OSLC WORSHIP HELPERS: DEC 4

Reader	Cath Peterson
Acolyte/Communion Helper	Westin
Music	
Live Stream	Maxx

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 11 @ 9:00AM

Reader	Laura Stevens
Acolyte	Godwin
Live Stream	Maxx
Organist/Pianist	Melanie Parsons

DECEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

- mike and Laura Stevens
- mike and Lisa McIlvenna
- Josh and Jenae Duus
- Evan Stevens

Please sign up for 2023 Committee of the Month on the sign-up sheet which is located on the bulletin board. Thank you in advance!

SVLC WORSHIP HELPERS: DEC 4

Reader	Karen Larsen
Acolytes	
Communion Helper	Riley Gall
Live Stream	Janet Munkvold
Music	Annet Kropuenske

LOOKING AHEAD: DEC 11 @ 10:30AM

Reader	Janet Munkvold
Acolytes	Carston & Lincoln Mellem
Live Stream	Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist	Annet Kropuenske

DECEMBER USHERS

- Wayne & Wanda Kost
- Wayne & Linda Larsen
- Scott & Ashley Larsen

CHURCH CLEANERS: DECEMBER 4 - 17

Sandra Swensen, Gail Anderson, Dawn Kludt, Audrey Kost

December 11th Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11



LIMITED TIME ONLY! Spread Christmas Cheer through the VCIS Youth this year! Donate \$30 and we will go caroling to the house of your choice complete with a plate of goodies for them! **We will go caroling on Wednesday evenings only.** Please contact Pastor Max to schedule your caroling visit.

Kayla Mehlhaf's Annual Christmas Concert

Today @ 7PM - Wakonda UMC
December 11 - 7PM @ OSLC of Viborg
December 14 - 7PM @ Irene Cavalry
Church

Enjoy an evening of music from Kayla Mehlhaf! All donations go to Toys for Tots and the Angel Tree.

Parade of Homes

Today from 4:30-7:00PM

The VCIS Youth are organizing a Parade of Homes! This is a chance for people to show off their Decked out Halls and maybe even some sweets.
\$10/ticket to attend this Parade of Homes. Details of the route will be given on purchase of the ticket.

Weekly Announcements

The Food Pantry is in need of perishable, non-perishable, and personal hygiene items this holiday season. Please prayerfully consider sharing your blessings to help other families in need if you can. We also

have a freezer for cold storage items.

Thank you so much in advance for any support you can give. May the joy, peace and countless blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to be always with you.

Tis The Season of Christmas Events

Christmas with the Symphony
Dec 10 at 7:30PM
Dec. 11 at 2:30PM

Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD Listen and sing along with Orchestra and South Dakota Symphonic Chorus.

SVLC Sunday School Christmas Program December 18 at 10:30AM

Spring Valley Lutheran Church

OSLC Sunday School Christmas Program December 18 @ 6:30PM

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Please see the newsletter or visit
www.oslcvib.org or www.svlcvib.org to sign
up for the newsletter (or view it) and
to view the calendar online.



Jan 15 OSLC Service will be at 9:00AM, SVLC service will be at 10:30AM.

Annual Meeting (SVLC) January 15 @ 11:30AM

(NOTE THE TIME SWITCH) According to the by-laws, to be an active, voting member, one must have communed with the congregation and given a contribution of note (check or other statement) within the last year. If one does not fit this criteria, one is not considered a voting member.

Annual Meeting (OSLC) January 22 @ 11:30AM

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Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart" LBW 186
Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father, We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

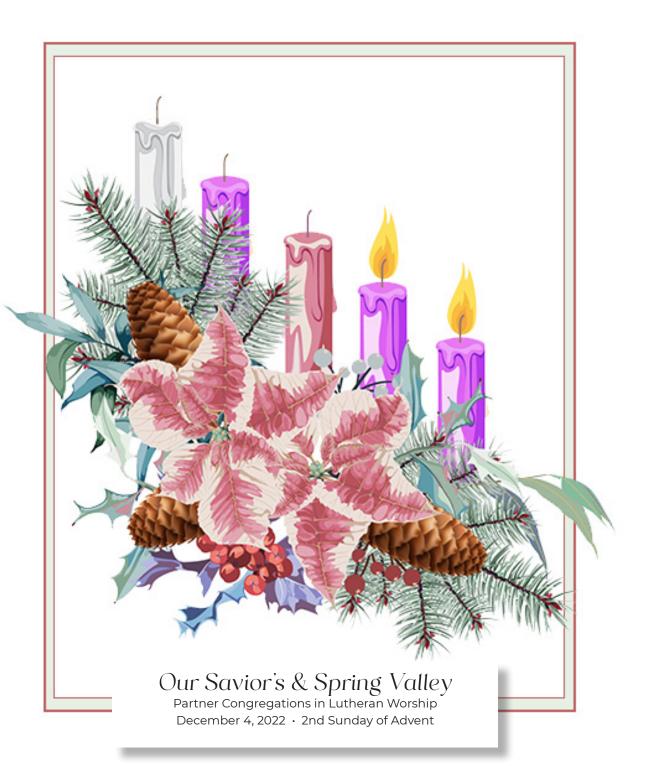
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LBW #60

Please Lift in Prayer

- ♣ Family & Friends of Jean Olsen (Linda Holmberg's mother)
- ₱ Bob Christensen
- $\boldsymbol{\upplus}$ Family & friends of Pastor Charles Lindgren, a former Pastor of Our Savior's
- ₱ David White Sr.
- ☆ Marin Bultena (Melanie P's grand-niece)
- ⊕ Jordan Mogck (Lisa M's niece)
- ☆ Karen & Don Engleke
- ⊕ Pastor Carol Marohl
- ☆ Family & Friends of Sue Rothschadl (Sam Bjerke's grandmother)
- ⊕ Family & Friends of Don Lenef (husband of Joy Ibsen)
- 🕆 Family & Friends of Ray Jensen (Ray's funeral is Dec. 10 at 10AM @ SVLC)





Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

God our shepherd, gather us as lambs in your arms. Forgive our sins so that we may rejoice in your coming. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

> ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

- ² May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!
- ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
- ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs. 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

- ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was ¹⁰ And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his
 - ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."
 - ¹² And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles: in him will the Gentiles hope."
 - ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping the wilderness of Judea, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."

- ⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him. 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
- ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee

with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you. God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

" "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People