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# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

## November 2023

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NEVER  
STOP  
LEARNING

### Education Hours for November

**November 5-** Social Hour!! Join us for coffee and sweets!

**November 12-** Celebration Sunday! We are Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary in style!! We will have one service at 9:30am, with Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson delivering the sermon. Special music has been selected for the day by the Choir and Peal of Praise. Following the service we will have a buffet dinner, with speakers, sharing memories. We will present Bishop Laurie a check from the proceeds of the Quarter Challenge and the Stewardship Announcement will be made.

**November 19-** Mike Henry will be here to talk about the Chippewa Valley Street Ministry and answer questions that you may have.

**November 26-** We are decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. Watch Staying in Touch for more information. If you would like to help, please talk to Jared!



In preparation for the 125th Celebration Dinner on November 12th, we are looking for some volunteers to help with the set-up of the dining room. The great news is that the tables and chairs will be set up!! We need help with place settings, decorations, and setting up the serving table.

We would start at 1pm on Saturday November 11th. If you can help or have any questions, please contact Bonnie Buckles at [ron\\_bon23@hotmail.com](mailto:ron_bon23@hotmail.com) or 715-579-3933

***Stir up, your power, Lord Christ, and come. . . .***

With these words, we will begin the season of Advent at the end of this month. Throughout the season, in each Sunday's prayer of the day, listen for this plea for God to stir up power while God also stirs up our hearts and stirs up our wills as part of leading us into a future filled with promise and hope.

When I bake, I stir up the ingredients so that something wonderful can come out of the oven. Stirring up a big pot of homemade soup sends out tantalizing aromas that can fill us with anticipation. And yet, when we speak of someone stirring up the pot, we may not intend it as a compliment.

To many of us "stirring up the pot" implies causing trouble and challenging the norms, and when we think about it, that's precisely what Jesus did throughout his ministry - he stirred up good, holy trouble, as Jesus invited his followers to live in contrast to the prevailing ways of the world.

Even before Jesus' birth, we will catch glimpses of how Jesus will stir the pot. John the Baptist will call for us to repent as an act of preparation for Jesus' coming, and Mary will sing of great reversals where the mighty are brought down and the lowly are uplifted.

Lest you be caught off guard, be alerted that our congregation is choosing to start the season of Advent one week early. Rather than celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent in the morning and Christmas Eve later in the day, we are choosing to shift the start of Advent to Nov. 26 which puts the fourth Sunday of Advent on Dec. 17. There will be no morning worship on Dec. 24, though there will be three options for Christmas Eve worship at 2, 4 & 10 p.m.

Blessings,

*Pastor Karen*



## **November 5, 2023 All Saint's Sunday**

We will be remembering those who have passed away in past year:

Grant Cutting November 6, 2022

Ted Iverson April 6, 2023

Lawrence Ford May 17, 2023

John Olson July 17, 2023

Jean Oliver October 7, 2023

## **OSLC Trustees Report for September 2023**

The Board of Trustees would like to report the following results for September 2023:

Revenues: \$23,665.15

Expenses: \$28,155.37

Net Gain/Loss: \$ (4,490.22)

Benevolence Given to ELCA, Luther Park and LSS : \$1,186.03

Year to date results (Jan-Sep) were as follows:

Revenues: \$234,290.20

Expenses: \$261,684.92

Net Loss: \$(27,394.72)

Benevolence to ELCA, Luther Park and LSS: \$9,279.53

If you would like to see more detailed financials, please contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

We would like to sincerely thank the members of OSLC for your generous contributions.

Submitted by the Board of Trustees:

