

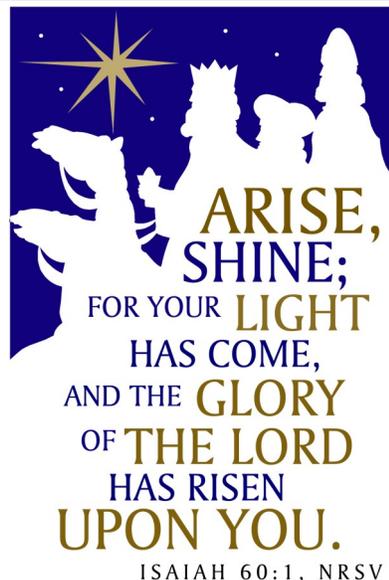
The Hilltopper



NEWSLETTER

Our Savior Lutheran Church

January 2019



Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Matthew 2:1-2 “In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men (magi) from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

At some point in our walk of faith, we have sung the familiar hymn – “We Three Kings of Orient Are.” Bearing gifts they come as each verse explains bringing Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. The final verse says: “Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice...heaven sings alleluia and alleluia earth replies.”

Another familiar hymn sings the question of “what can I give him, but give him my heart.” (In the Bleak Midwinter.)

God has given to all, the greatest gift, love beyond measure in the babe of Bethlehem. One with us, Immanuel, that tiny hand will reach out to hold our heart and keep us connected as we live seeking to be guided by the light that no darkness can overcome.

I'm sure by this time, you have or will be putting away all the decorations from Christmas. Ornaments, lights, garland, outside and inside. But what is the “residual of Christ,” for you? Sound strange...but think about it. We put away decorations and seasons trappings, but do we put away Christ our Lord? What, after Christmas is the residual of Christ that keeps you following the star of faith and love for others in your life? Favorite ornaments hold memories of past people and feelings that make up who you are. We celebrated the birth of Jesus...how has that memory been kept alive in your heart that directs ways you love and forgive in this New year?

The Magi made a long journey bearing gifts they felt connected the kingship of the young child Jesus. Our gift is ever present in our heart, we just have to not be shy about offering it. Someone needs a kind word. Someone needs to be heard when alone. Someone needs to hear laughter when tears have come too often. Worship is also a gift, first to God and then strength for each other in this community we call Our Savior Lutheran Church.

May 2019 be a year of joy, a year of strength in giving and a year permeated by Christ always abiding in your heart.

Peace,

Pastor Stephen Barnes

HOPE ON THE HILL

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love



We will be taking down the decorations and trees in the church following the worship service on Jan. 6. We are grateful if you are able to stay and help—thank you!!



On Sunday, January 13, after worship with a Coffee Fellowship, Our Savior will have an Epiphany Celebration, sometimes called a Three Kings Celebration, or the 12th Day of Christmas. Pastor Barnes will prepare the activity/lesson. Hope you will join us!

Annual Reports from each committee are due *Saturday, January 5*. Please email your report to Gerry. Thank you!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Tuesday, January 8, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** Our goal is to create lap covers and Prayer Shawls for Pastor Barnes to take to those in need of comfort. *We would appreciate any yarn/monetary donations (a box for yarn is under the coat rack.) Questions? Contact Darlene Daniels.*



“I drop kindness pebbles in still water every day, and I watch the effect they have on other people’s lives. My favorite kindness pebbles are compliments. Drop a compliment and watch the ripple effect that it has in your life.”

Remarkably, these cheery words come from a father who has faced many dark, difficult days. In *6 Minutes Wrestling With Life*, John Passaro tells of his daughter’s heart-wrenching battle with meningitis. The struggles didn’t make him bitter; rather, he frequently offers uplifting words on social media.

What if we followed Passaro’s example and complimented people regularly? Philippians 4:8 (NIV) instructs us to think about things that are noble, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. By extension, turning those positive thoughts into words causes “kindness pebbles” to spread God’s light in ripples throughout someone’s day — and, doubtless, through ours.

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Education Special Sunday

Once each month, we will have an **All-Congregation Presentation** after the Sunday Worship Service.

The All-Congregational program will be on **Sunday, January 13**.

Join us for our annual **Epiphany Party!** It will begin after our worship service.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting has been set for **Sunday, January 27, 2019** after the **9:00 a.m. Worship Service**.



The Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Wednesday, January 16**, at **9:30 a.m.** at the church.

The study guide is “**Twelve Extraordinary Women.**” Copies are available at the meeting for a cost of \$5.00. All women of Our Savior are welcome.



Souper Bowl Food Drive

The soup drive for soup and other nonperishable food will take place *through Sunday, February 10* at **6:00 p.m.**, when OSLC has a chili supper.

Parishioners are asked to bring chili or desert. Notoriety will be give to the spiciest chili, most unique chili, best overall chili, and best overall dessert.

~Outreach & Fellowship Committee

News & Updates



Many, many thanks to all who went caroling together. We had possibly our largest group—21 happy carolers!

And, we must thank Lillian for hosting us afterwards (along with Scott & Chris)—always a lovely finish to an enjoyable evening.



