

This Week at Our Savior – January 5-12

Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship & Sunday School	9am 10am
Monday	Staff Meeting Property Team Mtg Executive Committee	10:30am 5:30pm 5:45pm
Tuesday	<i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i> WELCA Board Mtg Communion at Kinship Communion at Countryview	10am 10am 2pm 3:30pm
Wednesday	Joy Circle Joyful Noise Rehearsal Confirmation	2pm 6pm 6-7:30pm
Thursday	Kinship Bible Study	3:30pm
Friday		
Saturday	Altar Guild Mtg Worship	10am 5:30pm
Sunday	Coffee with Council Worship & Sunday School	9am 10am

YOU'RE INVITED... TO COFFEE with Council



Coffee with Council is an opportunity to meet with members of the church council for coffee, refreshments and discussion. Join them prior to worship, 9am, **next Sunday morning, January 12**, in the church narthex.

READINGS

The lectionary readings for January 11 & 12 are Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

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!

Welcome to worship at Our Savior Lutheran Church. May you experience the love of Jesus in the midst of this congregation! **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.

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.

RADIO BROADCAST

In loving memory of Howard Hesemann by Harold E. Thompson, Jr. 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.*

YEAR-END REPORTS & ANNUAL MEETING

In preparation for our annual meeting in January...***all committee chairpersons are reminded to turn in their year-end report as soon as possible!***



The Annual Meeting of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held on **Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 11:15am.** The Annual Report will be available at the information desk or in the church office mid-January.

Please plan to be present as we embrace the wonderful opportunities God has given us to do ministry.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING JAR RETURNS!

The glass offering jar—you might remember it as the Tanzania jar!—is back up front! Children are invited to take forward an offering when they come up for the Children's Sermon. Adults, feel free to send your pocket change with any of the children coming forward. It's always so heartwarming to see the children joyfully give to the work of the church.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The January, February, March issue of the *Christ In Our Home* devotional books are at the information desk. Both regular and large-print copies are available.

BREAD FOR COMMUNION

This January, communion bread is transitioning from wafers back to unleavened bread. **THANK YOU** to all who volunteered to bake bread; what a tremendous response to our request! We appreciate your willingness to serve God and our congregation.

POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all who furnished poinsettias to enhance the Christmas season. You may pick them up anytime. Please leave the plastic dish that is under the plant. If you do not find your poinsettia, please check the east hallway near the multi-purpose room.

BIBLE STUDY AT KINSHIP

Bible Study at Kinship meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, at 3:30pm. This study led by Sharon Garvin uses Lectionary readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, *Daily Discipleship*. Join them this **Thursday, January 9, 3:30pm**. Everyone is welcome.

OWLS BIBLE STUDY

Owls Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, and will be a new study of the New Testament book of Romans.

If you haven't been a part of our Bible Studies in the past, now is a great time to join us as we begin a new course of study. You do not have to be 70 years old to join us; we welcome all ages of people and look forward to growing our group.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Reminder...please contact the church office regarding any meetings or gatherings scheduled at the church; 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.***

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—WACAM

The January Dollar Door Offering recipient will be WACAM (Wayne Association of Congregations and Ministers). Together our dollars can help them help others!

IRIS PRAYER CHAIN

Our Savior's Prayer Chain is shared via our IRIS (*Immediate Response Information System*)...with each participant being notified of a prayer request by receiving a phone call, email or text. If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please let the office know (402.375.2899 or kris@oslcwayne.org).

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

A cookbook made up of over 500 recipes from friends and neighbors is available for sale with **proceeds benefiting the Greenwood Cemetery and the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department**. Cost is \$20. To purchase a cookbook, please contact Virginia Backstrom or the church office (402.375.2899 or kris@oslcwayne.org).

WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

With the winter season upon us, remember...weather related announcements will be shared via the IRIS system, broadcast on KTCH radio and posted to our Facebook page.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

There will be an informational meeting for Altar Guild members on **Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 10am**. With some new members to the Altar Guild team, this will be an opportunity to **review a few things** with the whole group and to **discuss set-up for communion as we transition back to having baked bread for communion!** If you have any questions, please contact Joan Baier (375-4038) or Melia Hefti (375-2157).

WELCA CIRCLES AND INTEREST GROUPS

All women of the congregation are always welcome and invited to participate in a Circle and/or Interest group. Joy Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2pm and Charity Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The Visitation Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm, the Quilting Group meets during the spring/summer/fall months at 9am and Caring Cooks contacts participants for meals as needed. For more information about any of these groups, please contact the church office or refer to the monthly Newsletter.

Join us this Wednesday, January 8, for Joy Circle at 2pm; the group will be making Thinking of You cards. All are invited!

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

In an effort to provide continued support to the Wayne Food Pantry; each month we designate particular items that the pantry provides. A tote is available in the Narthex to collect the donated items.

