

Dear OSLC Family,

I hope you had a joyous, peaceful, and Merry Christmas season and that the joy, peace, and spirit of Christmas continue for you into 2024! The new year always brings a hint of change. PJ will be away until January 25th on Sabbatical. I would ask you to pray for PJ, Amy, and the kids while they get some time away to renew, refresh, and reenergize. We will collectively give thanks and say farewell to Deacon Sherie as she retires in May.



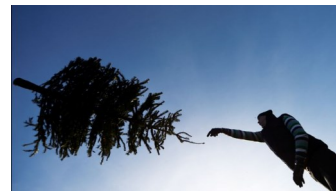
Our church leadership has been re-evaluating what the OSLC church council looks like as well as recognizing we need to update our Constitution to reflect the current practices for mission and ministry in the ELCA. At our November council meeting, a motion was made, seconded, then passed on a 9-0 vote that "as a council, we examine the size and composition of our council, and in order to do so, we will not fill all vacating members until the council has evaluated the needs." So in the upcoming Annual Report, you will see more people rolling off council than people coming onto council. This would be a temporary change from 15 to 8 members. While we are always striving to grow as leaders, this doesn't necessarily mean we need such a large council body. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to me, PJ, Sherie, or any other council member.

Sometimes following Jesus means not knowing where we will end up, but if we keep following Him, we will get to where He wants us.

Pete/Cephas
Council President

Save the Date!

Please make sure to reserve Sunday, May 19, 2024 on your calendar as we give thanks for the ministry of Deacon Sherie who is retiring.



It is time to "wrap-up" our Christmas decorations here. We will have our "Undecorating Night" on **Monday, January 8th** from 6:00-8:00pm. Many hands make light work!

Noah's Ark collected \$623.05 for the Waukesha Memorial Fund! We will add an additional gift of \$500 from the Endowment Fund for a grand total of \$1,123.05!



Thank you for your generosity and goodness that we can share with the community of Waukesha! #beingchurchofterchurch



We apologize for the delay in our photo directory project. The layout and formatting process is taking much longer than expected. We hope to have some movement on this project in the next couple of weeks. We will continue to keep you updated as to when we anticipate both the hard copies and online version to be available. Thanks for your patience!

First Annual "Holiday Hangover & White Elephant" Party

Wednesday January 10th – 1:00 @ Church

Snacks & Sweets Only

Bring your Holiday Leftovers – or anything you'd like to share

Beverages Provided

White Elephant Rules:

Must be something from your Home or a Thrift Shop – i.e. Free or Almost Free

Must fit one or more of the following descriptions: Ugly, Ridiculous, Useless, Creepy, Silly – You get the idea!

Do Not put your name on it – after the exchange there will be a prize for the craziest gift.



Monday, January 8th

11:00 am Bible/Book study

6:00 pm Tree and decoration cleanup

Tuesday, January 9th

8:30 am KM Quilting Guild

9:00 am WC Reflection Group

7:00 pm Choir

Wednesday, January 10th

8:30 am HGL Quilters

1:00 pm VARSITY White Elephant party

6:00 pm Midweek Worship

6:30 pm Journey

Thursday, January 11th

9:00 am Kits N Quilts

Friday, January 12th

Office Closed

Sunday, January 13th

8:00 am Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Don't forget "Project Sherie" is on-going. Quilters will be available through the end of January on Sunday mornings from 9am-10am AND Thursdays 9am-11am in the CSS prep room right next to fellowship hall for the paint project. It only takes a few minutes. Please get your college age kids to participate and share the word with others!

Also think about writing a note of special Sherie moments that we will scrapbook for her. Get those into Kelly or PJ by March 1st.



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Prayer For:

Greg Haas

Sue

Ken

Jennifer

Paul

Dennis Benz

Julia Bethards

Jenny

Cheryl Plankey

Sara

Joe Ziana

Joyce Schmoldt

Jim Schmoldt

Judy Roels

Janelle

Jeff

Quinn

Kelly Baran Family

Dorthea Weinhrauch

Gloria Whalen

In commemoration of the visit of the Magi to the Holy Family, there arose the custom of blessing homes during the time of Epiphany. The blessing with chalk includes marking the first initials of the legendary names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) at the top of door frames, along with the year:

20 + C + M + B + 24

On this feast of the Epiphany, whether you live alone or with a family, pray a blessing on the place you call home: *Be my shelter, Lord, when I am at home, my companion when I am away, and my welcome guest when I return. Today with a shining star you guided three strangers to the Christ child. Grant that we who bless + our homes with chalk may be filled with kindness toward one another and with hospitality to all those we welcome in the name of Jesus your Son. Amen.*

We will have baggies with the prayer and chalk so that you can do this blessing in your homes!



A-Team Nativity



Maybelle Fullhart's Nativity!

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Monday thru Thursday 8:00am to 3:30pm
Fridays office closed (phones monitored 8-12)

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