

The Messenger

Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Roy, UT

Sunday Worship Services

Nov 1 – 9:30 Worship (All Saints Day)
10:30 Sunday School

Nov 8 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School

Nov 15 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School

Nov 22 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School

Nov 29 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School

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Happy Thanksgiving!

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:18, NKJV



**Pastor's Message
By
Pastor Dirk Jensen**



A Heart of Thanksgiving

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!” — Psalm 107:1 (ESV)

As we enter the month of November, our thoughts naturally turn toward Thanksgiving. We think about family, good food, time together, and the many blessings God has given us. But as Christians, thanksgiving is about more than recognizing the good things in our lives. It is about recognizing the goodness of the God who gives them.

It is easy to give thanks when life is going well. But what about when life brings uncertainty, disappointment, or difficulty? The apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Notice that Paul does not tell us to give thanks for every circumstance, but in every circumstance. Even in difficult seasons, we have reason to be thankful because God's promises remain true.

And above all, we give thanks for the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ. Our salvation does not depend on how well we have lived or how much we have accomplished. It rests on what Christ has done for us through His death and resurrection. In Him, we have forgiveness, life, and the promise of eternity. That is a blessing no difficult day can take away.

So, how might we practice thanksgiving this month? Take time each day to name three things for which you are thankful. Thank someone who has made a difference in your life. Pray for those who are struggling. And look for opportunities to share God's love with your neighbors.

As we gather for worship and fellowship at Our Savior, may we be a congregation whose gratitude overflows into service, encouragement, and love for others.

May we never take God's blessings for granted, but always give thanks to the One from whom every good gift comes.

In Christ,
Pastor Dirk



Council President's Corner
By
Dave Engen



Hello OSLC Team,

October was a great month. It's been great to have Pastor Dirk & Karen settling in at OSLC. I really like Pastor Dirk's sermons and look forward to his Bible studies. Many thanks to those involved with Trunk or Treat. Also, many thanks to the volunteers who helped to move furniture out and back into the office areas to support the painting and reflooring of the office areas, and all the many other activities at OSLC. Please be active and involved at OSLC. We are to be happy and active givers of our time, talents, and opportunities to support God's kingdom here on Earth as well as in Heaven. All of us have God-given talents and something to offer.

November will also be a great month as we celebrate Thanksgiving, and all the many blessings God has given each of us. Please be prayerfully thinking of food and spare clothes that could be donated through OSLC, to those in need. You could also support the Gathering Place for their food basket drive. Please ask Pastor Jim, of the Gathering Place, about the food basket drive if you have any questions. I believe that God appreciates all the body of Christ working together to further his kingdom.

In other matters the council is considering a reduction in the council's size from nine to six positions to encourage people to volunteer for other roles. Another change could be the reduction in the length of a council term from three to two years to encourage more people to consider a shorter council commitment. If you have any questions about this, please ask a council member. This change would require a change to the OSLC Constitution and a special congregational meeting to vote on that change.

All of us have something to offer even if you feel it is a small thing. From Matthew 10:42, "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." So, allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life and say, "Here I am Lord, send me."

May God bless you and family.
TOGETHER WE ARE OSLC STRONG!



**Monthly Devotional
By
Mary Kartak**



In the Lutheran tradition, a new church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent. The 2026–27 liturgical church year will begin on November 29, 2026, following the conclusion of Church Year A on November 22, 2026. Notice this almost coinciding time of transition as Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Roy, Utah has also found itself squarely in a place of transition.

A key factor in this new beginning is the recent installation of Pastor Dirk Jensen as our called and much welcomed pastor. The installation of Pastor Jensen on October 25 was so appropriately timed to coincide with Reformation Sunday.

On our journey to calling Pastor Jensen, we learned from many pastors, each bringing God's Word through their unique style, their fresh perspective, and even their occasional new jokes. We were blessed to hear relevant messages and God's Word proclaimed every Sunday throughout the pastoral vacancy.

Looking back, the time of waiting has been more than a time of preparation. It was also a time to discover amazing, God-given giftedness within our congregation. Previously unrevealed skills have been uncovered and honed by need. The willingness to serve, the alertness regarding tasks to be addressed, the joy of working together, and the uncovering of talents revealed at just the right time all clearly showed God's ongoing blessing upon our little church. The terrific response to the multiple needs created by the recent installation of flooring in the office area would be evidence that the willingness to serve God and His church have not diminished but has in fact been accelerated.

