The Messenger

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Roy, UT



Sunday Worship Services

Feb 2 – 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School

Feb 9 – 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School

Feb 16 – 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School

Feb 23 – 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School

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Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Pastor's Message From Our Lay Leader's

By Kathy Sutherland

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Light. I love the light. In December I am thrilled at all of the Christmas lights. I love the white twinkly lights best. We light candles for ambiance at dinner tables and to be romantic.

The light from the glow of a fireplace can warm my heart even if it's just an electric light and doesn't warm my body. We light candles on a cake and sing Happy Birthday. Our houses are full of chandeliers, recessed lights, and table lamps. Porch lights and landscape lighting are outside our houses, for beauty and safety. I feel safer when there are street lights outside and in parking lots. As a child we could only trick or treat at houses with lights on! I would imagine by now you have thought of other lights you enjoy.

Light is something we expect when the sun comes up. I look forward to seeing the sunlight when I wake in the morning. I certainly enjoy summer months with more hours of daylight than winter with fewer hours. Many people suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (S.A.D.) when the hours of daylight are so short and darkness fills a lot of our waking hours. People with S.A.D. can use artificial electric lights that mimic sunlight in their homes on shortened and less light days of the winter to stave off the sadness and depression.

Many children today have soft lights on as they sleep - for security; I have very dim hallway and bathroom lights to guide me in the night. Two thousand years ago, when sunlight and fire were the only light sources, darkness could not have been welcomed. It must have been fearful for adults and children. To think of Jesus as a forever light of life must have been inspirational!

As I was studying this verse, I found dozens of references in the Old Testament to God the Father as the LIGHT!

David repeatedly praised God as the light in his Psalms.

Psalm 36:9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Psalm 76:4a You are radiant with light,

Psalm 18:28 You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

The prophet Samuel told of David's love for God as the light of the people. Isaiah saw God as light in 2:5 Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All these years later, with electricity and batteries, the light bulb, and all kinds of artificial light, why would we need the light of the Bible? Can't we provide our own light if we want it? We have flashlights even on our phones! We are almost never without a light - if we want it.

The problem comes when we DON'T want the light. When we want to do things in secret. When we know our behavior is not something we want everyone to see. When we physically want the darkness to hide in and we emotionally don't want others, including God, to see what we are doing and thinking. But we are born in that sin! Adam and Eve HID themselves from God when they realized they had disobeyed and knew He would find out. We reject the light too often.

But thank God that He sees what we do in the dark and forgives us anyway. Thank God He shines light on our darkness to help us see that we must repent and ask for forgiveness. And thank God He continually provides light for us so that we might shine in His light and be who He wants us to be. We

are sons and daughters of the light of the world!

Will you pray this Psalm of praise with me as we thank God for His LIGHT?

Psalm 89:14-18 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you who walk in the light of your presence, Lord. They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness. For you are their glory and strength, and by your favor you exalt our horn. Indeed, our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Amen

Council President's Corner

By Dan Kartak

Wow! Another year is underway. You thought I might be done with submitting Council president's messages. However, when the Council met on January 9th to realign positions, I was reelected as Council president as was John Deitsch for vice-president. All the positions on the Council remain the same and the Council Liaisons for the various ministries also remain the

same. Welcome new council members Garrett Fasig and Danielle Worthley and thanks to 2024 Council for a successful, forward-focused year. I look forward to serving the entire congregation for the upcoming year. Though we have had some struggles, I feel that God is watching out for OSLC. I want to thank everyone in this church for stepping up and occasionally out of your comfort zones to do what needs to be done for the church. It is great to see the unity that is being displayed.

As we are moving forward, we are preparing for Easter. After all, the manger is just the beginning of the story. Ash Wednesday is on March 5th, with Easter on April 20th. The worship and music team has a theme for the Lenten services i.e. "I Come to The Garden." Midweek homilies will be led by lay people again this year. Several people enrolled in the Lay Minister training classes are being asked to volunteer to lead the services. This would give them an opportunity to share the message and get in front of the congregation. The speaking opportunity is currently open to all. Light suppers will again be served by our hospitality teams in the hour prior to the services.

We have recently had two additional candidate inquiries for our open pastoral position. The call committee met on January 13th to review these candidates. We will keep in touch with them and continue our vetting process. We have not ruled out any of current candidates and are trusting God to guide the decision making.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Sue Allen, Diane Nath, Kaylee Wood and Wendy Nelson as they have experienced recent deaths within their families. Please pray for them and for those affected by the fires in California and those enduring the atypical cold. Continue to pray for our nation. Keep OSLC in your prayers as we charge ahead.

