

Welcome to Our Savior's!

Baptism of Our Lord ♦ January 6 and 7, 2018



Today and This Week at OSL

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.

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 OSL Library's **WINTER ONE CHURCH ONE READ** title will be *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. The Library has four copies, with an additional eight available beginning on Jan. 20. The discussion will take place on March 18, in the Conference Room.

Do you have a child from birth to age three? Join other OSL parents (or grandparents) and kids on Sunday mornings for **FROLIC**, a fun and busy time making precious memories and growing faith. Frolic is at 10:00 in the Heavenly Hangout (lower level, by the wood shop). Come join the fun!

A FOUR-WEEK MINISERIES based on the movie

ALL SAINTS
BASED ON THE INSPIRING TRUE STORY

All Saints will begin in worship services the weekend of Jan. 20–21

and run through Feb. 10–11. *All Saints* is based on the true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock, the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Take your experience to the next level by participating in a **LIFEGROUP** study during this miniseries. Sign up to be part of a LifeGroup at the table in The Gathering Place, beginning Dec. 30–31. For more information, or to serve as a LifeGroup Connector, contact Trish Syverson, tsyvers1@gmail.com, or call the Church Office, 336-2942.

ALL SAINTS will be shown at OSL on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 2:30 P.M.; Sunday, Jan. 13, at 12:30 P.M.; and Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 6:15 P.M. All showings will be in OSL's Holy Word Theatre. The OSL Library will sponsor these showings to help members prepare for the upcoming sermon series and LifeGroup discussions.

Youth Ministry's **SECOND SUNDAY FUN DAY** will be on Sunday, Jan. 14. Check your email for more information about the activity, time, and location!

Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.

 **Calendar****Saturday, January 6**

5:00 pm Festive Worship - Sanctuary

Sunday, January 7

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 Baptism of Our Lord 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

Monday, January 8

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Gentle Yoga (OLLI) - Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Chair Yoga (OLLI) - Fellowship Hall
3:15 pm Circle Bible Study Leaders - The Gathering Place
6:00 pm Mindfulness & Movement Yoga (OLLI) - Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Pickleball - Gym

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
9:00 am Quilters - Labyrinth Room
11:00 am Tai Chi (OLLI) - Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm Hope for Living w/ Illness or Cancer - Friendship Room
5:30 pm Bells of OSL - Bell Choir Room
5:30 pm Library Committee - Library
5:30 pm Sad Isn't Bad/Journey - Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Series - Friendship Room
7:00 pm Celebrate Band - Celebrate Center

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 am Conversation With God - Chapel
8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:30 am Knitting/Crocheting Ministry - Sonshine Room
9:30 am Friends of the Library - Room 103
10:00 am Froiland Center Tour (OLLI)
12:30 pm Pickleball (OLLI) - Gym
1:00 pm ABCs of Social Media (OLLI) - Friendship Room
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 Connecting Faith and Life - Conference Room
6:00 pm Wednesday School - Labyrinth Room

6:00 pm Woodshop Ministry - Shop
6:15 pm Confirmation - Fellowship Hall
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, January 11

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
5:00 pm Church in Society Board - The Gathering Place
5:30 pm Board of Outreach - The Gathering Place
6:00 pm Board of Education - The Gathering Place
6:30 pm Senior Ministry Board - The Gathering Place
7:00 pm Board of Deacons - The Gathering Place
7:00 pm Board of Property - The Gathering Place
7:00 pm Caring Ministries - Caring Ministries Area
7:00 pm Worship & Arts Board - The Gathering Place
7:00 pm Youth Board - Off Site

Friday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 13 - New Members Received

8:00 am Woodshop Ministry - Shop
8:30 am Stephen Ministry Leaders - Conference Room
9:30 am 2nd Saturday Knitters - Sonshine Room
10:00 am Memory Care Support Group - Conference Room
10:00 am WELCA Social - Friendship Room
10:00 am Library Open - Library
2:30 pm Movie: *All Saints* - Holy Word Theater
4:30 pm Library Open - Library
5:00 pm Festive Worship - Sanctuary
6:00 pm Saturday Night Supper - The Gathering Place
7:00 pm Organ Concert - Sanctuary

