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Please remember that if you'd like to reserve a room here at OSL for an occasion, please contact Amanda in the office.



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## A Message from Pastor Daniel Provost

Dear fellow redeemed in Christ, **H**appy New Year! As of November 30th (St. Andrew's Day), we celebrate the turning of the page to the new church year. The readings focus on preparation for the celebration of Christmas, to be sure, but also remind us that the End of Days is coming soon. In fact, in the early church, the focus on the End Times was much more palpable than getting ready for Christmas. However, with the society around us starting their Christmas shopping even before Reformation Day (okay, Halloween to most people ☺), we also need a reminder that we can't just jump into the celebration of our Savior's birth without realizing WHY He had to come. The penitential season of Advent is when we mourn and lament our sins, and rejoice in the fact that the Christ Child came to remove them from us, wash them away in Holy Baptism, and adopt us into God's family through His action and not ours. It's very true to say that **Christ was born...to die. That's why He came!** We might hover over the cute and cuddly baby in the manger of Bethlehem, but He didn't stay there long. It's important that He came at His incarnation; it's even more important that He died and was raised to life during His Passion, death and Resurrection.

**I**n keeping with Advent being a season of preparation, both for Christmas and the Last Days, we spend more time studying the Word and receiving the gifts of God in public worship during this time than we do the rest of the year. We have scheduled special Advent worship services on Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th and 18th, at 7:00 PM. The theme for this year's services is taken from the familiar hymn, "**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!**", specifically stanzas 2, 3, and 4. We're going to be delving into just what these words mean, including the attributes highlighted in these familiar verses. It's good to take a look once in a while at what we're singing during the worship service, so that we don't just slavishly sing what's put in front of us. The words to the hymns in the Lutheran tradition are important, and power-packed – that's one of the greatest treasures of Lutheran hymnody. Come

and join us for these special services, set within the new order of service for this hymnal, Service of Prayer and Preaching. This liturgy was designed specifically for Advent and Lenten services; it incorporates parts of Luther's catechism as well as canticles that were freshly written just about 13 years ago for this hymnal. If you aren't familiar with this service, it's not that hard to learn – in fact, most of the liturgy is spoken, not chanted – so it's even more user-friendly.

**A**s you're no doubt well aware, the days leading up to and after Christmas can be very busy, both with church and family events. As such, we've decided to move our annual **Provost Christmas Open House to Sunday, January 5th**, to hopefully take some of the pressure off of folks, and so that they hopefully will have a clearer calendar with which to come and celebrate with us. And, let us not forget, the Christmas season **BEGINS** on December 24th (with the Eve of the Nativity of our Lord) and comes to a close on January 6th (Feast of Epiphany). These are the "**Twelve Days of Christmas**" that are spoken of in the popular song of the same title. So, moving our Open House to January 5th, from 2-4 pm, still falls within the Christmas season! Please plan to join us for cookies, coffee, cider, and conversation at our house in SW Newton. We had a great crowd last year, but would love to have more this year! Put us on your calendar, please!

**I**t's exciting to enter into another great church year here at Our Savior Lutheran Church. We're continuing to learn together about the things of God, and getting out of the way of the Holy Spirit's maturing and growing the faith that He created in our hearts. **It's only when we study what we believe** (and don't believe) that we can understand WHY this body of doctrine is the closest, this side of heaven, to the truth of God's Word and Sacraments. I hope to see you in church, in Bible study, and around the community.

In Christ's Service,  
**I**Pastor Daniel M. Provost

### WOW!

What a busy and productive fall we have had. The Quilting Queens have been busy, busy and completed 30 lap quilts and 45 full size quilts, with 12 in process. We delivered the lap quilts to the 18 residents of Park Centre's Memory Care unit, our shut-in members, and to those in our congregation who have had health concerns. We donated 8 full size quilts to Clearview Recovery Center. What a warm reception we received upon giving this gift. Our January quilting dates have been set: **Thurs., 1/16, Tues., 1/21, Tues., 1/28 and Thurs., 1/30.** Please plan to join us at 9:00 am or whenever your schedule is free. We now have ladies from other congregations joining us in this mission. How blessed we are with this project!

### OUR MISSION PROJECTS

57 school kits and 8 fabric kits were donated to LWR in October, all thanks to our generous members. We had a NOISY Mite collection of \$407.03! The collections for St. Nick's is underway and we have collected \$2265 so far. What a mission oriented congregation we are.

### BOOK FAIR

We will be having our annual Book Sale again this year. Dates for this event are: **January 26th, February 2nd & 9th.** Any books you would like to donate may be placed in the box in the narthex. Thanks for your continued support in this project. All proceeds go to Mites.

### NEXT MEETING

LWML will be a Christmas celebration held at **Julie Dlouhy's home at 5:00pm.** Please note the time and location change. Please bring a snack to share as we watch a holiday movie together. Let's celebrate this special season with a fun fellowship. All ladies in the congregation are invited.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Please see if any of these titles are something that you might want to read. Put your name on the check out card with month and year in the date area. Put the card in the card box. Please try to bring the book(s) back within a month or so.

