



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA Menomonie, Wisconsin

Parish Scope/January 2018

## NEW STAR, NEW YEAR



Eleanor Wigdahl (left) and Eleanor Beck portray the Old Star and the New Star, respectively



Sara Palmer as Mary



The cast of *New Star*, the OSL Children's Christmas program held 12/18

## Memorials and Special Gifts

### **Building Fund**

Mark & Sarah Chambers, Mark & Karen Jansen, Marie Young

### **Preschool**

Mark & Sarah Chambers, Richard & Pat Edwards, Julie Bloom, Ken & Jeannette Breckner, Hank & Marge Kunkel, Dick & Connie Weber, OSL Women

### **ELCA/Disaster**

Kim & Karen Fruit, Bob & Kathy Hirsch

### **Youth**

Ken & Jeannette Breckner, Maddy Palmer, OSL Women

### **Radio Broadcast**

Mary Busalacchi, Cal & Bonnie Christianson, Gayle Holte, Kristine Lemke, Mike & Sally Schendel (Memorials for Earl Meyer (Linda Rundle's father) and Barry Bloom)

### **Poinsettias**

Kristine Lemke, Al Scheidler, Cal & Bonnie Christianson, Carlyle & Ruth Gilbertson, Bonnie Nelson, Trudy Forster, Brad & Marni Waznik, Larry & Carolyn Barnhart, Duane & Kay Naatz, Steve VandeBerg, Anita Klamm, Avis Smithback, Roxanne Close, Scot & Jane Kingzett, Jenna Creaser, Mark Kalscheur, Charleen Ovren, Mary Busalacchi, Steve & Stacy Siegle, Larry & Laurel Madsen, Kurt & Heather Obenberger, Phlayne Olson, Perry & JoAnne Hodgson, Nancy Bjornson, Gayle Holte

### **OSL Women**

Trudy Forster

### **ELCA Good Gifts**

Mary Langford, Ed & Mary Olson, Hank & Marge Kunkel, Kyle & Betsy Scribner, Becky Kneer, Martha Wallen, Pam Martin, Mary Busalacchi, Dianna Wold

### **General**

Paul & Donna Lark (In memory of Paul Lark), Robert & Jan Willow (Memorials for Pastor Paul Roe & Gerald Olson), Allen & Sherry Otto (In memory of her mother, Christine Hannack), Anita Klamm (Memorial for Barry Bloom)

### **Youth Fundraising**

Carlyle & Ruth Gilbertson, Scott & Jane Kingzett, James & Jeanette Daines, Mike & Sally Schendel, Sylvia Nelson, Jean Gagner, Kyle & Ellyn Govin, Cheryl Merrill, Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Tom & Barb Johnson, Marie Young, Nels & Margaret Paulson, Ted & Mary Bensen, Trudy Smeltzer, Gary & Sue Russo, Richard & Pat Edwards, Bob & Jan Willow, Mark & Sonya Kalscheur, John & Amy Whelan, Grace Gear LLC, Green Acres of Wisconsin, LLC, Doug & Deb Hyde, Carolyn Barnhart

### **Children's Choir**

Paul & Kathy Oelze (In loving memory of Thomas & Mary Hegna, parents & grandparents)

### **Support Youth Going to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston!**

In June of 2018, fifteen high school students from the three ELCA churches in Menomonie (8 from OSL), along with 3 adult leaders, will travel to Houston Texas for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Similar to Luther's 95 theses, these participants have compiled "95 Reasons Why" they want to attend this gathering. Each reason can be found on envelopes on a display in the Friendship Room. Each of these envelopes has a dollar amount on it. Please feel free to take an envelope with a reason you like, or your favorite number, and return that envelope to the offering plate or the office with that dollar amount enclosed. Your tax-deductible donation goes directly towards the expense of the trip, which we estimate to be more than \$1100 per person. Thank you SO MUCH for your support of our young people!

### **Community-Wide Youth Ski Trip January 14 from 12:00-9:00pm**

Come ski with several churches at Trollhaugen on Sunday January 14th. We will be meeting at Our Saviors at 12:00 to load the bus. Please be sure to eat lunch before arriving. We will be eating dinner at the lodge and you may bring a sack meal if you wish, or money to purchase food. This trip is open to elementary students who are accompanied by an adult, as well as students, grades 6-12.

