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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church December, 2023 Newsletter

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"Knowing Jesus, Growing in Jesus, Sharing Jesus"

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Caroling for all ages—confirmation students, mentors, youth group, congregation will be Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. Dress warmly and meet in downstairs social room to help us spread some Christmas joy. Please bring a few Christmas goodies to be shared after caroling if you have them!

EVERYONE WELCOME!



**Sunday,
December 24th**

9:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. with the
Holy Family

**Monday,
December 25th**

10:00 a.m. Worship

LIVE NATIVITY

December 10th, 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
in John James Audubon City Park
(hosted by Ebenezer Lutheran Church)

Bring a lawn chair
Hot chocolate & cookies provided



**6:00 p.m.
Advent Suppers**

**7:00 p.m.
Advent Worship**

Wednesday, December 5th

Advent Worship with Ecumenical Choirs

Wednesday, December 13th

Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 20th

Advent Worship with "BTC" Praise Band

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

GIFTS?

December, the season of gifts - gifts purchased or made, wrapped up and unwrapped, given and received. Even family pets get in on the receiving end and sometimes on the giving. (I'm thinking of those cats who proudly drop their latest hunt at the doorstep). All of this is somehow related to Jesus as gift. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given," (Isaiah 9:6). Pondering the obscure birth of Jesus (the gift) in the village of Bethlehem can help us see gifts that can be overlooked.

Imagine you are a resident of Bethlehem, or even a fellow visitor like Mary and Joseph. In your same neighborhood, with its overcrowded (for the occasion of the census) noise, comes the sound of a newborn baby. If you were to hear that sound, or even the sound of commotion some few shepherds are making over this newcomer, it would be hard for you to equate these sounds in any meaningful way as a gift for you. you would most likely conclude – some noisy neighbors are excited about the gift of an addition to *their family*. *Little do you know, this newborn is a gift for the entire world, past, present, and future. In about 30 years you will have a choice to make regarding what you will do with this gift. Will you receive him as Messiah – Lord and Savior? Will you be indifferent caught up in your own world? Will you take a hard pass as did those who rejected him? But right now, in Bethlehem you and the bulk of the town are overlooking the gift that has come to you.*

You see folks, all of us are embedded into many social fabrics. We are part of neighborhoods, families, churches, clubs, associations, a network of friends, co-workers, students. Laced throughout these social webs are countless gifts. People are gifts. Just like the neighbor or fellow visitor in Bethlehem may have been blind to the GIFT (Jesus) down the street, we too may be blind to the gifts all around us. Certain family members, coworkers, neighbors, or church folks may not appear to us as gifts. But, in receiving Jesus as The Gift who give us real life, who gives life worth living, who enters our very soul providing connection with himself who is the source of all life, we are given the gift of sight. We can see people as gifts who enhance our living.

It is overwhelmingly difficult for our finite minds to absorb the idea, even if it is true, that every person our eyes land upon is a potential gift. But what if we were to start small? Can you dare to ask this question, this season: "Lord Jesus, is there one person however unlikely that you intend to be a gift to me, but I have been overlooking, unable to see? And if so, would you open my eyes that I may recognize such a person? And then, would you inspire me to do something about it, engaging with the person as a gift?"

I invite you to give it a try.

Pastor Dan



2023 Committee Reports

Due in church office by December 1st.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

There is a new Alzheimer's Support Group meeting the 2nd Monday of the month starting December 11th at 5:30pm at the AMVC Management Office Training Room (508 Market St, Audubon, IA). Please park in the North parking lot and enter in the NE door (the main entrance will be locked). Questions, please call Tammy Sauers at 712-304-0506.

NOVEMBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Worship Coordinator Mary Jo Burger will contact Chosen People Ministries to arrange a date to present "Messiah In the Passover" at OSLC.

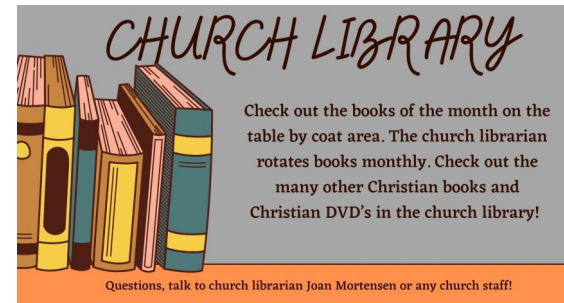
A motion made, second, passed to give the Moreno Family \$1000 and to give Emily Foran \$200 for her-project for school trip to Africa.

Motion made, second and passed to sponsor a radio broadcast for one day on the Christian channel 107.1.



YEAR-END FINANCIAL GIFTS

Year-end financial gifts are encouraged and appreciated. Please bring your gift to the church office no later than December 28th at 12:00 p.m. (our last deposit of the year will be done by 9:00 a.m. on December 29th). As with any giving, clearly mark your intentions on your offering envelope as well as on your check.



SUNDAY SCHOOL THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS BREAK

Preschool-8th Grade Sunday School classes will not be held November 26th (Thanksgiving weekend).

Preschool-8th Grade Sunday School classes will not be held December 17th, 24th & 31st.

Stewardship Square

Regular offerings	10/22	\$2,219.74
	10/28	\$4,374.99
	11/05	\$8,561.17
	11/12	\$3,762.38

Weekly Worship Attendance	10/22	117
	10/28	105
	11/05	146
	11/12	120

If you have any questions regarding the OSLC financial report, you are welcome to contact Office Manager Pam Steckler or Council Treasurer Tammy Sauers.
Needed Weekly to meet budget—\$6,798.19

ONLINE GIVING

Go to <http://oslcauduboniowa.org> and click on online giving tab located at the upper right hand corner of the webpage.

