



JAN 2024

Worship Services Schedule

JAN 7: 9:30 WORSHIP
 10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
 JAN 14: 9:30 WORSHIP
 10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
 JAN 21: 9:30 WORSHIP,
 10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
 JAN 28: 9:30 WORSHIP
 10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 3 Chloe Colvell
 Jan 3 Ryan Kaiser
 Jan 5 Kim Sparkman
 Jan 9 Teri McCloy
 Jan 10 Bob Tyler
 Jan 19 Gramh Faris
 Jan 25 Joy Kern
 Jan 29 Dema Jo Call

Mark Your Calendar

Jan 7: 3:00p Ladies Bunko
 Jan 9: 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Jan 10-11: 9:00a Quilters
 Jan 11: 6:30p Church Council
 Jan 20: 10:00a Women's Bible Study
 Jan 25: 5:30p Teens & Families At Boondocks
 Jan 27: 9:00a Church Planning Meeting
 Feb 2: 10:00a Golden Circle



Council Presidents Corner

John Deitsch

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve our awesome God, and to serve OSLC and its members in a role I believe God positioned me to be in, as your Council President. I thank all of you for giving me this wonderful opportunity, I hope I have served you well. This will be my final Newsletter article in that capacity, and I would like to take the opportunity to look back and reflect on those two years, as well as looking at how those two years have positioned our church to move forward.

Two years ago, I knew that there was work to be done, but little did I know how challenging and humbling of an experience it would be. Based on many personal interactions with Pastor Greutz, I believed I had a good understanding of issues that existed when I was elected to the role of Council President, and I believed I could work with the rest of the Council to quickly put them to bed. It turned out to be not that simple. After taking the time to actually visit with and to listen to members who had concerns, and to research the issues in more depth and to put them into clearer context, it was apparent that the problem was of a greater magnitude, ran far deeper, and had been going on far longer than I could have imagined. Even within our congregation, people's experiences and perceptions, and the opinions derived from those experiences and perceptions, were vastly different. And as serious and real as the concerns were, they did not necessarily directly affect the entire congregation. It became clear that there would be no quick and easy resolution, and that satisfying every member of our congregation would be difficult. There would need to be tough, prayerful decisions by the Congregational Council made in the best overall interests of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and its members.

Even as your Council tried to address issues and find a way to work through them, we also put in a great amount of time and effort to keep the congregation together and moving forward. We oversaw the revamping of our ministries to make them more effective, we gained approval to utilize Building Fund money to upgrade/improve our facilities, and we encouraged and supported church functions and events. Lenten dinners, Wine & Cheese, VBS, Steak Fry, Golf for the Son, Family Promise, Alpha Food Drive, Collection of School Supplies, and Oktoberfest are just some of the special events/functions that took place over the past two years along with the other regular functions of our ministries. I believe even with some distractions in the background and despite some isolated circumstances, that we as a church have indeed continued to be **a welcoming fellowship of believers who proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and who, through our support of and connecting with each other, the local community, and children of God everywhere, strive to love Christ and all others.**

So here we are, with our pastor having recognized the need to end his call, now in a transition period as we go through the process to find a new pastor who can be an effective spiritual leader to every member of our congregation. We can choose to dwell on past circumstances or choose to focus on moving forward; this transition presents another challenge for our congregation, but also an opportunity for our members to rise to the occasion to sustain our church. And rise you have! So many of you are stepping

up to fill specific roles, and so many of you are stepping up in other ways. In my 20+ years as a member of OSLC, the strength and resiliency of the committed members of our congregation has never ceased to amaze me, and I continue to be amazed. Even though we come from different backgrounds and have different experiences, even though we all have our own personal situations, and even though each of us may be at a different point on our spiritual journey, we all share a common faith and come together to be Our Savior's Lutheran Church. I thank all of you for your commitment, dedication, and support. Each of us is important to God's plan for his church here in Roy, Utah, and each of us has something, however large or small, to offer.

I wish all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year! I am looking forward to serving you all for one more year on the Congregational Council, and in whatever other capacity I may be called to serve. You are my church family, and **TOGETHER WE ARE OSLC STRONG!**

MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

Worship & Music Ministry

Sandee Isaacson (Chairman)
Barb McFarland (Co-Chairman)
Rena Schmid (Counsel Liaison)

As we move forward, you may notice some changes based on our latest meeting.

