

This Week at Our Savior – January 12-19

Sunday	Coffee with Council Worship & Sunday School	9am 10am
Monday	Staff Meeting Christian Education Mtg Fellowship Ministry Team Church Council	10:30am 6pm 6pm 7pm
Tuesday	<i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i> WSC LuMin Ministry at Front Porch	10am 5:30pm
Wednesday	OWL's Bible Study Visitation Ministry Group Devotions at Kinship Joyful Noise Rehearsal Confirmation Charity Circle HS Youth Group	10am 1pm 3:30pm 6pm 6-7:30pm 7pm 7pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship & Sunday School Annual Meeting (<i>following worship</i>) Worship at Countryview	9am 10am 1:30pm

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, **this Sunday morning, January 12**, in the church narthex.

READINGS

The lectionary readings for January 18 & 19 are Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

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 soundboard. Children are welcome to use this paper during worship service.

RADIO BROADCAST

In loving memory of Mike Dunklau from Kim, Ryan, Leah, Alissa and families. 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



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.

OWLS BIBLE STUDY

Owls Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, January 15, at 10am, and will begin 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.

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.

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 on Mondays at 9am during the spring/summer/fall months 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 15, for Visitation Ministry at 1pm in the multipurpose room and/or for Charity Circle at 7pm in the Social Room. Charity Circle will be making Valentine and Easter cards! All are invited!

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Luke 3:21 –A voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." *Jesus hears God's words of comfort and love, and his life was never the same. At our baptism we also receive God's promises as God declares us sons and daughters. Baptism is the defining moment for our lives.*

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.***

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. Please let the office know if you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain (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.

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!

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 the regulations they are under.

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).

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 12, 2025

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Filled with Expectation

At the beginning of the Epiphany season, we encounter John the baptizer, serving people who are filled with expectation. Curiosity is the birthplace of expectation. Many people were curious about whether John might be the expected messiah. They were hopeful that the dreams of their people were about to be fulfilled by this strange and solitary prophet.

Sometimes we are exuberant when our expectations are fulfilled. We know this feeling when a new baby is born, a family member graduates from college or attains a new job, or a summer vacation is around the corner. Other times, we are devastated by unfulfilled expectations—when a loved one dies in hospice, a pink slip is given at work, or a house is foreclosed.

Expectation can lead to great happiness or to depression. John's followers' expectations were correct but misplaced. John redirected their hopes to Jesus, who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

In what ways can we joyfully expect God's good work in our own lives? Have we put our hope in people or things guaranteed to disappoint us? How might life be different if we put all our hope for the future in the good plan of God?

At Jesus' baptism, the heavens opened and a dove descended. Then God spoke these life-changing and transformative words: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

When we were baptized, God spoke words like these over us as well. As creations made in God's own image, we are innately beloved and pleasing to God. May this truth change how we navigate through the world and fill us with joyful expectation for God's good plan to come.

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In Our Prayers... January 11 & 12, 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

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 the people You give us who take care of us in so many ways.

Deaths:

- For the family of Connie Meyer.
- For the family of Leon Daum.
- Be with the Robbie Gamble family as they mourn the loss of Tanya's father.

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 (1/11 & 12)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Jim Hansen

LWA & CA-Jim Hansen

Acolyte-Mason Nelson

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-Kris Robinson

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

Next Weekend (1/18 & 19)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Amy Bloomquist, Sophia Petersen

LWA & CA-Tyler Frevert

Acolyte-Sophia Petersen

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-

Ushers-Rod & Melia Hefti

Altar Guild-Peggy Hank, Cheryl Henschke

10am

Greeters-Ron & Corliss Krusemark

LWA & CA-Norah Armstrong

CA-Kim Dunklau, Lynette Lentz

Acolyte-Logan Peters

Projection-Leslie/Tyler Johnson

Sound-Amber Labenz

Video-Leslie/Tyler Johnson

Ushers-Tom Hansen, Tim & Trisha Peters

Altar Guild-Rhonda Blecke, Madge Bruflat

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The Mission of Our Savior:

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



Welcome

January 11 & 12, 2025

Baptism of Our Lord

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Ministers:

The People of Our Savior

Pastor:

Rev. Chad Rademacher

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Virginia Kniesche

Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW 301

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 423

Children's Time (*Sun*)

First Reading: page 658

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm: page 494

Psalm 29

Second Reading: page 999

Acts 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: page 935

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW 456

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: *Every Time I Feel the
Spirit*

Dismissal

Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.