GIVEPLUS+MOBILE

Go to the App store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download for free.

GIVE PLUS+TEXT

Text 833-973-0220, and enter the amount you wish to donate, and press send.

**DECEMBER SPONSORED
ALTAR GREENERY/POINSETTIAS**

3-Steve & Susan Stetzel
10-Sponsorship available
17-Sponsorship available

24-Nancy Sand
25-Sponsorship available
31-Sponsorship available



Altar Flowers are \$22 payable to the church office.

The 2024 flower chart will be on the bulletin board in December if you would like to sponsor flowers for 2024.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

If Worship or Sunday School is cancelled due to inclement weather it will be announced on KSOM 96.5 FM or KJAN 1220 AM radio stations and posted on their websites.

Please use your best Judgement, worship will only be cancelled when city streets are impassable.



DECEMBER

ACOLYTES

3- Lucas Strocher
Tyler Ellingson
6,7pm Bryli Petersen
Aiden Kjergaard
10- Alex Eldal
Mason Kasperbauer
13,7pm Kam King
Kodi Lansman
17- Leyton Elmquist
Layne Slater
20,7pm Lucas Strocher
Bryli Petersen
24,9am Karli Burger
Tyler Ellingson
24,5pm Aiden Kjergaard
Mason Kasperbauer
25,10am Ushers
31- Alex Eldal
Kam King

SOUND

3- Logan Nielsen
6,7pm *Volunteer needed*
10- *Volunteer needed*

13,7pm *Volunteer needed*
17- *Volunteer needed*
20,7pm *Volunteer needed*
24,9am *Volunteer needed*
24,5pm *Volunteer needed*
25,10am *Volunteer needed*
31- *Volunteer needed*

PROJECTION

3- Curtis Derry
6,7pm Raydene Mathisen
10- Traci Irlmeier
13,7pm Traci Irlmeier
17- *Volunteer needed*
20,7pm *Volunteer needed*
24,9am Traci Irlmeier
24,5pm *Volunteer needed*
25,10am Traci Irlmeier
31- *Volunteer needed*

VIDEO STREAMING

3- *Volunteer needed*
6,7pm *Volunteer needed*
10- *Volunteer needed*
13,7pm *Volunteer needed*
17- *Volunteer needed*
20,7pm *Volunteer needed*
24,9am *Volunteer needed*
24,5pm *Volunteer needed*
25,10am *Volunteer needed*

Caring & Sharing
**CHRISTMAS
BOXES**

Donations needed of
boxed pancake mix (just add water) &
pancake syrup (plastic bottles only)

Bring to OSLC by
December 7th

**DONATIONS OF
NONPERISHABLE FOOD
ITEMS, PAPER PRODUCTS
AND MONETARY
DONATIONS ARE ALSO
APPRECIATED!**

31- *Volunteer needed*

ALTAR GUILD

Christy Konkler & Linda Keller

USHERS

Dave Albers, Captain
Randy Blohm
Brad Borkowski
Jason Smith
David Madsen
Chris Bylund
Jon Irlbeck
Jim Dick

COFFEE SERVERS

3- Jesse & Britni Olson
10- Jeff & Carol Albertsen
17- Cindy Deist &
Dona Garber
24- Anna Fett & Elayne Sinow
31- Terry & Marla Sunberg

GREETERS

3- Kurt & Toni Nelson
10- Dan & Amy Madsen
17- Dan & Barb Smith
24/25- Evangelism Committee
31- Jolene Burns

JH SS ADULT

3- Brad or Sara Slater
10- Joe or Brittany Elmquist



'THE ROCK' SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Watch Facebook/texts for youth group activities! Facebook: The Rock OSLC

7th-12th Grade Youth Group @ OSLC @ 7:00 p.m.

December 10th + Moms

9th-12th Grade Fellowship of Christian Wheelers (FCW)

December 3rd @ Rec Center @ 6:00 p.m. (Trivia)

December 17th @ The Friendship Home @ 6:00 p.m. (Christmas Caroling with pizza/devotion to follow at the Presbyterian church)

December 10th is Christmas Caroling at OSLC. Come and carol with us and enjoy the spirit of the season! Meet at 2:00 p.m. in the downstairs social room, carpool to sing some

Christmas carols around the community and then enjoy treats at the church!

Take time during this busy season to let your family, teachers, mentors and friends know how much they mean to you, have a blessed Thanksgiving & Christmas!

Questions on The Rock youth events, contact Youth Group Leaders

Nate V. (712-304-0548), Dan B. (319-929-1290) or Jacob S. (712-304-4400)!



**MITTEN/COAT/HAT/
SCARF/socks/
GLOVES TREE**

A Christmas tree on which to place new or gently used gloves, mittens, hats, scarves & socks will be located at the back of the sanctuary. Items will be donated on December 13th to Caring & Sharing to be used in the Christmas baskets they distribute to the families they serve. Items donated after will be given to families during the winter season.



PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, Dec. 13th

6:30 p.m. at the
Presbyterian Church

Everyone is invited to a prayer service for the upcoming FFA Mission Trip to Liberia. Come and hear the kids give a presentation on their upcoming trip & enjoy refreshments. A special offering will be taken in support of the mission trip.



**THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS/
NEW YEAR'S OFFICE HOURS**

The church offices will be closed
Nov. 23rd/24th, Dec. 25th/26th & Jan. 1st.

The church offices will be open from
8:30 a.m.-noon December 27th, 28th & 29th.

Pastor will be on vacation the week after
Christmas through January 2nd!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to EVERYONE who participated in Operation Christmas Child! Because of the generosity of our church family, our confirmation students/mentors packed 161 boxes!! It was a wonderful time of fellowship while packing the boxes followed by pizza!

Thank you to everyone who supported this ministry in any way!

