

# OSL Weekly Messenger

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP - January 4 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Arise, shine, for your light has come! Join us Sunday as we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. Just as the Magi were led by the light of the star, so we are led by the light of Christ. During worship on Sunday we will have the opportunity to thank Pr. Keith for his good work among us during this past year of transition. We'll send him out with our love and the blessing of our God. Marni Waznik will serve as our musician for the day.

***“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.”  
Isaiah 60:1***

Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday we will celebrate the Day of Epiphany in worship. This day officially happens in the church year with the conclusion of the Christmas season on January 6<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday we will hear again the story of the magi making their way to the Christ Child by the light of a star.

Sunday will be my last day preaching and assisting with worship here at Our Savior's. It has been a joy for me to join you for worship these past 10 months. I have been given the opportunity to see how you let your light shine sharing the mercy and love of Jesus. I am thankful for the chance I've been given to work with OSL's fine staff, church council and other leaders. I'm especially grateful for the opportunity to have shared my time in pastoral leadership with Pastor Sarah. She is a gifted preacher and teacher and has a great heart for the witness and service of this congregation. I'm confident that God will lead her and this church into a hope-filled future.

In ten months, I've gotten to know many of you here at Our Savior's and had the privilege of sharing some of your joys and sorrows. Unfortunately, the nature of the interim position means there are many more stories that I did not learn. My prayers will be with you all as I say goodbye and move into another interim position.

One of the joys I've had here at OSL is to witness and participate in many baptisms this past year. In the baptismal liturgy, I love to share the blessing on the baptized with the mark of the cross. It is followed by the presentation of a baptism candle with these words of commission:

**Our Savior's Lutheran  
Church**  
910 9th St E, Menomonie  
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Sunday, January 4

- Worship, 9am
- Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am

Monday, January 5

- Women in Action, 9am

Tuesday, January 6

Wednesday, January 7

- High School Ministry, 5:30pm
- Confirmation, 6:00pm
- Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm

Thursday, January 8

- AM'ers Bible Study, 9:00am
- OSL Conference Pastors' Meeting, 9:00am

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10





# Happy New Year 2026

## Join us in a Celebration Brunch for Pastor Sarah's Installation.

We will be celebrating the installation of Pastor Sarah following worship on January 11th with a brunch downstairs. Please click on the QR code to sign up for assisting with the brunch. Sign up sheets are also posted on the volunteer board at OSL.



Sign up Link to the Installation Brunch  
(open "camera" & point camera at the QR Code then follow the link that pops up)

## Youth Ministry

**Sunday School** resumes on January 25th!

**Confirmation** resumes on Wednesday, January 7th!

### High School Ministry

Faith in the Public Square Deep Dive - Grab a bite to eat and then join Pr. Sarah in the HS youth room on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:00pm for a chance to explore how our faith intersects with public life.

- January 7th: Bible Study - Luke 2:1-20
- January 14th: Conversation - Faith is a verb!
- January 21st: Conversation - God is in the margins

Following the Deep Dive, there will be time for more conversation and activities.

## Service Opportunities

### Blanket Drive

Winter has arrived in full and that means cold days and even colder nights. To help our neighbors in need stay warm throughout this season, we will be collecting NEW blankets of any size. Blankets will be collected during January and distributed in

February. They can be dropped off in the designated tote in the Friendship Room. In addition to collecting new blankets, we will also be collecting funds in our Little Church that will be used to purchase blankets for the drive.

#### LITTLE CHURCH

Offerings collected for Ministry Outside Our Walls during January go to **the blanket drive**.

## TUESDAY'S TABLE - FEBRUARY 17, 2026

In 2026, OS� will serve at Tuesday's Table in February, April, June, August, October and December. We are currently recruiting for cooks, servers and clean up. Watch for the sign up on the volunteer's board.

## Lutheran Campus Ministry Monday Night Meals

Come be a part of something great! You are invited to share your love of cooking with our young adults on Monday nights! We are looking to fill seven more Monday night dinners for the spring semester. Could you prepare a meal on February 9, 23, March 2, 9, April 6, 13, or 27? Please email Sara McCullough at [lemstoutdirector@gmail.com](mailto:lemstoutdirector@gmail.com) if interested!

### NOTES OF GRATITUDE FOR OSL'S GENEROUS DECEMBER BLESSINGS



December 17, 2025

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
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Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the entire University of Wisconsin-Stout community, I am writing to express our appreciation for your gift of \$2,000.00 to the Fostering Success Program. Your commitment to supporting education and fostering academic excellence is truly commendable, and we are honored to count you among our valued supporters.

Your contribution plays a pivotal role in advancing our mission to provide a transformative educational experience for our students. With your support, we can remove financial barriers to education, provide robust support to our students, invest in cutting-edge research and hands-on learning through dynamic living and learning spaces, and create a vibrant polytechnic campus environment. Your philanthropy has direct impact on the success of our students and campus community, empowering them to excel in their academic pursuits and prepare them for meaningful and impactful careers.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stout, we take great pride in the achievements of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters. Your philanthropy not only strengthens our present endeavors but also lays the foundation for future successes. Your investment in our polytechnic education is an investment in the future leaders, innovators, and contributors to society.

Once again, thank you for your support of the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Your belief in the power of education is instrumental in shaping the future, and we are truly grateful for your partnership in our shared commitment to excellence.

All my best,

Nicholas Katona  
Vice Chancellor & Executive Director  
UW-Stout Foundation & Alumni Association

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December 22, 2025

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Re: Gift Receipt

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00 dated December 16, 2025.

Our purpose is to learn from, stand with, and work alongside the Oglala Lakota people while sharing the value of Lakota culture and heritage with those who support and participate in our program. We are not here to "fix" this place but to benefit the community, as informed by the community. The services we provide are requested and informed by tribal members. Together, we pursue the best path forward, positively impacting lives on and off the Pine Ridge Reservation.

We are grateful for your support. **We cannot do this work without you!** If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Sklener at (616) 634-5921 or by email at [donations@re-member.org](mailto:donations@re-member.org).

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sklener  
Director of Finance and Administration

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### On-the-Go Worship Opportunities

- Online viewing: YouTube: go to Our Savior's Lutheran Menomonie
- Listen-to-Church, 9am, 715-430-2720
- Order of Worship for January 4, 2026
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