

This Week at Our Savior –December 1-8

Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship	10am
	Confirmation	6-7:30pm
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:30am
	Property Team Mtg	5:30pm
	Executive Committee Mtg	5:45pm
	Fellowship Team Mtg	6:30pm
Tuesday	<i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i>	10am
	WELCA Board Mtg	10am
	Communion at Countryview	2pm
	Communion at Kinship	3:30pm
Wednesday	OWL's Bible Study	10am
	Advent Supper (Taco Bar)	5:45-6:45pm
	Joyful Noise	6pm
	Mid-week Advent Service w/Holden Evening Prayer	7pm
Thursday	Sleeping Mat Ministry	9am
	Women Who Love to Talk & Eat at Taco's & More	6pm
Friday		
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship with A Touch of Brass & Sunday School	10am
	Confirmation	6-7:30pm

CHILDREN'S DOODLE PAPER

Little Lutheran Doodle Pads are available at the activities shelf near the sound board. Children are welcome to use this paper during worship service.

READINGS

The lectionary readings for December 7 & 8 are Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6.

BE INVITATIONAL

Invite someone to worship with you. All of us know someone who needs the Lord and a place to worship and serve. In your circle of influence be an influence for Jesus Christ. **Your invitation will make a difference in that person's life!**

ONLINE GIVING—You can give electronically to OSLC—just download the Vanco Mobile app or go to our website at <https://oslcwayne.org/give/>



Announcements

WELCOME!

Happy New Year! Today the church calendar begins anew with Advent as we celebrate Jesus' coming in the past, present and future. Welcome to worship as we prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah. **We ask all worshippers to please share with us their presence by signing the Welcome to Worship pad as it is passed in the pew.** *Prayer Request cards can be found in the hymnal racks.*

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing devices are available at the sound tech desk at the back of the sanctuary.

RADIO BROADCAST

In loving memory of Dean Backstrom from Wanda, Beau & Malory & families and Nancy & Terry and In loving memory of Martin L. & Rose Ringer and Mildred Ringer. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9, online at waynedailynews.com and the Wayne Radio app.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, this is an open table, all are welcome to come and celebrate Holy Communion. We commune because Jesus told us to do so to remember him. In remembering him, our faith is strengthened as together we "proclaim the Lord's death" for the world and for forgiveness of sins. **Clear juice** is provided for those who prefer an alternative to wine and **Gluten free wafers** are available.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, provides a free Advent devotional for personal or congregational use. Copies of the 2024 Devotional book entitled, "Joy of Heaven, Here on Earth" are available at the table at the back of the sanctuary.

The Devotional is also available online at luthersem.edu/godpause/advent-devotional/. God Pause subscribers will receive "Joy of Heaven, Here on Earth" by email each day of Advent.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS— Dec. 4 & 11

The season of Advent begins this weekend; Mid-week Advent services with Holden Evening Prayer will be held on **Wednesday evenings, December 4 & 11**. The services will begin at 7pm.



Suppers will precede the services from **5:45—6:45pm** in the church Social Room. There is no charge for the meal, but a freewill offering is taken with proceeds going to the group or organization providing the meal. **This week's menu:** Taco Bar served by the Church Council.



A TOUCH OF BRASS— Dec. 8

Our sanctuary will be filled with the glorious sound of **A Touch of Brass** as they lead us in singing carols and provide lots of special music of the season throughout our worship service on **Sunday, December 8**. Their presence is a holiday tradition for Our Savior, and a wonderful way to get our hearts ready for the coming nativity. **Arrive at least 15 minutes early to hear their pre-service music!**

LADIES CHRISTMAS POTLUCK— Dec. 11

On **Wednesday, December 11**, at **12:00 noon**, Our Savior's Women of the ELCA will be having their Annual Christmas Luncheon. **All ladies** of the congregation are invited to come and enjoy good food, fellowship and Christmas Fun! Please bring a side dish (salad or dessert) to go with the meal we have provided, and your own table service. *Come join in what promises to be a very enjoyable afternoon!*

Attention: Working ladies! Can't stay for the program? That's OK! We'd still love to have you join us for lunch!