For January: **canned soups**—large family size or medium size; all kinds; **canned fruit**—peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, mixed fruit, mandarin oranges, applesauce; **canned meats**—salmon, chicken, ham, tuna, stews, macaroni with meat, or cheese, such as spaghetti O's or mac & cheese, spaghetti sauces.

NOTE: *The Wayne Food Pantry continues to express their great appreciation for the support of our congregation and sends their thanks for the latest delivery of food items.* They also informed us that they are NOT able to accept donations of baby food of any kind due to regulations they are under.

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>.

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!**



GOSPEL MESSAGE

January 5, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Beyond Boundaries

One difficulty with the Gospel of John as we read it in our own context is grappling with passages that draw boundaries between who is “in” and who is “out.” The gospel sometimes edges toward contempt, or at least uncharity, for those who reject Jesus’ identity and message. Historically, this gospel has been used to perpetuate anti-Jewish and anti-Semitic rhetoric, so we need to approach it with care and love.

The verses in our reading today reflect a concern with Jesus’ identity and the boundaries between those who do and those who do not accept him. Verses 10 and 11 refer to the ignorance and rejection Jesus faces on earth. The passage continues by lifting up the benefits of choosing to receive and follow Jesus: the power to become children of God (as Jesus himself is a child of God).

Because Jesus, the Word made flesh, has come to earth to reveal the grace, truth, and glory of God—a God who pours out an abundance: “grace upon grace”! (John 1:16)—we read today’s passage not as guidance about who gets cut out of God’s inheritance but, rather, as assurance of the wideness of God’s love.

Jesus will make God known to the world, despite conflicts and hostilities that might threaten this work. At many later places, the gospel also points to the expansiveness of this mission, whether the assurance in John 3 that “God so loved the [whole] world” or Jesus’ promise in John 10 that he has sheep from other folds.

We cling to a Jesus who crosses boundaries—even the final boundary of death. There are no conflicts, powers, divisions, disagreements, or hostilities that can turn Jesus away from his message of abundant life for all.

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In Our Prayers . . . January 4 & 5, 2025

“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: Pr. Bill Koeber, Lyndy Labenz

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:

- Please help to heal my Aunt Elaine, and all who are in need of your healing power, especially Pastor Bill.
- For Lucille who is hospitalized.
- For those recovering from injury or illness.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

Guidance:

Spiritual Healing/Strength:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- In thanksgiving for Sharon’s wonderful messages.

Deaths:

- For the family of Mark Wiltse.
- For the family of Bob Kenny.
- For the family of Mildred Christensen.
- For the family of Marci Thomas.

Other Prayers:

- 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 (1/4 & 5)

Organist/Pianist: Shelly Armstrong

5:30pm

Greeters-Melia Hefti

LWA & CA-Nancy Breitreutz

Acolyte-Tyler Daniels

Projection-Melissa Rabbass

Sound-Dave Baier

Ushers-Cheryl Roberts, Ron & Corliss
Krusemark

Altar Guild-Karen Zach, Denise Broders

10am

Greeters-Dorothy Wert

LWA & CA-Karma Magnuson

CA-Cynthia Puntney, Dorothy Wert

Acolyte-Cameron Hays

Projection-Amber Labenz

Sound-Trisha/Logan Peters

Video-Kris Robinson

Ushers-Ron Magnuson, Pete Reeg,
Kelvin Puntney

Altar Guild-Trisha Peters, Martina Swanson

Next Weekend (1/11 & 12)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Jim Hansen

LWA & CA-Jim Hansen

Acolyte-Mason Nelson

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-

Ushers-Dorothy Wert, Marsha Roth

Altar Guild-Paula Gemelke, Julie/Jim Hansen

10am

Greeters-Chad & Tiffany Henderson

LWA & CA-Steve McLagan

CA-Madge Bruflat, Amelia Legler

Acolyte-Grant Law

Projection-Barb Stenwall

Sound-Jerry Robinson

Video-Kris Robinson

Ushers-Roger Lentz, Stan Stenwall,
Larry Lueders

Altar Guild-Virginia Backstrom, Debbie
Bargholz

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The Mission of Our Savior:

*That all may know Christ,
grow in Christ,
and joyfully go with Christ.*



**And the Word
became flesh and
lived among us ...**

John 1:14, NRSV

Welcome

January 4 & 5, 2025

Second Sunday of Christmas

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The People of Our Savior

Pastor:

Rev. Chad Rademacher

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Connie Webber

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *What a Beautiful
Name*

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Praise: ELW 275

Children's Time (*Sun*)

First Reading: pg. 720

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm: Psalm 147:12-20

Second Reading: pg. 1064

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 295

Gospel: pg. 966

John 1:1-18

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW 510

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

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

Parting Blessing

Sending Song: ELW 290

Dismissal

Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.