Together we are OSLC STRONG. Dan Kartak Council President.



Introduction to the Monthly Devotional

I am very excited that several of our members are currently participating in a Lay Ministry training provided by LCMC. I am also honored that the Congregational Council has assigned me the task of finding ways to supplement this training within our church, and to identify some "hands on" ways for these "trainees" to put some of their new found skills into practice. Submitting a devotion associated with the lectionary readings for the month is one of the opportunities that will be offered to the trainees. You can look forward to these articles in the coming months. Mary Kartak has graciously volunteered to kick off this series of articles. I respectfully request that you show your support for this effort by thanking Mary and the other trainees for contributing their time and talents, and by providing constructive feedback if and when you have any. This is another way that God is equipping His church for what He has planned next. We may still be in the process to find and call our next Pastor, but in the meantime, the Spirit is most definitely alive and moving in and amongst our congregation!

John Deitsch

Monthly Devotional By: Mary Kartak

The Gospel lesson for the first Sunday in February comes from Luke 4:31-44. I find this Scripture to be a simply delightful place to explore God's word because years ago my husband and I joined a guided tour of the Holy Land and visited the site where our lesson takes place.

Scripture takes us to the fishing village of Capernaum in the region of Galilee. It is the Sabbath and Jesus has been teaching, then addressing an evil spirit. We promptly find ourselves in the home of the disciple Simon Peter. Here, Jesus is asked to help Simon Peter's mother-in-law, who is in bed with a high fever. Quoting the 39th verse: "So He bent over her and rebuked the fever and it left her." Simple and brief compared to many of Jesus' miracles. Immediately, the woman is well and serving Jesus and her guests.

Our Holy Land tour guide explained that the place where we were standing was quite likely the location of that very home more than 2000 years prior. Capernaum was destroyed by an earthquake yet excavators have uncovered ruins of a 4th century church above evidence of the foundation of another church believed to be a pilgrimage destination. Remnants of a humble, rather mundane dwelling, dated to the first century B.C. were found even deeper. I pray our faith could go so deep. I also pray that we will not let any history of things that quake or crumble take our focus from the ongoing presence of Jesus in our lives.

No longer a tourist, I have been contemplating the centuries ago presence of a debilitating "fever" at this site. I am strongly aware that the very feet that walked into Peter's home later walked to Calvary where those same feet were nailed to a cross. Through the centuries there remains the certainty that Jesus is real and that he continues to heal today. My belief is that foundations uncovered in Capernaum help to reveal the truest of realities which are our deeply sinful nature and Jesus' miraculous power to heal.

Like the woman in our scripture, we also can find ourselves in a bed of despair, too stuck in our circumstances and too sick with sins such as anger and unforgiveness to serve well. Though we might lack Jesus' physical presence to heal, I rejoice that our Savior died to give us His all, including

the will to live as He has taught. Jesus addressed this woman's plight and restored her ability to serve. Jesus has always been the excavator of our deep sinfulness. He challenges all of us trust his healing and then function strongly both as individuals and as a Christian community.

May I be so bold as to postulate that Jesus has entered the humble house known as OSLC and rebuked an almost incapacitating "fever"? He challenges us all to leave behind any rubble and to love deeply while serving passionately.

Yes, our real worlds hold many and varied challenges. But isn't it time to look forward. The first verse from the Lectionary for Feb. 9 (1 Corinthians 14:12b) instructs us to "excel in gifts that build up the church." Let's do it!

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

Worship & Music Ministry

Dawn Scholtec (Chairman)
Barb McFarland (Co-Chairman)
Elaine Risen (Counsel Liaison)

Ministry Team Leaders:

Music Leader: Wendy Nelson

Alter Guild: Leader Sandee Isaacson

Co-Lead Kim Fasig

Acolytes: Leader Beth Cooper

Co-Lead April Barrett

Greeters & Ushers: Pat Simonson

"Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." - Mark 11:24

As we step into the new year, we are reminded of the power of prayer and faith. Jesus' words in Mark 11:24 encourage us to approach God with trust, believing that He hears us and provides according to His will. While we cannot control every detail of what lies ahead, we can prepare our hearts and minds for the work He is doing in our lives.

2025 is here, and with it comes a fresh wave of hopes, dreams, and aspirations. It's a season of possibility, where we can lean into God's promises and trust His timing. The days may still be short and the nights long, but this quiet time of winter offers a wonderful opportunity for reflection, prayer, and preparation.

