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CrossTalk Newsletter

The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School is 'connecting families in Christ' by proclaiming the forgiveness of sin in the Gospel and the Sacraments.

All Saints' Day

Dear family of Our Savior's, grace be yours from Christ Jesus, our Lord and King! November is the turn upon the calendar, and that means All Saints' Day is on our minds. It's Saturday, November 1, but we'll observe on Sunday, November 2nd. There is no better occasion than to remember the saints who have gone before us. Not only do we heartfully remember grandmas and grandpas, but every generation that contributed to our lineage, especially those who we long to greet once again in heaven. This would include all our loved ones: spouses, children, and friends. It's not the easiest of Sundays, but it's a very important one. Our lives have been touched by so many that we can sometimes forget the vast number of introductions and acquaintances. But those dearly loved people that spent time with us and looked into our eyes and said, "I love you." Well, those people are going to be remembered, and we commend their eternal care into the arms of our Savior.

I would encourage you to take comfort in the knowledge that God does turn about evil for the good. He promises that He works out all things for the good of those who love Him. Jesus has done precisely that by ushering in the kingdom of heaven by His death on the cross. But Jesus didn't just stay in the tomb, did He? No! He rose victoriously from the grave. As Christians, we must rejoice and sing alleluias, because the Lord shares freely His resurrection! This is the gospel we need to talk more about. So, take a look at 1 Corinthians 15 and see how St. Paul is on a roll with this topic. He tells us that while Adam is made from the dust of the earth, his *soul* is made from heavenly things. Each precious life that God has brought into this world has both a body and a soul. That means we are heavenly people as well. What a joy to know that our life with the Lord begins in the waters of baptism and will be brought to new heights when we walk along the River of Life on the streets of gold!

1 Corinthians 15:50–52 gives us a mystery that has yet to take place, but all believers today look forward to it! The day is fast approaching when Christ shall return. We don't know exactly the order of events or how Jesus will look when we see Him, but I guarantee you tears of joy will be the reaction. And what Paul wants you to know is that death will no longer be a hindrance anymore. "I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed... death is swallowed up in victory." What Jesus wants most of all is that we would reign with Him in heaven. And He has done everything to make that possible. Do you think Jesus loves us, just a little bit? I can't wait to see Him, and all the saints... Amen.

Peace of Christ be with you always,
Pastor Daniel Gadbow

From Our Health Ministry

10 Holiday Home Food Safety Tips

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Enjoying food with family and friends is one of the highlights of the holiday season! While it's great that everyone wants to help, too many cooks in the kitchen can result in an increased risk of food poisoning, which can cause severe and even life-threatening illness. Easy-to-follow, safe food handling practices help protect everyone in the family from getting sick.

Here are some food safety tips to help avoid common kitchen blunders when preparing meals, buffets and even homemade food gifts this holiday season.

Share the Gift of Home Food Safety This Season

Follow these simple steps to properly handle food and reduce the risk of food poisoning:

- **Defrost carefully.** Never allow foods to thaw at room temperature, on the counter or in warm water. Defrost food only in the refrigerator, microwave or in a cool water bath (inside a leak-proof plastic bag) with water that is changed every 30 minutes. When defrosting food in the refrigerator, remember to cover raw meat and place it on the bottom shelf so juices won't drip onto other foods. When thawing food in the microwave, cook it immediately afterward.
- **Wash hands before, during and after food preparation.** Proper hand-washing may eliminate a large percentage of food poisoning cases. Remember to wash hands when switching tasks, such as handling raw meat and then cutting vegetables. Wash hands with soap in clean, running water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Keep kitchen surfaces clean.** Use hot, soapy water to wash countertops and surfaces, cutting boards, refrigerator door handles and utensils. After tidying up, keep it clean by avoiding cross-contamination.
- **Use two cutting boards.** Dedicate one for raw meat, poultry and fish and the other for ready-to-eat foods, such as fruits and vegetables. Make it easy to remember by using color-coded cutting boards, one for raw meats and one for ready-to-eat foods.
- **Employ different utensils for different tasks.** Use separate spoons and forks to taste, stir and serve food.
- **Resist temptation.** When baking, avoid eating foods containing raw eggs or uncooked flour, such as cookie dough or cake batter. These ingredients may contain bacteria that can lead to food poisoning if not cooked first.
- **Buy and use a food thermometer.** It is the only reliable way to determine the doneness of your food and ensure that food is cooked to proper internal temperatures. (Do not rely on "clear juices" to tell that the turkey is done.)
- **Refrigerate food within two hours of serving.** This helps to prevent the growth of harmful bacteria that can lead to food poisoning and is especially important when serving buffets. Use a refrigerator thermometer and make sure it's set at below 40°F.
- **Know how to handle mold.** Discovering your ingredients have gone bad can be disappointing, but don't put your family or guests at risk by serving food that may make them ill. A few foods, such as firm fruits and vegetables and hard cheese, can still be used

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if you remove about one inch around the moldy spot. Soft fruits, vegetables, cheeses, casseroles and any foods with a high moisture content, such as bread, jam or yogurt, should be discarded if it begins to mold.