Paul Froelich, Fred Kruger and Stacy Olson

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday                             |
|--|--|---|--|---|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 29<br>8 am Service<br>9:30 Service<br><b>Reformation Sunday Wear RED</b>                       | 30<br>Monday Email<br>6:30pm Boy Scouts  | 31<br>9:00am Bible Study<br>9:00am Quilters<br><b>5:00pm – 7:00pm Halloween Party</b> | 1<br>Midweek Program<br>6:00pm Hand Bells<br>7:15pm –8:15pm Choir                                  | 2<br>8:00am Men's Breakfast<br><b>9:00am Chair Yoga</b><br><b>10:00am Joy Yoga</b>  | 3      | 4                                    |
| 5<br>8 am Service<br>9:30 Service<br><b>All Saints Sunday and Veterans Salute</b>              | 6<br>Monday Email<br>6:30pm Boy Scouts   | 7<br>9:00am Bible Study<br>9:00am Quilters  | 8<br>Midweek Program<br>6:00pm Hand Bells<br>7:15pm –8:15pm Choir                                  | 9<br>8:00am Men's Breakfast<br><b>9:00am Chair Yoga</b><br><b>10:00am Joy Yoga</b>  | 10     | 11                                   |
| 12<br><b>125 Years Dinner after Church Stewardship Announcement 9:30am Celebration Service</b> | 13<br><b>Flower Order Deadline</b><br>Monday Email<br>6:30pm Boy Scouts<br><b>6:30pm Deacons</b> | 14<br>9:00am Bible Study<br>9:00am Quilters   | 15<br><b>Deacon's Coffee Break</b><br>Midweek Program<br>6:00pm Hand Bells<br>7:15pm –8:15pm Choir | 16<br>8:00am Men's Breakfast<br><b>9:00am Chair Yoga</b><br><b>10:00am Joy Yoga</b> | 17     | 18<br><b>Newsletter Articles Due</b> |
| 19<br>8 am Service<br>9:30 Service<br><b>Christ the King Sunday</b>                            | 20<br>Monday Email<br><b>6:00pm Church Council</b><br>6:30pm Boy Scouts                          | 21<br>9:00am Bible Study<br>9:00am Quilters   | 22<br><b>12:00pm Thanksgiving Service</b>  | 23<br><b>OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving</b>   | 24     | 25                                   |
| 26<br>8 am Service<br>9:30 Service<br><b>Advent</b>  | 27<br>Monday Email<br>6:30pm Boy Scouts  | 28<br>9:00am Bible Study<br>9:00am Quilters   | 29<br>Midweek Program<br>6:00pm Hand Bells<br>7:15pm –8:15pm Choir                                 | 30<br>8:00am Men's Breakfast<br><b>9:00am Chair Yoga</b><br><b>10:00am Joy Yoga</b> | 1      | 2                                    |

St. John's Lutheran (Bloomer) &  
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church present:

**AGAPE**★

Dave Scherer



Sunday, November 5, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
1300 Mansfield St  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

### **AGAPE\* Will Be Back in the House**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 5 at 6 p.m. for an engaging, energetic, uplifting FREE event for all ages. In partnership with St. John's Lutheran in Bloomer, Our Saviour's will be hosting AGAPE\* (aka Dave Scherer) who has been a favorite artist at past synod youth events as well as many Churchwide Youth Gatherings. He also previously came to Our Saviour's. This event will be held at Our Saviour's at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, and it will be for ALL ages and is open to the larger community. There will be no admission charge. The website [www.hiphopoutreach.com](http://www.hiphopoutreach.com) offers this description:

*Combining rapping, dancing, storytelling, AGAPE\* connects with his listeners in a way that they really "get it". His energy is contagious, and his stories of faith transcend differences. Even those who do not normally enjoy hip-hop, find themselves dancing to his music and captivated by his unique presentation of the Gospel. His passion is to bring together people of all backgrounds and let them know about God's love for the whole world. This is "AGAPE\*!"*



### Menard's 11% Rebate Program

To help meet daily expenses for Hope Village is the goal of this program. It has met with success so far. Please consider giving the rebate portion of your Menard's receipt to Hope Village. You can leave them at the church to be processed. You can process them yourself with a return address of 1825 Kennedy Road, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729.

You also may drop them off at the marked mailbox at the Hope Village front door.

Contact Diane Bergquist for questions at 715-829-3092.

Thank You!!



The Spirit of Christmas Tree is up and the tags are here. You will find the tree in the Narthex.

In 2022 we helped 525 Families in Chippewa County with gifts going to 1,387 children. Please tag and do some shopping. You may bring the gifts with the tag attached to the church and leave under the tree. Spirit of Christmas volunteers will pick up gifts as they come in. If shopping is not for you, monetary gifts are also welcome and they can be sent to Spirit of Christmas, PO Box 831, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729. If you would like to help with the packing of gifts for distribution, please call 715-944-4272.

If you want more information please call Spirit of Christmas at 715-944-4272



If anyone is interested in organizing Education Hours for 2024, please contact the office. We have some Sundays already booked!

We have Education Hours from the second week of September to the end of May.

Feel free to stop in the office or call if you have any questions.



