

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN IS A BIBLE-BASED CHURCH

IT IS PRIME TIME FOR POINSETTIAS!

Thanks to everyone who has upheld the tradition here at OSLC of decorating the worship space with poinsettias in the past. And we are at it again! If you desire to donate please see the bulletin board sign up in the Lobby. You may donate one in memory of or to honor a loved one. The beauty of the poinsettias display brings joy and added blessings to our Christmas season worship celebrations!

COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS  
DINNER

25  
DECEMBER

11 AM-1 PM

SIGN UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR VOLUNTEERS & DESSERTS! QUESTIONS, CONTACT COORDINATOR KATIE MADSEN OR CHURCH STAFF. CARRY OUT AVAILABLE!

We are looking forward to the entire OSLC community+ gathering for the Season of Advent and celebrating Christmas together too!

Sunday — 12/1 — 9am

Wednesday — 12/4 Dinner @ 6pm & 7pm Worship with Community Choirs

Sunday — 12/8 — 9am

Wednesday — 12/11 Dinner @ 6pm & 7pm Worship with guest preacher

Sunday — 12/15 — 9am

Wednesday — 12/18 Dinner @ 6pm & 7pm Worship with guest preacher

Sunday — 12/22 — 9am

CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm & 6pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

10am w/ Dinner at 11am



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**The Shepherd Staff** is the monthly newsletter of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and is published for the **members** and **friends** of Our Saviour's, which has been bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit in Audubon and the surrounding communities since 1909! OSLC strives to reach out and minister to our members, our community, and the world!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Caroling for all ages! We are blessed so we raise our Christmas voices to bless others. Join the Confirmation youth, members of the Choir, people that sing great... and others that make a joyful noise!

**When:** Sunday, December 8 at 2:00pm. **Where:** We will meet in the downstairs Fellowship Hall to organize and then go out spreading Christmas joy. Oh, if you can bring a treat to share post caroling please do so — a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies would bless many!

As the OSLC family prepares for Advent & Christmas 2024 I have been praying it will be a joyful time for all. But, I recognize the challenge of memory. Remembering loved ones no longer with us during this celebratory season. Sometimes you will meet, or you are, a person going through a rough patch as they no longer have their: wife, husband, child, mom, dad, grandparent, friend or pastor present. We all may journey through different emotions in this upcoming season but I am confident that Christ is present with us! Remember Jesus promises us in Matthew 28:20 that He will be with us always. No matter if we are struggling and feeling blue or are simply full of Jesus' joy... He is with us. Praise God! And, I would be remiss if I did not joyfully thank you for the gifts given to Sara and I... Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

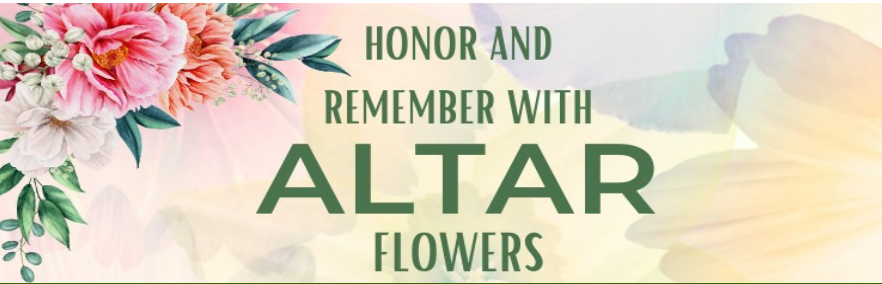
Intentional Interim, Pastor Chris



Thanks to the OSLC Super Saints

Are you a *Super Saint* that can help with one or more tasks at church? If so, be sure to fill out the inserted form (if you did so on 11/17 you are all set). We want everyone to serve our Savior at Our Saviour's!

The **Building & Property Committee** wants to join with you in taking turns emptying the trash on Sunday sometime after worship and coffee time or even on Monday. If we can get enough of you able and willing, to do this less than 10 minute task, we will keep God's House in shape year round. Please see sign up in the Lobby to note your interest. Thank you!



Sign up on Lobby bulletin board for 2025

December's Blessings

- 1: Susan & Steve Stetzel ~ In loving memory of Alice & Russell Kauffman
- 8: Heavenly Birthdays for Dorthy & Leslie McCune and Nancy Moore
- 15: Natalie & Randy Lange ~ In memory of Mary Alice & Marvin Lange
- 22: Nancy Sand ~ In memory of Leroy & Nancy's wedding anniversary

Thanksgiving Basket Blessing

The Audubon Ministerial Association, in cooperation with New Opportunities, will distribute 40 baskets, in part, due to your financial blessings! Thank you if you were able to support this Audubon County-wide time of blessing those in need!!

Caring & Sharing CHRISTMAS BOXES

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

HURRY, bring to OSLC by Sunday, December 1st!