- **Practice kitchen safety.** Ensure your kitchen is ready with the tools and resources you need before the big event.

Are Your Guests at High Risk for Food Poisoning?

While you should always practice safe food handling, some guests might be particularly vulnerable to food poisoning, including older adults, pregnant women, young children and people with weakened immune systems. This may mean taking special precautions and keeping certain high-risk foods off the menu.

Whether you're bringing a holiday dish to the party or preparing the holiday feast yourself, it's important to practice safe food handling and keep in mind the needs of those who may be vulnerable to food poisoning.

Take special care during the holidays to ensure vulnerable guests avoid high-risk foods, such as raw or under-cooked eggs, raw or unpasteurized dairy products, raw fish or shellfish, raw or rare meat and under-cooked poultry.

Joy to the Leftovers

Holiday meals often bring leftovers. Perishable food should not be left at room temperature for more than two hours. Refrigerate or freeze leftovers within two hours of serving or throw them out. In hot weather, when 90°F or above, refrigerate or toss food within one hour of serving. Use an appliance thermometer to check that the refrigerator is cooling to 40°F or below and the freezer is 0°F or below.

Store leftovers in shallow containers. Remove turkey from the bone and store it separately from the stuffing and gravy. Slice breast meat into smaller portions to speed up cooling; legs and wings may be left whole. Use turkey, stuffing and gravy within 3 to 4 days. Reheat leftovers to 165°F.

When in doubt, throw it out!



Servant Fair Opportunity of the Month

In January 2025, the Health Ministry hosted a Servant Fair to showcase the wide range of volunteer opportunities available at OSL. Each month, we'll spotlight one or two of these opportunities to help you discover meaningful ways to connect—and stay connected—with your church family. Stay tuned and consider how you might get involved!

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Servant Fair *Volunteering to Serve Our Lord*

Name of Group: Friendship Club

Contact Person: Anita Crosby

Time Commitment: 3-4 hours per month if being a Hostess, 1-1.5 hours per month if attending

Description of group's work:

- A friendship group for Widows and Widowers
- Meetings are the first Friday of each month 1:30-3:00 in the OSL Commons. (Date & time agreed upon by the group)
- At each gathering a hostess will volunteer for the next meeting, the hostess prepares coffee, brings a treat, provides paper plates/napkins/serving items, does setup for the gathering, and cleans up after the event. Group size 8-10 people.

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Servant Fair *Volunteering to Serve Our Lord*

Name of Group: Garden Club

Contact Person: Bob Burns

Time Commitment: Varies how much time is dependent on weather and personal preference

Description of group's work:

- Help put up fence in the Spring
- Somebody to till the soil before we put up the fence (a tiller is available for use)
- Promote plots, plenty are available to members
- Plot maintenance: weed control, haul out vegetation after season is over, help take down fence after plants are removed

News from the Early Learning Center

A Season of Thankfulness -

We are so grateful for our loving, caring staff. They truly care about our children and their families. We do, however, have several staffing concerns at this time. Currently, three team members are on medical leave and one is on family leave. To maintain continuity and support our operations, we will need to hire replacements for each of these positions. If you know anyone who you think would be a good fit for our organization, please contact me.

We are honored to have received a donated American flag from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). We extend our sincere thanks to the DAV for their generous contribution, and to Jim Lauer for facilitating this meaningful gift.

Our team is actively working on updates to both the ELC Parent Handbook and the Employee Handbook. While some consider these projects tedious and unnecessary, these documents are, in truth, essential resources that provide clear, concise guidelines for families and staff, helping to ensure shared understanding and alignment around expectations and responsibilities. We're incredibly thankful to everyone who has contributed to this important work—your dedication to quality is what makes our center thrive.

Additionally, we are in the process of developing our projected budget for 2026. We are partnering with First Children's Finance to guide and support this effort, with the goal of creating a budget that is both accurate and sustainable. Having partners like First Children's Finance is an invaluable asset.