It also seems significant that November 22 is Christ the King Sunday. To continue moving forward, we must keep Christ at the head of our congregation. His faithful guidance must remain absolutely evident as we embrace further growth and renewal.

As we celebrated the seventieth anniversary of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, we zealously rejoiced at the journey. The number seventy symbolizes completeness and fullness. God has gifted us with much abundance and joy. We are eager to discover the path He has prepared for us in the next church year. Hold on tight! Pray with might!

Experience the delight!



MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

Worship & Music Ministry

Wendy Nelson (Chairman)
Barb McFarland (Co-Chairman)
Paul Carlson (Council Liaison)

Ministry Team Leaders:

Music Leader: Wendy Nelson
Alter Guild: Leader Sandee Isaacson
Co-Lead Kim Fasig
Acolytes: Leader Beth Cooper
Greeters & Ushers: Terry Schmid

This November, we celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 1 and Christ the King Sunday on November 22. Both are significant observances in our Lutheran heritage. On All Saints Sunday, we remember those who have died during the past year. Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, invites us to recognize and celebrate the sovereignty of Christ.

Two songs come to mind as we honor these observances: one is a traditional hymn, and the other has become familiar to us since its release in 2008. For All Saints Sunday, "I Will Rise," by Chris Tomlin and others, expresses the Christian hope of resurrection and eternal life. It proclaims that Jesus has conquered death, giving believers confidence in their own resurrection and freedom from earthly suffering. The song joins the present comfort of faith with the future hope of heaven, blending personal lament and worship.

The chorus is especially poignant and reflects the promise of Revelation 21:4: "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death, nor mourning, nor crying, nor pain, for the former things have passed away" (NIV), or "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (KJV). The words "no more sorrow, no more pain" echo this vision of a new heaven and a new earth, where God wipes away every tear.

I WILL RISE (Chorus)

*I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise*

(Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Louie Giglio, Matt Maher CCLI Song #5183450 CCLI License #712490)

The traditional hymn "*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*," written by Edward Perronet and others, is often called the "Coronation Hymn." It celebrates the victory, authority, and redemption of Jesus Christ. Its message encourages believers to acknowledge Christ's supremacy and join in the eternal song of praise repeated in each verse: "*And crown Him Lord of all.*"

"Hanging of the Greens" is our long-standing tradition of decorating OSLC for Advent and Christmas. If you are available on Nov 22nd at 9:00am please come help us.

The Worship & Music team sincerely thanks every one whose faithful service makes our worship possible.



Grow Ministry:

Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)
Stephanie Nourse (Co-Chairman)
Garrett Fasig (Council Liaison)
John Showman (Council Liaison)

In this season of thanks, we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated food and decorated a trunk for our trunk or treat! We appreciate you all so much!

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 16-18

We hope you all have a very blessed thanksgiving with your families and friends!

Love,
Grow Ministry



Connect Ministry:

VACANT (Chairman)
VACANT (Co-Chairman)

Katherine Redwine (Council Liaison)
Daniel Gorowsky (Co-Council Liaison)

**Ministry Team Leaders:**

Young Adult: Abigail Anopol

Confirmants & Beyond: Barrett & Ashcraft Families

Men's: Dan Kartak

Women's: Is this for you?

Fellowship: Could this be you?

Golden Circle: Gail Cambell

Golden Circle Lunch - Please join us November 3, at Roosters, 748 W Heritage Park Blvd., Layton, 11:30am. Please RSVP or if you need a ride, reach out to Gail Campbell via text 801-510-1953 or email shortygc@yahoo.com by Sunday November 1, 6pm.

Youth, Young Adults and Congregation - Please join us to make Thanksgiving placemats. We will be meeting right after service in the Fellowship Hall. All supplies will be provided. Date will be Sunday, November 15. Questions or to rsvp please reach out to Abi Anapol, 385-245-5150

Men's Prayer Breakfast - Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on November 7th, 8:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. 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. Daniel is signed up to host this month.

