OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
“Serving Christ—Serving Others—Changing Lives”

December 2, 2018

Weekly Newsletter

OUR SAVIOR OFFERS TWO SERVICES ON SUNDAY MORNING
8:00 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Traditional & Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
Children’s Message during 10:30 service and a “Kids Connect”
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Classes “Unity Time”

Hospitalized or Surgery
Laci Vonada, hospitalized this past week with pneumonia.
Scott Burkhardt, underwent surgery for a broken wrist last Monday.
Pamela King, undergoing foot surgery on Tuesday.
Margie Lowe, as she prepares for chemo treatments.

Please Keep the Following Members in Prayer:
David, Marianne & Michael DeMinck,
Roger Detwiler, Debbie Holub, Luke Strang,
Pastor Rader, Jodi Waldron, Jane Sird, Sandra Kauffman, Sandy Heine, Ann Papp, Kristin Volz,
Debbie Leslie (Harriette’s daughter diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer)

Assisted Living:
Lillian Velez, Shirley Ray,
Dorothy Hanser, Ken O’Brien, Al and Melba Wilkat, Marlene Venable.

Rehabilitation at Home:
Sarah Tabor, Dolores Bethmann, Joe Mazzara, Marilyn Gruenbaum

Hospice Care:
Michael Hea, June Poertner.
Wayne Reinhardt

Other Prayer Requests
All those affected by the fires in California,
Mika Durante teaching in Japan, Alex Rodriguez teaching in the Marshall Islands and Angela Hackney teaching in China, Church leadership,
All former pastors and vicars of Our Savior, missionaries, chaplains, police, & firefighters.
OSLS and Mirror Lake Elementary School,
LifeNet4 Families, Food for the Poor, Mission Haiti, Alzheimer’s Association, Bold Justice,
Wycliffe Bible Translators, Our nation, leaders, president and all people in armed services.

A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship, we begin the season of anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. Welcome.

Members & Family in the Armed Services
Michael Sass (friend of Marilyn Gruenbaum) starting his 4th tour in Iraq.
R.J. Warfel (nephew of Brian Warfel-undisclosed), Austin Simms (nephew of Mitch and Kim VanSant) in Germany,
Anthony Valladares in Parris Island, Jorge Alberto-Peralta (son of Jorge Peralta) in Guam.
Jessica Lee (niece of Randy & Lynne Steinbeck) in Germany.
Members: Brian Strang in USA West Point, Us Army Garrison.
Jonathan Brown has been deployed to an undisclosed base.
Brandon Edelstein back in the states.
Steven Morrison, in South Korea.
Scott Tucek in Germany, Troy MacLean in Japan.

Thank You
Eleanor Mathis thanks the congregation for the many prayers, calls, cards and well wishes following her fall and recovery.
CHRISTMAS HELPERS NEEDED!
Please see the sign-up list on the guest center for Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers for:
Dec. 24th-5:00, 7:00, pm
Dec. 25th 10:00 am

THANK YOU to all who came out on Saturday to decorate the church and also to all the singers and drivers who went Christmas caroling to lift the spirits of so many members.

This Week at a Glance

Sun. 12/2
First Sunday in Advent
Advent Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Hymn Study Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation Class 9:15 a.m.
Lay Ministry Meeting 11:45 a.m.

Mon 12/3
Tues. 12/4
Wed. 12/5

Bible Brunch
Handbell Practice 6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. 12/6
Book Club 6:30 p.m.
K-8th Grade Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.
Cookie Walk – Following the program
Fri. 12/7
Church Office Closed
Sat. 12/8
Sun. 12/9

Second Sunday in Advent
Cookie Walk – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Christmas Recycled Sale 9-1

LifeNet4Families Sunday
Advent Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Hymn Study Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation Class 9:15 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Thursday 6th
K-8th Grade Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.
Cookie Walk – Following the program

Saturday, 8th
FREE – Parents Day Out 12-4 p.m.

Sunday 9th
Second Sunday of Advent
Cookie Walk – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Christmas Recycled Sale 9-1

Wednesday 12th
Preschool Christmas Program 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 16th
Sunday School Christmas Program

Monday 17th
Women’s Group Christmas Party 7:00 p.m.

