

Our Savior Lutheran Weekly News and Announcements

December 1, 2024

Living Nativity

Our celebration of the true story of Christmas will be December 21, from 5-7pm. Volunteers are needed as a costumed character, to sew costumes, help with crafts, provide refreshments or sing Christmas carols. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for the event! For more information or to sign up, see the table in the church lobby or Contact Chris Manning at 517-626-0344 or guinnessfish2@gmail.com.

Advent Devotion Booklets

The Advent Devotional booklet, "The Promises of God", 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

We have a special devotional booklet available for young families this advent season. 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 oursaviorlansing.org/advent.

Advent Yard Signs

Share the "Reason for the Season" with your neighbors! We now have new yard signs available for you to put in your yard during advent that feature a manger scene and "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". You may pick up your sign in the church entrance on Sunday mornings or in the front office Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm. These signs are provided to you at no charge due to the generosity of the Our Savior Endowment Fund.

Advent by Bonfire

Men of OSL - the OSL Men of Courage celebrate Advent with a bonfire, good food, craft beer, and great fellowship. Invite a brother, cousin, uncle, or friend, and join us on Saturday, December 14th, from 5-8pm, for a great time of fellowship amongst brothers in Christ. This event is for men, high school age and older. Cost is \$25 for Adults and \$10 for High School through Age 20. For more information or to sign up, check out the display in the church lobby or contact Dave Wright. email: dwright@oursaviorlansing.org 517-882-8665 ex 105.

Advent Wednesdays

Our first Wednesday in Advent, December 4 at 7pm, will be an Advent hymn sing. Beautiful Advent hymns sing of God's promises. This will be followed by the Grades 5-8 Christmas Concert on December 11 (7pm), and the Grades 1-4 (7pm) Christmas Concert on December 18. Music allows us to share the reason for the season and the gift of our Savior in a powerful way!

Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who has picked a tag off the Angel tree. Please bring the unwrapped gift back to the church by December 11th. Please contact the church office with questions at 517-882-8665.

Christmas Eve Worship

The culmination of the Advent season is the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

This Christmas Eve we will have 3 services: 3pm, 5pm, 7pm on Tuesday, December 24.

- 3:00pm: Christmas Eve Connect Service. This is our station-based young family focused service.
- 5:00pm Contemporary Christmas Eve worship service, led by our worship band.
- 7:00pm: Organ led service, with choirs, strings, and brass group.

Both evening services will include our candlelight ceremony and communion.

Year End Gifts - New

If you would like to make a year-end contribution to Our Savior, the last in-person opportunity is in worship on Sunday, December 29th. Any mailed offerings must be post marked by December 31st. Thank you!

Delta Community Choir Concert - New

The Delta Community Choir will be presenting their Christmas concert "Sleigh Ride Serenade" here at OSL on Sunday, December 15 at 3 p.m. Come and enjoy carols and other songs of the season as we build community through song. The concert is free but good will donations will benefit the Davies Project which gives patients rides to their medical appointments. Their motto is: More Than Just a Ride. Check out this wonderful charity at www.daviesproject.org.

Kroger Community Rewards - New

Did you know that if you shop at Kroger, you can sign up for OSL to receive a percentage of your purchases through their community rewards? It's easy to set it up! Just go to Kroger.com, sign in or sign up to your digital account (connected to your shopper's card), link your card to "OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL" and you're all set! For more information, go to: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Blue Christmas Service at Martin Luther Chapel

Our sister congregation, Martin Luther Chapel, on MSU's campus, is having a Blue Christmas service again this year, on December 10th. This service recognizes that, for some, the holiday season may be a difficult time of year for any number of reasons (grief, conflict, loneliness, etc.) This worship service includes God's word, song and prayer, along with some personal reflection time and lighting of candles. It seeks to recognize the difficulties we may face, while bringing the love of Christ and the hope of His incarnation to bear on those difficulties. Their Stephen Ministers have been instrumental in helping organize this event and will be on hand should anyone wish to talk to someone after the service.

Great for Christmas Gifts - Remaining Gift Card Inventory

We still have some great gift cards you can use for Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! Our surplus gift cards from the former RaiseRight program are on sale in the church office (cash or check accepted). All gift cards are available for purchase and 100% of the proceeds goes towards the ministries of Our Savior. [Click here for the list of available cards.](#)

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, February 2, 12-2pm and run for 4 weeks. Sign up at the welcome desk in the lobby, or contact Sue Sundstrom for more information at ssundstrom@oursaviorlansing.org.

2025 Auction - Saturday, March 1 at 4:30pm

Get Ready for the Our Savior Derby! Get your, hat, seersucker suit and join us for a fun evening of fellowship, food and of course, bidding on your favorite items! You can reserve your spot today by filling out an RSVP card in the front office or go to: oursaviorlansing.org/auction! Early Bird pricing through January 24th, \$35/person or \$240/table of 8 (\$30 per person). Donations of new items, services, etc. are needed! For more information, contact [Becky Grocki](#).

Wednesday Bible Study

Regular Bible Study resumes Wednesday mornings with a new series, O Come O Come Emmanuel, looking at Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah that are fulfilled in Jesus. Join us at 10:30 a.m. for refreshments and fellowship with teaching time with Vicar Joseph 11 a.m. - noon. Dates are December 4, 11, 18.

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 \$21.20 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.

Theological Conference: We are not Alone

In today's world, it can feel like you're standing alone in your faith. But there's hope! Just like God assured Elijah that there were 7,000 in Israel who had not bowed down to Baal, He reminds you that you are never truly alone—there are many more Christians around you than you think. Join the Michigan District on February 1 at Our Savior Lansing for the We Are Not Alone conference and discover the strength that comes from partnering with others in ministry. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Michigan District 101: where do I find it?

It's always good to know who serves and what services are provided and available at the District office. Explore the roles and people of the Michigan District at www.michigandistrict.org/development and click on "District Staff." Let us know how we can help! For more information, contact Laura Thomas at 734.665.3791 ext. 264 or laura.thomas@michigandistrict.org.

Conversation Partners and Class Leaders Needed

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in volunteering at MSU Friendship House by teaching a class (one class per week for an hour to an hour and a half) or as a conversation partner, please prayerfully consider doing so. Questions or more information can be directed to Dan Winter at friendshiphousemsu@gmail.com or 517-657-7778.

Sunday Worship Times

Traditional: 8:30am (in-person & online)
Connect: 10:00am (in-person - 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)
Contemporary: 10:30am (in-person & online)
Hmong: 10:30am (in-person)

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.

Office Hours

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



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Last Week's Attendance

	In-Person	Online
8:30am Worship:	187	302
10:00am Connect Worship:	49	
10:30am Worship:	219	152
	455	454
Total:	909	

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