The breakfasts are held from September through May, usually on the first Saturday of the month. Questions? Please call Dan Kartak 801-540-0647

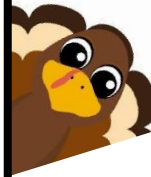
Women's Ministry- Friends Giving Thanks! On Saturday, November 8, 4pm to 6pm, before the hustle and bustle of the holiday, please take time to join us to celebrate a Friends Thanksgiving Dinner and Program Sunday, in the Fellowship Hall! More details to come. Questions? Please reach out to Vicki Ramirez, 801-643-3695.

Interested in leading a Women's Bible Study? Please reach out to Katherine Redwine, 949-235-1931.

Save the Date – Bind Us Together Ladies Ministry Christmas Brunch. Saturday, Dec 5, 10:00, 1950 S Highway 89, Perry, UT. Details are posted on the Ladies of Our Savior's Facebook page. It includes breakfast, a speaker, live music and a chance to take a moment for yourself to kick off the Christmas season. Contact Vicki Ramirez for more information.

Service & Outreach Ministry:

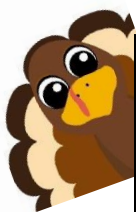
Ashley Kaiser (Chairmen)
Kim Showman (Co-Chairmen)
Danielle Worthley (Council Liaison)



It is hard to believe the holidays are almost here. This year we will again be collecting shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. I enjoy putting together a few shoeboxes each year. I like to fill one for a boy and one for a girl. This year they will be due by Sunday, November 22nd. If you would like to fill a shoebox, please have it to the church by then. Remember, no food, candy, gum, toothpaste, soap, lotion, or liquids of any kind. A stack of labels can be found on the Narthex. They also ask for a \$10 donation for processing with each box. This can be paid online, on the Samaritan's Purse website, or cash with the shoebox.

The Roy High School Teen Center, continues to have a need for snacks, cereals and Cup-of- Noodles Soups. They are very appreciative of our support and donations.

Lastly, the 2nd Sunday offering for November will go toward the OSLC Benevolence Fund. This fund is used for needs within our congregation and community.

**Transition Team**

Dan Kartak

The transition team met on October 11, with Pastor Dirk to go over his planned installation at OSLC. All were present. The plan was to have short service, in the evening. There would be invites sent to the other Intermountain West District churches to attend.

When asked if there is anything that the team needed to do for them, he stated that all seemed to be going well.

Church Wide Information

Alpha Food Drive

For several decades, Our Savior's Lutheran Church has sponsored a Christmas food and essentials drive. Alpha Neilsen began this tradition of generosity. Most of you know which month you are assigned to, and our 12 team leaders will likely remind you which items to donate. In addition, a binder which lists both the items requested and team assignments can be found on the back counter.

1. Tables will again be set up in the Fellowship Hall right after Thanksgiving. Please place your donations in the area for your designated month. If you find donating to be difficult, please know that your prayers are equally welcome. You might also consider donating just the more essential items suggested for your month.

2. Please strongly consider submitting a request for donations for people/families that you know would benefit and be receptive.

a. If you are able, please plan to make delivery to your nominated recipient(s). If you are unable, please don't let that stop you from submitting a request.

b. Last year, donations were plentiful. However, only a few families were nominated to receive them. Because people in need often have very limited storage space, please consider other ways that we can distribute our generosity.

I. Perhaps you know of a low-income facility, a group home, even a curbside "pantry" that meets the needs of unnamed individuals.