This season also invites us to ready ourselves for Lent, a time to draw closer to Christ's journey to the cross. As we prepare, consider dedicating time to scripture reading, heartfelt prayer, and seeking God's guidance for the year ahead.

May our hearts be open to the work of the Spirit, trusting that God will guide us through every season. Let us walk into 2025 with faith, hope, and love, trusting in the Lord's plans for us.

Your Music and Worship Team

Connect Ministry:

Katherine Redwine (Chairman) VACANT (Co-Chairman) John Showman (Council Liaison)

Ministry Team Leaders:

Young Adult: Abigail Anopol

Confirmands & Beyond: Barrett & Ashcraft Families

Men's: Dan Kartak

Women's: Is this for you?

Fellowship: Could this be you? **Golden Circle**: Renae Schmid

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, February 1st, and will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. 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. Pastor Jim Panagoplos and Dan Kartak are hosting this month.

Dan Kartak, phone 801-540-0647

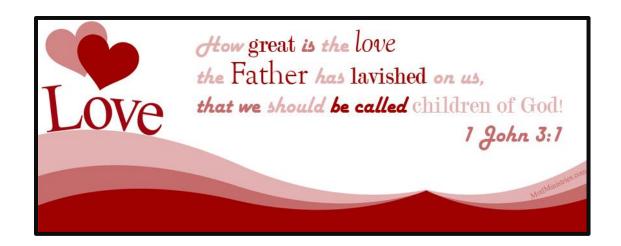


Young Adult – and anyone who would like to come

February 9 following Sunday School (11:15 ish) in the Fellowship Hall we will be making Valentines garland! Questions? Please call Abi- phone 385-245-5150

Golden Circle – Tuesday, February 11th, we will be enjoying our lunch and social time at: Chris' Cafe at 56 E. 1700 S., Clearfield (across from Clearfield Job Corps). Meet at church at 11 AM to carpool or just go to the restaurant by 11:30! 65 + Come and join the fun! Renae Schmid- phone 801-391-2537

Confirmands and Beyond ministries- will be combined with the Grow Ministry event. Ashcrafts/Barrett's



Grow Ministry:

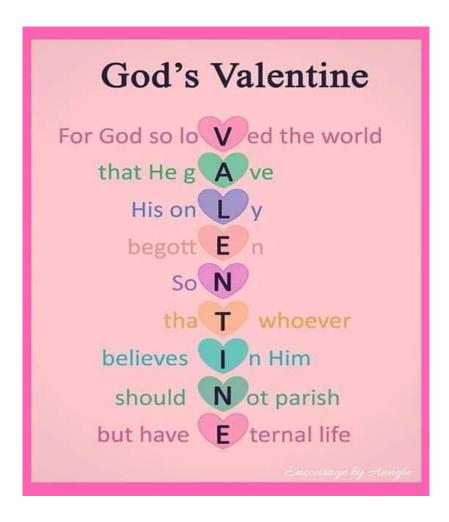
Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)
Stephanie Nourse (Co-Chairman)
Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)

We'd like to send a big THANK YOU to Ms. Annie for teaching us all about the Holy Spirit last month. We had a great time together!

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School! If you'd like to be involved or help in any way, please reach out.

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8

Love and Blessings, Justine Ashcraft



Service & Outreach Ministry:

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

Every month, I look forward to receiving and reading the church newsletter. Last month, the Transition Team introduced us to the We Care (God's Action People) Team. I love that and want to be a part of it. I know my family has seen it in action this past month. We have definitely felt loved and cared for by our OSLC Family. Thank you so much for the support and love from you all, the phone calls, texts, Facebook messages, prayers, meals, cards and hugs.

I am also so very grateful to everyone that helped out with this ministry in the past year and for stepping up throughout December, when I was unable, to help with Family Promise, cookies, and helping to provide Christmas for several Roy Elementary families.

As a congregation there are so many ways to serve, support and love one another. The Service & Outreach Ministry looks forward to finding more opportunities to do that this year. While we will continue to look for ways to serve our community, and beyond, we will also focus on identifying opportunities to serve our own members and friends of the church.



The Super Bowl takes place in New Orleans on Sunday, February 9th. I am excited to see who will be playing in the big game. That same day, we will be holding our annual "Souper Bowl Food Drive." Please go through your cupboards or go shopping for some nonperishable foods to contribute to the food drive. All donated food will go to the Open Hands Food Pantry. This goes along with our 2nd Sunday Offering, which will also be going to Open Hands.