- A discussion was held on having our youth more involved by helping with Greeting, Ushering and reading the Psalms. This will be done by the acolyte unless uncomfortable. It will be implemented by Beth Cooper - Leader and April Barrett - co-leader of Acolytes.
- Weekly readers will do 1st and 2nd readings.
- Usher training for all people who are going to usher, who have not previously done it, or may wish a review.
- We are using up the small unleavened Bisquick for now, so they don't become stale.

- Communion will be offered to the band first.
- People know that we have readers - they are announced in the bulletin. All pastors will be advised.
- Sharing the Peace of the Lord to keep within our pews to front and back of where we are sitting. This will keep us on track in starting the church service.
- Wendy contacted a repair person for the organ.

- Band - will play Christmas Eve morning, then intermittently - we will be trying a music video, Wendy and Barb will work together on this. Green book hymns may be used occasionally. If you would like to make suggestions talk to Wendy or drop a note in the offering plates.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is 5pm- no communion.
- Annie Baugh has asked if we can start doing the Children's Sermon, as before, right before the sermon. All agreed.
- Brief mention of Lenten dinners, more discussion on this.
- Next meeting - January 7th, immediately following the service. (2nd Sunday is after the council meeting)

Blessings, We are OSLC Strong
Sandee Isaacson

Grow Ministry:

Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)
Stephanie Nourse (Co-Chairman)
Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)

I would like to send a special thank you to Barb, Wendy, and Shirley for all their help in making the youth service on December 17th happen! And of course, a huge thank you to each parent and grandparent of all the children who were involved. None of it could have happened without your support and encouragement!

Stephanie Nourse has graciously stepped up to be Grow co-lead. She's always so kind and willing to help where needed so we're very grateful for her! Sunday school/confirmation will resume on January 7th.

Connect Ministry:

Andrea Graves (Chairman)
Jeff Graves (Co-Chairman)
Annie Baugh (Council Liaison)

In the new year we're going to focus on connecting with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. We want to support and encourage our fellow friends and members. Our first group will be our wonderful members and friends aged 70 and up, the Golden Circle. I invite you all to a little get together in the fellowship hall on Saturday, February 2nd at 9:10:00 am. Coffee, stories, cards and conversations.

For those who have been confirmed but are not quite old enough to vote, we have not forgotten about you. On Thursday, January 25th at 5:30 pm, I invite our teens, friends and families to come and spend a little time playing at Boondocks in Kaysville. Bowling, arcade and food. From there the group can decide what we would like to do for the next get together.

If you don't fit in either of those groups, come meet at Scooters in Roy after church Sunday, January 21st. We'll figure out what we're doing there.

If you would like to head or create another group to get together, do it! This year is the year of creating lasting connections.

Your sister in Christ,
Andrea Graves
801-529-3462



Service & Outreach Ministry:

Ashley Kaiser (Chairmen)
Kim Showman (Co-Chairmen)
John Deitsch (Council Liaison)

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. As we move into 2024, I pray it is a year of joy and peace for us all. Thank you to everyone that gave to the special offering towards Christmas for Roy Elementary. It was a wonderful opportunity and gift to support our community.

The 2nd Sunday offering for January will go to Journey Clinic in Roy, on January 14th. Journey Clinic is a faith based non-profit organization that specializes in helping women and their partners as they navigate the sometimes-overwhelming experience of early pregnancy.

The Ogden Rescue Mission is also in need of winter clothing, including coats, winter hats, gloves, socks, and blankets. We will be collecting these items during the month of January, and delivering it all at the end of the month.

Lastly, the Service and Outreach Ministry will be meeting Sunday, January 7th, after the service. We would love to have you join us.

Blessings and Peace
Ashley Kaiser

BLESSINGS & THANK YOU'S

This is so thrilling! Thank-you and Blessings

Beth Cooper and April Barrett will co-lead the Acolytes for our services.

Kim Showman will be co- leader for Service and Outreach

Stephanie Nourse - will be co-leader for Grow.

Mary Kartak and the Grow team for working together to provide us with a Youth Sunday

Our Savior's generosity and coming together to provide boxes of food for 9 families.