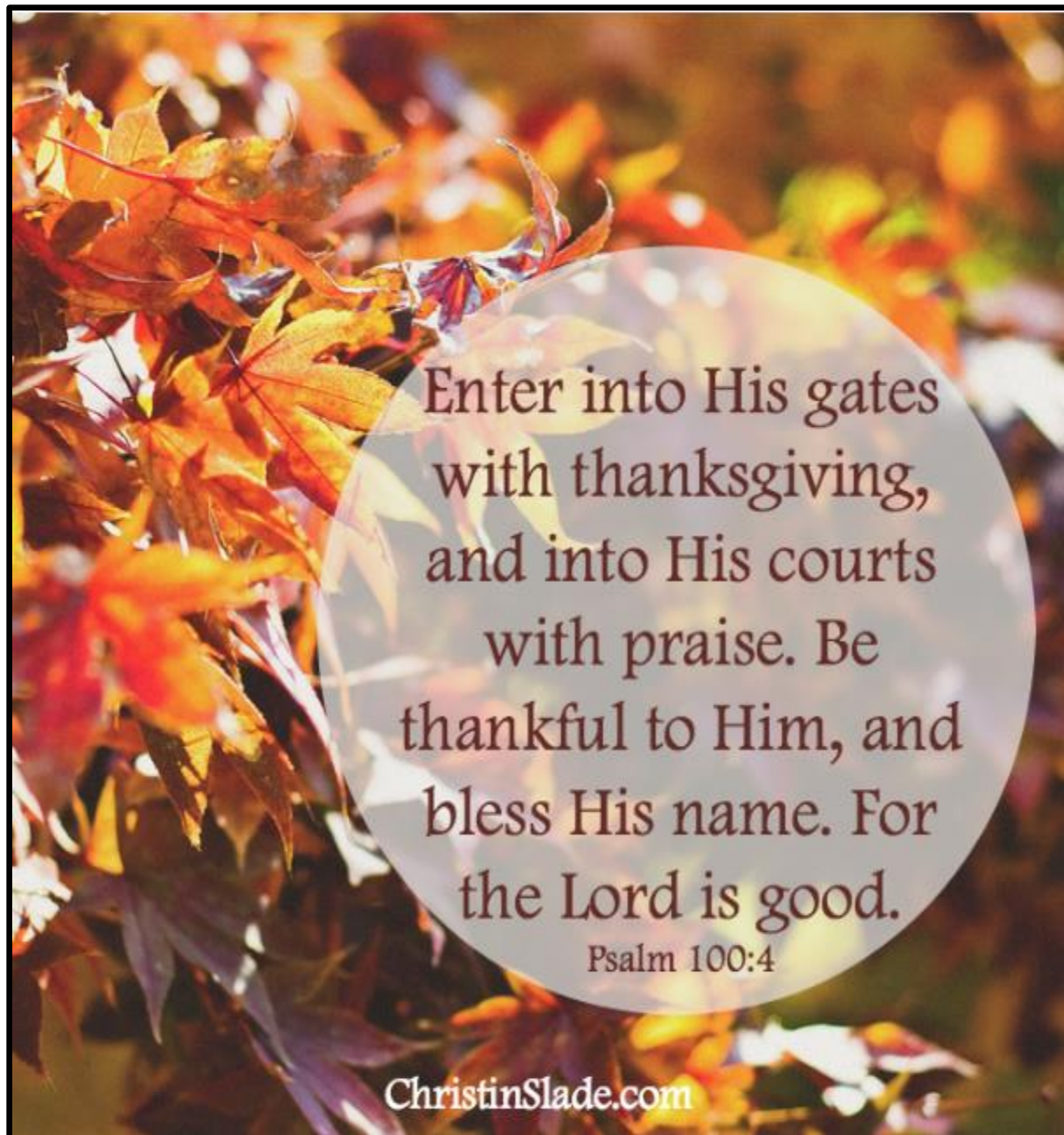
II. Roy High School, Roy Elementary, and Open Hands Food pantry have been suggested as possible recipients. What about the schools and agencies in your neighborhood? (Please get permission in advance.)

III. Non-perishable items may only be appropriate for some of those nominated. Please know there are dollars in the Alpha Food Drive account to allow sufficient purchase of perishable items.

3. Please bring your donations and submit potential recipient information by Sunday, December 6. Sorting and packing times will be announced. If you plan to be among those who make delivery, anticipate picking up your box(es) after the church service on December 13.

4. Thank you in advance for your prayers, your donations, your promotion, and your time

Counters Needed - OSLC is in need of more counters for Sunday Offering. Counter teams count once per month plus one 5th Sunday per year. A basic background check is required and training is provided. Please contact Gerri Wessner at 801-920-4681 if you're interested.



