

The Announcer
November 28, 2021

Thrivent Action Grants Still Needed! The Senior ACTS are still in need of action grants to help with their fundraising projects for the National Youth Gathering. Also, the Properties Committee is in need of some grants to assist with the cost of some repairs at church. Please contact Darla if you can apply for a Thrivent grant (and Darla can assist with the process too). Remember: ANY Thrivent member can apply for up to 2 grants per calendar year! Thanks!



Christmas Poinsettias. There is a sign-up sheet on the guest registry table for Christmas poinsettias, which are 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 5th. (Suggested donation is \$20.) Thank you!



Holiday Treats & Cookie Sale will be held Saturday, December 11th in the Fellowship Hall. The Senior ACTS and the Women of Our Savior are co-sponsoring it this year. The Senior ACTS are raising money for their National Youth Gathering in July 2022 and the Women of Our Savior continue to use funds for mission work. We are asking our talented congregation to help out by baking Christmas cookies, bars, and 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!

Women of Our Savior will have their work night for the cookie and candy sale on Tuesday, December 7th at 5:00 pm. Devotions by Bobbie. We hope to see you then!

Children's Christmas Program Practice begins TODAY, November 28th at 11:30 am. Soup will be provided for the children to eat before practice starts. Please let Sara know if you have any questions. Thanks!



Birthdays this week: November 28: Macken; **November 29:** Amie; Stephen; **December 2:** Reese; Bryce; **December 3:** Shelby; **December 4:** Dave.

Wedding Anniversaries this week: December 3: Chad & Jennifer.



The October - December edition of the *Portals of Prayer* is available on the guest registry table. Please take a copy.

Church Properties Contact Person for November is Bill Hermes (563-920-1546). Contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



Christmas Open House at Pastor and Darla's house will be Sunday, December 12th from 1:00-4:00 pm. Please stop by to enjoy Darla's delicious Christmas goodies and beverages, as well as pleasant company. We hope to see you there!

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, November 28:	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
	6:00-10:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
WEDNESDAY, December 1:	1:30 pm-3:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Classes – SONshine Center
	7:00 pm	Senior ACTS – SONshine Center
	7:45 pm-8:30 pm	Junior ACTS – SONshine Center
	9:00-10:00 am	Bible Study – St. Paul's, Delaware
THURSDAY, December 2:	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	11:00 am-4:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
NEXT SUNDAY, December 5:	8:45 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am-1:00 pm	Children's Christmas Program Practice
	1:00 pm-5:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	6:00-10:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved



Congratulations! Alex & Paige are excited to announce the birth of their son, Hank Christian. Hank was born Tuesday, November 23rd in Ames, Iowa. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz., and was 20 inches long. Mom and baby are both doing great! Congratulations and God's blessings to the family! (Hank is the grandson of Chad & Karen.)



Second Helpings Paper Product Drive: Thrivent Community – East Central Iowa is hosting a gathering of paper products to accompany food boxes that Second Helpings and Thrivent will distribute this Christmas. Donations of toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissue can be dropped off at Manchester United Methodist Church, 413 E. Butler St., Monday thru Thursday (9:00 am – 3:00 pm) NOW through December 13th. Please call (563) 608-2683 if you have questions. Thank you for your generosity and “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15).

"Because We Belong" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The world tells us we must be useful in order to belong, but that's not how God sees us. (Luke 1:5-25). 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 give thanks as you pray and thank God for the promise of Christ's return. The Church prays, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

Generosity Moment: Luke 19:31 – “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it.” Then he gave willingly. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities in which we live. In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Advent I – A human being's dignity doesn't come from her age, her appearance, or her abilities. Rather, “the Lord is our righteousness” (Jeremiah 33:16), as He creates, redeems, and calls worth and purpose into every life from fertilization to forever. Even those who have undergone abortions may know His salvation because He remembers not the sins of our youth (Psalm 25:3) for Jesus' sake. Trusting Him, nobody has to feel ashamed about surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis (Psalm 25:3).

Life Quote: “Creation is preaching a message about its Creator. He is wise. Kind. Brilliant. Powerful. Limitless. Combine those qualities with His reckless love for us found on the cross, and you have a God who can strengthen trembling hearts and weak knees. You have a Creator worth worshiping.” Rev. Mike Novotny, *Time of Grace - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

Building Healthy Families: “Count your blessings, name them one by one...” God's blessings are bountiful. We recognize that when we take time to notice, name and count them. Challenge your family members to do the same. What's on your list? *Happy Thanksgiving!* **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org