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

The New Year is coming quick!

Are you ready? Are you willing to commit to further supporting OSLC with your time and talents? Can you help your church out by filling out the enclosed form (if you have not already done so) and drop it off at the Office? Thank you!

December Saints In Service

GREETERS

- 1- Barb & Dan Smith
- 8- Jolene Burns
- 15- Kaylene & Monte Riebhoff
- 22- Natalie & Randy Lange
- 24- Evangelism Committee
- 25- Evangelism Committee
- 29- Fonda & Jeff DeBower

ACOLYTES

- 1- Kam King & Alex Eldal
- 8- Layne Slater & Tyler Ellingson
- 15- Kadi Burger  
Brooklynn Williamson
- 22- Dalton & Dawson Miller
- 29- "BTC" Members

READERS

- 1- Jim Tinker
- 8- Sharon Frederikden
- 15- Children's Program
- 22- Elayne Sinow
- 29- "BTC" Member

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Keller

COFFEE SERVERS

- 1- Monica & Troy Hagedorn
- 8- Sue & Jeff Edwards
- 15- Joyce Taggart  
Monica & Troy Hagedorn
- 22- Britni & Jesse Olson
- 29- Clara Hagedorn & Mary Wede

USHERS

- Sam Graeve, Captain
- Daniel Bierbrodt
- Lee Nielsen
- Logan Nielsen
- Nick Smith
- Carson Vorm
- Nate Vorm

COMMUNION ASST.

- 1- Diana Deist, Jim Tinker, Sara Townsend
- 22- Janet Colins, Sharolyn Fett, Elayne Sinow
- 24 @6:30pm Choir Members
- 25 @ 10am Volunteers

SOUND

- 1- Logan Nielsen
- 8- Logan Nielsen
- 15- Jim Dick
- 22- Volunteer Needed
- 24- Volunteer Needed
- 25- Volunteer Needed
- 29- Volunteer Needed

PROJECTION

- 1- Curtis Derry
- 8- Traci Irlmeier
- 15- Lori Applegate
- 22- Volunteer Needed
- 24- Volunteer Needed
- 25- Volunteer Needed
- 29- Volunteer Needed

STREAMING

- 1- Kye Kjergaard
- 8- Chris Byland
- 15- Volunteer Needed
- 22- Volunteer Needed
- 24- Volunteer Needed
- 25- Volunteer Needed
- 29- Volunteer Needed

NOVEMBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Accepted all reports, some submitted electronically
- Approved minutes from the October 16, 2024 Council Meeting as presented
- Accepted financial overview
- Reviewed and approved 2025 budget proposal to be presented at the January Congregational Meeting for final approval
- Received Nominating Committee report to be presented at the January Congregation Meeting
- Approved Memorial Funds to assist Women of Faith in Sacristy renovation
- Discussed placement of Pastor Dan's memorial to far west of main entrance
- Approved \$500 from "Other Benevolence" for ACSD, milk+ to support students unable to afford items
- Agreed to weekly Custodial maintenance contract
- Set December 17, 2024 as next Council meeting

OCTOBER 31, 2024 FINANCIAL SNAP SHOT

Budget Weekly Need, General Funds Income	\$ 6,433
General Offering Fund Income	\$ 21,699
General Budgeted Expenses	\$ 23,199
General Fund Bank Balance	\$ 30,435
YTD Budget (43 weeks)	\$276,619
YTD General Fund Expenses	\$246,805
YTD General Offerings	\$226,991

2024 Committee Annual Reports Due in Office by December 16

DESIGNATED FUNDS

(as of October 31)

Special Funds (misc. in/out)	\$ 40
Christmas Dinner	\$ 425
Future Needs	\$ 510
Youth Group	\$ 790
Education Fund	\$ 816
Chimney Tuck Pointing	\$(1,110)
Other Benevolence	\$ 1,380
Scholarship	\$(1,421)
Praise Band	\$ 1,859
Operation Motorcycle Mercy	\$ 2,449
Church Camp	\$ 3,962
Mission Outreach	\$ 8,928
Memorial Fund	\$32,622
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$51,250</b>

Designated Certificate of Deposits (CD)

(as of October 31)

Loan Sec (matures 3.27.25)	\$ 10,000
Ed. Fund (matures 4.7.25)	\$ 21,135
CD 9362 (matures 4.3.25)	\$ 25,000
CD 9361 (matures 4.3.25)	\$145,000



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For the 24<sup>th</sup> year, OSLC Confirmation students, Sunday School children, and OSLC members had a **PACKING PARTY** with pizza too!!

**We packed 163 Christmas shoeboxes!**

OSLC is part of Operation Christmas Child ministry that delivers millions of shoebox gifts to children around the world. Thank you for helping bring **JOY & JESUS** to so many! A BIG thank you to all the great volunteers and leadership as well.