SEE THE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES

Christmas Cookie Time

This Year we plan to have the biggest and best Cookie Walk. And added to that will be a Christmas Treat Bakery. Your Cookie Contributions Will be greatly appreciated. Sign up sheet coming.

It’s that time to get out Grandma’s good Old Christmas cookie recipes. Donate a couple batches to the Cookie Walk for the Roof Fund
THANK YOU TO OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY BOARD
For the Trash Can Turkey Fellowship that raised $926.00 for the roofing project.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE IN CHRIST
As measured by our church attendance:
These numbers represent Jan. – Dec.
Average Sunday Attendance 208
Average Last Year 206
Attendance 11/25/18 167
Attendance Thanksgiving Eve 59

ROOF REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE
(RRC)
Pledges = $42,305
Funds received=$42,073
(includes gifts, memorials and lump sum pledges)

ROOF REPAIR/REPLACEMENT FUND ENVELOPES
You can find envelopes marked for Roof Repair/Replacement giving in each narthex and the guest center.

CHRISTMAS RECYCLED
Soon you’ll be busy bringing out your Christmas decorations. As you go through them, set aside anything you no longer have need for or have "outgrown."
We will have a Christmas Recycled Sale during the Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 9th. Proceeds will benefit the Handbell Choir for their Spring Festival and the roofing project.
(Items can be brought to the church office by Dec. 2nd)

ADVENT ADULT BIBLE STUDIES
WHAT CHILD IS THIS?
Craig Chaddock will lead a study on Advent on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and again on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room.
Wednesdays – Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19
Sundays – Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23

A STUDY ON WELL KNOWN HYMNS
We will explore the history of some of our well-known hymns and the people who wrote them. We will start with O Come, O Come Emmanuel and explore one hymn each week, usually a seasonally appropriate selection. Cheryl Moore will lead this study beginning December 2nd at 9:30 a.m. in the Lakeview Room.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU
On behalf of our soldiers and sailors serving overseas, the Military Overseas Support Team (M.O.S.T) and the Men's Group thank you for your generous contributions in the past year and especially for the Thanksgiving/Christmas shipment which should be delivered next week. We want to extend special thanks to Danielle Durham, First Grade Teacher at Our Savior Lutheran School, and her group of volunteers who put together wonderful Gift Bags for each box of supplies for our servicemen. We also want to thank Junko Durante and her group of gifted young artists for their beautiful Christmas artwork as well as everyone in Our Savior School and our congregation who contributed Christmas Cards which were inserted in all the boxes.
Thank you for remembering our soldiers at Christmas with your love.
M.O.S.T. and the Men’s Group
On Sunday, December 9th
Everyone has the Opportunity to enjoy Delicious homemade baked Cookies. All made by the ladies From Our Savior Lutheran Church!
From 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. a decorative Christmas Cookie display will be set up in The Educational Building. You will have the Opportunity to walk through this display and Pick out whatever treats you choose - all at a Price per pound and packaged beautifully. Great for Christmas Gifts as well!
See you there!
CHRISTMAS 2018

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Worship Opportunities

Elementary and Middle School Christmas
Thursday December 6th 7:00 p.m.

Preschool Christmas
Wednesday December 12th 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Christmas
Sunday December 16th 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Monday, December 24th
5:00 p.m.
“Families with Children”
“Candlelight Service”
Includes a message geared for children.
AND
7:00 p.m.
“Traditional Candlelight Service”

CHRISTMAS DAY
Tuesday, Dec. 25th 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
Sunday Dec. 23rd 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
Sunday, Dec. 30th 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Festivities

Cookie Walk
Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.
and
Sunday, December 9th
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Christmas Recycled Sale
Sunday December 9th
After each service

Christmas Fellowship Breakfast
Sunday, Dec. 16th 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
In the Bay

The long view of Advent

Advent is about preparing not only for Christmas but also for Jesus’ return. According to Scripture, that won’t be the calm, silent scene described in Christmas carols.