Please consider becoming part of our Prayer Warrior team, it would be great if we could have at least one member per family. Just imagine the prayer power we could add. Simply text or tell me and I will add your email to the list. Renae 801-391-2537

The Home Communion Team is seekings New Members. After many years of dedicated service, a couple of people have decided it is time to retire from the Home Communion Team. That makes this a great time to open the invitation for new members to join our team. Team members visit people who cannot make it to church, offering fellowship, Communion and sharing the love of God. The time requirement is only a couple hours per month. If this is outside of your comfort zone, no need to fear, it is EASY! and training will be provided. While being a blessing to our shut-ins, you will also be blessed (trust me!). Please contact Janet Tow, 801-309-6969 if you are interested or if you need additional information.

Blessings to you all!
The Service and Outreach Team

Transition Team

Renae Schmid Gerri Wessner Katherine Redwine Mary Kartak

Alpha Food Drive - was awesome - 11 families were blessed with boxes of food and money donations for clothing, toys, etc. The comment was made "That this is what Christmas is about" and joyfully went about helping deliver all the boxes!! Thank you all for your participation!

We Care (God's Action People) - We have outlined these things to be included in the pew cards to communicate a need! Any information will be handled with the **strictest confidence**!

On the card:

I would appreciate someone contacting me regarding:

- * Prayer Need
- *Need to talk
- *A New diagnosis
- *Upcoming Surgery, you or family member
- *Upcoming procedure, you or a family member
- *Mental and/or emotional trauma or crises
- *Anxiety or depression
- *Loneliness
- *Need a meal
- *Help around the house, change a light bulb, furnace filter, etc.
- *Child care for a few hours
- *Driver for groceries or appointment
- *Communion
- *Pastoral care
- * Other

These will be coming soon in the form of a pew card. A copy will be included in future bulletins, newsletter. When you fill one out, just fold it and put it in the offering plate and for now, Mary K or Renae will be contacting you.

"We keep counting our blessings, knowing we can't count that high"!

Transition team



Worship Assistants							
Date	Pastor	Acolyte/ Reader	Greeter	Usher	Reader	Project	Altar Guild
Feb 2	Pastor Gordon Young	Evan Kaiser	Renae Schmid	Terry Schmid	Ashley Kaiser	Anden Ramirez	Mary Kartak
Feb 9	Pastor Ken Crooks		Beth Cooper	Callie Cooper	Beth Cooper	Jack Baldor	Katherine Redwine
Feb 16	Pastor Ken Crooks		Pat Simonson	Katherine Redwine	Sandee Isaacson	Jack Baldor	
Feb 23			Pat Simonson	Marty Simonson			

Feb Hospitality

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



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 Feb 10 – Paul Carlson Feb 11 - Bill Lange Feb 15 - Sue Allen Feb 16 - John McFadden Feb 17 – Debbye Boe Feb 18 - Kris Gibson Feb 19 - Dave Engen Feb 20 - Sabrina Wolfe Feb 21 – Mary Kartak Feb 22 - Stephanie Nourse Feb 25 - Pam Campbell Feb 26 - Tim Fasig

BLESSINGS & THANK YOU'S

The staff of OSLC wanted to thank each and everyone of you for the generous gift this Christmas. It was greatly appreciated. It is our pleasure to serve the Lord and this church.

Thank you to the team who comes in and gets the newsletter folded and labeled for mailing. They are headed up by Bunny Griffey and include Jean Sojourner, Linda Chellson, Joyce Bellucci and Marilyn Gour.

Mark Your Calendar

Feb 1 – 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast

Feb 4 – 11:00a Golden Circle – Chris' Café - 56 E. 1700 S., Clearfield

Feb 8 – 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry – 2890 S 1900 W, West Haven

Feb 8 – 10:00a Promise Rests Bible Study

Feb 9 – 11:30a Young Adults – Fellowship Hall

Feb 12-13 - 9:00a Quilters - Fellowship Hall

Feb 13 - 6:30p Church Council Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Feb 22 – 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry – 2890 S 1900 W, West Haven



February 2025							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast	
2 8:00a Band PT 9:00a TGP SS 9:30a OSLC Worship 10:30a OSLC SS 11:00a TGP Worship	3 5:00p GSA #773 6:30p GSA Frontier	4 11:00a Golden Circle 6:00p GSA #773	5 5:30p GSA #970	6 6:00p GSA GAB 6:30p GSA #807	7 5:30p GSA Lego League 5:30p GSA #1710	9:00a Open Hands 10:00a Ladies Bible Study 3:00p GSA Dad's & Daughters Dance	
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Wars and Conflict

"The nations rage, the kingdoms totter" (Ps 46:6¹). In addition to the events mentioned above, wars and conflict have also been prevalent throughout history since sin entered the world. Despite the negative effects of conflict, we can often see God's hand at work through even the hardest of circumstances.