CHRISTMAS VISIT— Dec. 17

The Outreach Ministry Team will be visiting the Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services Center in Madison on **Tuesday afternoon, December 17**. This is a center that houses young boys and girls who are offenders, some major and some lesser. Following a short program, there will be an opportunity to visit with the young people and share refreshments with them. Adults of the congregation are welcome to participate in this event; **meet at the church at 12:45 and leave by 1pm.**

CHRISTMAS CAROLING— Dec. 18

Join us on **Wednesday, December 18**, as we go Christmas Caroling at Wayne Countryview, Kinship Pointe and the homes of several members of OSLC. Meet at the church at **6pm**. Afterwards, we'll reconvene back at the church to enjoy homemade soup, hot cocoa and coffee.

A sign-up sheet will be at the information desk if you'd like to help provide one of the following for supper: a pot of soup, a pan of bars or cookies, relishes or a tray of meat, cheese and crackers.)

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP— Dec. 24

Traditional lessons and carols **Christmas Eve** candle light services with Holy Communion will be held at **5 and 7pm**.

The 5pm service will be broadcast live on KCTY-The City (98.9 FM, 1590 AM and online at waynedailynews.com as well as the Wayne Radio app for iPhone or Android). The service will also be streamed live on our Facebook page.

POINSETTIAS



Anyone wishing to share a poinsettia to add to the beauty of the Christmas holiday is asked to bring it or have it delivered to the church. Please have the plant marked with your name.

Please contact the church office if your plant is given in honor or memory of someone.

YEAR-END REPORTS

In preparation for our annual meeting in January...**all Ministry Team chairpersons are reminded to turn in their year-end report by the end of December**

CALENDAR ITEMS

Reminder...please contact the church office regarding **any** meetings or gatherings scheduled; especially those held after office hours, so that they can be added to the master calendar. **If no evening activities are listed, the church building is locked at approx. 5pm.**

OWL'S BIBLE STUDY

The OWL's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. This study led by Mary Mohl is using a resource from Augsburg Fortress entitled *Songs of the Faithful: Psalms*. Join them on **Wednesdays, December 4 & 18, at 10am** in the multipurpose room. You do not need to be an Older Wiser Lutheran to join us—just come, no matter your age! Everyone is welcome!

PRAYER TIME

This month's "Prayer Time" in the December Newsletter features *Advent—A Time of Waiting*. "While we patiently wait for the birth of Jesus, we can spend time in reflection and prayer. This is a four part devotion for the four weeks of Advent. You may choose to read, reflect, and pray one day out of the week or each day of the week, reflecting on a different question each day. This Advent, may we all join together to look for God's promises already being fulfilled."

Our Savior's Newsletter is mailed out each month; a copy can also be found on our website: www.oslcwayne.org.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Psalm 25:4 – Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

The First Sunday of Advent's theme is hope. Christians find our hope in God. We hunger for God and ask for guidance and strength to live fully as steward/disciples.

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—SALVATION ARMY FUND

Each month our Dollar Door Offering (offering plate in center of the Narthex) goes to support the efforts of a different ministry. The December Dollar Door Offering recipient will be the Salvation Army Fund. *(Monies raised stay in Wayne and are used locally.)*

COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS NEEDED

Do you love to bake? One request Pastor Chad repeatedly receives is for homemade bread during communion.

Are you willing to help bake the unleavened bread? Whether you've done it in the past or are willing to give it a try for the first time, we would love to hear from you! If you are willing to make unleavened bread to be used for communion, please call or text Liz Hagmann at 402-369-3313.

Right now we just want to know how many bakers we can count on. Details about a recipe, how much to make at one time, how often you will be asked to bake, and how to store or freeze the bread will come at a later date once we know how many bakers there are.

Thank you for considering helping out by baking bread.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please consider designating your available funds to Our Savior. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Or go to: <http://thrivent.com>.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

December 1, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Real Worries, Real Hope

“Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.” With these words, often invoked at the table of holy communion, the church proclaims “the mystery of faith” (*ELW*, p. 110). At communion, we remember the good story of Jesus’ death and resurrection. But there is more! We also look forward to a time yet to be.

Thoughts of the future can inspire hopefulness for the promise of good things to come. Yet looking ahead can also conjure worries about what we do not know, or a sense of foreboding about what is out of our control. It’s hard not to hear in Jesus’ references to nature a warning about the dramatic effects of climate change. We inhabit a world in which ordinary signs that used to reliably mark the change of seasons are shifting. So when he talks about the trees sprouting leaves as a sure sign that summer is near, the image may leave us unsettled. In recent times, trees in some places have started budding when meteorological spring and summer are still months away. How will the trees respond when frost comes again? How is the church to respond in times such as these? Will the fig tree bloom on time this year?