Ultimately, our success is built on the foundation of loving staff, generous donations, meaningful contributions, and strong partnerships, including the ongoing support of Our Saviors Lutheran Church. We are truly thankful to each and every one of you who helps make our center a nurturing and loving place for children and families.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving,

Lori Holtberg
OSL Director



Upcoming Guild Events

Remember all ladies of the congregation are invited to join us!

- √ The Guild will be honoring the Veterans of our congregation on Sunday, November 9, 2025. Please join us for a special tribute to our Veterans at coffee time after church services that day.
- √ Want to find out what physical fitness has to do with our spiritual well-being? Join us for our November Guild meeting where Pastor Chad Kirkoff (former Hutchinson resident) shares about his ministry at Shepherd of the Valley LCMS church in Hastings. Again, we will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons on Tuesday, November 11th with a program and regular business meeting to follow. **All ladies of the congregation are welcome!**
- √ Ablelight (Bethesda) Thrift Store visit is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th. Contact Sharon Haberkamp if you would like to assist with duties at the Thrift Store.
- √ We look forward to seeing many of you at our Table Treasures event on Saturday, November 15th. This year's event is themed "Christmas Traditions" but table hostesses may set their table following whatever theme they desire. Shirley Landskroener will be joining us to provide some Christmas music. Pastor Mark Biebighauser from Hosanna in Mankato will be speaking about the importance of the table in our society today.
- √ Quilters will be meeting on Monday, November 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons to tie quilts for Orphan Grain Train and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Newcomers are always welcome!
- √ Get your Christmas cookie and candy recipes ready as we plan for our annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 6th. Please look for sign-up sheets near the office for workers and cookie/candy makers and see the special insert in this month's Crosstalk.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

Highlights of the October 14, 2025 Guild Meeting

The OSL LWML Women's Guild met on October 14, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons beginning with a pizza buffet. Twenty-three people attended, including 5 guests.

- President Gwen Dahl welcomed attendees. Table prayer songs were sung.
- After the meal, Gwen led the group in a devotion from *Portals of Prayer*.
- A program presenting Jan Struck portraying Katie Luther was viewed online by the group with technology provided by Linda Butzin.
- Lisa Kamrath led the group in a Bible Study answering the question about how we can find God's Words of Comfort in the Psalms.
- For their October mission project, the group voted to contribute \$200.00 to purchase gift cards for the Christmas Marketplace at Concordia Seminary at Fort Wayne, Indiana for distribution to the Seminarian students for Christmas.
- The fall Human Care project will be the collection of knitted, crocheted, sewn, and or purchased items such as mittens, hats, scarves etc. for the Orphan Grain Train Christmas tree that will be placed in church during Advent/Christmas.
- Human Care/Christian Life Chairman Candace Metzger reported that 28 denim appreciation bags were packed, decorated and delivered to the ELC staff as the Guild's September mission and human care project.
- Cheer Chair Vivian Gonzalez reported that she sent a total of 4 cards in September.
- Sharon Haberkamp reported that she traveled to AbleLight on Thursday, October 9th. No food was taken to the Food Shelf in September.
- Jeanette Bening reported that the quilters will be meeting on Monday, October 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons. Nine quilts were tied in September.
- Honey Sundays were held on September 21st and 28th this year. Another Honey Sunday is scheduled for October 19th.
- LWML Sunday was celebrated on October 5th. A total of \$95.50 was collected that day for mites.
- Vice President Jackie Morris presented the 2026 officer ballot. A regular delegate as well as an alternate delegate are still needed to complete the ballot.
- Saturday, October 18th is the Crow River Conference Rally to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle, MN. Attendees will meet at church at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday to leave for the meeting.
- Group 2 will oversee the Veteran's Day celebration on November 9th.
- The group was reminded of the upcoming Table Treasures event to be held on Saturday, November 15th. Helpers are needed for that day.
- Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 11th, 2025 beginning with lunch at 11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Pastor Chad Kirchoff from Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Hasting speaking about his ReDo Fitness program.

Cookie Walk

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

800 Bluff St NE, Hutchinson

Cookie & Candy Sale

Saturday, December 6th
9:00 am-11:00 am
(or until sold out)

\$9.50 per pound

- *Bring your own container/lids
- *Choose your cookies/candies
- *Weigh & pay
- *Pack up your cookies
- *Your Holiday baking is done for the year!

Forget your own containers? You may purchase a platter/container from us!

Sponsored by the Women's Guild.
All proceeds go to Mission work.
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Thrivent.



Save the Dates



The OSL Guild cordially invites everyone to join them in honoring OSL members who are veterans with a celebration during coffee/fellowship time in the Activity Center following worship service on Sunday, November 9th.