Bus Ride: \$12

Lift Tickets: \$18 (Students under age 6 receive free lift tickets!)

Ski or board Rental: \$20

Free lessons if you sign up ahead of time!

Please contact Kelly Jensen at [kelly@oslme.com](mailto:kelly@oslme.com) if you are interested in attending.

Registrations and payments (checks made out to Our Savior's Lutheran) are due January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please put "Ski Trip" in memo line.

### **ELCA 2018 Youth Gathering Meeting**

If you are participating in the National Youth Gathering, parents and students please join us for this important meeting to get more information about the trip and plan upcoming fundraisers. We will meet January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:45 in the rec room.

### **High School Youth Group Resumes January 10th**

Join us every Wednesday evening from 7:45-9:00pm in the youth room in the basement of Peace Lutheran Church. Make new friends, enjoy snacks, have fun and participate in profound conversation about faith-related topics. Explore ways to live out faith in everyday life. All high school students are welcome, bring your friends!

## MUSIC

We need host families to house the choral students from Gustavus on Tuesday, February 6, following their concert at OSL. Please contact Michaela at [michaela@oslme.com](mailto:michaela@oslme.com) or Pastor Heather at [heather@oslme.com](mailto:heather@oslme.com) if interested!

The Praise Band will start back up on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 Service for Contemporary Worship.



**Mark your calendars: Choirs resume rehearsals Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

*Special thanks to all musicians, directors, and choirs for all their hard work and combined efforts with music during the Advent and Christmas season!*

## Next Caregiver Connection

Tuesday, January 16

2 p.m.

Fireside Room

A gathering held monthly Sept-May to offer information, support, & resource sharing for anyone who is a caregiver. All are welcome...including community members!

For more information, contact parish nurse [becky@oslme.com](mailto:becky@oslme.com)

## Good Gifts Advent 2017 Update

Health Ministry & Ministry Outside Our Walls committees wish to thank you for your support of this year's **Good Gifts** sales! We raised a total of :

**\$1023!!**

### Collectively we purchased:

3 pigs  
1 goat  
9 sets of chicks (10/set)  
8 mosquito nets  
7 honey bees  
8 backpacks stocked w food  
4 water jugs  
1 fruit tree seedling  
2 vaccinations for a child  
5 school fees & uniform for a girl

Good Gifts may be purchased at any time of the year!

Online: [www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts)

## Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, Jan 21

9:30—10:15 a.m.

(between services)

Friendship Room

## Send a Pocket Prayer!

If you know of someone who would appreciate a **Pocket Prayer** please stop by the prayer shawl display in the Friendship Room to pick one up to give or send to them.

*The card enclosed reads:*

This Pocket Prayer is a gift for you.

Made by hand and stitched with

Prayers of hope & healing.

May it bring comfort, peace

and a reminder of God's love.

- Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**If mailing the pocket prayer, the postage needed is 70 cents** (for a hand-cancel fee).

Kits are also available if you would like knit or crochet pocket prayers or prayer shawls. For more information please contact coordinators

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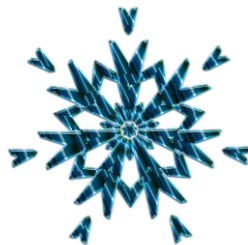
HEALTH MINISTRY

## COMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### Volunteer at Winter Haven

Winter Haven is the seasonal overnight shelter for homeless adults run by Stepping Stones of Dunn County. The shelter runs November 15<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>. There are 10 beds available at the shelter located at 1518 Stout Rd. The shelter is run entirely by community volunteers. Overnight volunteers are the most crucial to the wellbeing of the shelter. There are two shifts with two volunteers per shift: 7:30 PM – 1:30 AM and 1:30 AM to 7:30 AM. All volunteers must go through a training session. For more info, contact Jill Seichter at 715 235-2920 or [communityconnect@steppingstonesdc.org](mailto:communityconnect@steppingstonesdc.org)

You are invited to Our Savior's Lutheran to hear the Gustavus Choir on Tuesday, **February 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7 PM. As the premiere choir at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, MN, the group regularly performs for audiences on campus and around the world. Conducted by Dr. Gregory J. Aune, the ensemble is regarded as one of America's foremost Lutheran college choirs. The event is free and open to the public – a freewill offering will be taken at the concert. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact Pastor Heather or Michaela Gifford.



