

*The Announcer*  
November 27, 2022



**Christmas Poinsettias:** There is a sign-up sheet on the guest registry table for Christmas poinsettias, which will be displayed around the altar for the Christmas season. You may indicate who you are giving one in memory of, or you can give to the Glory of God. Please place your donation in the offering plate by **December 4<sup>th</sup>**. (Suggested donation is \$25.)

**Scrip for Christmas:** Please let Tricia know what scrip gift cards you want to purchase for Christmas gifts so she can place the order soon. There are tons of different cards available, so she can most likely get you the gift cards you are wanting. Thanks for your support!



**Flooring Donations:** The church is asking for members to prayerfully consider donating money (above your normal weekly giving) so that the flooring from the kitchen can be continued into the hallway, the Narthex, and the hallway past the church office. The total cost will be just over \$12,000. We would like to complete the flooring project in January if the funds have been received. Please place your donations in the offering plate and mark that they are for the "Flooring Project". A goal sign has been hung up to track the amount received. Thank you for your generous support of our church!

**Kitchen Remodel Update:** The new flooring has also been installed and looks great! The countertops will be installed on November 28<sup>th</sup>. On November 29<sup>th</sup>, the appliances will be delivered, and Don & Walt will be installing the garbage disposal and hooking up the water. Then Native Iowa hopes to complete the final touches around November 30<sup>th</sup>. After that, it will be cleaning everything in the Fellowship Hall and getting it organized and placed into the new kitchen. Thank you for your patience as we move forward with this exciting kitchen renovation!



**Annual Open House** will be Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm at their house. Hannah, Joe, and Miriam will be joining us this year! Please plan to attend and enjoy some goodies and meet Miriam.

**Addresses Needed!** Please let Sara know if you have moved in the past few years so she can update church records. She also needs correct email addresses and phone numbers. If you notice your information is incorrect or missing in last year's annual report, please let her know so she can have it corrected for this year's annual report. Thanks!

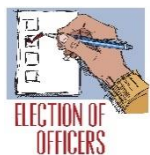


**Youth Group in Action:** The Senior ACTs recently shopped for seven different children in Delaware County through the Delaware County Pay it Forward "Christmas Hope" program. They enjoyed giving of their time to help these children have a brighter Christmas season. Thank you for your service to our community!

**Pastor's Bible Class:** Who knew there were so many different kinds of fools? As we delve into the book of Proverbs we find quite a list. There are those who are: gullible, stubborn, lacking in sense, stupid, arrogant, lazy, mocking. What kind of fool doesn't make the most of an opportunity to study God's word each Sunday in a Bible class? I'm sure we will find out as I begin a study of Proverbs in the SONshine Center this Sunday morning, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Dave Knaak also leads a class in the Parish Hall. ~ Pastor



**Hospitalizations/Surgeries:** Please note that if you are hospitalized or having surgery, the hospital **cannot** call the church or Pastor due to HIPAA laws. It has been this way for several years now. Please let Pastor know when these things happen, or will happen, so he is aware and can then arrange to visit you. Also, if you ever want to include anything in the prayers on the backside of the bulletin, please let Sara in the office know. Thank you!



**The election sign-up sheet** for 2023-2024 is posted on the bulletin board (white ledger size paper). The current board directors and members is posted next to it on cream colored paper. Please prayerfully consider signing up to be a director or member of a board. The church election meeting will be Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. We appreciate everyone who is currently serving on a board, and we are looking forward to new board members as well! (Please note that you **must** sign your name on the white ledger size paper to be considered for the election as it doesn't automatically carry over from the last election.)



**Birthdays this week: November 27:** Jacob; **November 28:** Macken; **November 29:** Amie; Stephen; **December 2:** Reese. **Wedding anniversaries this week: November 27:** Jeremy & Jamie; **December 3:** Chad & Jennifer.

**Church Properties Contact Person** for November is Bill (563-920-1546) and for December is Darla (563-608-6463). Please contact them with any items that need the attention of the Board



**Children's Christmas Program** practice begins at 11:30 am after the worship service today. All children in the program need to bring their own lunch/drink to eat in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. The other practices will be December 4<sup>th</sup>, and December 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The program will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The dress-rehearsal will begin at 8:30 am on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday school time. Thanks!

**Holiday Treats & Cookie Sale** will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will be divided between the Women of Our Savior and the Senior ACTs group. We are asking our talented congregation to help out by baking Christmas cookies, bars, and other treats to be sold that morning. Goodies are sold by the pound. It's not too early to start baking ahead and freezing. Thank you for your support and please spread the word!

#### Is it...COVID, The Flu, or a Cold? A note from the Parish Nurse:

##### It's Likely COVID if...

- \* Fever or chills
- \* Sore throat and cough
- \* Shortness of breath
- \* Fatigue
- \* Muscle aches
- \* Headache
- \* Loss of taste or smell
- \* Runny or stuffy nose
- \* Nausea or vomiting
- \* Diarrhea

##### It's Likely THE FLU if...

- \* Feels as if you got hit by a truck suddenly
- \* Fever and chills
- \* Muscle aches
- \* Sore throat and cough
- \* Runny or stuffy nose
- \* Headache
- \* Fatigue

##### It's Likely A COLD if...

- \* Comes on slowly over 2-3 days
- \* Runny or stuffy nose
- \* Sneezing
- \* Sore throat and cough
- \* Watery eyes
- \* Fever (rarely)
- \* Nasal mucus that starts clear but turns to white, yellow, or green after 2-3 days

#### This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

<b>TODAY, November 27:</b>	8:45 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
	11:30 am-1:00 pm	Children's Christmas program practice
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>MONDAY, November 28:</b>	6:30-7:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>WEDNESDAY, November 30:</b>	1:30-3:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Classes – SONshine Center
	7:00 pm	Senior ACTs – SONshine Center
<b>THURSDAY, December 1:</b>	9:00-10:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>NEXT SUNDAY, December 4:</b>	8:45 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am-1:00 pm	Children's Christmas program practice
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved

**"Paradise Restored"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath? (Isaiah 11:1-10). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

**Mission News:** The LCMS has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies. *Remember to thank God for the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. Rejoice that Christ's death has purchased and won you from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil.*

**Generosity Moment: Matthew 21:3** – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Advent I** – Beware the sword of abortion, euthanasia, and embryocidal technologies. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)—a far more beautiful existence. May our words and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12)!

**Life Quote:** “These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.” Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois ~ *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Building Healthy Families:** As you prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth with your family, remember those you know who are struggling. Lutheran Family Service is here as a uniquely Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod mission to help those in need as an extension of our church’s ministry all year long. No government dollars are used to maintain its Christ-centered focus. Your partnership gift before year’s end will make it possible for someone to receive help regardless of their ability to cover the cost of the care they need. Remember that November 29 is Giving Tuesday and Lutheran Family Service is included! On behalf of all those who are served, thank you. Gifts can be made securely online at [LutheranFamilyService.org/donations/](http://LutheranFamilyService.org/donations/) or by check mailed to LFS’ Administrative Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)