# November Outreach

## Chippewa Valley Street Ministry



Kathy Calvin, former President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Nations Foundation, says, "Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference." Please read below for more detailed information about this ministry. Contact with the Chippewa Valley Street Ministry can be made at: [www.chippewavalleystreetministry.org](http://www.chippewavalleystreetministry.org) or [www.facebook.com/chippewavalleystreetministry](https://www.facebook.com/chippewavalleystreetministry). Checks can be mailed to: CVSM P.O. Box 51 Eau Claire, WI 54702

## Noisy Offering

The Chippewa Valley Street Ministry helps people who are homeless and living on the street in Eau Claire. They provide information, water, some food, blankets, sleeping bags, shoes, socks and other items that people need to endure changing weather conditions. As colder weather approaches, the need is greater. The people who are serving on the streets say the human contact is important and they receive more than they give. People are very grateful for help. Medical needs and mental health issues are common. The support and friendship plus just being present is crucial.



## Volunteer Opportunities



By contacting Mike Henry ([mikeah3@gmail.com](mailto:mikeah3@gmail.com)) more information about volunteering can be gained. Volunteers are needed and important. Donating to the ministry is most helpful so they can provide supplies that are needed for the homeless.

## Scripture Meditation

James 2:14-17: What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.



## Noisy Offering Totals 2023

January Ukraine **\$694.57**

July Valley Vineyard **\$598.27**

February Career Development Center **\$382.56**

August Irvine Park **\$841.42**

March Foster Care **\$402.20**

September CDC **\$183.89**

April Feed My People \$ **600.20**

October Family Support Center

May Malawi **\$862.59**

November Chippewa Valley Street Ministry

June Care Link **\$251.96**

December World Hunger

**Total to Date: \$4817.66**

## **Worship this Month**

Sunday, Nov. 5

Commemoration of All Saints Sunday as well as  
Veterans Day

Sunday, Nov. 12

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson will be here to share  
in our 125th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, Nov. 19

Christ the King Sunday

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Thanksgiving Service at Noon

Sunday, Nov. 26

First Sunday in Advent - Our Saviour's is choosing  
to start the Advent season one week early in order  
to have four full weeks of Advent before celebrating  
Christmas Eve on Sunday, Dec. 24



## Plastic Bags Can Grow a Bench

All members can now help the environment by bringing your soft plastic to the church for recycling. **We have our first bench!!** It is out by the pavilion, go take a look. Keep Gary busy, bring more plastic!!

### Little Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Have you noticed the Free Little Food Pantry near the parking lot entrance on Mansfield? Much of the time it is near empty. Many popular food items sit for less than 24 hours. Observation indicates that many who take advantage of this pantry are students. The most popular items seem to be: granola/cereal/breakfast bars, trail mix or nuts, or anything that can be eaten on-the-go. Also popular are easy-to-microwave meals and cans of soup with a pull-top. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. You can simply place your items in the food pantry box and notice how quickly they disappear to nourish hungry neighbors in our midst. Thank you!

**If you don't want to go shopping, you can order these items from AMAZON, WALMART or SAM'S club or any store you wish and have them shipped right to the church!! Just let us know that something is com-**



The Endowment Board is accepting suggestions for charitable contributions to agencies and programs that support the mission of OSLC. Please consider those in need as we approach the end of the year giving season. Reach out to any of your Endowment Board members with requests for consideration. Thank you for all you do to support our members, community, region, and the world.

Brock Cooley, Dave and Lynn Cook, Dawn Pearson, Kathy Palme, Greg and Brenda Musser



Jean Oliver's family would like to express their sincere thanks for all of the prayers, cards and memorials given in her name.

Your thoughtfulness and gifts have made it possible to make a major contribution to Feed My People in her name. She would be very pleased.

Donations were made to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The Quilters, the Music Department and the Kitchen all received contributions.

Thank You

Russ



**Stand In The Light Memory Choir**  
*Where Words Fail, Music Speaks*

# **FALL CONCERT**

## **“Love Wins!”**

**Cathy Reitz, Music/Artistic Director**    **Anne Kubiadowicz, Accompanist**

**People in the early to mid-stages of memory loss,  
their care partners and singing volunteers come together  
to share their love of music!**

**November 16, 2023**

**Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
1120 Cedar Street ~ Eau Claire**

**10:00 a.m. – Dress Rehearsal (open to the public)  
6:30 p.m. – Evening Concert\***

*\*Seating for evening concert will begin at 6:15 p.m.*

**FREE WILL OFFERING**

**For more information call 715-210-4165  
or write [standinthelightchoir@gmail.com](mailto:standinthelightchoir@gmail.com)**

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[www.standinthelightmemorychoir.com](http://www.standinthelightmemorychoir.com)**





We have had the opportunity to continue *Celebrating Our Journey of Faith* with events planned by the 125th Anniversary Committee.

