



The Messenger



Ordinary people, Extraordinary God.....

What to Do In 2022

By Pastor Bruce Grentz

January 2022

01/01 HAPPY NEW YEAR YEAH !! 2022

01/11 8AM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

01/09 2ND SUNDAY OFFERING HELPS THE
OSL CHARITY QUILTERS

01/15 NEWS LETTER ARTICLES DUE BY MIDNIGHT
NO ARTICLES WILL BE PUBLISHED AFTER 01/18

AND JUST LIKE THAT ONE MONTH OF 2022 IS GONE

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Tonight, December 15, 2021, my sister, Carolyn, attended a church service honoring all those members of the church who had gone onto glory in 2021. The pastor stated that he had never seen a year like it. They had lost more members in 2021 than any other year in his 21 years as their pastor.

Let's face it, 2021 remains one of the most difficult years in recent history. Yes, there have been fires, floods and falling towers earlier in this century. I don't mean to minimize any of those disasters. In fact, in the last week, vicious tornadoes have ripped through Kentucky, Arkansas, Illinois, and Tennessee. But there hadn't been a pandemic in about a century.

Beyond the pandemic, we have inflation taking away more of our income. Depression and anxiety are up. Suicides in adolescent girls have increased by 52% since 2019.

Tensions are up between Russia and Ukraine, China, and Taiwan. The U.S. is somewhere in the middle of those conflicts. New variants of Covid-19 germinate and disseminate around the globe, and no one knows where the next one will land.

These are challenging times. We

can only say part of Charles Dickens, Tale of Two Cities, opening statement, "It was the worst of times." Hard to say the other half of that statement, "It was the best of times."

But what does God want us to do in 2022? Does he want us to be a naïve optimist that thinks things can only get better? Afterall, things can't get any worse! We have nowhere to go but up! Hate to tell you this but don't say that to the people who lost everything in this past week's tornadoes. Or the Jews who were held in Babylon for 70 years. It can get worse. But is that where God wants us to focus? Does he want us to focus on how dreadful things have been and how much worse they can get in 2022? Don't think so. But if we, believers, do, we won't attract anyone to the Savior.

Paul calls us ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). What ambassador tells people how terrible things are in the country they represent? If they do, they won't keep their job very long. Yet, by being negative people we are giving others the wrong impression of our King, Jesus Christ, and His kingdom. If we are negative, pessimistic, depressed people why would anyone want to become like us? They can get plenty of negativity 24/7 through all kinds of media. It's a barrage of shocking news. Social media

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It's a barrage of shocking news. Social media has also ended all civility in social discourse. Negativity about everyone and everything is commonplace now as we all have a place on social media to say whatever we want to whomever we want, however we want.

So, what does God want us to do in 2022? Certainly, He doesn't want us to tear each other down with negative comments and dialogue either in person or on social media. Instead, why don't we, by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, "encourage one another and build one another up." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Or as Hebrews 3:13 tells us, "But encourage one another every day, as long as it is *still* called "today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

The word "encourage" in English comes from the 15th Century French word, "encouragier." It has the idea of making strong, to hearten. Words we speak to one another can do just that, strengthen us in our hearts to keep on following Jesus no matter what happens in 2022. As Paul told the believers in Rome, "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

What does God want us to do in 2022? "...let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bruce

** FROM THE DESK OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT **

I first want to say Thank You for allowing me to serve as President of your Council. It has been quite a year! I have learned a lot, some things I learned were fun and exciting and other things come with the title of President. I hope that I will make it another year as your President but if not I will try for Vice President again and see what I can do with the Stewardship this time without COVID19.

I have seen a bunch happen this year, our long time secretary and financial secretary are leaving. It hurts my Heart to watch Bobbi leave but I know it is for the best, and something she needs to do. Please remember that BOTH positions are still open and waiting for one of YOU to step up and help. Of course, the Office Secretary is a paid position so keep that in mind

In Ephesians 3:20-21 it says: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, forever and ever. Amen. We need people to help with our church; we cannot rely on others to help, if we are not willing to help ourselves. Please take some time to pray on all of the openings we have in our church. So many Ministries right now are without Leaders, So many people stepping away from what they have loved for so long. If I could do more I would, but with my Mom, my plate is a little full.

Here is to another year gone and a New Year beginning, I hope and pray all of you had a safe Christmas and the New Year finds you full of Gods, Love,

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and Prosperity and hopefully in a new position with our Church. Blessings to all of you, Annie

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ~ Dan Kartak

FELLOWSHIP/Connect ~ Renae Schmid - Russ Smith Council Rep

Our Fellowship opportunities to gather have been pretty slim this year. We can pray that each one of us continue to practice health safety for yourself and others. I will be stepping down from leading the Fellowship at the end of the year. Nancy Gerry has graciously accepted the opportunity to lead this team. I know Our Saviors people, you are more than willing to answer the call to help, no matter what! I always love working with any of you!

