



# The Messenger

## Feb 2024

### Worship Services Schedule

FEB 4: 9:30 WORSHIP  
10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

FEB 11: 9:30 WORSHIP  
10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

FEB 14: 7:00p ASH WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE

FEB 18: 9:30 WORSHIP  
10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

FEB 21: 7:00p LENTEN SERVICE

FEB 25: 9:30 WORSHIP  
10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

FEB 18: 7:00p LENTEN SERVICE



### Mark Your Calendar

Feb 3: 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast

Feb 3: 10:00a Golden Circle

Feb 7-8: 9:00a Quilters

Feb 8: 6:30p Church Council

Feb 17: 10:00a Women's Bible Study

Feb 21: 6:00p Lenten Supper

Feb 25: 12:30p Youth at Rush Funplex

Feb 28: 6:00p Lenten Supper



**Council  
Presidents  
Corner**  
  
By Dan Kartak

Greetings,

It has been a while since I've had the privilege of writing the president's message for our church newsletter. With that said, I'd like to welcome the newest members of your church Council. They are Ken Rueckert and John Showman. Thank you to Annie Baugh whose term on the Council has expired and who is now taking on the role of Treasurer. Your elected executive Council are Dan Kartak – President,

John Deitsch- Vice President who is also serving as the liaison for the Service and Outreach ministry. Adam Nourse and Josh Ashcraft are serving the Grow ministry. Renae Schmid and John Showman are serving the Connect ministry. Elaine Risen is serving in the Worship and Music ministry. Dave Engen is serving by leading adult Bible classes and heading up the Golf for The Son. Ken Rueckert will possibly be serving as Service and Outreach ministry liaison along with John Deitsch. Appointed people to the Council are Kim Fasig as the Council Secretary and Geri Wessner as the Financial Secretary. Annie Baugh, Don McFarland and Patrick Barrett are serving as Treasurer in a combined role. John Crossfield continues to head up Building and Grounds. Barb McFarland continues to serve in the capacity of secretary for OSLC. Thank you to all who are serving our Church.

The call committee has been busy meeting and drawing up qualifications for our new pastor. They have developed a survey for the congregation to express what their desires are for a new pastor. If you haven't already filled out a survey, they are available on the back counter in the Narthex where there is also a basket available to put the survey into once it is filled out.

Members of the call committee are Dan Kartak-Chairman, Patrick Barrett-co-chairman, April Barret, Al Heiskanen, Kim Fasig, Thomas Curtin, Beth Cooper with Callie Cooper as the youth representative.

OSLC is moving forward, and services are being held on a regular basis. This is not the first time we have been without a pastor. During other vacancies we as a congregation have grown. A spirit of eager willingness is almost tangible. Our ministries are strong with a full docket of leaders and co-leaders and with many activities happening and planned.

Our annual meeting will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup> after the service, with a potluck dinner served in the fellowship hall. There will be a sign-up sheet for dinner items to be brought by alphabet last names.

Ash Wednesday is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. during the following five Wednesday's various hospitality teams will serve a light supper beginning at 6:00 PM with services beginning at 7:00 PM. The Lenten services will include reflections given by several lay persons.

Pastor Rick Ehrheart is scheduled to lead the services on February 4 and 18. Pastor Gordon Young is scheduled for Easter which is March 31 this year.

As we move through this transition period we will be relying on our trained Lay Leaders for the pastoral message in our newsletter. I can see great things happening. For this, I thank the LORD.

Together we are **OSLC STRONG**.

Blessings

Dan Kartak  
Council President

*Do not be afraid; only believe.  
Mark 5:36 NKJV*

## Lay Leader's Message

By John Deitsch

### TOGETHER WE ARE OSLC STRONG

TOGETHER WE ARE OSLC STRONG is not just a mantra or a sentiment, it is a state of being for our church. And to be clear, STRONG is not an attribute or a physical characteristic that is inherent to our church, or any church; or something that we have been naturally gifted with, but it is a condition that needs to be achieved and then sustained.

Fortunately, we have always been blessed with a hardworking, resilient, and dedicated group of firm believers and servants of our awesome God who have not just been at the core of our church, but who have always made up a substantial segment of our congregation. Our Savior's Lutheran Church has been around since 1956, and since that time has weathered many storms and has always come through, even if a little battered, as strong as ever.

