

The Announcer
November 26, 2023

The call extended to Pastor John Henry III has been declined. Please continue to pray for our congregation and the Call Committee as we continue the process to extend a Divine call to another pastor. Once the Call Committee has candidates narrowed down, we will schedule another Special Voter's meeting. We know this process is taking some time, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we navigate through all the required steps. Please understand that the Call Committee is working diligently to research all of the pastor's information packets that we are given from the District Office, and that all of this takes time – time for the district office to get us the requested information, time for us to set-up and have meetings that work for everyone on the Call Committee, time to receive follow-up information from the District Office that the candidates we want to choose from at our Special Voter's Meeting are still available to take a call, etc... In addition, we are actively looking for the best pastor we can rather than settling on just anyone, and much care and consideration goes into our research. We will keep everyone informed as we continue to proceed through the required steps. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding this process, please let Sara know, and she would be happy to discuss it with you. Thanks!



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 3rd**. (Suggested donation is \$25.)



Save the date! The Women of Our Savior and the Senior ACTs will be having their annual Christmas Cookie & Treats sale on Saturday, December 9th from 7:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit both groups. As always, there will be lots of goodies to choose from to eat right away or freeze for a later date. And for those who are baking and preparing goodies, it is never too early to start baking ahead and freezing them. Thank you for your continued support of the ladies and the youth!

Calling All Bakers! It's not too early to start baking and freezing goodies for the annual Christmas Cookie & Treats sale at Our Savior on Saturday, December 9th. Items need to be in the church kitchen by 7:30 am on December 9th (or anytime the day before), and please place wax paper between cookies and candy so it does not stick together. We appreciate everyone's hard work with this and we are looking forward to all the delicious goodies to sample!



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 26th, December 3rd, and December 10th, from 10:00-11:30 am. The program will be presented to the congregation on **Sunday, December 17th at 9:30 am.** The dress-rehearsal will begin at 8:00 am on Sunday, December 17th. Thanks!

Relay for Life Team: The Delaware County "Relay for Life" event is scheduled for June 28, 2024 (5:00-10:30 pm). If you are interested in being part of the Our Savior team, please contact Gloria. Thanks!



Birthdays this week: November 26: Ken; **November 27:** Jacob; **November 28:** Macken; **November 29:** Amie; Stephen; **December 2:** Reese.

Wedding anniversaries this week: December 2: Tom & Colleen.

Church Properties Contact Person for November and December is Michael (319-521-2817). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.

His Handiworks Puppet Show: Monday, December 4th from 6:30-7:30 pm at Regional Medical Center (Veteran's Education Center on 3rd floor. This is a FREE event open to everyone! Enjoy the puppet show and also a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Please contact RMC Parents as Teachers if you have questions.



Lights in the Church: Just a friendly reminder to turn all lights off in the church if you are the last person leaving the facility. There have been many times I come into the office in the morning, and there are lights left on in the sanctuary, and sometimes in the bathrooms or other rooms. If you come in and notice lights left on anywhere, please turn them off. Without a full-time pastor checking on things daily, this is something we all need to remember to do. Thank you! ~Sara

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, November 26:	8:00 am	Worship/Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:00-11:30 am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
MONDAY, November 27:	6:30-7:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
TUESDAY, November 28:	9:15-11:00 am	Ladies tie quilts for LWR – Hall Classroom
	11:00 am-1:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
WEDNESDAY, November 29:	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class – SONshine Center
	7:00 pm	Senior ACTs – SONshine Center
THURSDAY, November 30:	9:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
NEXT SUNDAY, December 3:	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:00-11:30 am	Children's Christmas Program Practice

The Lutheran Hour: "Before They Call" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. SOS and Mayday are distress signals that cry out for rescue. So is "Lord, have mercy!" (Isaiah 64:4). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

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 to thank God for His Son, Jesus Christ.*

Life Quote: "Being For Life is right in line with God's plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don't be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don't stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Last Sunday of the Church Year – Our Savior considers human bodies so precious that He has already begun making a new earth for them to enjoy eternally (Isaiah 65:17-25). He has not designed humankind's bodily existence as disposable but as indispensable to our identity and abundant life. How shall this affect our approach to illness, disability, conception, and age? *Prayer: King of creation, increase our respect and protection for the bodies of others with the esteem You bestow upon our own. Amen.*

Building Healthy Families: Lutheran Family Service supports the work and members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations in Iowa and beyond to care for those in need of grief, mental health or marriage counseling, unplanned pregnancy support, and adoption services. No government dollars means they maintain a Christ-centered focus in all they do! Your partnership gift before year's end will make it possible for someone to receive help at a difficult time regardless of their ability to cover the cost. November 28 is Giving Tuesday, and our Lutheran Family Service is included! Your gift – matched on this one day by Thrivent and an anonymous LFS partner - can be made securely online at www.tiny.cc/GiveLFS. On behalf of those your gift will help, thank you! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Holiday Lights Tour

& FREE SOUP SUPPER



DEC | 06 | 5-6:30 PM

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

Senior Citizens ages 60 & older are welcome to join us as we tour the Jingle Bright Holiday Lights display at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Enjoy a free soup supper & snacks before or after the tour.

RSVP : 563-927-1118

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Be sure to provide your date of birth when registering and you will be eligible for up to **16 FREE RIDES** per month with RTA.