Mark Your Calendar

Nov 1 – All Saints Sunday

Nov 3 – 11:00a Golden Circle

Nov 3 – Election Day

Nov 7 – 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast

Nov 8-22 – Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box

Nov 8 – 4:00-6:00p Ladies Friendsgiving

Nov 11-12 – 9:00a Quilters – Fellowship Hall

Nov 12 – 6:30p Church Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Nov 14 – 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry – 2890 S 1900 W, West Haven

Nov 19-21 – The Gathering Place Church Thanksgiving Box Collection & Distribution

Nov 22-Dec 11 – Alpha Food Drive

Nov 22 – 9:00a Hanging of the greens

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving

Nov 28 – 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry – 2890 S 1900 W, West Haven

Nov 29 – First Sunday of Advent

BLESSINGS & THANK YOU'S

We want to thank everyone that helped pack, unpack and move furniture so the office flooring could be changed. You are amazing. We are so grateful for you and your help.

Thank you, Jim Campbell, for painting the office area. It looks so incredible.

Date	Acolyte/ Reader	Greeter	Usher	Reader	Altar Guild	Project
Nov 1	Boston Barrett	Renae Schmid	Terry Schmid	Teri McCloy	Katherine Redwine	Jack Baldor
Nov 8	Evan Kaiser	Renae Schmid	Terry Schmid			
Nov 15	Ryan Kaiser	Danielle Worthley	Brian Worthley			
Nov 22		Beth Cooper	Callie Cooper			
Nov 29	Callie Cooper	Katherine Redwine	Daniel Gorowsky	Beth Cooper		



Nov 2 – Karen Larsen
 Nov 2 – Chelly Nielsen
 Nov 3 – Sandee Isaacson
 Nov 5 – Marilyn Gour
 Nov 10 – Shirley Cooper-Aguilar
 Nov 11 – Everly Nourse
 Nov 12 – Wendy Nelson
 Nov 16 – Dawn Scholtec
 Nov 17 – Andrea Anopol
 Nov 17 – Mary Leschke
 Nov 20 – Liam Nourse
 Nov 20 – John Crossfield
 Nov 21 – John Showman
 Nov 23 – Ellie Fasig
 Nov 27 – Barb Mickleson

Nov Hospitality

Lisa & Trent Schmid – Coordinator
 Pat & Marty Simonson
 Teri & Ryan McCloy
 Paul Carlson

Counters Schedule

Nov 1 – Katherine Redwine & Larry Isaacson
 Nov 8 – Kay Mister & Ashley Kaiser
 Nov 15 – Mary Leschke & Paul Carlson
 Nov 22 – Gail Campbell & TBD
 Nov 29 – Gail Campbell & TBD

November 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day 9:00a TGP SS 9:30a OSLC WSP 10:30 OSLC SS 11:00a TGP WSP	2 6:00p GSA #773	3 11:30a Golden Circle 6:00p GSA #773 	4 6:00p GSA #807 6:00p GSA #2645	5	6	7 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
8 9:00a TGP SS 9:30a OSLC WSP 10:30 OSLC SS 11:00a TGP WSP 4:00p Women's Friendsgiving	9 5:00p GSA GAB 6:30p GSA Suncrest Svc Unit	10	11 9:00a Quilters 6:00p GSA #2645 	12 9:00a Quilters 6:30p Church Council	13	14 9:00a Open Hands
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Nov 8-22						
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Happy Thanksgiving!

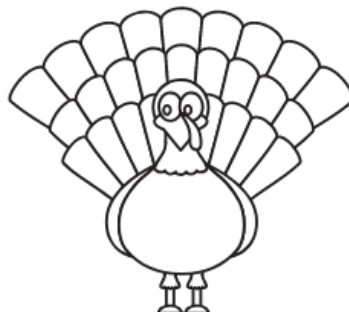
Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all he has done.

What are you thankful for:

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food:

If you could invite one person to Thanksgiving dinner, who would it be:



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**Nov Lectionary**

Date	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Nov 1	All Saints Sunday	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov 8	24 th Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov 15	25 th Sunday after Pentecost	Zephaniah 1:7-16	Psalm 90:1-12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov 22	Christ the King Sunday	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Matthew 25:31-46
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	Psalm 67	Philippians 4:6-20	Luke 17:11-19
Nov 29	1 st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-71	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37