

The Announcer
January 24, 2021

In your prayers, remember . . .

- . . . Loren, father of Michael, now in Hospice care.
- . . . Guy Douglas Osborn, brother of Judy, called to his eternal rest on January 15, with a private family service to take place in Wisconsin at a later date.
- . . . Lou Ann, undergoing cancer treatment.
- . . . Bob, as he continues treatment for cancer.
- . . . Don, as he continues testing for cancer.
- . . . Jen, undergoing cancer treatment.
- . . . John, the husband of Lois, continues to undergo treatment for cancer.
- . . . two families of Our Savior: Travis; Brian & Melinda and family.
- . . . the Iowa District East congregation of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bettendorf, with Rev. Keith Piotter serving as pastor.
- . . . that God would strengthen our faith so that His Word has free course in our congregations and home.



The plant on the guest registry table is from the funeral of Donald Maurer held in Delaware last Saturday. We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family.

Welcome to worship! We are truly blessed to be able to have in-person worship for those who choose to attend, and to be able to put the recorded services online for those who are staying home. As you come to worship, please be mindful of those gathering with you. We encourage the wearing of masks for your well-being and of those around you. If you are attending by yourself or as a couple, please consider sitting at the end of the pew. This will allow someone else to sit at the other end. We want to maintain social distancing, but also have room for everyone to sit.

Thank you from the Lay Ministers.

Copies of the 2020 Annual Report and revised edition of the Constitution are available on the table in the narthex. Be sure and take a copy of each.



Birthdays this week: Jan. 25: Nolan; **Jan 29.:** Arabella; Ken; Lou Ann. **Wedding Anniversaries this week: Jan. 26:** Mike & Marla.

February 10th, 2021, is Our Savior's blood drive from 2:00-6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The COVID-19 safety protocol will be in place. Temperatures will be taken differently-not oral/by mouth. Bring your mask, but if you forget, masks will be available.

As a reminder, if you will be giving whole blood, you can give every 56 days. So, if you gave whole blood elsewhere after December 16th, 2020, then you will not qualify for our blood drive. Those who give double reds cannot give double reds elsewhere after October 22, 2020.

You can sign up online for our blood drive. Other donors are already signing up.

I have information on how to maintain your iron level and how to prepare to donate blood to make your donation successful.

Any 16-year old that is interested in donating blood, please talk to Gloria for specific instructions.

To save yourself some time, please use Rapid Pass on the day of the donation. Any questions, contact Gloria Rattenborg, Parish Nurse.

A reminder to Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st. Thrivent Financial members have until March 31st to direct their Choice Dollars. Don't let them expire! Just log in to your Thrivent account today to direct your Choice Dollars.

Church Properties Contact Person for January is Bill Hermes (563.920.1546). Contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.

"Under the Impression" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus overturned and upended people's first impressions of Him. (Mark 5-6) Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, January 24:	5:30–7:00 p.m.	SONshine Center reserved
	6:00-10:00 p.m.	SONshine Center reserved
MONDAY, January 25:	6:30-7:30 p.m.	SONshine Center reserved
TUESDAY, January 26:	9:15-11:00 a.m.	Ladies tie quilts –Hall classroom
	11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	SONshine Center reserved
WEDNESDAY, January 27:	1:30-3:00 p.m.	SONshine Center reserved
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Sr. ACTs
THURSDAY, January 28:	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study at St. Paul’s, Delaware
NEXT SUNDAY, January 31:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
(Epiphany 4)	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
	5:30-7:00 p.m.	SONshine Center reserved
	6:00-10:00 p.m.	SONshine Center reserved

Mission News: Epiphany is from a Greek word meaning to “reveal” or “make manifest.” The season of Epiphany is our time to focus on the revelation of who Jesus is – both true God and true man – as we remember Christ’s revelation to the Gentiles in the visit of the Wise Men. *Give thanks as you pray that God would strengthen our faith so that His Word has free course in our congregations and home.*

Generosity Moment. Third Sunday after the Epiphany. Mark 1:14-15 – “... Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’” To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

Life Thought in the Church Year. Epiphany III – Love doesn’t just “live and let live.” God has put love and power together (Psalm 62:11-12). Love won’t settle for “personal choice” or “public opinion” or “political controversy.” Remaining silent about sins like abortion and assisted suicide may avoid one kind of offense. But it perpetrates a greater one by refraining from showing love. Real compassion acts with courage. It means words of warning as much as words of winning over.

Life Quote. “Today we don’t confess that we are against abortion. We are, of course. But that’s not quite it. Today we don’t confess that we are pro-life. We are, of course. But that’s not quite it, either. Today we confess that God gives life to all things. God makes, and we are made. He makes life, and we leave alive.” *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia.* – **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org.**

Building Healthy Families: Life can be hard, and relationships can cause pain. When someone hurts you, you may find that it is difficult to trust again. God does not abandon you in the pain but promises to stay with you. Through all of life's challenges, God never breaks His promise: "I will never leave you, I will never forsake you." (Hebrews 13) He also puts people in place to be there when you need them, including Lutheran Family Service counselors who are available to help with troubled relationships and the pain they leave behind. **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722, Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org.