Reminder – If you need a ride for these or any other OSL event, just call the church office (320-587-3318) and we will arrange transportation for you.



**Tuesday,
November 25th
at 7:00 p.m.**

Cups & Conversation

The next event will be Saturday, November 1st at 9:00 a.m. with Cassandra from Creekside Soils.



We will be decorating for Christmas, including the tree, on Saturday, November 29th at 8:00 a.m. Please come help if you are able; many hands make light work.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The next social event of this group is scheduled for **Friday, November 7th** from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Commons here at OSL. All widows and widowers are welcome!

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God." (II Corinthians 1:3-4)

Save the Dates

Please make plans to worship with us this Advent and Christmas – “Let Every Heart Prepare”. Advent services begin at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening beginning December 3rd. See the December Crosstalk for more information.

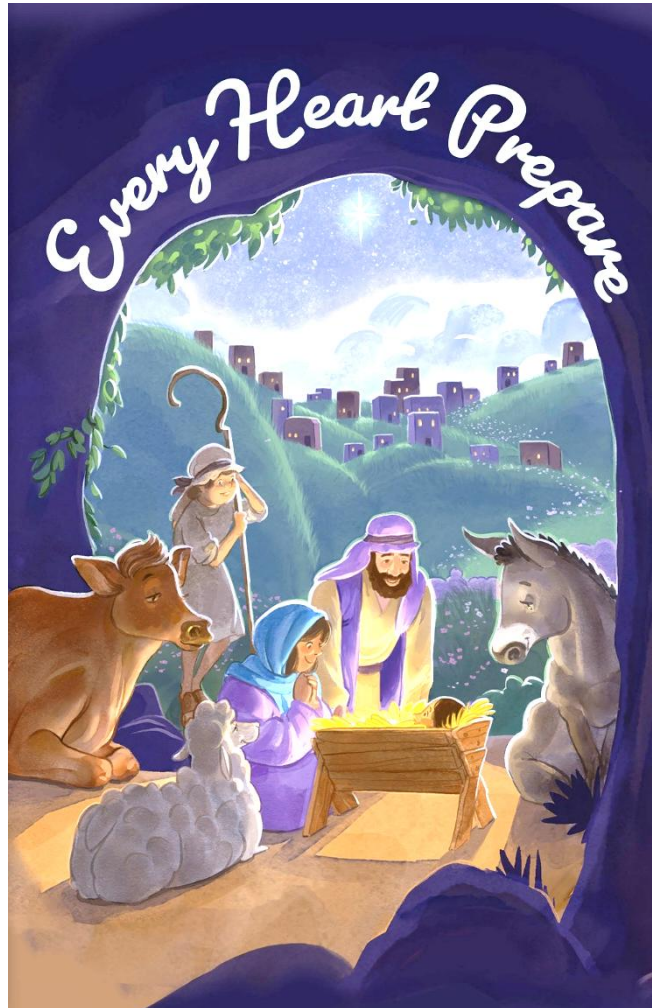
December 3
“**Evergreens**”

December 10
“**Lights**”

December 17
“**Crèche**”

December 24,
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service at 5:00 p.m.
“**Wrapped Presents**”

December 25,
Christmas Day
9:00 a.m. Divine Service
“**The Nativity of Our Lord**”



But first, join Us for Our Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m.

As we enter the holiday season, what better way to begin than by gathering in gratitude? Let's come together to thank God for the many blessings in our lives. This special evening of reflection and worship is the perfect way to center our hearts before the Thanksgiving celebration.

Celebrating this Month



11/1 Alice Boller
 11/1 Robert Morris
 11/2 Joan Ewald
 11/3 Briggs Blumhoefer
 11/3 Carlos Gonzalez
 11/3 Laura Knodel
 11/4 Diane Dostal
 11/6 Kristine Farenbaugh
 11/6 Paul Mraz
 11/8 Tyler Buresh
 11/9 Mike Schumann
 11/10 Linda Esser
 11/10 Dale Ewald
 11/10 Jim Hulkonen
 11/12 Michael Smithers
 11/14 Luke Primus
 11/16 Samantha Hallman
 11/21 Barbara Pischke
 11/22 Russell Berge
 11/22 Susan Mackedanz
 11/22 Janet Mraz
 11/26 Daniel Glieden
 11/27 Dave Penkert
 11/28 Marshall Kranz
 11/28 Kyle Schumann



11/18	Ralph & Betty Bach	53 Years
11/23	Jason & Paula Coyle	34 Years

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