Our Savior Lutheran Weekly News and Announcements 12-3-23

Angel Tree

There are a few Angel Tree tags left. If you would like to provide a gift, please choose a tag and bring the unwrapped gift back to the church by December 13th. Please contact the church office with questions at 517-882-8665.

Advent by Bonfire

The OSL Men of courage celebrate Advent with a bonfire, good food, and great fellowship. Invite a brother, cousin, uncle, or friend, and join us on December 9th, 5-8pm, for a great time of fellowship amongst brothers in Christ. This event is for men, high school age and older. Our devotion this year will be led by MSU Baseball Coach Jake Boss Jr. Cost is \$25 for Adults and \$10 for High School through Age 20. Sign up in the church lobby or email: <u>dwright@oursaviorlansing.org</u>

Living Nativity

Our celebration of the true story of Christmas will be December 16, from 5-7pm. Volunteers are needed as a costumed character, to sew costumes, help with crafts, provide refreshments or sing Christmas carols. This year, there is also a need for live lambs for the event. If you know of anyone willing to provide them, please let us know. For more information or to sign up, see the table in the church lobby or Contact Chris Manning at 517-626-0344 or guinessfish2@gmail.com.

Blue Christmas Service - New

Sometimes, the holiday season doesn't feel holly and jolly. There are many reasons why someone might be having a blue Christmas. Maybe it's the loss of a loved one, whether recent or years ago, the loss of a job, a struggling family situation, or simply feeling like you can't have joy this year. **Join us for our first Blue Christmas service on Wednesday, December 20 at 7pm.** This will be a service of remembrance and hope, as we are strengthened and encouraged by God's Word and fellow believers. After the service, we will have light refreshments, an opportunity to come to the communion rail to be anointed with oil and prayed over, and our Stephen ministers, will be around to listen and to pray.

School Christmas Concerts - New

All are welcome to join our students as they present three Christmas Programs. Sunday, December 3 at 4pm: Early Childhood & Kindergarten Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm: 1st-4th Grades Thursday, December 14 at 7pm: 5th-8th Grades

Winter Coats Needed

St. Luke's coat bank has been overwhelmed by the demand for coats this year. If you have a new or gently used winter coat that you could spare, they can be dropped off at St. Luke (5589 Van Atta Rd., Haslett or 122 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Lansing) by December 4th. All sizes for Men, Women and Children are needed. Please no vests, raincoats or sweatshirts.

Discover Our Savior Class

For those who would like to join our congregation, or are simply interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church, the next Discover Our Savior Class will begin on Sunday, January 14, 12-2pm and run for 4 weeks. Sign up at the welcome desk in the lobby, or contact Sue Sundstrom for more information at <u>ssundstrom@oursaviorlansing.org</u>.

Advent Devotion Booklets

The Advent Devotional booklet, Christmas Confessions, was written by members of our congregation. 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 daily devotions are emailed each day and hard copies are available in the church lobby. To be added to our email list, please send your name and email address to contact@oursaviorlansing.org.

Young Family Advent Devotions

This year, we have a new devotional booklet available for young families. It is a weekly devotion that includes a verse, activity, discussion and prayer. Pick up your copy in the church lobby or download it at <u>oursaviorlansing.org/advent</u>.

Employment Opportunity

After-School Program Staff – Mon-Fri 3p-6p availability preferred, but willing to split position into two to accommodate candidates if necessary; competitive pay and possible opportunities to work in the early childhood program for additional hours and/or during the summer in our summer camp program; must be a minimum of 17 years old; ability to pass a background screening and participate in all annual trainings required. To apply or for more information, contact Windy Carroll, Early Childhood Director at wcarroll@oursaviorlansing.org.

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 \$19 per year when ordered through your congregation. (Individual subscription is \$24.99/year) Please give your name, address and payment to Sue Sundstrom in the church office by Wednesday, December 8th. Make checks payable to Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Sunday Worship Opportunities

- 8:30am (traditional) & 10:30am (contemporary) in-person & online
- 10:00am (Connect Worship) in-person in the commons on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month
- 10:30am (Hmong worship) in-person in the music room

Office Hours

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Wangelin will lead the Wednesday Morning Bible Study on 1 John on Wednesdays at 10:30 for coffee & fellowship followed by teaching until noon. Bring your Bible and a friend!

Men of Courage Bible Study—Romans and Breakfast

Any guys connected with Our Savior are invited on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays, 6:30—7:30am, to gather for some scripture, discussion, and breakfast together at SPUDS Family Restaurant. Contact Dave Wright at dwright@oursaviorlansing.org with questions.

	Last Week's Attendance		
		In-Person	Online
	8:30am Worship:	154	266
Church and School Learn, Live, ShareChrist	10:30am Worship:	183	188
	10:00am Connect Worship:	28	
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		386	454
		Total: 840	

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