# Coming Up At OSL

This is a **quick peek** at what is coming up at Our Savior's Lutheran. For a **full overview**, please go to Coming Up at OSL on the OSL website!

# **Events**

# Honor the one you love this season

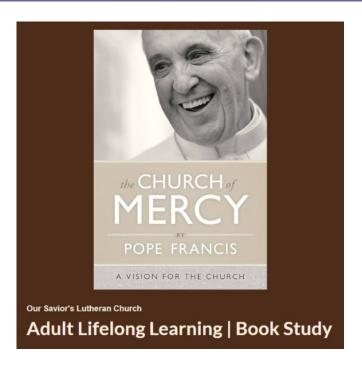
Poinsettias will beautify our worship spaces during our Christmas services. If you would like to honor a special person or occasion, remember a loved one or friend, or show gratitude for God's many blessings, please stop at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Place today or in the church office during the week. Submit your name and the person, occasion, or blessing you are honoring, along with your payment of \$15, and their names will appear in the bulletin insert on Christmas Eve. Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve worship services.

# Food drive on Sunday, November 9th

Join us for a food drive on November 9th. South Dakota is seeing its rate highest rate of food insecurity in decades at about 12.5 percent, and 75,000 South Dakota residents are at risk of losing access to supplemental nutrition benefits (SNAP) as a result of the on-going government shutdown. In tough times like these we would like to highlight our proud partnership with Food to You, also known as the mobile food pantry, which is a food distribution ministry that helps to bring donations to the local neighborhood. Any nonperishable food donation is eagerly accepted, but they would like to especially highlight their need for peanut butter at this time. Donations can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to this manner! Food can always be dropped off at anytime during the month.

### Be a Toss Boss!

Throughout November, Sunday School and Creation Care are teaming up for our congregation-wide recycling challenge. Help crown this year's Toss Boss by bringing rinsed aluminum cans and placing them in the collection bins along the stairs by the Gathering Place all month long. Thanks for caring for creation and supporting our kids' friendly competition!



# **Adult Lifelong Learning Book Study**

Our next Adult Lifelong Learning Book Study will be the Church of Mercy by Pope Francis. There will be 2 book studies on November 9th, at 3pm and 6pm. We look forward to this discussion, so please sign up at the Welcome Center or click <a href="here">here</a> for the sign up genius!

# Youth update

High schoolers, see you Wednesday, November 12th! Come for connection, conversation, and a mid-week faith boost! Friends are always welcome!

# Winter gear drive at OSL!

Help students stay warm this winter! We're collecting coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots. All donation will go directly to students at Marty Indian School in South Dakota. Drop-off all items by November 14th.

# **Blood Pressure Screenings**

In between services on Sunday, November 16th, we will be having Blood Pressure Screenings. If you are interested in attending, please come on the 16th!

# Calling All Lefse Makers!

Join us for a fun and flour-filled day of lefse making on **Saturday**, **November 15th from 8:30am-3pm and Saturday**, **November 22nd from 8:30am-3pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Whether you're a seasoned roller or a first-time flipper, we welcome all hands to help! Come for the fellowship, stay for the delicious tradition. OSL Lefse sale will be on Sunday, November 23rd.

### **Heartland Handbells Christmas Concert**

Heartland Handbells is presenting their Christmas Concert on Sunday, November 23rd at 3:00pm at Our Savior's. Gene LeVasseur and Ellen Smook are participants and admission is free.



# **Help OSL decorate for Christmas!**

Hear Ye, Here Ye, 'Tis the season to plan Christmas decorations at Our Savior's. On Monday, November 24th we will provide dinner at 5:00pm and start decorating at 5:30pm. Come one and all for the food, the fellowship, the wonderful service opportunity, and the FUN.



# Trip to Nora, SD

We will be traveling to Nora via coach on December 2 after having first enjoyed a delightful Christmas lunch at the church starting at 12:00 noon. We will depart for Nora at 1:00 and return to the church around 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. (Please note the time change to our regular Friendship Club schedule.)

Cost of transportation is \$25.00 per person, with lunch being a suggested offering of \$6.00. Sign up at the Welcome Center, or at the church office, by November 26 to reserve your spot on the bus.

# No one is alone in grief

November 25th, December 2nd, and 9th from 5:30-6:30pm we will have our Recent Loss ~ Fall Series. When someone we love dies, intense grief begins. This normal, natural response to loss can take many different forms and is different for everyone. Come to this group to give and receive support from others who are in the early weeks and months of this challenging journey. For more information contact Pr. Tim Lemme at 605-336-2942 or at tlemme@oslchurch.com.

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# **Opportunities | Reminders**

# **Checkout our Mini-Ministry Fair!**

We're excited to invite you to our Mini-Ministry Fair Sunday, November 9th in between services, where you can learn more about some of the amazing ministries making a difference in our church and community! Stop by the tables for: Charis Ministries — Food To You come learn how this outreach brings nourishment and hope to those in need. Peace by Piece Quilting discovers how quilts are stitched with love and shared with those who need comfort. Creation Care explores ways we can care for God's creation through sustainable practices and education. Whether you're curious, looking to get involved, or just want to learn more, we'd love to see you there!



# **Hockey Parking Fundraiser volunteers!**

The next Augie Hockey parking fundraiser is Saturday, November 15th. The funds from this evening will benefit Susan B. Anthony Elementary. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office. You can sign up online <a href="here">here</a>

# Nursery Opening — Sunday, November 16

We're delighted to reopen the Nursery for children ages 0–5 beginning Sunday, November 16. Our hope is that this dedicated space lets little ones play and rest safely while parents can be fully present in worship. Thank you to all who have donated toys, storage, and their time painting the room, our labor of love will be such a blessing to the families of OSL.

# Help us celebrate 80 years!

On September 8th, 1946, Our Savior's Lutheran held it's first service in the Chapel of Old Main on the campus of Augustana College. Next

year, in the fall of 2026, we will celebrate our 80th Anniversary. We are looking for a group of people to plan this celebration. If you are interested, please call the Church Office or sign up at the Welcome Center!

# **Want to Help?**

### New member classes in November

Our next new member class will consist of two sessions, on November 11th and November 18th, from 6pm-7pm. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend, or if you know of someone who does.

# 2nd Grade Milestone: The Lord's Prayer — Sunday, November 16

Our 2nd graders (with their grown-ups) are invited to a special milestone experience centered on The Lord's Prayer. We'll learn, practice, and explore how this prayer shapes our everyday faith. We're excited to celebrate this step with you! Sign Up Here

# **Christmas Program Helpers Needed Throughout November**

As we prepare for this year's Christmas Program, we're looking for additional volunteers to help during the Sunday School hour throughout the month of November. There are many ways to serve—costume coordinator, stage help, sign holders, craft leaders, line runner, and more. If you have a heart for kids, creativity, or behind-the-scenes fun, we would love your help! You can find the volunteer roles listed on our Signup Genius. Thank you for supporting our children as they lead us in the Christmas story! Find the sign up here!

# Prayers for those affected by Hurricane Melissa

We are praying for our neighbors in Jamaica and throughout the Caribbean as Hurricane Melissa brings devastation to communities already living in fragile conditions.

Lutheran World Relief is working now to assess needs and prepare their emergency response. Your gifts will meet families affected by Hurricane Melissa with urgently needed care like food, water, shelter and essential supplies. As our response unfolds, we will share updates about the ways your faith in action is reaching our neighbors. If you feel called to help please follow this link: lwr.org/melissa-relief



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**Give toSupport OSL's Ministry!** 

# The OSL Website Calendar is always up-to-date!

Find it at oslchurch.com/calendar!

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