



# PARTNERS



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Dear OSLC Family,

Hot on the heels of Thanksgiving, we are entering the season of Advent, a word derived from the Latin term meaning “coming”. The First Sunday of Advent is December 1st, marking a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus and also the return of Jesus at his Second Coming. How are you preparing your family during Advent?

There is much to anticipate at Our Savior’s this Advent Season. Our Savior’s Women will bless the residents at Valley View Manor with a Carol Singalong on December 10. The Children’s Christmas program will be on December 15, followed by a church-wide potluck. And plan to be at the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Dec 24 starting at 5:00pm.

One unique item this month will be to “test drive” an updated Liturgy. Remember that survey we took last winter? The #1 top priority was to develop & implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people & incorporate them into life of the church. One of the action steps in this direction is to update our liturgy and worship services. On December 8, we will “test drive” an updated liturgy during the entire service to give us a taste of what an updated service would feel like. The content of what we confess, sing and hear is still the same; but the wording and tunes will be adjusted. Be sure to be at worship December 8.

On a personal note: December 1 marks the one year anniversary for me to be your pastor. I am grateful to God for this opportunity, and blessed to serve as your Shepherd. December 1 is also the beginning of a new Church year. May God bless our entire congregation in the coming new year as we celebrate the treasure we have in Christ Jesus and share this good news with our neighbors near and far.

May I be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas!



Grace & peace in Christ Jesus,

*Pastor TODD*

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
November 5, 2019**

Members present: Brian Kletscher, Bridget Arkell, Char Graff, Todd Horning, Mindi Hesse, Brian Werner, Sharon Vollmer and Pastor Todd. Absent was Chad Beranek and Jocelyn Geske.

Pastor Todd opened with devotions.

President Kletscher called the meeting to order.

Secretary's report – emailed to council. On a motion by Todd H, second by Brian W, the minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report – Checking Balance \$12,577.52. Savings Balance of \$24,252.38. On a motion by Mindi, second by Todd H, the report was approved. The parking lot fund has a balance of \$80.00 at the present time. On a motion by Sharon, second by Mindi the Trust Committee will be contacted with a request to hold the funds for the church until the entire amount is raised. Motion carried.

Education: Planning of the Christmas Program to be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> has begun.

Worship & Music: The media team is complete. Minor repairs were needed on the system and have been completed.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Mindi reported the LGS ministry team will be meeting to set up the Missions for 2020. December mission is to the Lamberton Cemetery.

Property: A certified letter was drafted and sent to Waste Management to cancel the service at the church. The spotlights on the altar need to be replaced.

Old Business: None

New Business: 2020 budget was reviewed; the final will be approved in December. President Kletscher provided the council with a Capital Improvement Plan that was discussed. He also reported that a representative from Grinnel Mutual Insurance did a walk through of the church and Parsonage recently and items of concern were reviewed. A final report is to come in the near future. Discussion was held on applying for a credit card for the church.

Communion Assistants:  
November 10: Sharon/Char.  
December 1: Char/Brian K  
December 8: Todd H/Sharon.  
Christmas Eve: Sharon/Char/Bridget.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Todd presented a written report of his activities. He again made numerous visits or calls to members. He officiated over 1 Baptism and 1 Funeral this month. Meetings and Activities he attended were: VVM Worship Service; LCMC Annual Gathering; OSW; Luther League; Lamberton Ministerium meeting; WAFER Food Drive; Stephens Ministry Workshop in Des Moines, IA; Luther League Turkey Supper; Stones Cry Concert and numerous RRC school activities.

Motion by Char to adjourn, second by Todd H. Motion carried.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm. **\*\*Note the change of date.\*\***

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Vollmer  
Council Secretary

November 8, 2019

**Our Saviors Lutheran Church members:**

We'd like to update the congregation about the work that needs to be done on the church parking lot. Our parking lot surface has seen many Sundays--in fact it was hard to find anyone that remembers when it was paved. From what information we did receive, it was believed to be done when or within a few years of when the church was built. After many years and a lot of time and consideration we agree that the condition of the pavement is showing its age and needs to be replaced. Snow and proper ice removal has become an issue over the past several years due to the uneven surface. Our insurance company has notified us that it needs to be fixed for the safety of our members and visitors. After discussion, we feel the summer of 2020 would be the preferred time to complete this major project. The asphalt is too badly damaged to simply do an overlay; therefore we have gotten a few different estimates on what can be done to fix this.