Sunday, January 14 - New Members Received

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 Annual Meeting Preview - Friendship Room
10:00 am Baptism Orientation - Conference Room
10:00 am MS Youth Group - Youth Room
10:00 am Summer Trips Meeting - Back Youth Room
11:00 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center
11:00 am Festive Worship - Sanctuary
12:15 pm Movie: *All Saints* - Holy Word Theater
2:15 pm Pizza Following Movie - Conference Room

 **Community**

In addition to the weather outside, many people experience winters in their personal lives. Recent loss, hospitalization or ongoing medical problems, financial setbacks—many things can make people feel they have nowhere to turn for support. But OSL's **STEPHEN MINISTERS** can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care, and will meet with you weekly to listen, support and encourage you, pray with and for you, and walk with you for the duration of your crisis. To find out more, talk with Pr. Tim Lemme, 336-2942, ext. 19 or tlemme@oslchurch.com.

There will be a meeting for all students going on **SUMMER TRIPS** to Minneapolis and Houston, and their parents, on Jan. 14 at 10:00 A.M., in the Youth Room. Come learn more details about the trips and receive an update on your account status.

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.

LUTHER COLLEGE NORDIC CHOIR will perform at OS� on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7:00 P.M. The performance by the 73-member Nordic Choir is open to the public. 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. Remaining tickets will be available at the door. If you wish to host choir members (two or four students), contact Gene LeVasseur, glevasseur@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 40.

MEN OF GOD: OS�'s combined Men's Bible Breakfast group and Lutheran Men in Mission group meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8:30 A.M. in the Office Conference Room. A continental breakfast is provided by members at each gathering. Men of all ages are invited to attend this one-hour Bible study when it meets next, on Jan. 20. For more information, contact Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19.

DON PEARSON will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house on Saturday, Jan. 13, at VFW, 3601 S. Minnesota Ave., from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. All are welcome!

IN HIS STEPS: PATHWAYS OF PEACE prayer/support group will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7:00 P.M., at First Presbyterian Church, 2300 S. West Ave. Tim Schorn, Ph.D., Director of International Studies at the University of South Dakota, will speak about current events pertaining to Palestine and Jerusalem.

Learn more about the **CARING FRIENDS PROGRAM**, which expands OS�'s visitation program to members who are homebound or are in nursing homes or care facilities, by attending a sharing and fellowship meeting on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 11:00 A.M., in the Conference Room. Questions? Contact Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19, or Deb Harlan, dharlan@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 48.

ALATEEN MEETINGS are now being held at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturdays at 10:00 A.M. (the same time that AA and Al-Anon meet), for kids ages 8 through 19. Peace Lutheran is at 5509 W. 41st St.; enter on the west side of the building. Questions? Contact Peace Lutheran, 361-3683.

 **Service**

The next **DINNER TO YOUR DOOR** meal-making session will be on Monday, Jan. 22, at 10:00 A.M., in The Gathering Place kitchen.

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.

 **Generosity**

The **FOOD TO YOU** item for January is macaroni and cheese; for February it will be pasta. Your food donations will be used by local families in need. Donations may be placed in the marked bins near the south entrance, by the Library. Thank you for your generosity!

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; cards ordered by 2:00 P.M. on Monday are available for pick-up on Thursday. Check out the Youth Ministry table in The Gathering Place for details!

VIEW YOUR OSL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ONLINE:

Click the Giving button at oslchurch.com/giving. (If you haven't set up a My OSL account, click the Need a Login link and follow the instructions.) In My OSL, scroll down to Giving Summary and click on My Giving History, then click on PDF Tax Statement and your statement will appear in a printable format. Questions? Contact Barb Haugan, bhaugan@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 23.

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.

