



Our Savior Lutheran Church & School

News & Announcements

11-28-21

An Unexpected Advent

We live in a world of unexpectedness. Every day is filled with something new, and something that we may not have been prepared for. In this season where we await the coming of our Lord, we look at several people from the bible and the experiences they had. In this series on the Sundays in advent, we will look at Zechariah & Elizabeth, John the baptizer, Mary, and Joseph, and at their experiences that were unscheduled, unexpected, unplanned, and maybe even unwanted. As we prepare and wait for the coming of our Lord this Advent season, we see how God worked in the lives of these people, and how he works in our lives amidst all of the unexpectedness that we face.

Angel Tree

We are partnering with Homeless Angels to provide Christmas gifts to the children that are staying at their shelter. Please consider picking up a tag with a gift suggestion on it or you can donate funds and we will buy the items. Unwrapped gifts are due back to the church by December 12th. Please contact the church office with questions.

Advent Devotion Booklets

This year, Our Savior will be making available Advent devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries. We pray that you and your family will be blessed through the reading of God's word, some meditational thoughts about the coming King, and a prayer for you each day during Advent. These devotional booklets are available in the church lobby..

Advent Wreaths and Family Devotions

Now is a great time to continue family devotions each day by thinking about and preparing for Advent. If your family has not been in the practice of daily devotions, we invite you to begin during Advent. OSL will have daily Advent devotional books available from Lutheran Hour Ministries in the church lobby. We encourage you to gather around an Advent Wreath, light the appropriate candle(s) for that week, and read through each day's devotion. This is a terrific time to discuss God's word together, pray together, and anticipate the coming King together as a family. If you need an Advent Wreath, check out the links below to order one or there will be a limited number available for purchase in the church lobby beginning Sunday, November 21. Advent Wreath and Candle links.

Advent By Candlelight - Sunday, December 12, 2pm

Advent by Candlelight promises to be a memorable afternoon of fellowship for OSL ladies and guests to share in the joy of Our Lord and Savior's birth. Sign up is now available in the church lobby if you would like to attend.

OSL Marriage Retreat

Lovers, Helpers, Friends & Neighbors—Four Essential Marriage Vocations

Join the Our Savior community February 25-27, 2022 at Gull Lake Ministries (1800 Burlington Dr. Hickory Corners, MI) for a marriage retreat that explores the four specific roles God gives spouses for growing and connecting with one another through the ups and downs of married life. While some of the roles are more obvious than others, giving a little attention to each is helpful for thriving in marriage in any season. Our discussion will be facilitated by Heidi Goehmann, a licensed clinical social worker and mental health care provider, deaconess, writer, speaker, wife, mom and advocate. She received her bachelor's degree in theology and psychology from Concordia University Chicago, and her master's degree in social work from the University of Toledo, with an emphasis on children, families, and social justice. To register, complete the form in the brochure (copies in the church lobby) and return it with payment of \$425/couple (checks made out to Our Savior Lutheran – memo – marriage retreat) to the church office by February 1. Contact Maria Giggly at giggym@msu.edu with questions.

Lutheran Witness Renewal

The Lutheran Witness offers 11 issues of important news, helpful articles and more. Keep up-to-date with the LCMS with a subscription. Subscription price is only \$11.60 per year when ordered through your congregation. (Individual subscription is \$19.99/year) Please give your name, address and payment to Sue Sundstrom in the church office by Wednesday, December 1st. Make checks payable to Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Food Bank Needs

The Our Savior Food Bank is in need of personal care items as well as men's winter coats and children's winter clothing and outdoor wear. Donations may be dropped off in the Food Bank bin in the church lobby.

Help Wanted

Our Savior Lutheran is looking to fill the following position:

After-school Program Staff - Part time, Monday through Friday 3p-6p.

If you or someone you know is interested or would like more information, please contact Lisa Keefer at 517-882-8665 or lkeefer@oursaviorlansing.org.

OSL Coffee Hour

Join us in the church lobby on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30am for the return of coffee hour. We are intentionally creating time and space for our church family to connect each week and build relationships. Coffee hour each week will provide an opportunity for folks to gather, converse, and care for each other. Special events will also be held during this time periodically through the year.

Upcoming Special Events:

12/19: Christmas Carol Sing Along

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Kids Activity

Kids 6th grade and under and parents are welcome to join us once a month on Sunday mornings from 9:40-9:55 for a Bible lesson, skit, puppet show, craft, or other fun activity in east end of the church lobby. It will be something different each month. Dates – December 12, January 16, February 13, March 13, May – TBD (during congregational meeting)

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study is held every Wednesday. Coffee & snacks start at 10:30 a.m. The Bible Study will be posted on our YouTube channel by 1 p.m.

Online Connecting Card

If you are away or joining in worship from home, you can now connect with us by clicking here. We would love to hear from you, who is worshipping with you and if you have any prayer needs.

2021 Bible Read-a-thon

Let's read through the Bible together. Each time you finish a book of the Bible, click here or stop by the welcome desk in the church lobby to submit your name, which book, and the date you completed it. Totals will be shared weekly.

Worship Opportunities

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30am - In-Person and Live Stream

Office Hours

The church and school office hours are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

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