1. Concrete:

Removal of asphalt, reshaping base, concrete, materials, and all labor: \$140,000.00

Maintenance: \$0.00

Total projected over 50 years **\$140,000.00**

2. Pavement:

Removal of asphalt, reshaping base, asphalt, materials, and all labor: \$123,797.35

Maintenance: Sealcoating every 3 years - \$3,900.00 16 times of sealcoat \$62,400.00

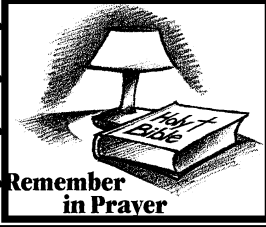
Patching any cracking \$0.89 per foot

Total projected over 50 years if no cracking occurs **\$186,197.35**

Due to the close price difference and the maintenance schedule of the product being used, we believe the better long term choice would be concrete. We all understand that this sounds like a lot of money, because it is a lot of money. However, when divided over a 50 year life expectancy, it would be \$2,800.00 per year to have a really nice and safe parking lot for all of our members. We hope this has answered some of your questions and/or concerns. Please feel free to speak with a council member if there is anything else you want clarification on. We'll keep you updated as the project moves forward. Thank you!

God Bless,

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council



Please note our list of people needing our prayers regularly. This list is much more complete since it addresses ongoing

issues while the Sunday bulletin list is aimed at more immediate concerns. We ask that you would keep all these people in your prayers each day.

- Ardell Coulter (health issues)
- Marcella Dammann (health Issues)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (recovery)
- Darlo Harnack (health issues)
- Ernie Trapp (hospice)



Pray for people affected by other disasters ... Our troops, and those from OSLC

### DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS ~Lamberton Cemetery~

Our May mission is the ‘Lamberton Cemetery’. The Lamberton Cemetery is a public cemetery for our local churches. Cemetery mowing and up-keep is done by volunteers so donations will help with the costs of lawn mower repairs and general cemetery improvements to keep the cemetery looking good.



If you desire to promote this mission for May, please use the BLUE envelopes provided in the pews and mark the envelopes, ‘Lamberton Cemetery’. You can put them into the offering plate. Thanks for your support!

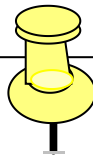


### Thrivent Choice Dollars



As always, Our Savior’s Lutheran Church is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible to direct Choice Dollars, we ask you to consider our congregation as you help direct Thrivent Financial’s charitable funds.

For more information about how to designate Choice Dollars visit: [Thrivent.com/choicevote](http://Thrivent.com/choicevote) or call 800-847-4836.



*Annual Report*

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH!!!**

Please have them emailed or dropped off at the church office. Thanks!



**BUDGET RECAP**  
as of 11/17/2019

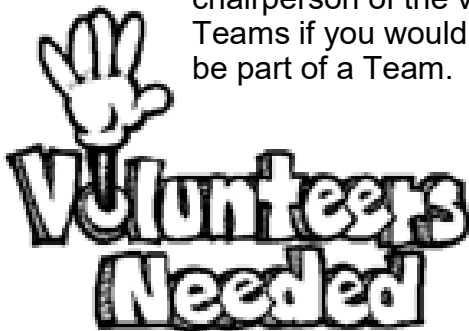
<b>Total Outstanding:</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$0
Estimated Payroll	\$4,000.00
<b>Income:</b>	
10/20/19— 11/17/19	\$9,645.50
In Checking Acct.	\$10,390
In Savings Acct.	\$24,252
<b>Needed weekly to Meet budget</b>	<b>\$2,824.62</b>



**DECEMBER  
ALTAR GUILD**  
Janice Werner  
Susan Jeckell

**NOMINATING TEAM**

Can't believe it is that time of year already but it is! The Nominating Team will be working on finding candidates for different positions on the council. When they call you, say Yes!". Also, members for other teams are needed. Contact the chairperson of the various Teams if you would like to be part of a Team.



The members of the Nominating Team for this year are: Chad Beranek (Chr.), Char Graff, Mindi Hesse, Ryan Wondercheck, Rich Arkell, & Julie Senst.