### LCM FUNDRAISER EVENT

Join the Lutheran Campus Ministry team on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-9 PM at The Duke & Dagger British Pub in Menomonie (located at 120 6<sup>th</sup> Ave W) for Guest Server Night! LCM board members and students will serve, bus tables and do dishes to help raise money for their ministry. ALL TIPS will go to support LCM. Grab some food, drinks and enjoy a night out!

***Please note that all annual reports are due to the OSL office by January 17<sup>th</sup>. The OSL Annual Meeting will be held after the 10:30 Service on February 11<sup>th</sup>.***

## REMINDERS & ONGOING MINISTRIES

### Baptismal Family Meeting

Pastor Heather will be conducting a group baptismal orientation at 9:45 AM on the second Sunday of each month. This month's meeting will be held January 14th. Please call the church office at 715-235-0693 or email [office@oslme.com](mailto:office@oslme.com) to schedule a baptism.


If you have contribution questions, contact Bonnie Christianson at: [contributions@oslme.com](mailto:contributions@oslme.com)

If you need to contact John York, please email him at: [bookkeeper@oslme.com](mailto:bookkeeper@oslme.com)

If you would like to volunteer on Sunday mornings, contact RoseAnn Husby at: [info@oslme.com](mailto:info@oslme.com)

If you have an announcement for the bulletin or Scope, contact Charis Collins at: [charis@oslme.com](mailto:charis@oslme.com)

### Contributions & Giving

- If you are out of giving envelopes, let the office know. We can easily print more. If your offering is in a plain envelope, please make sure you write your name and number on it.
- Online giving is available on OSL's website. Whether you're a member, a visitor or a friend, you're able to make regular contributions, a special one-time donation, or a memorial gift online using your debit or credit card.
- As a way to celebrate your online Simply Giving, feel free to use the brightly colored giving cards during offering during the service (located in the pew racks)
- OSL now has a QR (Quick Response) Code:  Give directly using the QR Reader app on your device!

**Men's Bible Study** – Meets at the Menomonie Family Restaurant at 7 a.m. on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month. Contact: Doug Larson - 715 556 0244

**AMers** – Meets the First Thursday of each month at Denny's in Menomonie at 8:30 AM Contact: Jan Willow – 715 235 9571

**Leah Circle** – Meets second Monday of the month @ 11 AM. Contact: Gloria Kraemer – 715 235 3621

**Brown Bag Bible Study** – Meets at Noon on Wednesdays.

**Women in Action** – Meets Mondays at 8:30 AM in the Recreation Room.

**Quilting Queens** – Meets the third Thursday of each month at 9 AM in the Recreation Room.

**Reading Club** – Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1 PM in the library. Members do **not** have to have read the book before meeting. This month they'll read *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

**500 Card Party** – Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. All are welcome.



## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

### STAFF:

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Heather T. Wigdahl, [heather@oslme.com](mailto:heather@oslme.com), Ext. 203

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**Joy & Jubilee Choir Director:** Emily Hansen

**Bell Choir Director:** Merlyn Aude

**Wedding Coordinators:** Kim McNaughton & Michaela Gifford

**Preschool Director:** Tami Borcharding, [tami@oslme.com](mailto:tami@oslme.com), Ext. 205

**Custodian:** Josh Madsen, Ext. 217

### 2017 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mary Solberg: President

Roxanne Close: Vice President

Tom Rundle: Secretary

Paul Horvath

Jane Kingzett

Kris Lemke

Karl Palmer

Kara James

Diane Hausler

Mark Kalscheur: Treasurer





*OUR MISSION*

*God calls all members of Our Savior's Lutheran to:*

*+WELCOME all to faith in Jesus Christ*

*+WORSHIP our Lord and Savior*

*+EQUIP us for a faith that works in real life*

*+SEND us into the world to minister in Jesus' name*

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