

The Announcer
November 20, 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 4th**. (Suggested donation is \$25.)

Kitchen Remodel Update: The new cupboards have been installed (including the new microwave), and they look amazing! The new flooring will be installed soon and the countertops will be installed around November 28th. Thank you for your patience as we move forward with this exciting kitchen renovation!



Holy Baptism: We welcome into the Kingdom of God, Josie Elaine, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on November 20, 2022. Josie is the daughter of Seth & Amelia. Her sponsors are Tony & Maribeth. We pray God's blessings upon Josie and her family as they grow in following Christ.

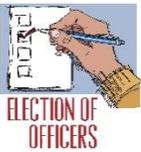
Weber Annual Open House will be Friday, January 6th from 6:00-8:00 pm at their house. Hanna, Joe, and Miriam will be joining us this year! Please plan to attend and enjoy some goodies and meet Miriam.



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!

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 next Sunday morning, November 27th. Dave also leads a class in the Parish Hall. ~ Pastor

Holiday Treats & Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday, December 10th 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!



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 18th 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!

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



Birthdays this week: November 23: Mark; **November 26:** Ken.

Wedding anniversaries this week: November 24: Dennis & Helen.

Dennis & Helen are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, November 24th. If you are interested in mailing them a card or note, their address is 911 N. Franklin St., Manchester, IA 52057. Thanks!

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



Children's Christmas Program: All children ages preschool thru 6th grade are invited to be a part of the children's Christmas program. Practices will be November 27th, December 4th, and December 11th, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The program will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, December 18th at 10:00 am. The dress-rehearsal will begin at 8:30 am on Sunday, December 18th during the Sunday school time. The children will need to bring their own lunch to eat in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship services so practices can start at 11:30 am. Thanks!

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, November 20:	8:45 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship/Holy Baptism
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
MONDAY, November 21:	12:30-4:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
TUESDAY, November 22:	9:15-11:00 am	Ladies tie quilts for LWR – Hall Classroom
	11:00 am-1:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
WEDNESDAY, November 23:		No evening activities
THURSDAY, November 24:		Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!
NEXT SUNDAY, November 27:	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

"Freshly Fallen Snow" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about fresh snow, fresh starts, and three kinds of beauty. (Isaiah 2:1-5).

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 what He has provided for you. May all learn the secret of being content.*

Colossians 1:18a – **“And he is the head of the body, the church.”** We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Last Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29) – Using death as a solution offers us dominion to spare ourselves from pain. But real kings and queens exercise majesty by saving their people instead (Luke 23:37-39). God’s forgiveness and salvation have made us royalty so that we may do the same (Colossians 1:13). Lest our silence miscommunicate arrogance as blessedness, let us give voice to the sacred remembrance that He holds every human life as His own treasured possession (Malachi 3:15-17).

Life Quote: “In the Christian calendar, secular time is swallowed up in Sacred Time, which is a foreshadowing of the eternal Day of the Lord, when all that we have foolishly sought after and worried about will vanish as will the night vanish on the dawning of the Lord’s Day. Rejoice, the Lord is near.” *James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Building Healthy Families: Reflect for a moment on your life over the past year. How have you seen God working? For what are you most thankful? Now that you’re aware of His many blessings, here’s one final question: how do you plan to show your gratitude? *“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1.* **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org