

The Messenger

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Newsletter

A NEW DAY'S PRAYER

**We look to a new day.
We look to a new year.**

We hope.

**God may be there,
in our new year's resolutions.**

**God is certainly there,
in our new day's hope.**

We hope for love.

We hope for peace.

We hope for joy.

Help us to trust you, God.

Lead us to trust one another.

Together, help us look to the new day,

Help us look to the new year.

Hoping. Trusting.

Bless the world, God.

**Fill the world with your
peace, love, and joy.**

Pastor Joanne

February 2023

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A Study for Lent 2023 “Church & State”

Written and Led by Pastor Joanne Richmond

This discussion-based, synod-wide study takes place Sunday evenings in Lent, February 26—March 26 (6:30 – 7:30 P.M.) using ZOOM . You can register for the course by contacting the synod office 608-788-5000 or by using email office@lacrosseareasyod.org.

Each session addresses a specific topic relevant to the relationship between faith and nation, as lived by Lutherans in the United States. This relationship between faith and nation, church and state, exists in each of us while simultaneously being lived “out” in our daily lives. Current societal pressures, coming from all facets of political and religious life, confuse our thinking about faith and nation, church and state.

The purpose of this study: to engage in conversations about citizenship in the context of Lutheran thought, most specifically a Lutheran understanding of baptism, with the hope of relieving any confusion we experience as we live as baptized children of God.

Session One: Back to Basics (Church) - February 26th

According to Lutheran belief, what does it mean to be a baptized child of God?

Grounding the conversation: "The Sacrament of Holy Baptism" from The Small Catechism.

Session Two: Back to Basics (State) - March 5

According to the constitution of the United States, what does it mean to be a citizen?

Grounding the conversation: the 14th amendment to the constitution.

Session Three: Church & State - March 12

What does it mean to be a person of faith in a nation that protects the free exercise of religion?

Grounding the conversation: The 1st amendment to the constitution AND the 2nd petition of the Lord's Prayer as explained in the Small Catechism

Session Four: Current State of Affairs - March 19

Christian Nationalism: what does it mean?

Grounding the conversation: a 27-minute video produced by CBS news "The Right's Fight to Make America a Christian Nation"

Session Five: What does this mean? - March 26

The threads of previous weeks' conversations will be woven together.

Grounding the conversation: Christians Against Christian Nationalism Statement.



Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023. Ash Wednesday services are at noon and 6:30pm. Both services will be in-person and the 6:30pm service will be online also. A postcard with a schedule of all Lenten services will be mailed out in February.

2023 LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER

Saturday, February 18, 2023, 3-7pm – Fellowship Hall

It's Back! After a long pandemic break, we are pleased to be bringing back the perennial favorite dinner fundraiser. Mark your calendars and save the date!

Menu: Lutefisk, handmade meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, lefse, corn, rutabaga, coleslaw, cranberries, dinner roll, dessert, milk, and coffee.

Cost: \$20 - Adult Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner; \$15 - Adult Meatball Only Dinner; \$10 – Children under 12; and 5 & Younger Free

Family-style dining, carry-outs available, walk-ins welcome.

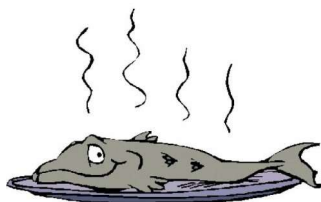
Purchase your dinner tickets in the church office today!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It has been said that many hands make light work, but in this case, many hands make for a lot of fun! And it really is a fun time to get together with all of our church family and deliver what is widely recognized as one of the BEST Lutefisk dinners in town.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board next to the church office to help during the dinner and or provide needed supplies and desserts. Sign up early to get your favorite job. As an added bonus, volunteers sit down and eat together after the meal! Youth volunteers can get volunteer hour credit for helping out too!

If you are interested in helping at the dinner or providing homemade baked goods please contact Jessica Zinniel (youthfamily@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net or call/text 608.738.1016) and sign up today! Thank you in advance for your consideration.



CHOCOLATE SUNDAY

Sunday, February 12, 2023, 10:15am – Fellowship Hall

Come celebrate Valentine's Day in style! Experience pure chocolate bliss and enjoy a morning of scrumptious confections and decadent desserts. Please bring a chocolate treat to share. The chocolate fountain will be running for coating strawberries, bananas, cherries, pineapple, and marshmallows! ***What a perfect Sunday to also invite a friend to worship!***

PIE-LUCK SUNDAY

Sunday, February 19, 2023, 10:15am – Fellowship Hall

Come chase cabin fever away with a shared pie potluck!

No matter the occasion, whether a celebration, church potluck, or just a regular Tuesday night, pie never fails to put a smile on our faces! Bring your favorite chocolate pie, chicken pot pie, pecan pie, no-bake pie, or your tried and true, go-to dessert recipe pie to share! All pies are welcome, be they savory or sweet or store-bought or homemade. Questions? Contact Dala Hynek at 608.385.8103.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Monday, February 13, 6pm – Fellowship Hall

Meeting monthly, we grow closer to God and build trusting Christian friendships by studying and applying God's Word together. Come join us for Bible study, great conversation, camaraderie, and a sweet dessert! Check out this month's bible study here ([Feb. 2023 - 10 Commandments: Session Two.pdf](#) (gathermagazine.org) and plan on joining us!

YOUTH & FAMILY SLEDDING

Assuming there is enough snow on the ground, youth and families are welcome to join us **Sunday, February 26, from 1—3pm** at the hill (bottom of Grandad Bluff) for some sledding fun! Bring a mask, warm clothes, and any sleds you have/are willing to share! Contact Jessica (608.738.1016 call/text or youthfamily@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net) with any questions!

