

The Communicator

January 2019

The Church Staff join in extending their prayers
for you to have a Happy, Healthy and
Blessed New Year!



Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019
SERVICES 9:00 AND 11:15 AM

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27



The Annual Congregational meeting of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour is Sunday, January 27,

We will gather at 5:00 PM for a soup and sandwich sup-

per, with the meeting following at 6:00 PM. The boards, committees, organizations and staff of the congregation will present their annual reports. Copies of the Annual Bulletin of Reports are available for members on Sunday, January 20. Your participation is important. The by-laws will be presented at the meeting.



We pray this year to be peaceful
For strength to see it through
For each one who lost someone precious
And For all that is Holy and True

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS . . . HAPPY BIRTHDAY and BEST WISHES to all these members of Our Saviour who celebrate birthdays during the month of January. We pray for your continued growth in God's grace.

- 1-Ann Greene
- 1-William Neal
- 1-Emily Yackel
- 2-Kendall Rae Austin
- 2-Shelly O'Connor Borrelli
- 2-Peter Sitter
- 3-Sharon Yackel
- 3-Stephen Nielsen, Jr.
- 5-Nancy Austin
- 5-Madison Johnson
- 5-Jamie Mitchell
- 7-Carol Oehlbeck
- 7-Allison Keller
- 8-Peggy Hamblin
- 8-Mary Voorhies
- 8-Amy Reese

- 8-Jacob Doherty
- 8-Robert Meyer
- 10-Paul Hayhurst
- 10-Katherine Cuyler
- 11-Cassandra Carpenter
- 12-Wendy Forrest
- 13-Michael Castrichini
- 13-James Grimes
- 14-Grace Reese
- 14-Cynthia Borzilleri
- 16-James Hahn
- 17-Kyle Mochrie
- 17-Janie Hopkins
- 18-Amanda Mousaw
- 19-Heike Pleten
- 20-Joyce Tesch
- 20-Justin Abbott
- 20-Timothy Barry
- 21- Jacob Walberger
- 23-Richard Pearce
- 23-John Pleten
- 23-Kyle Wiesmore
- 23-Cassidy Wiesmore
- 24-Nicholas Sihto
- 25-Ryan Grimes
- 26-Thomas Oliver
- 27-Karen Greene

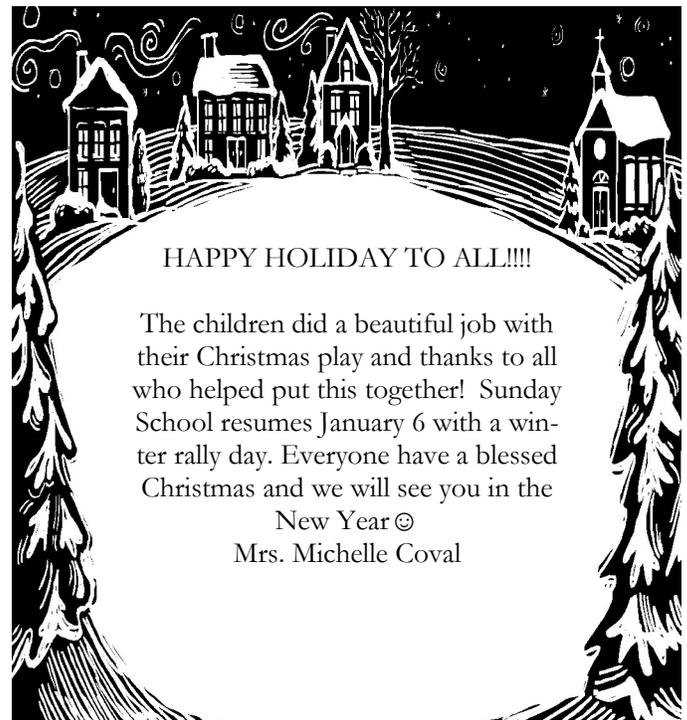
- 27-Daniel Turner
- 27-Andrew Forest
- 27-Marcocello Loughlin
- 28-Jennifer Bonanno
- 28-John Follett, Jr.
- 28-Arlene Ellis
- 29-Gary Perkins
- 29-Taylor Mousaw
- 29-Teliah Cramer
- 29-Dakota Francisco
- 30-Alfred Saucke
- 30-Helga Mitchell



January Anniversaries

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES . . . Congratulations and Best Wishes to these members of Our Saviour who celebrate wedding anniversaries during the month of January. May God continue to bless you and increase your love for one another!

- 7—Michael and Linda Christensen
Happy 25th Anniversary
- 30—Frederick and Leslie Brightman



HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL!!!!

The children did a beautiful job with their Christmas play and thanks to all who helped put this together! Sunday School resumes January 6 with a winter rally day. Everyone have a blessed Christmas and we will see you in the New Year ☺
Mrs. Michelle Coval

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY
JANUARY 27, 2019

SOUP AND SANDWICH
SUPPER
5:00 PM

MEETING AT 6:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US!

