

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CLOSE TO HOME

by Pastor JoHanna Buchholz

“May the New Year bless you with health, wealth, and happiness.”

January Calander Highlights

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- Sunday, 2 **10 am Lessons & Carols**
- 5 **NO confirmation class**
6pm Epiphany Party
- 7 **Annual reports due**
- Sunday, 9 **Staff gathering**
- Sunday, 16 **NO Sunday School**
- 19 **NO Wednesday School**
NO Supper
- Sunday, 23 **9 am Sunday School**
10am Worship
11am Annual Meeting
12pm Potluck

I wonder what comes to mind when you read the word “home.” Do you have one home or many? Is it a place or a person? I hope the word “home” brings up warm feelings of comfort and joy. I pray you have a person or a place you can call home.

In this season of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, as we clean and decorate homes, gather and feast in homes, and celebrate the Holy One who made a home among us, I invite you to consider what it means for us as people of faith to be “Close to Home.”

As people of faith, we live in the tension of two homes - the one that is already and the one that is to come. “Emmanuel is with us, and yet, God’s promised day—our everlasting home—is not fully realized,” write the creators of our Close to Home series. The “Close to Home” saying “names our deep longing for God to come close to us.”

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Our "Close to Home" theme will guide both our Sunday and Wednesday worship services through Advent, into Christmas, and culminate on Epiphany. Please see the schedule for each week's theme and come experience a bit of home at Our Savior's this holiday season.

- Pastor JoHanna

PS If you would like additional resources in your exploration of our "Close to Home" theme, check out [A Sanctified Art](#).



For the 2022 OSLC Annual Meeting.
It's taking place January 23,
after worship
Potluck to follow.



Thank you to all that donated poinsettias in the name of their loved one, in memory, or honor, and brightened the alter for all to enjoy.

In Memory of:

Ellvan & David Johnson
Jim Haux (Grandpa Jim)
Ryan Hahn
Drew Allen Longie
Matthew Follman
Pat Sigette
Bill, Marcy & Bill Jr. Brown
Mark Brusven
Jonathan Isaiah Bracken
Al & Doris Martin
Kimberly Cook
Tom & JoAnne Swinland
Jerry, Zach Cole &
Ben Merck & Joan Olson
Anne Britsch
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In Honor of:

Joanna & Caspian
Hudson, Grace, Parker,
Kade, Claire & Kase
Connie & Joel Swinland
Sheila & Russ Moen
Bob & Olive Weber
Dolores Stenseth

Donated by:

Betty Lou Johnson
Brenda, Rick & Landon Zinke
Lori & Jerry Hahn
Todd & Amber Lambricht
Rick & Deb Follman
Scott & Lisa Sigette
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Linda Brusven & Family
Randy & Mandy Bracken
Kathy & John Martin
Ashley & Matt Franzen
Connie & Joel Swinland

Deb Cole, Glenn & Rita Olson
Derrel Britsch
Sue, Jeff, James, Michael Olson

Lori & Jerry Hahn

Lisa & Scott Sigette
Carrie & Matt Moen
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Kathy & John Martin
The Follmans, The Brandts, The Urlaubs

**CIRCLE OF LIGHT
AND
ESTHER CIRCLE**

WILL NOT MEET IN JANUARY OR
FEBRUARY.
PLEASE CHECK BACK AT THE OFFICE OR
ONLINE FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETINGS
CHECK ONLINE AT
OURSAVIORSDEVILSLAKE.ORG
FOR THE 2022 STARTING DATE.

QUILTING CIRCLE

Tuesdays at 9:30am in the
quilting room at Our Savior's.

Help us Keep our
Membership Records
Current

Directories and Forms are
available in the fellowship
room to check to see if our
information is up to date.
If not please fill out a form
for our records.

**ORGANIZED
RECYCLING**



**Offering books remaining
from this past, unusual year
are available to you to use
for 2022**

**Sign one out in the office at
your convenience.**

**Simply change the 1 in 2021
to 2 for 2022 .**

THANKYOU

Linda Duerr for everything you have done and all the roles you have taken
on in your time with the church office.

OUR SAVIOR'S FINANCES

ATTENDANCE

MONTHLY NEED:	\$ 17,570.58
JAN-DEC Budgeted Income	\$210,956.96
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,114.70
CHECKS/CASH	\$ 15,527.08
SIMPLY GIVING	\$ 2,635.00

GIVEN WITH PURPOSE:

SUNDAY COFFEE	\$ 9.00
WEDNESDAY SUPPER	\$ 239.00
HOPE CENTER	\$ 190.00

GIVEN IN MEMORIAL:

TO- DALE KRUCKENBURG	
FROM-RASHELL & BOB BYE	\$ 20.00
AND WELCA	\$ 80.00

<u>CHURCH</u>		<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>	
			<u>Page Views</u>	<u>Unique Visits</u>
Wed	69	Week 1	94	43
Sun	13			
Wed	75	Week 2	91	37
Sun	87			
Wed	146	Week 3	135	61
Sun	87			
		Christmas Eve 4pm	187	
		Christmas Eve 6pm	31	
		Christmas Day	24	
		Week 4	156	86
Wed	No Service			
Sun	35			
		Week 5	46	27

From Pastor JoHanna

This has been another challenging year for many, but we give thanks to God for the many ways the people of Our Savior's have shared God's love, peace, joy, and hope with others. We have been able to continue, restart, or begin new ministries because of your involvement and generous support. Yet, the pandemic has reduced our attendance and decreased our giving over the last couple of years. Our budgeted operating inflow for 2021 was \$178,095, and as of the end of November, our actual inflow was \$146,535, leaving us with an income deficit of \$31,560. We need your help to meet our budgeted expenses for this year.