CONGRATULATIONS to Wes & Amanda (Eggemeyer) Johnson!

Elijah William Johnson was born on December 21, 2018. His delighted grandparents and Great-Grandma are Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer and Elsa Keas.

Our Savior's 60th Anniversary Celebration!



Pastors Hougen & Steinfeldt lit the second Advent candle.



Chris Pinkston McCarrell showed us the Charter.



Pastor Hougen & Sonja Sanders



Andy Wehr, Henry & Somchit Tang, Bev & Ken Wehr



Diane Hougen with the Andersons



Elsa Keas, Phil Dralle, Virginia Duttarer, Ken Wehr



Jim Johnson, with his wife Mary Kay, sharing anecdotes



FLOWER CHART FOR JANUARY

January 6	The Leitner Family—In Memory of Gusta Bolam & Mary Leitner
January 13	The Flemings—In Honor of Melanie's 61st Birthday
January 20	Lillian Pinkston—In Memory of Bill Pinkston
January 27	

REMINDER: When you take your flowers home, please leave the green plastic insert in the wooden vase. The inserts are used by The Greenhouse to transport our flowers, and are very costly to replace.

To sign up for flowers on the altar for a specific Sunday, please fill out the flower chart by the front entrance or call the church office.

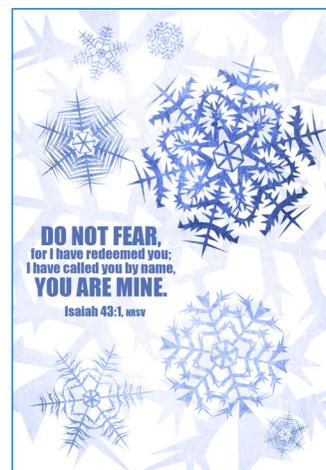
To pay for your week The price for weekly flowers is **\$25.00**. Please place your check for \$25.00 in the offering plate, or mail it to Our Savior. Thank you.

If you have information you want to be in the Hilltopper, please email Leslie by Sunday, January 20 at leitner@grics.net; OR put articles, committee information, news, events, and updates in the Hilltopper mailbox in the Library. Thank you!

THANKS FOR GIVING

OSLC Donors—Thanks for the **15 bags** of food, coats, and Tide from recent donations, including the Thanksgiving Eve service. They have been delivered to Christian Civic Outreach (CCO).

-Lee Sorenson



Center for Prevention of Abuse— **LIST OF NEEDS**

The women & children who seek shelter and safety at House of Hope appreciate your support. There is a collection crate by the coat rack for House of Hope.

A list of current needs is posted in the Gathering Room and near the church office.

Special needs RIGHT NOW include: cereal, canned fruit, bottled juice, peanut butter, can tuna, can soups, sugar, coffee, pancake mix, syrup



Towels, washcloths
Laundry detergent and dish soap
Coffeemaker
Kitchen towels

Pillows
Twin sheets, blankets, comforters
Shower curtain, curtain holders
Diapers-all sizes

Your generosity is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact (309) 353-7512 or (309) 691-0551.

**If you have a ministry need,
you may wish to call the
church office:**

(309) 346-2600



We continue to pray for those
in the Military:

Petty Officer 1st Class **Josh Barger**
(Navy, San Diego, CA)
Nick Marzinzik (Air Force Reserves, Mike
& Sue Barger's nephew)
Ensign Tary N. Voller—San Diego USN,
Helicopter Pilot (Doris Voller)

Prayer Concerns

Marsha Sorenson (*health concerns*)
Scott Massey (*leg injury*)
Remi (Remington) (*premature baby & family*)
Pastor Dennis Scoville (*health concerns*)
Roman Wegrzyn (*Pray for him and his family as his
Alzheimer's Disease progresses*)
Elaine Alexander (*health concerns*)
Gus (*health concerns—Sue Barger's father*)
Caleb (*personal concerns, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew*)
Dick Bolam (*health concerns*)
Craig Brooks
Chad Wahl
Ruth Roach (*at Hallmark House*)

(Contact Gerry with any additions, deletions, corrections or updates)



We try to stay
current with your prayer
concerns. Prayer requests
will be listed in the
bulletin/Hilltopper for 4
weeks. Requests may be
repeated if desired. If
you wish to update a prayer or to
continue it, just fill out the form that is
in the pew.

New prayer concerns may be
added at any time. For any prayer
request or update, you may also contact
the church office by phone or email.



Prayer Chain at Our Savior

An email will be sent to all members when a prayer
request is received. A group email can reach a large
number of members quickly. Members without an
email address may ask that they be called when a
prayer request is sent out.



Did you know...There is a Master
Calendar on the wall in the office? If
you have any events or meetings
which need to be noted in the bulletin
or the Hilltopper, please be sure you
post them onto the Master Calendar
as soon as possible.

Don't forget to visit our website!

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/>

If you'd like to see the Hilltopper
in full color, take a look at it
on our website!!



Our Savior Lutheran Value Statement



We spread God's word – joining with Jesus to heal our broken world.

