

THE MESSENGER

Quarterly Newsletter of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Hello Winter



**Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 30, 2022
following worship**

*Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve, and grow together.*

PASTOR'S PAGE

Join us in a Synod Wide Lenten Discipline

We live in a time that we have lost the ability to talk about issues with dignity and respect. Often, we remain in our own "silos" and listen and talk with those who agree with us and tend to dismiss others. *Courageous Conversations* are an attempt to create opportunities to listen and learn with each other.

***Waking Up White*—Synod Read**

The *Waking Up White* synod read invites you to engage in conversations about the dynamics of race in your own life, congregations, and community. Members of the Synod Church in Society committee will lead these ZOOM based conversation on Sunday Evenings during Lent.

Dates: Sunday March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3

Time: 6—7pm

Registration: You can contact the synod office to register; melanie@lacrosseareasynd.org or call the synod office at 608.788.5000.

Copies of *Waking Up White* are available in local libraries. *Pastor Joanne has purchased four copies of the book she will give to the first four people who ask. The only expectation is that you register to participate in this book study!*

Waking Up White is the book Debby Irving wishes someone had handed her decades ago. By sharing her

sometimes cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, she offers a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance. As she unpacks her own long-held beliefs about colorblindness, being a good person, and wanting to help people of color, she reveals how each of these well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated her ill-conceived ideas about race. She also explains why and how she's changed the way she talks about racism, works in racially mixed groups, and understands the racial justice movement as a whole.

The Lemon Tree—Book Study

Pastor Joanne is planning to attend the synod Book Study of *The Lemon Tree*. *She has purchased 4 additional copies of the book. The first four people contacting the church office will be given a paperback copy of the book, free! Their only commitment: to participate in the book study with her!* A description of the study and registration info follows:

The Lemon Tree—Book Study 6-week ZOOM Book Study

Dates: Thursdays from Jan. 20—Feb. 24

Time: 6:30—7:30pm

The synod Middle East Subcommittee is sponsoring this synod-wide wintertime ZOOM book study on *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*. Registration is open from now until mid-January.

Learn more about this highly regarded novel by Sandy Tolan and how to register for the book study. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DjhiLdpwZ9mHcqQoroHXFABD25hwrIhWwwltk1pmDYg/edit?usp=sharing>.

WELCA NEWS

We hope you had a Blessed Holiday Season. WELCA has not committed to any specific meeting dates at this time. We want to keep everyone healthy and safe. We will keep you posted in the Church correspondences when we decide to meet again. Please try to keep connected to the other Women by calling or sending a card.

Stay warm until we meet again.

The WELCA Board

COME FOR SUPPER

Co-vid continues to impact our usual routine. This year we started preparing additional meals for those staying at Houska Park. We prepared 80-100 meals that were picked up and handed out at the park. When Houska Park was shut down due to the cold we discontinued those meals. A couple of weeks later we were asked to prepare meals for those individuals that had moved to the Econo Lodge. Currently we are preparing 110 meals weekly.

After those meals are prepared and packaged we start packaging meals for carry outs for individuals coming to the church. Numbers vary from week to week and average around 140. Individuals pick up meals for themselves, their family, or others to deliver.

At our Tuesday meal before Christmas we handed out bags that included many items. Some of the items were shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, gloves, socks, and a blanket. Throughout the winter months we distribute winter coats and other winter items. If you are

looking at getting rid of any winter items, please consider dropping them off at the church and we will deliver to those in need.

It is certainly different from when we used to have guests come and eat in the fellowship hall but we are adapting. We have a very dedicated group of individuals who help every Tuesday and deserve a great deal of thanks! We will continue different ways for our guests to Come For Supper!

Kay Rowe, Social Ministry Chair

WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET (WCC)

Did you know?

- The Lion's Club donates reading glasses to the WCC! This is popular with our clients.
- Several area businesses held clothing drives for the WCC this year. The list includes but is not limited to Trust Point, YMCA, New Horizons, and Lily of the Valley.
- Portland Lutheran WELCA, Cashton, donated over a dozen beautiful quilts.

Despite the ongoing challenges of COVID 19, the WCC has adjusted to ensure the safety and health of our staff and clients and continues to serve women in need in our community.

- From January through November, the WCC has served 559 clients, of which, 43 are new.
- The WCC has received 225 donations of clothing and other items. Those we are unable to use are repurposed to other organizations.