In this season of giving, we are asking you to consider giving an end-of-the-year gift to the church. If you already give regularly, would you consider an additional gift to support the ministry of Our Savior's? And if you don't yet give regularly, would you consider doing so in the new year?

Thanks to your involvement and financial support, God's love is being made known in our congregation, community, and through the world through the ministry of Our Savior's. We are connecting people to people, people to God, and people to mission. And we can continue to do so, and maybe even grow, with your generous financial support.

Financial gifts may be brought into the church office during office hours or given on-line at www.oursaviorsdevilslake.org.

With the Peace of Christ,

Pastor JoHanna & Treasurer Rachel Lindstrom

OSLC Office Seeking Help

OSLC is looking for someone to fill an "Office Manager" role. The office manager is a ministry partner working with the pastor, church staff, council, and the congregation in support of OSLC's mission. This person will provide professional leadership and management for the business operations of the church, with primary responsibilities in office administration and finance management. This is a 20 hour per week position. The ideal candidate would be organized, knowledgeable in (or willing to learn) church membership and accounting programs, and able to maintain confidentiality. Previous office experience preferred.

If you know of someone who would be good in this role, please have them submit a resume to the church office.

WHAT'S NEW? Regular registration is now open and closes on January 21.

[VIEW MORE](#)



UPCOMING KEY DATES

Regular Registration ends

January 21, 2022

[Sign Up](#)

Servant Companion applications end

January 22, 2022

[Learn More](#)

Update regarding the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering (September 2021)

After much prayer and conversation, Gathering leadership have decided to require full COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative test result (likely 72 hours before arrival) to attend the 2022 Gathering, MYLE and the tTable. As of now, leadership have not decided on any additional safety measures. We commit to continued transparency in the decision-making process and will release information as it becomes available regarding additional safety measures or adjustments to key dates. Any updates will be communicated via Gathering social media, gNews and our website.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
December 14th, 2021

OSLC Vision: "All Are Welcome. Connecting...People to God, People to People, and People to Mission"

OSLC Mission: We are a caring family of God's children, growing in faith, spreading His word, and doing his work in the community and beyond.

CALL TO ORDER President Char Burthold called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ATTENDING Pastor JoHanna, Char Burthold, Rachel Lindstrom, Amber Lambrecht, Linda Duerr, Sue Olson, Brad Benton

DEVOTION Pastor JoHanna led us in an open prayer that we could add things to pray for.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER AGENDA Rachel made motion, Char Seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES: Pastor JoHanna made motion, Brad seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Rachel covered the Balance sheet, Income and expenses for November 2021 with a Year-to-Date total amounts for income and expenses.

APPROVAL OF BILLS Sue made a motion to approve the bills for the month of November. Amber seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor JoHanna has had one baptism, one was postponed, and one upcoming for December 26th.

She is making more home visits as she has time.

Been busy preparing for Christmas services.

Pastor JoHanna will be taking vacation on Dec. 26th after church to Jan. 3rd. Pastor Lori will be on call.

OLD BUSINESS

Photo Directory photos went pretty good. Had 73 take photos. Anyone who missed and would like to submit their own photo can send in a photo and \$20. We have to pay for each photo submitted to this company.

The security system was installed by John Lindstrom. Pastor JoHanna has been playing with it to learn how it works. Will need to budget for extra storage as the free trial ended already. \$100/year will cover the extra camera storage.

Discovery Preschool Grants- Bethany received a good portion of the grants she applied for. Wifi boost, flooring, and future improvements coming with these grants. Pastor JoHanna has started creating descriptions for council roles, as well as ministry teams. We discussed how each team would support the church.

NEW BUSINESS

Staffing Changes- Linda has put in her resignation for January 15th. She will be able to help thru the Annual Meeting. We will get ad out for Office Manager ASAP.

Annual Meeting- Need a nominating committee- Will be the two outgoing members, Brad and Devyn. Char will be going into second term. Reports due from council members by January 7th.

Future items- New Member Welcome in the spring, Bible milestones for 3/4th graders.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Outreach & Stewardship- Dakota Oyate project for Christmas went great. Our church helped 21 kids.

Worship- Nothing to report.

Communication/Care & Concern- Char will continue to send out cards for those on the prayer chain

Property- Contract for snow removal- does it include the sidewalks? Brad will check. Projects with Discovery Preschool are in the works.

Faith & Fellowship- Sue will be working with the fellowship groups to begin implementing the monthly rotation.

Youth - The children sang Christmas songs at December 15th service.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 24th- Christmas Eve services at 4 and 6
- Dec. 25th- "Cozy" Christmas Day service at 10am in your PJs
- Dec. 26th- Worship and baptism
- Jan. 2nd- Lessons and carols, Pastor JoHanna on vacation, Sue leading

WE SALUTE YOU Linda Duerr for everything you have done and all the roles you have taken on in your time with the church office. 😊

NEXT MEETING: January 18th, 2021 @ 5:30pm

LORD'S PRAYER

MEETING ADJORNED Char Burthold called the meeting adjourned at 9:19pm

Respectfully Submitted by Amber Lambrecht, OSLC Council Secretary