**DECEMBER ACOLYTE  
& VIDEO SCHEDULE**  
9:00 A.M.  
**Worship Service**

**December 1, 2019**  
Josie Horning & Blake Paplow  
**Video:** Addison Irlbeck

**December 8, 2019**  
Tucker Juhnke & Rachel Holman  
**Video:** Charlie Dammann

**December 15, 2019**  
*Sunday School Christmas Program*  
**Acolytes:** TBD  
**Video:** Morgan Huffman

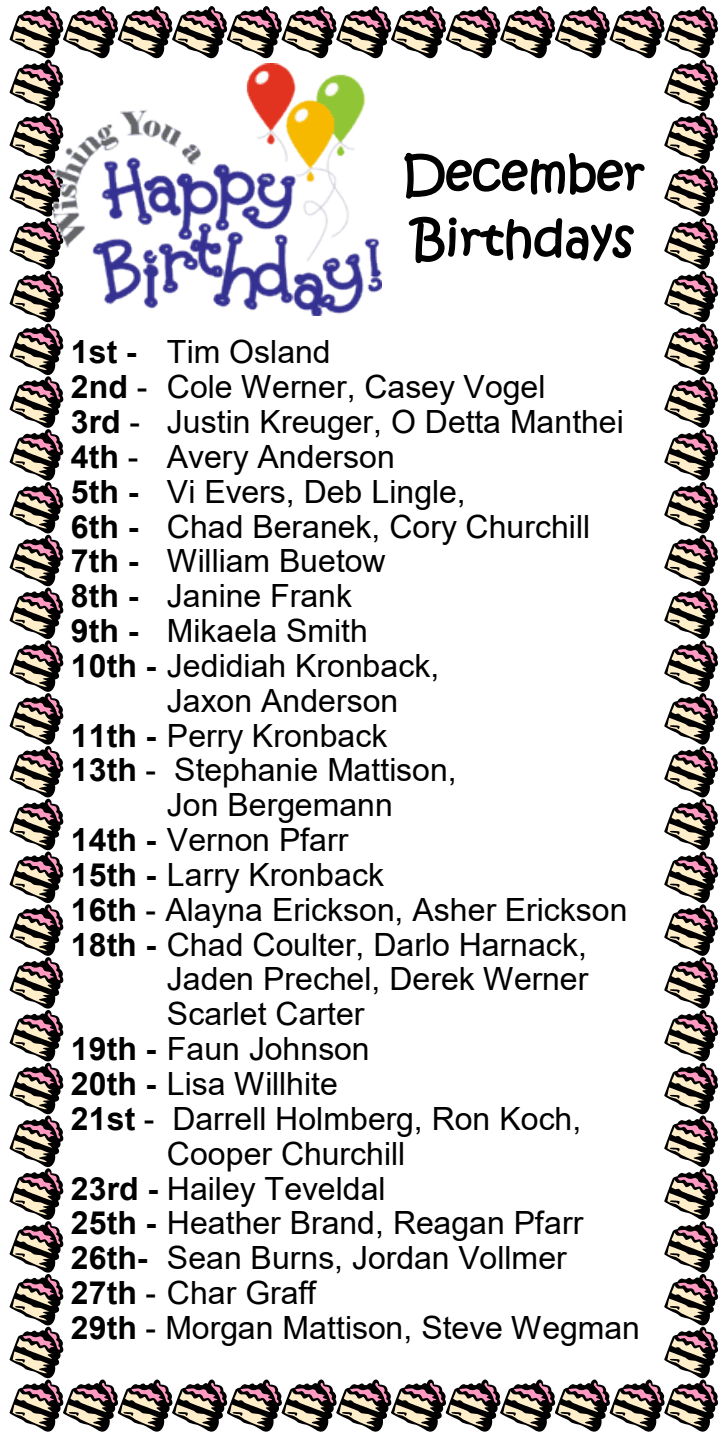
**December 22, 2019**  
Courtney Bedner & Ella Erickson  
**Video:** Madelyn Geske

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**  
**5 PM CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
Addison Irlbeck & Blake Paplow  
**Video:** Corey Arkell



**December 29, 2019**  
Delaney Willhite  
& Carter Beranek  
**Video:** Lindsey Willhite

Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement for your designated worship service. Thank you!!