If we are to stay strong, we must understand what makes us strong:

- First and foremost, we are believers who share a common faith in our awesome God, and a desire to praise, worship, and serve our Lord.
- Members of our congregation come from divergent backgrounds, bring varying life experiences, and are multi-generational; but with love, patience, understanding, and compassion, our uniqueness combines to become something far greater than any of us could ever be alone. When we focus on our shared faith in our awesome God as a point of commonality, it allows us to embrace our differences to find new and better ways to more worthily serve our Savior rather than letting those differences divide us.

- We are humble servants who rise to answer God’s call. Our role may be as a church leader, it may be as a worker in our ministries, or it may be as a participant or follower or in some other role. And the role we served in the past may be different than the role we are now called to serve, or the roles we will be called to serve in the future. What has impressed me as a member of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church is the willingness of our members to step up and rise to the occasion whenever there is a need. Whether it be by volunteering, through financial support, or by contributing in some other way, it is the coming together of our members to serve our church in whatever way is needed that sustains our church and keeps us strong.
- We are resilient and welcoming. We respect the foundations that were laid for our church by those who came before us, but we also are ever looking to for new ways to build upon that foundation. By being resilient we bend and change to get through difficult times without breaking, and by being welcoming we receive new members and new ideas that prevent complacency and keep us growing, whether that growth be in numbers, in faith, or in our ability to serve our missions.

As all of you know, we are currently in the Call Process to find a new pastor. What I also want all of you to know is that our church is not on hold until a new pastor is called. Through the efforts of so many in our congregation stepping up, and through the support of every member of this congregation, our church is moving forward in faith full speed ahead. Though without a pastor, none of those things I described above that make us strong have gone away. In fact, it may be that the temporary absence of a pastor has necessitated that our members step up even more than normal and that it has made us even stronger! Every member of our congregation is important and has something to contribute. From our youngest member, to our oldest, each of us is a vital part of God’s plan for our church. Matthew 18:20 says, “For where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am with them.” Imagine how strong His presence is in our church when, as a full body of believers, we gather in His name to praise, to worship, to serve, and to join in fellowship. ***TOGETHER WE ARE OSLC STRONG!***



# MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

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**Worship & Music Ministry**  
**Sandee Isaacson (Chairman)**  
**Barb McFarland (Co-Chairman)**  
**Elaine Risen (Counsel Liaison)**

**Ministry Team Leaders:**  
**Music Leader:** Wendy Nelson.  
**Alter GUILD:** Leader Sandee Isaacson  
c/o Kim Fasting  
**Acolytes:** Leader Beth Cooper  
c/o April Barrett  
**Greeters & Ushers:** Pat Simonson

The members of our Worship & Music team extend their appreciation to Sandee Isaacson for her willingness to serve as our chair during the past few months. Unfortunately, Sandee has had to step down as chair, but will remain as an integral member of the team. Dawn Scholtec has graciously accepted the position as Worship & Music Chair. Thank you to both Sandee and Dawn for their commitment to serving our church.

### ASH WEDNESDAY/LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

It is hard to believe the season of Lent is upon us. Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Diane Bordinaro will provide organ accompaniment for Ash Wednesday and our midweek services. Please note there will **not** be a supper on Ash Wednesday.



The midweek Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday beginning at 7:00 pm from February 21 and continuing through March 20. All are invited to first come to the fellowship hall for a "Lenten Supper" at 6:00 p.m. prior to each Wednesday.

The theme for our Lenten services focuses on the "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John. This Lenten series helps us to imagine that what Jesus puts after "I Am" in the Gospel of John shapes *our* reality.

February 21<sup>st</sup> – "I AM the Bread of Life" (John 6: 25-51) will be the theme of the worship service with Mary Kartak sharing a reflection. Elaine Risen and the July Hospitality Team will be providing a Taco Bar for the Lenten supper.

February 28<sup>th</sup> – David Engen has prepared a talk based on "I AM the Light of the World" (John 8: 12-20). The January Hospitality Team coordinated by Mary Kartak will be serving pizza for the Lenten supper.

March 6<sup>th</sup> – "I am the Door" (John 10: 1-10) will be the focus of our worship service. The Lenten supper will feature a potato bar provided by the Hospitality Team for the month of September headed up by Kim Fasig.

