

The Announcer
January 19, 2025

There will be no Sunday School/Adult Bible Class TODAY, Sunday, January 19th as that is the date of the Annual Voter's Meeting. The voter's meeting will be following the worship service at approximately 10:15 am.



Annual Voter's Meeting of Our Savior will be held TODAY, Sunday, January 19th. If you are a confirmed member of this congregation, you are eligible to become a voting member. All you need to do is attend a meeting and request a voting membership. Please plan to join us!

The January – March edition of the *Portals of Prayer* are available on the guest registry table. Please take a copy.



The 2025 Flower Sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you wish to donate altar flowers on a specific Sunday, please sign up on the correct date with a notation of what it is for. The information will then be published in the bulletin for that Sunday. Please contact Sara if you have any questions.

Church Properties Contact Person for January 1st – March 22nd is Dave (563-920-4669). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



Birthdays this week: January 24: Joseph.

There are no wedding anniversaries this week.



Youth Group Fundraisers: The youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering in July 2025 have placed envelopes with dollar amounts written on them (\$1-\$100) on the glass wall of the sanctuary. We are asking congregation members to pick envelopes and give donations to the youth group for the amount on the envelope(s). Checks can be made payable to "Senior ACTs". You can leave your donations in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or you can give them to Sara in the office during the week. Thanks for supporting our youth!

Women of Our Savior are collecting items for **Baby Care Kits** which they will assemble at their meeting February 4th. There will be a box in the Narthex to place your donated items for these kits. Items they are requesting include: t-shirt – 2 light weight cotton; 2 gowns or sleepers, long or short sleeved (without feet); receiving blankets – 2 medium weight or cotton/crocheted or knitted with light weight yarn, up to 52" square; cloth diapers, flat fold preferred (4); sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or jacket (or include a baby cap); 1 hand towel – dark color; bath size bar of gentle soap in original wrapping (4-5oz.) (2); diaper pins – 2 or 2 large safety pins; two pairs of socks.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, January 19:	9:00 am	Worship/Communion
	10:15 am	Annual Voter's Meeting
TUESDAY, January 21:	9:00-10:30 am	Ladies Bible Study – SSC Fireside Room
WEDNESDAY, January 22:	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class
THURSDAY, January 23:	9:00-10:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
NEXT SUNDAY, January 26:	9:00 am	Worship/Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	11:15 am	Set-up for Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall



Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Our Savior on Thursday, February 6th from 12:30-5:00 pm. What a great way to kick-off 2025 by giving blood! You can now sign-up for your time slot online at www.redcrossblood.org/donating. If you are a whole blood donor, you cannot have given blood after December 10th. If you donate double-reds, you cannot have given blood after October 16th. When you sign-up to donate blood, Gloria can give you information on how to "Prepare to Donate Blood" and she can also discuss what foods are high in iron so your hemoglobin will meet the standards needed to donate. You can use your "Rapid Pass" on February 6th and your time will be shorter. Thank you for donating blood and helping to save lives!

The Lutheran Hour: "An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. Like an overture that introduces a great musical work, John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation. (John 3:26-36). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: John 2:5 – "His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever He tells you.'" What must Mary have thought when Jesus replied, "What does this have to do with Me?" But she knew this: whatever her Son said to do would be a blessing, so she knows what advice to give to the servants: Do whatever He tells you! That's still good advice for us in every aspect of our lives — including in our generosity toward the Lord's work in the church.

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 that God would raise up indigenous pastors, deaconesses, and other church leaders to reach out to their own communities and share His Word.*

Life Quote: "No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever." *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Epiphany II – Life issues such as infertility, surprise pregnancy, or terminal diagnosis can loom like six stone jars (John 2:6). They remind us of our imperfections and our need for cleansing. As at Cana, Jesus still compassionately intervenes. He makes life issues speak instead the sweetness of His miraculous but mysterious salvation from the shadows of death. Let us delight to proclaim it lest the stones shame us by their crying out.

Building Healthy Families: Someone somewhere counted, so now we know that on average, a child smiles about four hundred times each day. Smiling - and a happy heart - are known to bring health benefits such as decreased stress hormones in your bloodstream and lower blood pressure. Smile often and enjoy the many benefits! "*A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed.*" *Proverbs 15:13.* **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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~ All proceeds benefit the youth group! ~

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Best Buy: \$25
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Claire's: \$10
Dick's Sporting Goods: \$25
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** Kwik Star: \$25, \$50, \$100
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** Walmart: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

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Buffalo Wild Wings: \$25
** Burger King: \$10
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Chili's: \$25
Chipotle: \$10
** Chuong Garden: \$10
Cold Stone Creamery: \$10
Cracker Barrel: \$25
** Dairy Queen: \$5 and \$10
** Dolce Vita: \$10 and \$20 (can also get whatever denomination you want, just let Sara know)
Dunkin' Donuts: \$10
** Hardee's: \$10
McDonald's: \$10
Noodles and Company: \$10
Olive Garden/Cheddar's: \$25
Outback Steakhouse: \$25
Panera Bread: \$10
** Pizza Ranch: \$5
Red Lobster: \$25
Red Robin: \$25
Starbucks \$10
** Subway: \$10
**** The Tea Company: \$10 and \$20**
Texas Roadhouse: \$25

If you are looking for a gift card not on this list, please contact Sara and she can find out if it is a card we can order.

***** Cards to most restaurants and clothing stores typically offer the highest percentage back.**

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