## December Birthdays

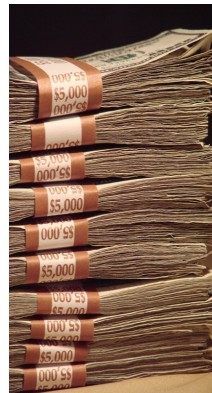
- 1st - Tim Osland
- 2nd - Cole Werner, Casey Vogel
- 3rd - Justin Kreuger, O Detta Manthei
- 4th - Avery Anderson
- 5th - Vi Evers, Deb Lingle,
- 6th - Chad Beranek, Cory Churchill
- 7th - William Buetow
- 8th - Janine Frank
- 9th - Mikaela Smith
- 10th - Jedidiah Kronback, Jaxon Anderson
- 11th - Perry Kronback
- 13th - Stephanie Mattison, Jon Bergemann
- 14th - Vernon Pfarr
- 15th - Larry Kronback
- 16th - Alayna Erickson, Asher Erickson
- 18th - Chad Coulter, Darlo Harnack, Jaden Prechel, Derek Werner, Scarlet Carter
- 19th - Faun Johnson
- 20th - Lisa Willhite
- 21st - Darrell Holmberg, Ron Koch, Cooper Churchill
- 23rd - Hailey Teveldal
- 25th - Heather Brand, Reagan Pfarr
- 26th - Sean Burns, Jordan Vollmer
- 27th - Char Graff
- 29th - Morgan Mattison, Steve Wegman



## December

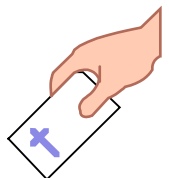
- 3rd - Duane & Virginia Waldriff
- 14th - Larry & Jean Lange
- 15th - Charlie & Bonnie Peterson
- 22nd - Kent & Leah Teveldal
- 29th - Mark & Karin Hewitt

### 2019 Contributions



The financial personnel please ask that you have your 2019 contributions into the church office on **Sunday, January 5th** to allow them to credit your accounts and process those reports for the Annual Meeting in a timely fashion.

Thank you!!



### DECEMBER USHER SCHEDULE

John Smith  
 Dominik Smith  
 Derek Werner  
 Dave (Jill) Irlbeck



Justin Thram—Sub



**TAXI**  
 Please call  
 an usher by  
 Fridays for a ride!

### ~ Hospitalized ~

Because of privacy laws, a phone call from a family member or friend is the best way to make sure the pastor is notified if you or a loved one are hospitalized or in a nursing home or would like a pastoral visit.



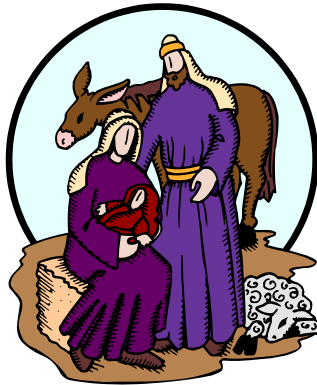


OSLC Sunday School presents:

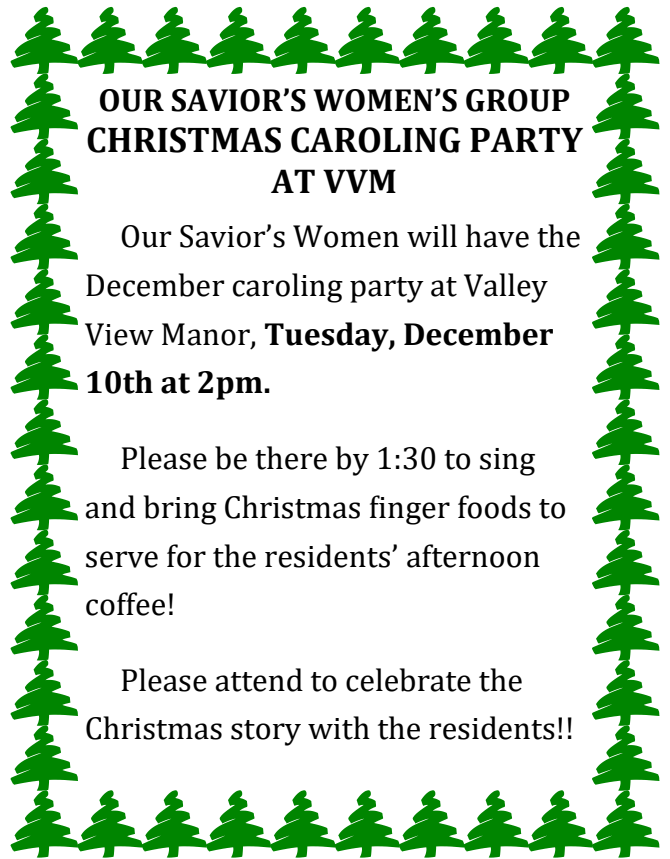
**“12 Symbols of Christmas”**  
Sunday, December 15th at 10 A.M.

