



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The Communicator—February 2024



Do You know Janine Westa?

Each week, as we gather together for worship we hear the word of God, we sing songs of praise and we pray.

“Prayers and Intercessions,” are taken from the publication *Sundays and Seasons* and follow the same model each week. We pray for the church, our world, our leaders, our community, those in need, those who are ill or homebound, or struggling in some way, and those who have died.

Over a year ago the practice was to read the names of those who were ill and homebound, but the list began to grow. In the interest of time the decision was made to reference our prayer list instead of reading each name. So now, each week we pray something like, “...for those who are ill or homebound, those listed on our prayer list...”

So, who do you think of when it’s time to pray for the homebound? What does it mean to be homebound, or a “Shut-In?”

I asked my 9 year old son in church once if he knew what that meant. He said, “is that like house arrest or something?” I explained to him it just meant someone who had a hard time physically attending church.

Often, I think we come to church and we go through the motions. We sing the songs, we pray the prayers, and all the while we are thinking about what we have to do after church, or what the week will bring, and

by the time church ends, and we are back in our cars, we don’t remember what or who we were praying for.

If you are like me, I have never met any of our homebound. I pray for them, but I don’t have a face in mind. I don’t know their situation or what I want God to do for them other than make them feel better.

Meet Janine Westa. She is a member of the church and resides at a group home in Henrietta. Pam and Steve Brady recently paid her visit. Each week we mail her the church bulletin so she can worship along with us. There are plans to help her come to church sometime soon, but it is difficult, and for the most part she needs to worship from her home.

The church is currently gathering quotes to install a video system in our church so that we can livestream the services each week. Years ago a member of Reformation Church made a financial contribution with the stipulation that it be used for something just like this. Installing this system would mean that from any device someone could assist Janine or any of our 22 homebound (and growing) to be a part of our service from the comfort of their home.

As we begin to look into the possibility of providing streaming video services to our homebound. I invite you to pray about it. And the next time you are in church and we pray for, “those who are ill or homebound,” if you don’t have someone in mind, think of Janine Westa, pray for her. Maybe she is at home, picturing you, and praying for you!

Church & Community
submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...” Galatians 6:9-10

Thank you (from left to right) Wendy Carrier, Gordon Seppa, Pam Brady, Mary Ellen Saur, Ann Seppa, Diane Yovanovich, Steve Brady and Ruth Otto. Thank you also to Thrivent for their generous financial sponsorship of the Peanut Butter and Jelly Making project. This January this group of volunteers made 200 sandwiches to benefit those who are hungry. The next batch will be made on February 8th at 9:30 a.m. We are always hoping for more volunteers. It only takes us about an hour.

The Church & Community Committee will meet in the next few months to discuss upcoming events in 2024. Stay tuned for more information. If you would like to help out speak to Ann Seppa about joining the committee



February 11, 2024 is Souper Bowl Sunday at Our Saviour. Please remember to bring a “dollar” and a canned food item for St. Theodore’s Cupboard. Place the can and dollar in the soup-pot associated with the team you think will win. We will announce whether the majority guessed correctly or not at church the following week.

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WELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman



The Women of the ELCA hope that everyone is staying warm and safe.

Reminder: Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.. Remember to bring your lunch. We look forward to seeing familiar faces, and perhaps some new faces as well.

Loop Ministries

submitted by Wendy Carrier



Once again Loop Ministries is holding a raffle fundraiser for tickets to attend the Jazz Fest. Loop Ministries (our food pantry), is selling **Raffle Tickets** to win **Two 9-day Club Passes for the 2024 Jazz Festival**. Tickets are: **\$5 for 1 ticket, \$10 for 3 tickets; and \$20 for 8 tickets**. The drawing will be Monday, February 12, 2024. Our very own Rod Potter won last year!!!

You can purchase tickets at: loopministries.org/jazzfest, or see Wendy Carrier after the service on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions about Loop Ministries or the Raffle, please contact Wendy at : wcarrier@frontiernet.net

Save The Date!!! Thrivent will be sponsoring an Evening of Play at the Strong Museum on Sunday, February 18, 2024! Ed Jarvis and Wendy Carrier hope you will plan on joining us at the Strong Museum that evening. If you have any questions, please ask Ed or Wendy. We will share more information as it becomes available!

We are continuously collecting clothing and household goods as a Fundraiser for the Food Cupboard. Please bring in your items and put them in the coat room by the bathrooms. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Carrier at: wcarrier@frontiernet.net.

Jubilees

submitted by Dick Ransom

Jubilees Valentines Luncheon,

February 14th: Gather at 11:30, Lunch at 12:15 at MacGregors in Gates—2205 Buffalo Rd.

Buffet Lunch: Chicken French, Meatballs, Pasta, Smashed Pots, Salad & Roll-Coffee, Tea, Soda provided
cake for dessert \$19 for buffet and gratuity Please sign up in Narthex by Feb 11th, (directions on flyer)

Special Giving for the Month of February


submitted by Finance Team

Every other month, beginning in February we will be collecting for a specific ministry. Special Envelopes will be provided in church for you to enclose your donation. In February we will collect for a new fund called, "The Food Ministry Fund." This fund will be used for fellowship and outreach that involves food. For those who are unable to come to church but would like to contribute, please send a check to LCOS and write, "Food Ministry," on the memo line.