In 1928, Dietrich Bonhoeffer preached: “It is very remarkable that we face the thought that God is coming so calmly, whereas previously peoples trembled at the day of God …. We have become so accustomed to the idea of divine love and of God’s coming at Christmas that we no longer feel the shiver of fear that God’s coming should arouse in us. We … [forget] the serious aspect, that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little earth and lays claim to us.”

God is love; we’ll be in good hands at the end of time. But during Advent, also be in awe of God. Embrace a reverent fear of the Lord that reminds you how profound it is that God chooses again and again to draw near and lay claim to you.
**RECYCLE – RECYCLE – RECYCLE**

The Men’s Group will be recycling your aluminum cans and aluminum bottles. The money earned will go to support M.O.S.T. (Military overseas support team) Look for the recycle bin marked MOST next to the dumpster and sheds on the NE side of the Property. Show your support for our military and drop off your aluminum cans and aluminum bottles.

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**BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

December 2nd – 8th

Happy Birthday!

2nd Dick Burkhardt, Lylah Kogon,
4th Jay Mathis, Juli Mellott,
6th Stephen Gaffley, 7th Melba Wilkat,
8th Susan George-Kenyon

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**Stars of the Week**

K - Laila Julmissee (not pix)
1 - Cayla Rokocevic
2 - Abbey Jones
3&4 - Alexis Schmidt
5 - Zachary Thoms
MS - Sophie Anderson

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**Our true power source**

The story is told of someone who plugged a power strip into itself and then couldn’t understand why the system wouldn’t turn on! We get a kick out of such tales, yet how often do we try to “power” our own lives? We frequently think we need to be the source of our own strength, joy, peace, energy and wisdom.

Jesus doesn’t teach us to find life within ourselves — or in any human being or earthly circumstance, object or philosophy. Rather, calling himself the good shepherd, Jesus says, “I have come that [my sheep] may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

We don’t access that abundant life by “plugging into” ourselves. Instead, Jesus invites us to plug into his power — and joy, peace, hope, truth — through prayer and Scripture, worship and service, fellowship with other Christians and the beauty of God’s world.
Vivaldi's

Gloria

NOVA SINGERS

CHUCK STANLEY
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

ANTHONY CIOTTI, ACCOMPANIST
With Orchestral Ensemble

PEGGY JOYCE BARBER
FOUNDING DIRECTOR EMERITUS

Featuring the Dillard Chorale
of Dillard Performing Arts High School

Including Holiday Favorites:
"Ding Dong! Merrily on High"
"We Three Kings" "Silent Night"
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
John Rutter's
"What Sweeter Music"
and other familiar selections

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NOVEMBER 30, 2018
FRIDAY 8:00 pm
ST MATTHEW CATHOLIC
542 Blue Heron Dr
Hallandale Beach 33009

DECEMBER 2, 2018
SUNDAY 4:00 pm
ST PAUL LUTHERAN
701 W Palmetto Park Rd
Boca Raton 33436

DECEMBER 4, 2018
TUESDAY 7:30 pm
ST SEBASTIAN CATHOLIC
2000 Marietta Dr
Fort Lauderdale 33316

DECEMBER 7, 2018
FRIDAY 8:00 pm
SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL
1480 SW 9th Ave
Fort Lauderdale 33315

ALL PERFORMANCES: $15/STUDENTS; $15/ADVANCE TICKETS; $20/PERSON AT THE DOOR
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER FREE
ADVANCE DISCOUNTED TICKETS AVAILABLE
FROM ANY MEMBER OF THE CHOIR OR FROM OUR WEBSITE
St. Olaf College Concert Coming to Miami Beach in February

The St. Olaf Choir is a premier a cappella choir based in Northfield, Minnesota. Founded in 1912 by Norwegian immigrant F. Melius Christiansen, the choir has been influential to other church and college choirs for its performance of unaccompanied sacred music.

Miami Beach, Florida
Monday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.
New World Center - Concert Hall
$25-35 Adults, $10 Students

Pastor Medley will be organizing a group to go to this concert. More information to follow in the next few months.