Join us for a potluck dinner following the program. Ham, buns, and beverages will be provided.

Please bring a dish to pass and join us for food and fellowship following the program!



*Thank you to Tyler Luttmann and Molly Werner for providing their musical talent for our program!*



**OUR SAVIOR'S WOMEN'S GROUP  
CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY  
AT VVM**

Our Savior's Women will have the December caroling party at Valley View Manor, **Tuesday, December 10th at 2pm.**

Please be there by 1:30 to sing and bring Christmas finger foods to serve for the residents' afternoon coffee!

Please attend to celebrate the Christmas story with the residents!!



*Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service*

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on  
whom His favor rest.” (Luke 2:14)*

Advent is a season of anticipation - a season of waiting, praying, serving, and living as a witness to God's reign in this world.

Our traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will be held at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 24th. We will have the Sacrament of Holy Communion along with the celebration of the Birth of Christ.

We invite you to bring your families. The day has finally come. All the waiting, prayers, hopes, dreams, struggles, joy, and pain is over. We've made it to the manger. We've made it to the fulfillment of God's promise and prophecies. The Savior has been born and we can all celebrate!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
REMINDERS:**

- ◇ Teachers and students should arrive around 9:30 on December 15th for the Christmas program. Please meet in fellowship hall.
- ◇ No Sunday School on December 22nd or 29th.
- ◇ Sunday School will resume on January 5th.

**Thank you** to all who have participated in our first two Prayer Partner gatherings! We had lots of fun getting to know each other!

**Help Wanted:**

We are looking for people to join our Board of Education committee. We meet monthly and work together as a team to plan for education related business such as Sunday School, Confirmation, and VBS. We'd love to have you join our team. Please contact Karen, Jodi, Leah, Bridget, Trudi, Jocelyn, or Misty if you are willing or have questions.



**LUTHER LEAGUE  
November Meeting Minutes**

Luther League met November 13<sup>th</sup> with 24 students and 7 adults present. We had a delicious meal and good conversation. We had a Thanksgiving lesson on the Ten Lepers and listened to Luke 17 and had some discussion. We had another wonderful fundraiser with our annual Wreath sales and the Yankee Candle sales and will put our profit toward our mission trip next summer. Thank you to everyone who purchased a wreath/ candle! Our Yankee Candle fundraiser is still available online at [www.yankeecandle.com](http://www.yankeecandle.com), enter our customer number 999994704 and your purchase will still profit our group through January 8, 2020.

We will have our Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm at the parsonage with a White Elephant gift exchange. The group will provide pizza, students should provide a snack to munch on while playing our game and visiting. Thank you to Pastor Todd for opening up his home for us to have a fun afternoon!!

We will have a meeting for all students and their parents who are interested in going on the mission trip next June on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the church, from there we will head to the parsonage for our Christmas party. There are 6 locations to choose from and we will pick the number one and 2 trips along with a week that will work for everyone. If anyone has any questions regarding this trip, please contact Julie or Cheryl.

**Merry Christmas from the Luther League!!**



**PRAYER CHAIN**

If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the

Prayer Chain, please contact Judy Kuehl, 752-7128, or the church office. Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer chain and/or included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for two (2) Sundays unless request is renewed.



PLEASE SUPPORT

Our Saviors Luther League

Group # 999994704

We're partnering with Yankee Candle® Fundraising to help achieve our goal this year. They are the world's #1 candle brand and they offer a wide range of premium candles, fragrances, and décor items at a very wide range of prices. But the most important thing to know is that a percentage of every sale goes to us!