In September we lifted up our International Missions by holding a silent auction. There was great participation by those that donated auction items and by those who bid generously to purchase these items. This fundraiser was quite successful as the auction brought in \$2331.00 in bids and donations, which means we were able to split the total, sending \$1165.50 each to Mission Mexico and to the congregation we support in Malawi. There was a wonderful group of volunteers to make this happen including Jan Engelsgerd, Jill Hietpas, Kristi Lund, Kathy Mehls, Heidi Mercer, and Mary Lynn Toyce.

Last week many members of our congregation and community were thrilled to attend the Meatball Supper, as we lifted up the work of the Women of OSLC by again hosting this very popular event. The leadership team of Marcia Kyes, Sue Cooley, and Gayle Klitzke coordinated the work of the many volunteers to plan, advertise, promote, organize, cook, serve and clean up as just some of the activities required. Knot Just Knitters, Quilters and Bakers were also able to sell their wares. We were able to sell over 380 dinner tickets and brought in \$5411.02 that will be used to support the needs of OSLC.

These events require many hands, working together, and all the people that stepped forward are too numerous to name. While these volunteers give of their time and talents without expectation of being recognized, we want you to say:

**Thank you!**

## Book Buddies

### **Book Buddies on Break!**

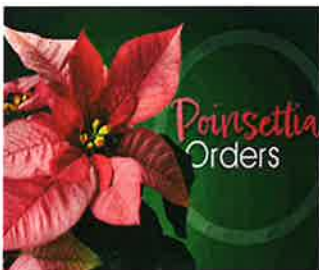
While on break from meeting during November and December, Book Buddies are compiling their reading list for 2024. Watch for the list in upcoming newsletters to see if you would like to join any future discussions.

**The Quilters are meeting on Tuesday Mornings at 9:00 A.M.** If anyone is interested, come and join us. We need help sewing, cutting, and tying quilts. If you have flat sheets that are in good condition (no stains or rips), we can use them for backs for Mission Quilts. Just drop them off in the lounge for us. Remember we make quilts for our Graduates, Women of the Affinity House, Lutheran World Relief, and other missions, and also to sell.

## Knot Just Knitters

### **Thank you from Knot Just Knitters!**

Knot Just Knitters would like to thank everyone who shopped at our craft sale! Your purchases allow KJK to continue buying yarn for prayer shawls and baptismal blankets. KJK also donated leftover warm clothing items from the sale to help people stay warm this winter. After a busy few months of crafting, KJK is taking a break and will resume meeting later this winter. Future meeting dates will be posted in upcoming newsletters.



**It is very hard to believe that it is time to order flowers for Christmas!!**

**We have heard from the florist and orders are due November 13th**

We have Pink, White and Red available in 6" 8" and 10"

You can fill out the blank below, drop it in the offering plate, mail it to Our Saviour's, call or email the office with your order.

### PRICES

|                             |            |             |           |             |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Color                       | Pink _____ | White _____ | Red _____ | 6" \$ 12.00 |
| Size                        | 6" _____   | 8" _____    | 10" _____ | 8" \$20.00  |
| Name                        | _____      |             |           | 12" \$35.00 |
| Phone Number                | _____      |             |           |             |
| Email Address               | _____      |             |           |             |
| In Honor of or in Memory of | _____      |             |           |             |



## A Lawn Time Coming



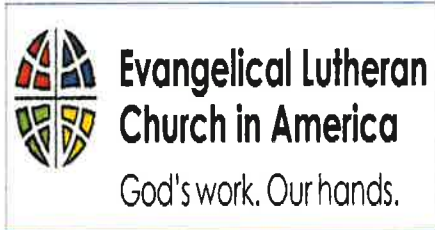
The Lawn Space; Pavilion, Pergola and the Fire Pit are now available to rent!  
Do you have a family event, birthday party, a graduation next spring, a club meeting,  
a wedding or just want to gather around a fire with friends?

Dates are now available to reserve for your gathering.

The Rental agreement is available either in the office or by email at [office@oslccf.net](mailto:office@oslccf.net)  
If you have any questions you can request an agreement or call the office at 715-723-6048.

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**Important Dates:**

**Sun 11/5 All Saints Sunday  
 and Veteran's Salute**

**Sun 11/12 125th Celebration  
 Service and Dinner One ser-  
 vice at 9:30am**

**Wed 11/15 Deacon Coffee  
 2pm**

**Sat 11/18 Newsletter Arti-  
 cles Due**

**Wed 11/22 Thanksgiving Ser-  
 vice at Noon**

**Sun 11/26 1st Sunday in Ad-  
 vent**

**Deacon**

|                             |          |
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| Kristi Lund 715-590-2723    | Boa-Cut  |
| Deb Olson 715-577-4745      | Dob-Good |
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**Noisy Offering**  
**Chippewa Valley**  
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