GROW-BIBLE HOUR ~ Justine Ashcraft - Josh Ashcraft Council Rep.

I hope it was a very Merry Christmas for you all! We had a fun filled December learning about the nativity story and performing our "Carols and Cookies" program! Thanks to all who came to support our children and to all who helped out!

I can't believe we're already starting another new year! Let's make 2022 a great one for the "Children Who Love God."

MEN'S MINISTRY ~ Elton Sutherland - Dave Engen Council Rep.

Bible Study

We will be resuming January 21st, 2022 at Black Bear Diner in Layton at 6AM, with a study of "The Augsburg Confession and It's Apology." We will be studying our Lutheran roots as presented to Emperor Charles V on June 25, 1530 in Augsburg Germany. We will be meet for breakfast and Christian fellowship along with the Bible study. All are welcome.

Christian Men's Network

For over 40 years the Christian Men's Network has been a highly effective global movement of pastors and leaders dedicated to training men toward their roles as servant-leaders in their families, church, and culture.

The goal of CMN is to Build Men, Build Churches, and Transform Culture. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, God does it...one man at a time.

You can find the "ChristianMensNetwork" channel on YouTube or on the web at cmn.men.

Bill Lange of OSLC has recommended CMN for men who are struggling in this time of need. Please reach out to Bill if you need encouragement or have questions. (801)510-3994

Living on the Edge

The ultimate vision of Living on the Edge is to be a catalytic movement of Christians living out their faith in ways that transform families, churches, and communities for the common good and the glory of God. Learn more by visiting LivingontheEdge.org. If you have any questions please contact Elton Sutherland, 385-244-5499.

Prayer Time

We encourage everyone to tune in to the pastor's Facebook page Live at 7PM on Wednesday nights to take part in prayers for who ever needs them as led by our pastor. This is an awesome time and he will pray any request sent to him. Thank you, Pastor, for leading our church in a way that honors God.

Security Team

We are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and well being of the church. If you would like to participate or have any specialized training you would like to share, please contact Alan Huss. (801)725-1373

Building and Grounds

We always have tasks that need doing and John would love to hear from you. Contact John Crossfield or the church office if you are willing to help tackle a project.



MENS MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST ~ Dan Kartaki

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be held on January 8th, the breakfasts will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. This will be held on the second Saturday because of the New Year holiday. John Deitsch will be hosting this month. The next breakfast will be held on February 5th, Joe Heman will host.



MISSION & SERVICE ~ Kathy Sutherland - Josh Ashcraft Council Rep

The second Sunday offering for January is OSLC Charity Quilters. This is a group of interested people who gather once a month on the second Thursday to fellowship, lunch and sew. They are always looking for new faces and ideas so consider paying them a visit. Even if you don't sew they are willing to teach you. Donations are needed to keep the machines in good repair and to purchase supply's as needed. If you have ever been to a "Blessing of the Quilts" Sunday, you have seen what beautiful work they do! A new quilt is given to all OSLC newborns. Other quilts and projects are donated to support groups within the community. Please consider a generous donation to this worthwhile OSLC ministry. Questions can be directed to Diane Nath.



MUSIC AND WORSHIP ~ Pending Name ~ Trent Schmid Council Rep.

After 30 plus years our Praise Band is now retired. The Scholtec Boys have served this church beside their parents Russ and Betty for many of them. Wendy moved away and when she came back she jumped right into action musically and in service to the Music and Worship team. Trent fit right in and has drummed to his own beat ever since :) We extend our thanks and gratitude for all the special music, performances and support to the church. You all deserve a great retirement but, we Love you all and miss you already.



WELCOME/REACH MINISTRY ~ *Mary Kartak - Terry Schmid Council*

Hospitality teams

Thank you to all the team leaders and to everyone on those teams for your generous donations. Wow! Thank you to those who gave monetary donations, allowing us to purchase a ham plus a beautiful throw for each of the 7 families that received a portion of our generosity. The secret Santas who gave baby formula and turkeys are as appreciated as those who confessed they gave 2 or 3 times the quantities requested. Seeing the excitement generated by the visible evidence of caring that the Alpha Food Drive conveys is an immeasurable treasure.

In addition, thank you to Katherine Redwine for helping with sorting and Terry and Renae Schmid for their flexibility regarding the perishable items. Appreciation is also extended to those who picked up and delivered our bundles of Christian love to incredibly grateful families.