To help support us, click on the link below and order items online. Your purchases ship directly to your home and our group receives profit on each and every sale. This promotion is good through Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

READY TO START SHOPPING NOW?

Click on the link below and you are on your way to helping our organization reach its fundraising goals:

[Our Saviors Luther League Yankee Candle Shopping Site](#)

If this link fails to take you to the shopping site, don't worry. Simply type in [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) and enter your Group Number 999994704 in the "Start Shopping" box there. Then you can shop for the same Yankee Candle Fundraising items and your purchases will still benefit our organization.

NOW OVER 500 ITEMS ONLINE!

You can also enlist friends and family from out of town to help your organization reach its goals. Simply visit [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) and click on the "Seller Login" button and fill out the "Sign up to be a seller" form; use your Group Number (above) to register. Their purchases will be delivered directly to them and your organization earns additional profits!

Sell across the country with our Mobile App - it's an easy way to invite phone and social contacts to shop online! Sales tax and shipping charges may apply to online orders.



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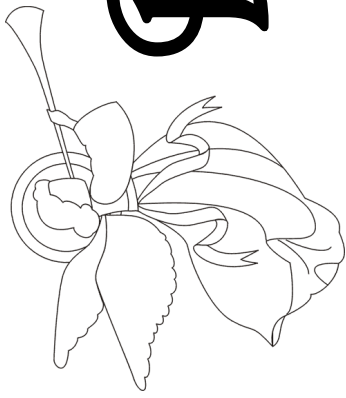


Remember, our organization receives profit on all orders!



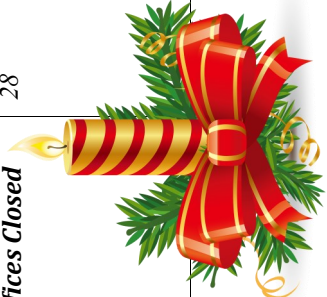
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# 2019 DECEMBER

JESUS is  
the Season  
for the  
Season.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:15 Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal 10:15 Adult Sunday School	2 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 10:00 VVM Services	3 10:00 Staff Meeting	4 3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation	5	6 <b>Offices Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	7
8 9:00 Worship/Communion w/New Member Recognition 10:15 Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal 10:15 Adult Sunday School	9 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	10 10:00 Staff Meeting 2 P.M. OSW Sings @ VVM <i>(please be there by 1:30)</i>	11 3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Church Council	12	13 <b>Offices Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	14
15 <b>10:00 A.M. Sunday School Christmas Program</b> Potluck to follow! 3:00 LL Mission Trip Meeting 4-6pm Luther League Christmas Party @ Parsonage	16 <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Articles Due!!</b>	17 10:00 Staff Meeting	18 3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation	19	20 <b>Offices Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	21
22 9:00 Worship *No Sunday School	23 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	24 <b>Offices Closed</b> 5:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service (C)	25 <b>Offices Closed</b> <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26	27 <b>Offices Closed</b>	28 
29 9:00 Worship *No Sunday School	30 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	31	Please have your bulletin Announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!			

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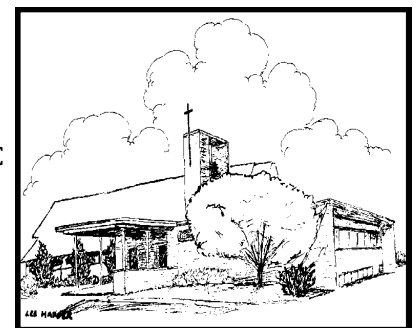
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### **Church Office Hours:**

9 a.m.-Noon, 1-4p.m. Tues-Thurs  
Church Phone: 752-7334  
Church Email:  
osclamberton@centurytel.net

### **Worship Services:**

Sundays: 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday School  
10:15 A.M. (Sept.-May)

### **Cable Broadcast of Services:**

Lamberton -WED: 4:00 P.M.  
Springfield -Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.



**The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is to demonstrate Christ's Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of this church and the community.**

- ◆ Please have bulletins articles into the church office by 10am Tuesday mornings.  
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- ◆ Please have your Newsletter articles or calendar items into the church office as designated on the monthly calendar.