 am Woodshop Ministry - Shop
8:30 am Men in Mission Bible Study Bkfst - Conference Room
8:30 am Stephen Ministry Series - Friendship Room
10:00 am Memory Care Support Group - Conference Room
5:00 pm Festive Worship - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Gustavus Choir Concert - Sanctuary
8:00 pm Gustavus Choir Reception - The Gathering Place

Sunday, February 4

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
10:00 am 4th Grade Apostles' Creed Milestone - Friendship Room
10:00 am Frolic - Heavenly Hangout
10:00 am Sunday School - Labyrinth Room
10:00 am Congregational Life Board - Room 101
10:00 am MS Youth Group - Youth Room
11:00 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center
11:00 am Festive Worship - Sanctuary

 **Community**

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT will be on Friday, Feb. 9, from 5:30 to 8:30 P.M. Register for Nursery care (infant through age ten) by contacting Nancy Heesch, robertheesch@yahoo.com, with the names and ages of your children.

The OSL Library's **WINTER ONE CHURCH ONE READ** title is *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. The Library has 12 copies available. The discussion will take place on March 18, in the Conference Room.



Community

A big thank you to the volunteers and Caring Ministry board members who braved blizzard conditions to help make another successful **DINNER TO YOUR DOOR** meal preparation session this past Monday. Almost 50 meals were prepared. Dinner to Your Door meals are given to OSL members who might benefit from a having a ready-to-heat meal during a time of illness or situational challenge or crisis. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry!

ALL ROTATION STUDENTS will be singing at the 11:00 A.M. Festive worship service on Feb. 4. Sunday School fourth graders have been practicing to sing at their milestone, as well!

THE FOURTH GRADE APOSTLES' CREED MILESTONE will be on Feb. 4. Students and their parents join Pr. Sami for Family Time at 10:00 A.M. in the Friendship Room to discuss the milestone and make a special memento. Then, at the 11:00 Festive worship service, you will lead the congregation in the Apostles' Creed.

MUSICAL EVENTS AND HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES are coming up: **The Gustavus Choir** will present a concert at OSL on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7:00 P.M. (A freewill offering will be received.) **Luther College Nordic Choir** will perform at OSL on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7:00 P.M. (Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for ages 65 and up, and \$5 for students. Reserve tickets via (800) 4-LUTHER or www.tickets.luther.edu. Some tickets will be available at the door.) OSL members are always generous in opening their homes to two or four students—if you wish to help, contact Gene LeVasseur, glevasseur@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 40.

Preschoolers are invited to participate in the **WALK WITH JESUS MILESTONE**, now through Wednesday, Feb. 28. You may sign up and pick up your plush Jesus and worksheet in the preschool home base room. If you have any questions, contact Pr. Sami, 336-2942, ext. 12, or sjohnson@oslchurch.com.

Our friends and ministry partners at Pueblo de Dios are having a **SUPERBOWL APPETIZER FUNDRAISER** to support the high school youth and chaperones who will be attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. Appetizers include chips and mild salsa; chips and guacamole; mini tamales; tortilla roll-ups; and more. Orders may be placed through Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 9:00 P.M., and picked up on Sunday, Feb. 4, between noon and 3:00 P.M., or Pueblo can home-deliver for an additional \$5 donation. For full menu and prices, and to order, contact Jean Hoff, 941-7352.

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.

THE OSL WRITING GROUP invites all levels of writers, prose or poetry, to meet from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Mondays, in Room 103. Bring your lunch (there will be a break midway) and about 10 copies of your writing. Bring a vocabulary word to share, if you wish. Questions? Margaret Novak, 321-5193, or Deb Thormodsgard, 321-3866.

All ages are invited to NeSoDak for an early **VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION**, on Feb. 2 and 3! Come enjoy a three-course meal including prime rib and a chocolate-themed dessert buffet. The meal served at 6:30 P.M.; plan to arrive between 6:00 and 6:30. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased from NeSoDak, (605) 947-4440 or nesodak@losd.org

 **Community**

The South Dakota Chapter of The American Guild of Organists will present **PEDALS, PIPES, & PIZZA**, a hands-on opportunity for young musicians to learn about the pipe organ, how it works, and how it has developed through history. This event, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9:00 A.M. to noon, at First Congregational Church, 300 S. Minnesota Ave., is open to young musicians, fifth grade and older, who have some piano background. Students will have the opportunity to play organs at First Congregational, First Lutheran, and First United Methodist. Registration is \$5, which includes materials and pizza. Preregistration is required by Wednesday, Feb. 7. For more information, contact Marilyn Schempp, mmschempp@sio.midco.net or 521-9636.

 **Generosity**

HELP YOUNG ADULTS living away from home know that OSL cares about them and remembers them! Consider a donation of items for care packages to be assembled by the youth team: spiral-bound 3x5 index cards, mechanical pencils, highlighters, travel-size hand sanitizer, lip balm, microwave popcorn, and individual packages of conversation hearts will be collected at the Youth Table in The Gathering Place and in the Church Office through Feb. 4. Financial donations to help with postage would be appreciated too! If you know someone who would appreciate a care package, give the name and address to Pr. Sami.

GIFT CARDS are perfect for any occasion, and help support OSL Youth! Hy-Vee and Fareway cards are available for purchase on Sunday mornings, from 9:30 to 11:00; cards from many other stores (Barnes and Noble, Best Buy, Kohl's, Bed Bath & Beyond, etc.) are available to order. Check out the Youth Ministry table in The Gathering Place for details!

 **Service**

CARING FRIENDS opportunities exist for Luther Manor, Bethany Lutheran Home, Bethany Meadows (Brandon), Touchmark, Good Samaritan Center, and Grand Living at Lake Lorraine. Contact Deb, 336-2942, ext. 48, or dharlan@oslchurch.com, if you wish to help with this important ministry!

MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY—BE AN USHER! Openings are available for all worship services. It's a great way to serve your fellow OSL members! Ordinarily usher teams work two weeks per month, but your schedule can be worked around. Contact Loretta Nelson, lnelson@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 14.

UNIQUE MISSION OPPORTUNITY—IN HARRISBURG! OSL mission partner Table of Grace is seeking two families or individuals to serve as Mission Households for a period of one year at Table of Grace. Together with mission households from other partner congregations, these OSL-commissioned "missionaries" will help provide a critical mass of people to this developing congregation in the Harrisburg School District. If interested, contact Pr. Randy or Pr. Justin, 336-2942.

OSL's **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** reaches out to comfort, console, and strengthen those in need with a shawl made with prayer and love. A shawl is a tangible reminder of God's promise to always be with us. Our Savior's has two Prayer Shawl Ministry Groups: one meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, the other meets on the second Saturday of the month; each group meets at 9:30 A.M. in the Sonshine Room. If you wish to participate in this ministry but cannot attend these meetings, instructions for prayer shawls and pocket shawls are located at the Information Center and via oslchurch.com/ministry/adults.