### ADULT NON-FICTION

*Title and call number*

This is your time	248.4 Smi
The hole in our gospel	248.4 Ste
Alive in God's family	248.6 Wag
Finding the right words	248.8 Boc
Faithfully parenting teens	248.8 Buc
The politically incorrect wife	248.8 Cob
Healing the masculine soul	248.8 Dal
Lies women believe	248.8 Dem
Bringing up boys	248.8 Dob
Stuff you gotta know	248.8 Dou
Point man	248.8 Far
God, I've got a problem	248.8 Fer
A woman after God's own heart	248.8 Goo
Why did God make bugs & other icky things?	248.8 Gro
Everyday is Saturday	248.8 Har

### *Christmas Caroling*

Save the afternoon of **December 15th!** Be at the church by **3:00pm** to hop in the Yellow Limousine, driven by Steve Hartz. Steve will take us from place to place to share the songs of Christmas with those from our church and others in the community. You don't have to be a great singer-just make a joyful noise unto the Lord! After Caroling come back to enjoy a yummy bowl of chili and other goodies. Sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex for caroling and the chili supper.



### BIBLE STUDIES ON DEC. 1ST

**Homeward Bound:**

1:00pm at the Zimmermann's

**Doug's Bible Study:**

6:00pm at the Berndt's

**Thank you for  
volunteering  
this month!**

#### ELDER

Rick Schiller

#### ALTAR GUILD

Julia Dlouhy

#### LAY READER

Deanna Ihde

#### GREETERS

Carmen & Dorothy Sanders

#### USHERS

Steve Shelton

Lowell Zimmermann

#### MEDIA TEAM

Deanna Ihde & Amanda

#### MUSICANS

Joy McGinley

Miranda Ervin

A special note of thanks to those of you that have and continue to contribute your ideas, photos, and articles.

#### WEBSITE

Please remember that if you'd like to see our chronicler in "mostly" ☺ color, you can visit our website, navigate to the Resources tab and select Chronicler.

[www.oursavlutheran.com](http://www.oursavlutheran.com)

# THE RECIPE BOX



## CHRISTMAS SALAD

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### Ingredients:

- 1 broccoli, chopped into florets
- 1 cauliflower, chopped into florets
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 C. cherry tomatoes, halved



### Dressing:

- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 1/2 C. sour cream
- 1 Tbsp. sugar

### Directions

1. Add veggies into a salad bowl.
2. In another bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream and sugar. Pour over veggies and toss together.
3. Chill in the fridge one hour before serving.

## CHRISTMAS EGGNOG

*www.epicureanmom.com*

### Ingredients

- 3 1/2 C. milk
- 1 1/2 Tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1 Tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 cinnamon stick
- Generous pinch of ground clove
- 6 egg yolks
- 3/4 C. granulated sugar
- 1 cup rum (*optional*)
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 Tsp. nutmeg



### Directions

1. Over low heat combine milk, vanilla extract, cinnamon, cinnamon stick and clove in a medium saucepan. Rise the heat slowly and bring to a slow boil (*it takes about 7 minutes to bring to a boil.*) Once the milk mixture starts to boil take off heat and let the cinnamon stick seep for 2 minutes, remove cinnamon stick.
2. In the bowl of a standing mixer combine egg yolks and sugar. Whisk together until pale and fluffy. With the mixer on low, pour the hot milk mixture into the egg yolks (tempering the yolks) whisk until well incorporated. Pour the mixture back into the saucepan and heat on med/med-low for about 5 minutes, continually stirring, until thickened and creamy. Do not let it boil, or the nog will curdle.
3. Stir in the rum (*if using*), heavy cream and nutmeg and refrigerate over night. When ready to serve garnish with a sprinkle of cinnamon

## Upcoming Events in December

### DECEMBER 1ST

- 1:00PM HOMEWARD BOUND @ ZIMMERMANN'S
- 6:00PM DOUG'S BIBLE STUDY @ PETTET'S
- MITEBOX SUNDAY

### DECEMBER 2ND

- 7:00PM CHOIR

### DECEMBER 4TH, 11TH, & 18TH

- 1:00PM FAITH 101
- 4:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
- 6:00PM ADVENT DINNER
- 7:00PM ADVENT WORSHIP



### DECEMBER 5TH & 19TH

- 9:00AM LADIES BIBLE STUDY

### DECEMBER 6TH

- DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

### DECEMBER 8TH

- 4:00PM CHRISTMAS CANTATA

### DECEMBER 15TH

- 9:00AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- 3:00PM CHRISTMAS CAROLING & CHILI SUPPER

### DECEMBER 16TH

- 5:00PM LWML FAITH SOCIETY

### DECEMBER 17TH

- 6:30PM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- 7:00PM COUNCIL MEETING

### DECEMBER 20TH

## CHRONICLER DEADLINE

### DECEMBER 24TH

- 7:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



### DECEMBER 25TH

## CHRISTMAS

(Office closed 24 & 25)

### DECEMBER 31ST

- 7:00PM NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP
- (Office closed 31st & 1st)



### SUNDAY'S IN DECEMBER

- 9:00AM WORSHIP
- 10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS



### TUESDAY'S IN DECEMBER

## BULLETIN DEADLINE - AM

(During holiday weeks, deadlines have been moved to Mondays)

### FRIDAY'S IN DECEMBER

- 7:30AM BIBLE STUDY @ MIDTOWN