A resignation of Carol Williams as a team leader has led to a vacancy in the months of January and March. Thank you, Carol, for serving both these months. Please contact Mary Kartak at 801-540-2396 if you would like to explore the duties and blessings of serving as a hospitality team leader.

Reach and Welcome

Visitors have found their way to our doors during many recent Sundays. New members are anticipated soon. Advent and Christmas are typically the time when church services are sought even by those who seldom occupy a pew. Let us each be welcoming of our guests and help them to find value in being a part of Christian fellowship at Our Savior's.

In this new year, let us be aware of those who have returned after a covid-imposed absence and let them know how significant they are to the fold. Consider calling or sending a card to those you have missed. Don't forget to pray (and in addition ponder doing something special) for those who continue to find church attendance difficult or impossible.

Thank you to those who have served in the capacities that fall within the Reach and Welcome Ministry. As identified in the Continuing Resolutions of OSLC that includes the angel team, prayer team, card ministry, ushers, greeters, home visitors, and visitor "bags." Thank you to Bobbi Spring, our resigning church secretary, who on numerous occasions has made up for multiple but unintended gaps in communication within these components.

It was said of my mother that she, "quietly went about doing what was good." Let's do that-- intentionally and with love.

In Luke 2: 37b,38 it is written regarding the prophetess Anna, "**She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them (Mary, Joseph and Jesus) at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.**"



WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ *ANDREA GRAVES - Jeff Graves Council Rep*

Worship Assistants

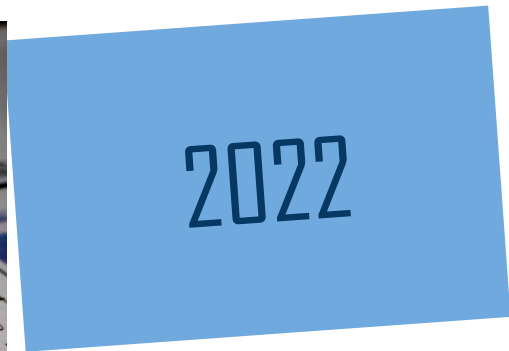


Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Projector	Camera	Counters
Sheila Courtney 385-626-8291	Pastor Bruce 801 721-1922	Sandee Isaacson 801 388-6694	Kathy Sutherland 801 540-1720	Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Antonio Ramirez 801 573-2559	Minuette Grentz 214 564-3000	Position open

Time	Date	Communion	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Projector	Camera	Counters
10AM	Jan 02	NA	NA	NA	??	?	??		NA
8AM	Jan 09	NA	NA	NA	??	?	??		NA
10AM	Jan 09	NA	NA	NA	??	?	??		NA
8AM	Jan 16	NA	NA	NA	??	?	??		NA
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01/03 Chloe Colvell	01/10 Bob Tyler
01/03 Martha Jones	01/15 Shailee Atkinson
01/03 Ryan Kaiser	01/17 John Griffith
01/05 Kim Sparkman	01/19 Graham Faris
01/08 Ross McClellan	01/25 Ben Mister
01/08 Gail Gildemeister	01/25 Joy Kern
01/09 Teri McCloy	01/29 Dema Jo Call
01/09 Jon Schwartz	01/30 Shelly Strahan



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
02 10:00a Service No Sunday School	03 Office Closed 7:00p Boy Scouts Troup 17 5:00 Girl Scouts Troup #773	04 6:00p Girl Scouts #578	05 5:45 Girl Scouts #970	06 Noon—Bible Study BYOL 6:00p Girl Scouts #807	07 Office Closed	01  <hr/> 08 8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9:00a Open Hand Help
09 8:00a Traditional Service 9:00 a Sunday School 10:00a Contemporary Svs Confirmation Class after 2nd svs for our kids and families	10 Office Closed 7:00p Boy Scouts Troup 17	11 6:00p Girl Scouts #111	12	13 9-4 Charity Quilting Noon—Bible Study BYOL 6:30p Church Council	14 Office Closed 6:00p Girl Scouts #1710 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: #4F81BD;"> Newsletter Articles Due </div>	15
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***February Newsletter Articles
Due Friday, January 14, 2022***

January Lectionary

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Newsletter

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
01/02	1 King 3:4-15	Psalm 119:97-104	Ephesians 1:3-14	Luke 2:40-52
01/06	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15)	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
01/09	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Romans 6:1-11	Luke 3:15-22
01/16	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 128	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
01/23	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19 (1-6) 7-14	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:16-30
1/30	Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19)	Psalm 71:1-6 (7-11)	1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13	Luke 4:31-44