JANUARY 2022 @OSLC*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Open	9am – 1:30pm	9am – 1:30pm	9am – 3pm	9am – 1:30pm	Closed	Closed
HC—Holy Communion CFS—Come For Supper WCC—Women's Clothes Closet W&M—Worship & Music						1 New Year's Day Name of Jesus
2 2nd Sunday of Christmas 9:30am Worship/HC Online & In-Person	3 Church Office Closed	4 2-6pm WCC 4:15-5:15pm CFS	5 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person	6 Epiphany	7 Pastor's Sabbath	8 9am-1pm WCC
9 Baptism of Our Lord 9:30am Worship/HC Online & In-Person	10 6:30pm Priscilla Circle Annual Reports due	11 9am Quilters 2-6pm WCC 4:15-5:15pm CFS	12 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person	13	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15 9am-1pm WCC
16 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 9:30am Worship/HC Online & In-Person	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Office Closed Messenger Articles Due	18 2-6pm WCC 4:15-5:15pm CFS 7pm Art & Faith	19 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person 6pm Council mtg.	20 No WELCA Meeting	21 Pastor's Sabbath	22 9am-1pm WCC
23 3rd Sunday of Epiphany 9:30am Worship/HC Online & In-Person	24	25 9am Quilters 2-6pm WCC 4:15-5:15pm CFS	26 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person	27	28 Pastor's Sabbath	29 Katie Luther's Birthday 9am-1pm WCC
30 4th Sunday of Epiphany 9:30am Worship/HC Online & In-Person Annual Meeting following worship	31	*Events subject to change; up-to-date information at www.allarewelcome.org . To access this and other publications online visit allarewelcome.org . Please call the church office (608.782.3468) to receive February 2022 and March 2022 calendars when they become available.				

remembering you on your special day..

happy birthday !!

Jan. 1	Amy Atchison	Jan. 18	Carol Poole
	Marjorie Galstad	Jan. 19	Sofia Stutesman
	Kalei Johnson	Jan. 20	Ellen Kruser
Jan. 2	Shirley Atchison		Megan Olson
Jan. 3	Jackie Holmes	Jan. 21	Lesley Stugelmayer
	Jon Zinniel	Jan. 22	Donna Beranek
Jan. 5	Todd Balow	Jan. 23	Kae Deal
	Vera Wensole		Judi Heldt Coryell
Jan. 6	Vickie Gartner	Jan. 24	Carol Rhode
Jan. 7	Randy Gartner		Erik Rudrud
	Mariah Wold		Aaron Black
Jan. 11	Patti Hanson	Jan. 26	Diane Olson
	Ruth Peshak		Eleanor Richards
Jan. 14	Jean Bottcher	Jan. 27	Benjamin Carlson
	Maria Schilling		Travis Malayter
	Allison Smaby	Jan. 28	Beverly Rubin
Jan. 15	Toni Low	Jan. 29	Katie Boardman
Jan. 16	Robert Lieder	Jan. 31	David Lee
Jan. 18	Patricia Kleven		

The WCC is incredibly grateful; the overwhelming generosity and kindness in our community has filled our hearts. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sandy Schultz, The Women's Clothes Closet Coordinator

DORCAS SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2021 Christmas Bazaar such a success. Thanks to all who helped and shopped, we raised over \$3,000 which was put right back into the church and the community. Please join us the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

Lois Losby, President

SOCIAL MINISTRY—ANGEL TREE THANK YOU

A big "THANKS!" To everyone who contributed items for New Horizons. Many will have had a Merrier Christmas due to your generosity!

Kay Rowe, Social Ministry Chair



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

REMINDER... Annual reports for all committees and groups are due in the church office (or by email) no later than **Monday, January 10, 2022**. Thank you for your timely response to this request.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Jan. 1 – Nov. 30 2021 Actual	YTD Budget
Income		
General Income	\$255,744.59	\$264,916.74
Other Income	\$9,914.16	\$15,262.72
Mission Support	\$23,490.50	\$31,166.63
Other Mission Support	\$5,129.00	\$3,895.65
TOTAL INCOME	\$294,278.25	\$315,241.74
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$260,348.33	\$308,710.60
OVER/UNDER	\$33,929.92	\$6,531.14



LOOKING AHEAD... The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Holy Week begins Sunday, April 10 with Palm Sunday; April 14 is Maundy Thursday; April 15 is Good Friday; and Sunday April 17 is Easter Sunday. Stay tuned for details.

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical and mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, income, or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done, or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer, and the work of our Lord!

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Wednesday 12 noon In-Person

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www.allarewelcome.org