Jesus’ parable of the fig tree comes smack-dab in the middle of some very disturbing news. Jesus offers an image of hope amid circumstances that seem all but hopeless. He talks of new growth even while what is old and familiar is passing away. Much like Jesus’ parable, the season of Advent invites the church to hold together these multiple, seemingly contradictory realities. We are called to rise up with courage and hope as we anticipate Jesus coming to us, without ignoring the weight of the world or neglecting our very real concerns. Jesus gathers us to the table where we remember his death but also his resurrection, where we pray for the world and also anticipate God’s redemption of all things.

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In Our Prayers . . . November 30 & December 1, 2024

“Be joyful always: pray continually: give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Hospitalized this week:

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:

- For those recovering from injury or illness.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

Guidance:

Spiritual Healing/Strength:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- For answered prayers for recovery of health of a loved one.
- For the talents shared by the Clarinet Spectrum, especially Pastor Bill.

Deaths:

Other Prayers:

- For those traveling for the holidays.
- All prayers placed in the Prayer Bowl.



Take a prayer rock; say a prayer. Place the prayer (rock) in the Prayer Bowl. Each week prayers in the Prayer Bowl are lifted to the Lord.

...but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Psalm 66:19

Worship Assistants

This Weekend (11/30 & 12/1)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber
5:30pm

Greeters-Paula Gemelke
LWA & CA-Kathy Becker
Acolyte-Landon Woehler
Projection-Margaret Hansen
Sound-
Ushers-Dave & Joan Baier
Altar Guild-Sharon Fleer, Paula Gemelke
10am

Greeters-Virginia Backstrom
LWA & CA-Roger Lentz
CA-Sue Olson, Karma Magnuson
Acolyte-Logan Peters
Projection-Kenna Blecke
Sound-Trisha Peters
Video-Tom Hansen
Ushers-Dave Anderson, Dave Olson, Brad Wieland
Altar Guild-Virginia Backstrom, Debbie Bargholz

Mid-week Wednesday (11/27)

Acolyte-Tyler Daniels
Projection-Amber Labenz
Video-Kris Robinson
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Ushers-Ron Carnes, Roger Lentz, Dave Olson

Next Weekend (12/7 & 8)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber
5:30pm
Greeters-Ronnie Doring
LWA & CA-Nancy Breikreutz
Acolyte-Mason Nelson
Projection-Melissa Rabbass
Sound-Dave Baier
Ushers-Cheryl Roberts, Ron & Corliss Krusemark
Altar Guild-Peggy Hank, Melia Hefti
10am

Greeters-Dorothy Wert
LWA & CA-Amelia Legler
CA-Cynthia Puntney, Dorothy Wert
Acolyte-Serenity Victor
Projection-Barb Stenwall
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Video-Kris Robinson
Ushers-Ron Magnuson, Pete Reeg, Kelvin Puntney
Altar Guild-Madge Bruflat, Julie Grone

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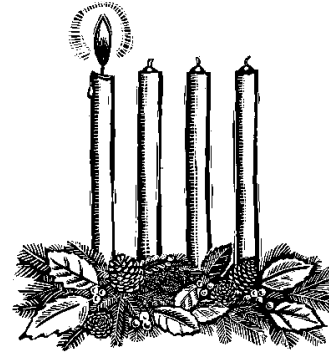
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(ELCA)



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The Mission of Our Savior:
*That all may know Christ,
grow in Christ,
and joyfully go with Christ.*



Welcome

November 30 & December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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Ministers:

The People of Our Savior

Pastor:

Rev. Chad Rademacher

Program Staff:

Connie Webber
Director of Music

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Virginia Kniesche
Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *Come, Thou Long-
Expected Jesus*

Advent Candle Lighting

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 257

Children's Time (*Sun*)

First Reading: pg. 724
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms: Psalm 25:1-10

Special Music (*Sun*)

Second Reading: pg. 1076
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 262

Gospel: pg. 960
Luke 21:25-36

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW 239

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offering Song & Prayer

**Great Thanksgiving, Preface &
Holy, Holy, Holy**

Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Special Music (*Sun*)

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

Parting Blessing

Sending Song: ELW 248

Dismissal

Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.