March 13<sup>th</sup> - "I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10: 11-18) will be examined during our time of worship. Anticipate the combination of Chili and Hotdogs as the June hospitality team puts on their aprons for the Lenten supper.

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Sandee Isaacson will share thoughts on the scripture passage (John 11: 17-27) and reminds us that Jesus declares, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life." It's a Soup Supper coordinated by Kathy Tisdale and the October Hospitality Team that welcomes you to sit and enjoy our last Lenten supper.

Thank you in advance to all who provide the reflections, music, and food during our season of Lent.

### **Grow Ministry:**

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

The children's Sunday school offering collected over \$100 throughout the year to gift to Food For the Hungry in December which went towards chickens, vegetable seeds, hygiene kits, and a water filter! Way to go kids! Let's continue to be the hands and feet of God and give graciously when able!  
Stay warm and God Bless.

Justine Ashcraft



## **Connect Ministry:**

**Andrea Graves (Chairman)**  
**Jeff Graves (Co-Chairman)**  
**Rena Schmid (Council Liaison)**

A greeting and hello to all brothers and sisters in Christ! A new month brings new things happening. The major one is Jeff and I will be moving to Virginia at the end of March. This decision was tough, and we'll miss our OSLC family. This does not mean we won't be around; we'll be in and out throughout the year. This will also be a begging, pleading call out to have someone lead Connect. I'll be more than happy to help when I can.

To the business at hand,

A few of our young adults met on Sunday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at Scooters We discussed some potential get together and decided to meet on Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> at Rush Funplex in North Ogden (380 West 650 North, Pleasant View) for some "possibly competitive" bowling or whatever we can get into. We also talked about future events like hiking, pickle ball, top golf. If you are post high school, or close to it) please come join us. Our not-so-forgotten youth met at Fat Cats for a little bit of fun. Please watch your e-mails, Facebook, and texts for our next event. If you have any suggestions for activities or service projects, please reach out to me.



Thank you to all who met at our first Golden Circle. It was a pleasure to see you all. We will be meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am in the fellowship hall for another together.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. Joe Heman and Dave Engen are hosting this month. The Prayer Breakfast is open to all men, young and old, members and friends of OSLC. Come one, come all! Great food, a Devotional, and good Christian discussion (and usually some fun bantering back and forth can be expected) by all who attend.

Blessings to y'all during the month of February!  
Andrea and Jeff

## Service & Outreach Ministry:

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



We want to start out by thanking Gerri Wessner for volunteering to take on the Military Mailing Ministry. We are looking forward to getting that ministry started again. If you have someone that we could serve through this ministry, please let us know.

Another ministry we would like to promote is the Angel Team, especially for our homebound and senior population. If you need help with small home repairs, yardwork, or a ride to church, please let us know. We want to serve our church family. We also want to get our youth involved with this. I know I have 3 boys who are hard workers.

This year's Super Bowl takes place on Sunday February 11th. We will be having our annual "Souper Bowl Food Drive" that day, which will go towards Open Hands Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items that day and vote for the team of your choice to win the big game. That is also the 2nd Sunday of the month and the 2nd Sunday offering in February will also go to Open Hands.



Lastly, the Service and Outreach Ministry has many opportunities for you to get involved. If you would like to take the lead on one of our ministries, please let us know. A few possibilities are Family Promise, our school supplies drive during the summer, and Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoe Box event. Please consider these opportunities to serve.

Blessings to all!



## BLESSINGS & THANK YOU'S

Katherine Redwine - for the idea and following through to get "Welcome "Sail" signs ordered for around Our Savior's Lutheran Church sign.

Mary Kartak - for updating and revising the Hospitality Teams!

Sandee Isaacson - for her leadership to the Worship and Music Ministry during a crucial time.

Gerri Wessner - for volunteering to take the lead for the Military Mail!! Also, for all the efforts to get the ZOOM meeting going so that our services can be accessed by people who are unable to attend!

Joan Underwood - for following through with "Getting a Piece of Peace" puzzle finished. See additional article in this newsletter for details.

Dawn Scholtec -for stepping up to take the lead for Worship and Music.

Andrea and Jeff Graves -for their efforts and service on Connect Ministry, as leader and co-leader. They will be moving to Virginia in March, as a job transfer for Jeff.