Kent's Market for putting together Perishable Boxes for our 9 families

Peterson Manufacturing for turkeys and Hams.

Worship Assistants						
Date	Acolytes/ Reader	Greeters	Ushers	Projecti onist	Readers	Altar Guild
7 Jan	Luke Ashcraft	Renae Schmid	Terry Schmid		Al Heiskanen	
14 Jan	Levi Ashcraft	Diane Nath	Mary Leschke		Sue Heiskanen	
21 Jan		Barb McFarland	Don McFarland		Annie Baugh	
28 Jan	Nate Faris	Pat Simonson	Katherine Redwine		Shirley Cooper- Aguilar	

Jan Hospitality

Dan & Mary Kartak – Coordinator
Shirley & Gene Cooper-Aguilar
Jessica Bennington
Dave Engen
Cat Smith



Let Us Know

There is a lot going on at OSLC and we want to keep you in the loop!

The easiest way to communicate is by email and announcements at church, but we know that not everyone can attend church every week and not everyone has email that they check on a regular basis. If you do not currently receive emails and would like to, please notify Barb in the church office to get your correct email address on file.

Or if you do not receive emails and would like to receive important communication by regular mail, likewise, please notify Barb in the church office.

OSLC Call Committee

The call committee has been formed to search for our new pastor. Members of the committee are as follows: Allan

Heiskanen, April Barrett, Dan Kartak, Elizabeth and Callie Cooper, Kim Fasig, Patrick Barrett and Thomas Curtin. We welcome Callie Cooper to the team as the youth representative, so if any of the youth have some input, they have a voice. If any of the members have any input, please get a hold of any of the committee members and let them know.

Dan Kartak
Chairman



January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 	2 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #773	3 5:30p Girl Scout Troup #970	4 5:00p Transition Meeting 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #807	5 5:00p GSA Lego League	6 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
7 8:00a Band Practice 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 3:00p Ladies Bunko	8 5:30p GSA Suncrest Service Unit	9 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #111	10 9:00a Quilters 5:30p Girl Scout Troup #970	11 9:00a Quilters 5:00p GSA Advisory Board 5:00p Transition Meeting 6:30p Church Council Meeting	12 5:00p GSA Lego League 5:30p Girl Scout Troop #1710	13 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry
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Utah Via de Cristo

Ascension Lutheran Church

1105 N. Washington Boulevard

Ogden Utah

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 – 3pm until 5pm

(The secretariat will be meeting from 1-3 and all are welcome)

Bring a name badge, a friend, and a dish to pass

The Pastor at Ascension, Debra Jimenez, and her husband were actively involved in Via de Cristo when they resided in other states. We anticipate a warm welcome and exuberant message.

Cindy Day has eagerly stepped into the role of liaison for Ascension and is preparing for a thirsty response from all of us along the Wasatch front. Kelly Martin served as the liaison for Ascension for many years, and we thank her for her dedicated service.

Let us bubble over with enthusiasm!

- Don't you crave an Abrazo from someone you have not seen in a while? Give them a call, send them an e-mail, ask them to join you on January 14.
- Don't you miss the eager singing? We most certainly can make a joyful noise to the Lord! January cold cannot compete with the **JOY** of community.
- A heartfelt message, the opportunity to share Communion, an intriguing experiential activity—now that is a trifecta!!
- Potluck is always a diverse and delicious feast plus a wonderful time for fellowship!

The Our Saviors Quilt ministry would like to thank the congregation for their continued support. We completed 74 quilts this past year and distributed 129 to the following. Each twin also includes a matching pillowcase.

Catholic Community Services – 7 twins
Intermountain Health Care – 10 throws
Royal Family Kids Camp – 41 twins
Youth Futures – 10 twins
Pregnancy Medical Center – 8 baby quilts
Ogden Regional – 38 throws
YCC – 10 twins
Guatemala Mission – 1 queen, 1 twin
OSL Members – 2 throws 1 baby



Time Sensitive Material

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Jan Lectionary

Date	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
6 Jan	Feast of Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15)	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
7 Jan	Baptism of Our Lord	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Romans 6:1-11	Mark 1:4-11
14 Jan	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)	Psalm 139:1-10	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
21 Jan	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62	1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)	Mark 1:14-20
28 Jan	4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28