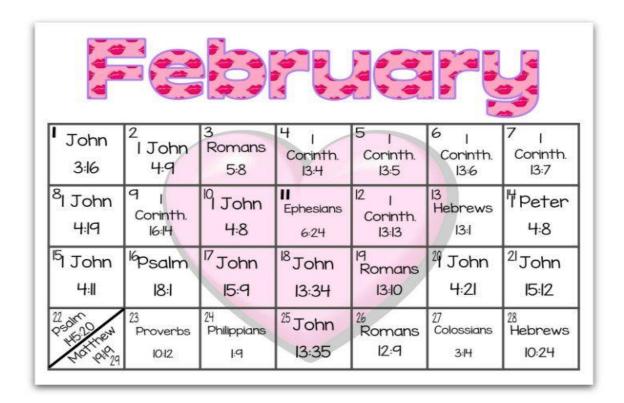
- 1. What city was taken by stratagem and burned, with 12,000 women and children? (<u>Josh 8:5</u> 25^L)
 - A. Nineveh
 - B. Thessalonica
 - C. Ai
 - D. Bethel
- 2. How many Philistines did Samson slay with a jaw bone? (Judg 15:15)
 - A. 1.000
 - B. 40
 - C. 666
 - D. 2,000
- 3. What warrior fought so long and desperately that his hand was stuck to the hilt of his sword(2 Sam 23:10)?
 - A. Elijah
 - B. Jabez
 - C. Eleazar
 - D. Cush
- 4. Who was in command of the largest army recorded in the Bible? (2 Chron 14:9¹): This comprised 300,000 men from Judah and 280,000 men from Benjamin.
 - A. Zedekiah
 - B. Ahab
 - C. Asa
 - D. Amon

Promise and Privilege

Throughout Scripture, there are many times when God makes promises to a particular person or group of people. God's promises often consist of privilege and blessing, and he never fails to keep the commitments he makes.

- 1. To whom did God promise that his children should be in numbers as the stars in heaven? (Gen 15:5¹)
 - A. Abraham
 - B. Jacob
 - C. Moses
 - D. Jethro
- 2. Of which person who was not of Abraham's seed did God say, "I will make him a great nation?" (Gen 17:20¹)
 - A. Zelophehad
 - B. Ishmael
 - C. Esau
 - D. Caleb

	M	atch Gam	le	
Connect the men	on the left	to their sweethear	ts on the ri	ght.
1. ADAM	&		A.	SARAH
2. JOSEPH	&		В.	NAOMI
3. SAMPSON	&		C.	REBECKAH
4. ABRAHAM	&		D.	RACHEL
5. ZACHARIAS	&		E.	JEZEBEL
6. BOAZ	&		F.	SAPPHIRA
7. URIAH	&		G.	DRUSILLA
8. NABAL	&		Н.	EVE
9. JACOB	&		1.	MARY
10. AHAB	&		J.	DELILAH
11. FELIX	&		K.	ABIGAIL
12. HEBER	&		L.	BATHSHEBA
13. ISAAC	&		M.	RAHAB
14. ANANIAS	&		N.	RUTH
15. ELIMELECH	&			JAEL















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Feb Lectionary

Date	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
	4 th Sunday of	Jeremiah 1:4-		1 Corinthians	
2 Feb	Epiphany	10	Psalm 71:1-6	12:31-13:13	Luke 4:31-44
	5 th Sunday of			1 Corinthians	
9 Feb	Epiphany	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 138	14:12-20	Luke 5:1-11
	6 th Sunday of			1 Corinthians	
16 Feb	Epiphany	Jeremiah17:5-8	Psalm 1	15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
	7th Sunday of	Genesis 45:3-	Psalm 103:1-	1 Corinthians	
23 Feb	Epiphany	15	13	15:21-26, 30-42	Luke 6:27-38
	4 th Sunday of	Jeremiah 1:4-		1 Corinthians	
2 Feb	Epiphany	10	Psalm 71:1-6	12:31-13:13	Luke 4:31-44