Barb McFarland - for innumerable office, computer and tech skills!

All teams who have provided a little "spotlight " on their particular team. It's great getting to know, who is involved and what they do.

### Feb Hospitality

**Dave Engen – Coordinator**  
**Kim Sparkman**  
**Josh & Justine Ashcraft**  
**Joey & Mallory Carpenter**  
**John & Kim Showman**  
**Corinna & Ken Rueckert**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Feb 2 Luke Ashcraft**  
**Feb 2 Nik McLaughlin**  
**Feb 3 Jean Sojourner**  
**Feb 5 Ken Rueckert**  
**Feb 7 Dan Kartak**  
**Feb 9 Carla Cross**  
**Feb 9 John Deitsch**  
**Feb11 Bill Lange**  
**Feb15 Sue Allen**  
**Feb 15 John McFadden**  
**Feb17 Debbye Boe**  
**Feb18 Kris Gibson**  
**Feb19 Dave Engen**  
**Feb 20 Sabrina Wolfe**  
**Feb 21 Mary Kartak**  
**Feb 22 Stephanie Nourse**  
**Feb 25 Pam Campbell**  
**Feb 26 Tim Fasig**

Worship Assistants						
Date	Acolytes/ Reader	Greeters	Ushers	Project	Readers	Altar Guild
Feb 4	Callie Cooper	Renae Schmid	Terry Schmid		Beth Cooper	Sandee Issacson
Feb 11	Levi Ashcraft	Mary Leschke	Diane Nath		Shirley Cooper - Aguilar	
Feb 14 Ash Wed 7:00 pm						
Feb 18	Boston Barrett	Mary Kartak	Dan Kartak		Patrick Barrett	
Feb 21 Lent 7:00pm						
Feb 25	Courtney Barrett	Kris Gibson	Larry Underwood		Annie Baugh	
Feb 28 Lent 7:00pm						



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 5:00p Transition Meeting 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #807	2 5:00p GSA Lego League 	3 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00a Golden Circle
4 8:00a Band Practice 9:00a TGP Sunday School 9:30a OSLC Worship 10:30a OSLC Sunday School 11:00a TGP Worship	5 5:30p GSA Troop #773	6 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #773	7 9:00a Quilters 5:30p Girl Scout Troup #970	8 9:00a Quilters 10:30 Diane B Practice 5:00p GSA Advisory Board 5:00p Transition Meeting 6:30p Church Council Meeting	9 5:00p GSA Lego League	10 9:00a Open Hands
11 8:00a Band Practice 9:00a TGP Sunday School 9:30a OSLC Worship 10:30a OSLC Annual Meeting/Potluck 11:00a TGP Worship	12 5:30p GSA Suncrest Service Unit 	13 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #111	14 5:30p Girl Scout Troop #970 7:00p Lent service 	15 5:00p Transition Meeting 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #807	16 5:00p GSA Lego League	17 10:00a Women's Bible study
18 8:00a Band Practice 9:00a TGP Sunday School 9:30a OSLC Worship 10:30a OSLC Sunday School 11:00a TGP Worship	19 5:30p GSA Troop #773	20 5:30p GSA Pictures 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #773	21 5:30p Girl Scout Troup #970 6:00p Lent supper 7:00p Lent service	22 5:00p Transition Meeting 5:00p GSA Advisory Board	23 5:00p GSA Lego League	24 9:00a Open Hands
25 8:00a Band Practice 9:00a TGP Sunday School 9:30a OSLC Worship 10:30a OSLC Sunday School 11:00a TGP Worship 12:30p Youth at Rush Funplace	26 5:30p GSA Troop #773	27 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #111	28 5:30p Girl Scout Troup #970 6:00p Lent supper 7:00p Lent service	29 5:00p Transition Meeting	1	2

## Time Sensitive Material

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## Feb Lectionary

Date	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
4 Feb	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11	1 Corinthians 9:16-27	Mark 1:29-39
11 Feb	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6	Mark 9:2-9
14 Feb	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-19	Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19)	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
18 Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	Genesis 22:1-18	Psalm 25:1-10	James 1:12-18	Mark 1:9-15
25 Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Genesis 17:1-7:15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 5:1-11	Mark 8:27-38