We, the members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, as baptized followers of Jesus Christ will foster a living, expressive relationship with our Lord and our neighbors.

We will do this in a way that seeks to serve all segments of our congregation and community by:

- ◆ Providing a welcoming environment for youth and young adults.
- ◆ Strengthening the family unit.
- ◆ Involving the elderly and recognizing their special needs.
- ◆ Making Christ visible through worship.

Recommended by the Long Range Planning committee on October 27, 2010

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Brunch with Santa was Saturday, December 15 and once again we had a great showing. Children from Sunday School enjoyed grilled cheese sandwiches and chips followed by a personal visit with Santa. Many thanks go out to Santa's elves: Michelle Coval, Dick and Carol Ransom, Chloe and Jill Evans, Ann Seppa, Simone Harter, Pam, Brayden and Brian Spencer, and Jim Palmer who helped with serving and clean-up. SPECIAL THANKS TO SANTA!



NEW FLOWER CHART POSTED

A new flower chart for 2019 is posted on the narthex bulletin board. The Altar Guild invites you to select the date on which you wish to place flowers on the altar as an expression of devotion to the Lord, in memory of a loved one, as an expression of joy and thanksgiving on an anniversary or birthday, or other special occasions in life. The cost for the flowers is \$30.00.





JUBLIEES

A group of 11 from our Jubilees went to the Creekview Nursing Home (formally Westgate) on Wednesday, December 5th to spread the good cheer of the Christmas season by singing 25 carols plus a couple other tunes, Those in attendance were Cheryl Stone, Dave Nowatka, Rich and Sharon Yackel, Dick and Carol Ransom, Ed and Daryl Jarvis, Debbie Frey, Deb Ciccone and Ann Seppa. A special thanks to Sharon Yackel for reading a Christmas poem.

Joy to the World!

Special thanks to Donna Evenson for organizing this event.

CARING AND SHARING

We all have loving hearts but busy lives. To make life easier for you to show others you care, we are providing a CARD BOX.

Help yourself to cards and envelopes. Our LCOS Directory is there to help you find addresses. You can write your notes and address the envelopes now while you are thinking of it. Just add a stamp and drop it in the mail.

The card box is located on the small round table next to the elevator.

Do you receive free cards in the mail? Bring them in and add to the box.



From Pastor Wilck



Here's a New Years thought that caught my eye:

Question: "What sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make?"

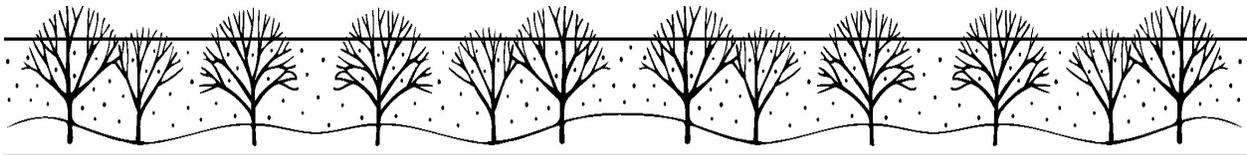
Answer: The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31 and January 1. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, if a Christian determines to make a New Year's resolution, what kind of resolution should he or she make?

Common New Year's resolutions are commitments to quit smoking, to stop drinking, to manage money more wisely, and to spend more time with family. By far, the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more and eating more healthily. These are all good goals to set. However, [1 Timothy 4:8](#) instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." The vast majority of New Year's resolutions, even among Christians, are in relation to physical things. This should not be.

Many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions, because there is no power in a New Year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself?

[Philippians 4:13](#) tells us, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." [John 15:5](#) declares, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has chance for success, depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it. If a resolution is not God-honoring and/or is not in agreement with God's Word, we will not receive God's help in fulfilling the resolution.

So, what sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions: (1) pray to the Lord for wisdom ([James 1:5](#)) regarding what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) rely on God's strength to help you; (4) find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; (6) don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. [Psalm 37:5-6](#) says, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."



CELEBRATING.....



SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

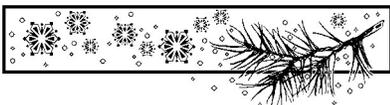
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

EVANGELISM

The Christian Book Club will be meeting Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 10:15 AM at church to discuss "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans please join us.

The Evangelism Committee would like you to join us for Christian Movie Afternoon, Saturday, January 19, 2019, at 2:00 PM. We will be showing movies that will be appropriate for the entire family. There will be popcorn and other refreshments. After the movie there will be time for comments and questions if you wish to stay and discuss the movie. The movie will be "I Can only Image". Hope you can join us.

We are looking for more people to join the group to bring new and creative ideas. We will be meeting the second Sunday of each month at 10:15 a.m. in Pastor's office.



LYO Happenings!!!!