February 2023 @OSLC*

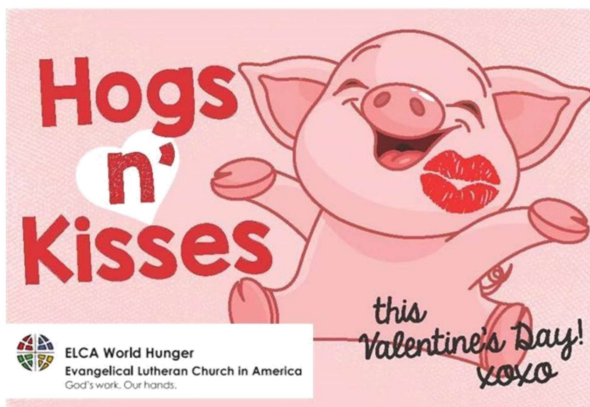
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Open	9am – 1 pm	9am – 1 pm	9am – 1 pm	9am – 1 pm	Closed	Closed
HC—Holy Communion CFS—Come For Supper WCC—Women's Clothes Closet			1 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person 6 pm Dorcas Potluck	2	3 Pastor's Sabbath	4 9 am—1 pm WCC
5 9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person 6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	6	7 1 - 5 pm WCC Open 4:15 - 5:15 pm CFS	8 10:30 am Finance mtg. 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person	9	10 Pastor's Sabbath	11 9 am—1 pm WCC
12 9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person 10:15 am Chocolate Sunday 6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	13 6 pm Pricilla Circle	14 9 am Quilters 1 - 5 pm WCC Open 4:15 - 5:15 pm CFS	15 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person 1 pm Art & Faith	16	17 Pastor's Sabbath	18 9 am—1 pm WCC 3—7 pm Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner
19 9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person 10:15 am Pieluck—Pie Potluck 6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	20	21 1 - 5 pm WCC Open 4:15 - 5:15 pm CFS	22 Ash Wednesday 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person 5:30 pm Chili Cook-off 6:30 pm Ash Wed. Wor- ship/HConline & In- Person	23	24 Pastor's Sabbath	25 9am—1pm WCC
26 9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person 1—3 pm Sledding 6:30 pm Church & State Bible Study— Zoom with Pastor Joanne 6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	27	28 9 am Quilters 1 - 5 pm WCC Open 4:15 - 5:15 pm CFS	*Events subject to change; up-to-date information at www.allarewelcome.org . To access this and other publications online visit allarewelcome.org .			

1 Kari Houser
 3 Liz Bahr
 3 James Garson
 3 Butch McMullin
 3 Chris Wysong
 6 Brenda Gallup
 6 Lois Losby
 7 Ashe Zinniel
 10 John Schroeder
 12 Erik Culver
 12 Gabrielle Jendro
 12 Jameson Pitz
 12 Heather Smaby
 12 Bill Stobb
 13 Lorraine Glanzer
 13 Cheryl Vieth
 14 Phillip Crary
 15 Wally Anderson
 15 Scott Klawiter-Grosskopf
 15 Peter Schilling
 16 Mary Ender Stutesman
 16 Cruz Marquez
 16 Colleen Pitz
 17 Aaron Klawiter-Grosskopf
 17 Alex Polhman
 17 Noah Raymer
 18 David Kjos
 18 Emerick Weeks

20 Everett Bahr
 20 Rita Heintz
 21 Olive Patterson
 21 Ralph Williams
 22 Jeanne Johnson
 22 Heather Kadera
 23 Nancy Caucutt
 23 Darrell Dahl
 23 Donna Engelson
 24 Camille De Gaz
 25 Amy Espe
 25 Chris Woodard
 27 Harold Ritter
 28 Joshua Shively
 28 Debra Wold

FEBRUARY 2023 BIRTHDAYS

The Lord
 BLESS YOU
and
keep you
 NUMBERS 6:24



ELCA Good Gifts—Valentine's Day

Spread the love with ELCA Good Gifts! This Valentine's Day, make a gift in honor of someone you love and tell them with an ELCA Good Gifts gram. Printable cards can be found or ordered here: <http://bit.ly/1VrKI1Z>

Ash Wednesday Chili & More Cook-Off

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 5:30pm – Fellowship Hall

Who will win the title of "Best Chili", "Best Soup/Stew", and "Best Dessert"? Tasting begins at 5:30pm with a free-will offering to benefit the youth group. We've gone away from plastic-tasting cups and will have tin muffin liners. **You bring your own muffin tin**, we provide the liners, and you get extra votes for your favorite chili, soup/stew, and desserts. Everyone wins!

Looking for Cooks

Our 7th Ash Wednesday Chili & More Cook-Off is just a month away. We are looking for cooks to try to win the 'Golden Spoons.' So rustle up a favorite recipe and respond to this email with the name of your chili, soup, stew, and/or dessert and a brief description to register. **Not a cook?** We are also looking for judges. Call or text Jessica at 608.738.1016 today. Thank you!

**Jan. 1—Dec. 31
2022 Actual**

**YTD
Budget**

Income

General Income	281,889.96	283,000.00
Other Income	12,837.52	15,600.00
Mission Support	24,330.50	34,000.00
Other Mission Support	4,773.00	4,350.00
Total Income	323,830.98	336,950.00
Total Expense	314,558.59	336,950.00
Over/Under	9,272.39	

*Please note that there were no Pastoral Acts or Memorials/
Special Gifts given in them month of January.*

*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!*



Our Savior's is a Reconciling in Christ congregation
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30am in-person,
online, and phone live stream
Wednesday 12pm in-person

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