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<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Scout Sunday & Annual Meeting</p> <p>9am - Our Saviour Chancel Choir</p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>11am - Congregational Annual Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY</p> <p>9am - Our Saviour Chancel Choir</p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Communion Service</p> <p>11am - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p> <p>10am - Video Quote</p> <p>11:30am - WELCA Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Properties Committee</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>11:30am - Jubile</p> <p>7pm - Ash Wedn</p> 
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>9am - Our Saviour Chancel Choir</p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>11am - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>4pm - Thrivent Night At Strong Museum</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p> <p>6:30pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>9am - Our Saviour Chancel Choir</p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Communion Service</p> <p>11am - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p>	

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First Day of Black History Month

5:30pm - German School Class

9am - German School - Class 18

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9:30am - PB & J Making @ Augsburg
11am - Worship Committee

5:30pm - German School Class

9am - German School - Class 19 Lessons

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Stines Luncheon

Service



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5:30pm - German School Class

9am - German School - Class 20

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February Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Ann Marie MacBride

Day & TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	GREETER	Communion Assistant	Cross Bearer
Sunday 2-4	Ann Seppa	Jen Large	Mike Frey	Jason Stone	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday 2-11	Carol Werth	Peggy Hamblin	Carol Ransom	Paul Hamblin	Peggy Hamblin	Lois Dannenberg
Wednesday 2-14	Ann Seppa	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday 2-18	Brian Spencer	Pam Spencer	Pam Spencer	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday 2-25	Lois Dannenberg	Deb Frey	Lois Dannenberg	Mary Ellen Saur	Deb Frey	Paul Hamblin

Birthday's in February

Chloe Evans—February 1	Kristin Romell—February 2	Kevin Yackel—February 7
Alexa Sovereign—February 9	Pam Spencer—February 9	Jacqueline Greene—February 10
Karen Yackel—February 10	Patrick Dougherty—February 12	Brian Spencer—February 12
Charlyne Hickey—February 13	Alexandria Guiles—February 14	Alyssa Lance—February 14
Karen Osterling—February 14	Devin Mochrie—February 16	Sharon Lynn—February 17
Elly Mahler—February 19	Peyton Osterling—February 19	Valerie Baird—February 20
Karen Stelljes—February 22	Sandra Austin—February 23	Tyler Emerson—February 23
Larry Hopkins—February 24	Michael Frey—February 26	Joshua Sihto—February 28
Jana Tushingam—February 28		

Anniversaries in February

Todd & Jaime Walberger

Seventeen Years

Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Prayer

Barb Collins, Jack Erbeling, Bev Evans, Jim Flick, Meredith Fries, Gerry Haak, Carolyn Hane, Merlyn Hann, Bonnie Hartfiel, Lynn Johnston, Greg Lombard, Jean Lombard, Elly Mahler, Linda Palmer, Jackie Potter, Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Patty Stich, Pastor Joachim Wilck, Janine Westa, Marilies Renke, Irma Sieg, John Macksamie, David Stone, Alice Crawford, The family of Wendy Jones, The family of Helge Mitchell, Sharon Nazarian

Extended Family in Need of Prayer

John Aune, Sam Bagdan, Danny Baird, Michael Baird, Jr., Jeremy Balmer, Shannon Balmer, Dan Burrell & family, Anthony Caratello, Rick Conley, Annette & Casey Corbridge and family, Pamela Cross, Marilyn Dawe, Marlene Denz, Family of Cliff Dilg, Rich Doehl, Krystle Earle, Mac Franklin, Valerie Gingello, Barbara Haefele, Roy & Ann Hamblin, Stacy Harris, Kyle Hopkins, Sean Hopkins, Family of Rick Horn, Nancy Lenox, Greg Lombard, Scott Lynaugh, Zoe & John Marshall, JohnAnthony Neri, Lucy Pilaroscia, Scott Preston, Marianna Reed, Martha Richenberg, Lois Russell, Mary Anne Schnabel, Joseph Seiler, Avrie Sinesiou, Mark Spencer, Denton Sutphen, Glenna Sutphen, Kerri Wallenhorst and family, Judy Whitney, Clarence Wingate, Sammy Zaffuto

Members & Friends Serving Our Country

Alexander McDonough, USCG
Dave Oliver, Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard

Others Serving

LTC Paul Graf, Captain Matthew Wormuth
Major Scott Moncrief, Captain Chris Stevenson
Steve Kim, Major Joshua Davis

Scout Sunday & Annual Meeting

February 4th is national Scout Sunday! We will have a special service led by Bob Newbury featuring prayers and readings in honor of all of our Scouts. Every Monday night the church is full of young people and adult leaders who meet for Scouts. For 113 years the Boy Scouts, (now called "Scouts, BSA" has provided youth of all ages with an opportunity to become better citizens and human beings. It has introduced and promoted love of nature and the outdoors. So many of the ideas and values that are imparted through Scouting echo those very principles found in Christianity.

A Scout, (or a Christian) is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. February 14th we will celebrate and pray for Scouting.

Also, It's time once again for our Annual Meeting. We will look back and celebrate 2023 with the handing out of our Annual Report.

Please join us Sunday February 4th for a Scout Sunday Service, followed by a cake reception, followed by The Annual Meeting. And if you can't join us, please pray for the church and for those who lead and participate in Scouting!

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**Ash Wednesday Service
Imposition of Ashes.**

**Wednesday, February 14th
7:00 p.m.**