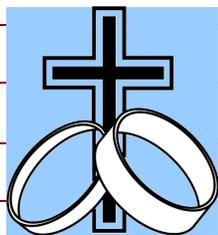
Our Savior Lutheran Guiding Principles



- We follow Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- We pray eagerly to strengthen our commitment and relationship with God.
- We act boldly based on an abundant picture of God's love.
- We listen to our neighbors to truly know their joys and sorrows.
- We work as God's hands – serving the needs of our community and the world.
- We love to tell the story of Jesus and His love.

In January we're celebrating... Anniversaries & Birthdays

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 2—Courtney Dralle

January 6—Wayne Foss

January 20—Melanie Fleming

January 22—Leo Stiles

January 31—Linda Tanner

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know!!

EXERCISE CLASSES @ OSLC!

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
2223 SHERIDAN ROAD-PEKIN**

6:00—7:00 p.m. Tuesdays

6:00—7:00 p.m. Thursdays

- ▶ Come whenever you want
- ▶ Work at your own level
- ▶ Open to the public

☺ FUN!
☺ FRIENDLY!
☺ FREE!



STRETCHING
STRENGTH TRAINING FOR ARMS & LEGS
AB & CORE WORKOUT
CARDIO (WITH OR W/O STEP)

LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY

- February 10—Chili Supper, 6:00 p.m.

February 2019						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		



Sundays
9:00 a.m.
Worship Service

10:15 a.m.
Sunday School



Please join us after service for **Adult Sunday School**. We are done by 11:15. We will meet in the library and can move if our group outgrows that space! All adults of the church and visitors are welcome! .



*“Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life. Be the light that helps others see.”
—Roy T. Bennett*

Some fun for all ages

O Come
Let us
Adore
Him



EPIPHANY

from www.newsletternewsletter.com



Help for Those
in Need

CHRISTIAN CIVIC OUTREACH (CCO)

- ♥ There is a collection crate by the coat rack for items for CCO.
- ♥ Paper products and cleaning supplies are always needed.



****CURRENT SPECIAL NEEDS:****

COATS, HATS, GLOVES, BABY FOOD & FORMULA, BOXED FOODS, & Personal Items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bath wash, combs

From CCO: We appreciate anything that you can give to help the disadvantaged in our community. We also welcome monetary contributions for our general operation fund, and also for our emergency help fund. We also accept clothing in good condition. At the present time, we do not accept furniture because of transport and storage problems.

NOTE: The CCO Board meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:30—6:30 p.m. They would like a representative from Our Savior to be on the Board. Please consider helping in this ministry.



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Please switch with someone as needed and notify Gerry so the Bulletin will be correct.

LAY ASSISTANTS	
January 6	Melanie Fleming
January 13	Meri Arnold
January 20	Tim Leitner
January 27	Melanie Fleming

LAY READERS	
January 6	Larry Daniels
January 13	Roberta Stiles
January 20	Sue Barger
January 27	Dennis Eggemeyer

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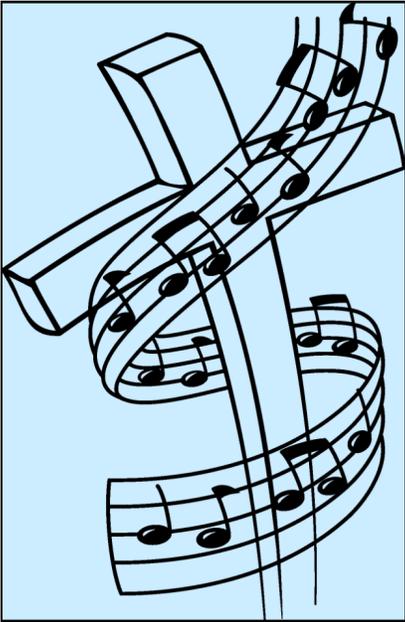
TELLERS	
January 6	Dale & Nancy Atkinson
January 13	Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas
January 20	Valerie Gettys & Tim Leitner
January 27	Leo & Roberta Stiles

GREETERS	
January 6	Larry Daniels
January 13	Roberta Stiles
January 20	Ron Garber & Steve Gresham
January 27	Linda Tanner

COMMUNION SET-UP & PARAMENT COLOR		
January 6	Lee & Mary Sorenson	White
January 13	Carol Guenther	White
January 20	Dave Sanders (Intinction)	Green
January 27	Linda Tanner	Green

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& RENEWED
in Christ
500 YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION



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At Our Savior Lutheran, we offer a 'unified' worship service.

- For music, we combine the music from the Organist and the FaithFull Worship Band with our liturgy, hymns & songs, offertory, prelude, and more.
- Each part of the service in some way contributes to the "conversation" we are having with God.
- The sermon is not the only medium for the word of God. We hear God speaking in the readings, hymns, anthems, and the liturgy itself.
- We also receive the body and blood of the living Word, Jesus Christ.
- Worship provides us with opportunities to offer to God our praise, thanksgiving, prayers and concerns.

Holy Communion



Communion in the Lutheran Church is celebrated in the belief that Christ is truly present and truly gives himself to us in, with, and under the bread and wine. We cordially invite all baptized Christians who commune in their own congregation (regardless of denomination) to join us.