



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



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 \$1123.05! 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!



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!

VARSlTY in January! Click below to find out what we are doing!

VARSlTY

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.



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!

Dates to Remember

January 8th	Tree & decoration take down
January 10th	VARSlTY Holiday Hangover & White Elephant exchange
February 4th	Wine & Painting Event with Sherie @ The Moose Lodge

A-Team Magnet Challenge!

Don't forget to use your A-Team magnets and take selfies/pictures of your Christmas gatherings, your nativity sets or Christmas decor. As the Christ child is born for us, let us sing Alleluia- Glory to God in the Highest! Send those pictures to PJ or Kelly!



Maybelle Fullhart's Nativity scene!

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. Click [here](#) for more details.

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

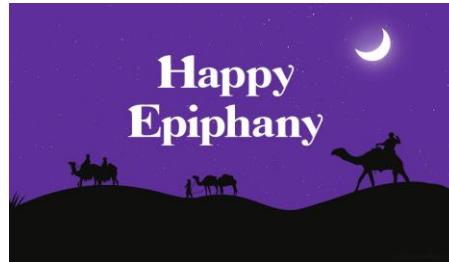
Office Closed

Sunday, January 13th

8:00 am Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship



Stay up to date by visiting our website! [Click here to see what's going on.](#)



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Worship with Us!

Worship on Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

- 8:00 & 10:00 service Live streamed on church [Facebook page](#) (account not required)
- Sunday School at 9:00

Midweek Worship (Wednesdays at 6:00pm)

- Service in the Gathering Area (winter months & inclement weather)
- Summer-outside by the "JOY" letters

Our mission: We gather together to explore and celebrate the wonder of Christ, equipping all to live a God-centered life.