Budgeted Contributions YTD.....	\$1,877,685
Contributions Received YTD	\$1,831,039
Ahead/(Behind)	(\$46,646)

Way to go, OSL—2017 is in the books and financially speaking we did much better than expected thanks to strong year-end giving. Our contributions fell just short of budget projections, but we really made up some ground in the last two weeks of December. What's more, our expenses for the year came in well under budget so we're ending the year in pretty good shape. A full budget report will be given at the annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 28.

As we begin a new year of ministry, we pray for God's continued blessing on this congregation and the mission we share. Together, let's make 2018 a year growing the church to the glory of God.

LifeGroups

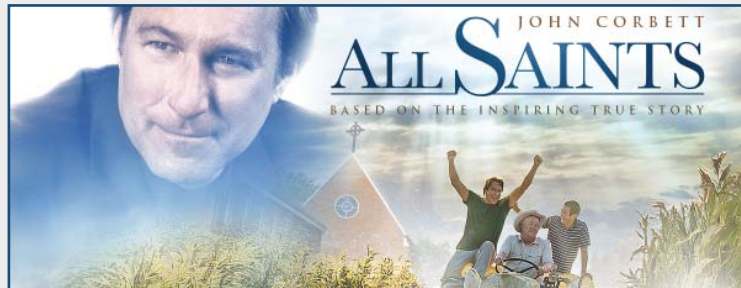
New Series Starting!

OSL's LifeGroups Ministry is getting ready for the upcoming sermon series based on the movie *All Saints*—and there's a place for *you!*

LifeGroups are small groups (8 to 12 people) who gather regularly to connect relationally and grow spiritually. The group decides where and when to meet. Members study together, pray together, enjoy fellowship together, and serve together. LifeGroups help members go deeper in faith by connecting with other believers who also want to grow in their experience of God's love.

Learn more about LifeGroups: Contact Trish Syverson, tsyvers1@gmail.com, or call the Church Office, 336-2942.

See what being a LifeGroup member is like during the upcoming sermon series based on the movie *All Saints*. The series will start the weekend of Jan. 21–22 and run through Feb. 10–11, and will focus on several key themes from the movie. LifeGroups will then meet during the week to further explore each of the three themes. Discussion guides and other forms of support will be provided.



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LifeGroups are usually formed by someone who's interested in connecting people with each other—so they're called **Connectors**. Connectors invite others to be part of their group, or they help interested people find a group to join. LifeGroups are all about relationships!

A Typical LifeGroup Meeting

LifeGroups follow a simple agenda as a way of being intentional about the time group members share together.

A typical agenda includes:

- Gather – a time of greeting one another
- Connect – a time of sharing highs and lows since the last meeting
- Pray – a time when group members pray with and for each other
- Study/Serve – a time for growing in faith and discipleship
- Reflect – a time to answer the question, “So now what?”
- Food and Fun – a vital part of LifeGroups Ministry!
- Send – a time to pray one last time and bless each other

LifeGroups
Get Connected!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- Have a Connector contact me about joining a LifeGroup!
- I'm interested, but I'd like to visit with someone about LifeGroups.
- I'd like to be a Connector! Have the LifeGroups Ministry Team get in touch with me.

Leave this form at the Information Center, or bring it to the Church Office during the week.

Blessings to Those Who Were Baptized in 2017!

Baptism Milestone

Baptism of Our Lord, January 7, 2018

*Haven Albers
Matthew Beck
Evelyn Benck
Emerson Berkness
Joseph Bohlen
Vada Brinker
Lincoln Bullis
Jayden Davies
Ayva Doohen
Cooper Graham
Sydney Hendrixson
Michael Johnson
Stryker Johnson
Devante Justus
Dukadius Justus
Norah Keller
Christopher King
Emma King*

*Louis Larson
Aiden Maurer
Jacob McKinney
Reagan Missal
Sunny Nguyen
Rickey Niedermeier
William Nielsen
Noah Ollerich
Josephine Pederson
Adalyn Piearson
Blake Swenson
Jacob Van Schepen
Vail Ver Douw
Logan Voelker
Alex Wolfe
Hudsen Wolfe
Brooklyn Wong*

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