

# Our Savior Lutheran Weekly News and Announcements

## December 8, 2024

### **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](mailto:dwright@oursaviorlansing.org) 517-882-8665 ex 105.

### **Living Nativity: Invite Your Friends & Family - New**

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.

### **Volunteers Needed for Living Nativity - New**

Living Nativity is quickly approaching! We are still looking for volunteers day of to help make this awesome event happen. Check out the display in the Church Lobby to see what spots are available. 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](mailto:guinnessfish2@gmail.com).

### **Advent Wednesdays**

Grades 5-8 will be presenting their Christmas Concert on December 11 (7pm) and 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!

### **Angel Tree Deadline December 11th - New**

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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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.

### **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!

### **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](http://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](http://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 at 7pm. 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.

### **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](mailto: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!](http://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](mailto:BeckyGrocki).

### **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.

### 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.](#)

### 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](mailto: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)

### 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:	158	254
10:30am Worship:	208	256
10:30am Hmong Worship:	31	
	397	510
<b>Total:</b>	<b>907</b>	

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