

Our Savior Lutheran Weekly News and Announcements

December 15, 2024

Living Nativity: Invite Your Friends & Family

Our celebration of the true story of Christmas will be December 21, from 5-7pm. Join us to celebrate the birth of our Lord at our Living Nativity! There will be live animals, crafts, refreshments and a journey outside where you will experience the true story of Christmas. Invite your friends, family & neighbors! This event is free and open to the community.

Advent Wednesdays

Grades 1-4 (7pm) will have their 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!

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.

Special Worship Time for Sunday, December 29 - New

There will be one service at 9:30am on Sunday, December 29th. We will return to regular worship times at 8:30am and 10:30am on Sunday, January 5th.

Christmas and New Year's Office Hours - New

The church and school offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 517.940.9580.

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.

Year End Gifts

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!

2025 Bible Reading and Journaling Plan - New

OSL's Bible reading plan for our congregation for the upcoming 2025 year is to read the entire New Testament during the year AND journal about your reading. Bible journaling is a great way to retain what you read, reinforce scriptural truths and meditate on these, and put down key areas of personal application. Pick up a copy of the journaling booklet in the church lobby today. It contains the schedule for the year's reading as well as a journaling page for each day of reading. It is set up so that you will read a chapter of the New Testament during 5 out of 7 days each week. This leaves a couple of days each week to catch up if you miss a day or two.

OSL Man Camp - New

Hey Our Savior Lutheran Men, February 21-23 is OSL Man Camp at Higgins Lake. Pastor and former Michigan District president David Maier will be our speaker for the weekend. We will also have plenty of time for outdoor and indoor fun, group team building activities, rest, and renewal. Sunday morning we will worship together in a beautiful lodge setting. There will be opportunities for cross country skiing, snowshoeing, riding an atv, ice fishing, and other winter outdoor activities This weekend is open to all OSL men and high school young men as well as friends and relatives.

For more information, or to register, see the Man Camp display in the church lobby and take a brochure or contact [Dave Wright](#). Space is limited! Registration ends February 5th, so sign up soon!

Altar Flowers - New

Alter flowers are placed in living memory of Bill Paterick by Mike and Becky Looney.

Delta Community Choir Concert

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

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>

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.

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 from 11 a.m. - noon through December 18.

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.](#)

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)

Office Hours

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

Last Week's Attendance



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	In-Person	Online
8:30am Worship:	163	192
10:00am Connect Worship:	47	
10:30am Worship:	210	168
10:30am Hmong Worship:	4	
Total:	784	360

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