December has been a very busy month for our youth. They have spent much time preparing for the Christmas Hall and the Christmas pageant. Every Wednesday throughout November and December has been spent making decorations for the Christmas Hall. Thank you to all the youth and their parents for all their work. This past week 12/20-12/15 the youth spent every night preparing the hall. They brought much Christmas Spirit to those who traveled down it.

On 12/9 after the 11:15 service, our youth and their parents travelled with Pastor. We carried Christmas in our hearts as we donned our best Christmas apparel bringing a joy-filled noise to those we visited as we sang Christmas carols.

Up coming January events include our annual murder mystery party and a Sunday afternoon of sledding (weather permitting).

Grace and peace, Janeen Oliver



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY
3, 2019**

**The youth will once
again collect cans goods
and \$1.00**

TRUSTEES REPORT



Winter arrived early this year! Lots of snow and cold have thrown us into winter mode, ready or not. Watch your footing in the parking lot and sidewalks. We will keep things as clean as possible but snow and ice are here to stay for a few months.

As we enter a new year please consider volunteering your time and talents to help with the up-keep of the church and grounds. we have more tasks to accomplish than we have people to do them, you can make a difference.

We are in need of a few volunteers willing to shovel and operate snowblowers. If you are interested, please call Ed Jarvis @ 233-7867.

**THE CHURCH SERVICES ARE RECORDED AND ARE ON YOUTUBE
GO TO WWW.OURSAVIOURROCHESTER.ORG AND
CLICK ON SERMONS**



THANK YOU

- ❖ **Jerry Stich**, for all time preparing the gifts for the Family Mission and as well as his time working on the sound system.
- ❖ **Rick Chapin** for printing a LARGE 2019 wall calendar for the office.
- ❖ **LYO and NG'us** group for decorating Christmas Hall this year. Great job once again!

- ❖ **Linda Loughlin, Mary Ellen Saur, Gordon and Ann Seppa, Elaine DeVantier and Colleen Forsey** for collating, stapling addressing and mailing the December newsletter.
- ❖ **Carolyn Hane** for recruiting the Advent Wreath lighters.
- ❖ **Ed Jarvis, Jim MacBride, Larry Hopkins and Rick Chapin** for setting up and preparing the Christmas tree for the decorations.
- ❖ **All the families** for decorating the Church for the Christmas season.
- ❖ **Richard and Sharon Yackel and Mary Ellen Saur** for assembling the Sunday bulletins.
- ❖ **Ed Jarvis** for setting up the Advent Wreath.
- ❖ **Ann Seppa, Frank Johnson, Mary Ellen Saur, Colleen Forsey, Jamie Walberger, Carol Werth and Dick Ransom** for sorting the Harvest Home Food for distribution. Special thanks to the **Women of the ELCA of Our Saviour** for donating four \$50 gift cards to go with the food baskets.
- ❖ **Marielies Renke** for decorating the planter for Christmas and her weekly care of the plants in the narthex.
- ❖ **To all the families** for gifts placed under the Angel tree.

The commitment and dedication of all members of Our Saviour are important to the congregation's mission and ministry. We want to recognize the tasks done by members. Committee/Board Chairs and others are asked to share these names with Office Manager, Mary Pleten for inclusion in future issues of the **Communicator**.



WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A.
Winter Break— No meeting in January

CLC MEETING
Sunday—January 6
12:15 PM

CHURCH COUNCIL
Monday, January 14 at 6:30 PM.

EVANGELISM MEETING
Sunday, January 13 at 10:15 AM

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS
Wednesday, January 9 at 10:00 AM.



CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB,
Sunday, January 6 at 10:15 AM

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING—TBA

MOVIE AFTERNOON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2:00 PM

LYO MURSER MYSTERY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

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Sunday, January 27, 2019
5:00 PM Soup and Sandwich Supper
6:00 PM Meeting



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**ADVENT WREATH
LIGHTING**
Thank you to all!

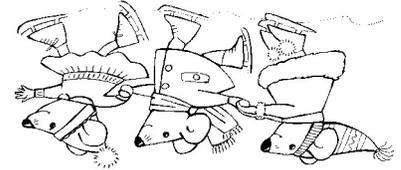
Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message at his cellular number 269-9086. On Friday, Pastor's day off, he is available for pastoral emergencies. When calling the church after hours, and wishing to leave a message for Pastor Wilck, when prompted dial Extension 311 for his personal voice mail.

Please inform Pastor Wilck whenever there is an illness or hospitalization in your family. He appreciates your help. When you are admitted to a hospital, please list your religious preference as "Lutheran Church of Our Saviour" and contact Pastor or the church office.

Thank you to all who led the Advent Wreath Lighting portion of our Sunday Worship during the four Sundays in Advent. We value the involvement of members of the congregation in various aspects of worship leadership. Thank you to Ed and Daryl Jarvis; Ann Seppa and family; Carol Werth and Karen Osterling and family; Michael and April O'Connor Family; Pam and Brian Spencer, Michelle Coval and family; Franz Foltz and family. Also, thank you Carolyn Hane for recruiting our "Advent Wreath Lighters".



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