

# Parish Scope

Our Savior's Lutheran  
Church

Issue 11  
December 2010

## December Happenings

Dec 1-3  
Baking Days

Dec 4  
Bake Sale

Dec. 9  
Advent Luncheon Potluck  
Friendship Room at OSL  
12:00noon

Dec 12  
UW-Stout Holiday Concert  
at OSL 7:00pm

Dec. 19  
Sunday School  
Christmas Program—10:30am

Dec. 24  
Christmas Eve Services  
3:00pm, 5:00pm & 10:00pm

**OSL's  
Scandinavian  
Bake Sale  
December 4, 2010  
9:00—10:30am**



## Snow Day Reminder

OSL follows the snow day policy of the Menomonie school district. If the school district has cancelled school because of hazardous conditions, then we follow their lead. This policy includes the Pre-school, Wednesday evening programming and any Bible studies or other gatherings.



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- November Birthdays
- Ministry Coordinator's Corner
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## **Advent Luncheon Potluck December 9 @ 12:00noon Friendship Room**

Men, women and guests are invited. Come, bring a favorite dish to share and don't forget your festive Christmas Spirit! You will be treated to a wonderful presentation about 'the Blue House' and Lutheran Campus Ministry.



## Christmas Program

December 19, 2010  
10:30am  
in the Sanctuary

## A Message from your Pastor...

*"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philipians 4:8*

Four years ago I came to this congregation intent on fulfilling my call as Senior Pastor. I believe in my heart I have fulfilled that call. We have accomplished many things together in close collaboration with one another. We remodeled the sanctuary, restructured committees, revitalized Sunday School and Confirmation, established a new web site, created a Social Concerns committee, had a 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, increased Bible studies, helped Lutheran Campus ministry revitalize itself, received many new members, and established the Mission Endowment Fund, among other things. The Gospel has been preached and taught and the sacraments have been administered. I am

grateful to the members of OSL for allowing me to minister in this place.

Now it is time for me to move on. I do not know what lies ahead for me. God knows. I do not know what lies ahead for OSL. God knows. Whatever the future holds, know that my thoughts and prayers will be with you, but I cannot be. I will be unable to perform any pastoral function or participate in any way in the life of OSL. This has nothing to do with the vote on Sunday. This is a matter of pastoral ethics any time a pastor leaves a congregation.

I've heard a good saying recently. "There are three things you can't hide: the Sun, the Moon, and the Truth." But each can be eclipsed. The sun can be eclipsed by the moon and the moon can be eclipsed by the earth. The truth can also be eclipsed by shadows in the human heart. In the days ahead I

beg you to be careful with one another and not allow those shadows to eclipse the healing truth that must shine in this congregation if it is to fulfill its calling. Do not listen to gossip or rumor. Do not turn a cold ear to those who disagree with you. Be gentle with one another and do not engage in back-biting. The Lord knows each heart, hears every whisper, and understands well what it is that tries to destroy faith. Give no room for rivalries and strife but allow yourselves to be propelled by the word of God and the truth of God will set you free.

Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is gracious, whatever is right and good – concentrate on these things. And may our Savior bless you richly with his truth and light! Amen.

Roy

## Thank You

*To the Wonderful Women of OSL, Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt and the lovely reception. I didn't want anyone to go to any trouble for me, but I must confess, it felt really good to be recognized! You are such a thoughtful group. Thank you so much for everything you do.*

*Love, Cheryl*

*Dear OSL members, Thank you all so much for your kind words, thoughtful cards, and delightful memories that we have shared over the years. I cannot help but look fondly back on our time together. My gratitude also goes out to the OSL Women for the beautiful quilt and delicious reception. The cakes were delightful! Thank you also to my fellow staff members for the delicious cake and send-off. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated! (And, I want you all you know, I had plenty of frosting & flowers!) Thank you again so much.*

*Love, Julie*

# Women of the ELCA

## OSW Board

OSW Board Meeting will be on **December 6, 2010 at 9:00am** in the Children's Library

## OSW Circle Schedules

**Jenny Elliott's Bible Study** meets Wednesday December 8, 10:00am in the Fireside Room

**Leah Circle** meets Monday December 13, 4:00—6:00pm at the Menomonie Family Restaurant.

**AMers Circle** meets Thursday December 2, 7:30am at the Menomonie Family Restaurant.

## Our Savior's Reading Club

**January 19, 2011**

1:00pm **Fireside Room**

**Hostesses:** Maggie Johnson and Jo Keller

**Devotions:** Muriel Mikkelson

**Review:** Pat Bade

**Book:** "Katerina von Bora: a Reformation Life"

by Rudolf Markwald and Marilyn Markwald

Guests are always welcome!



## Official Acts

### Parish Records

**October 25, 2010—November 28, 2010**

**Baptisms:** Samuel Jacob Alexander Rome, son of Elizabeth Rome, baptized at OSL on November 14, 2010 by Pr. Roy Harrisville III.

**Deaths:** Howard G. Bengtson, died on October 22, 2010, funeral service on October 27, 2010, Pr. Roy Harrisville III officiated.

**Richard J. Debee**, died on November 1, 2010, funeral service on Nov. 6, 2010, Pr. Roy Harrisville III officiated.

**Karl W. Young**, died on November 2, 2010, funeral service on Nov. 8, 2010, burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Pr. Roy Harrisville III officiated.

**Carl E. Erickson**, died on November 17, 2010, funeral service on Nov. 22, 2010, burial in Halvorson/Christ Lutheran cemetery Pr. Bob Schoenknecht officiated.

**Ruby S. Lestrud**, died on November 17, 2010, funeral service on Nov. 22, 2010, burial in Evergreen Cemetery Pr. Kurt Larson officiated.

## Scandinavian Baking Days

Wednesday December 1st and continues through December 3rd. Your help is desperately needed. Here's what happens during the three days of baking.

On Wednesday morning potatoes will be peeled and cooked, mashed and measured in preparation for baking the lefsa on Thursday morning. Many people are needed on Thursday morning to help roll lefsa and flip it on the grill. Lefsa is then cooled and packaged. On Thursday and again on Friday morning, Sandbakkell dough will need to be pressed into the tins in preparation for baking. This is a job that can be done sitting down. Other delicacies such as Krumkaka, Rosettes and Kifla as well as Russian Tea Cakes and Spritz are also made on Thursday. The packaging station keeps busy wrapping and packaging baking goods both Thursday and Friday. At noon Thursday and Friday, a scrumptious potluck dinner is enjoyed by everyone (with a little tasting of some of the rejected baking items!).

Please come and join in whenever you can. This is a great opportunity to practice and learn about Scandinavian Baking.

If you are not able to help, but would like to donate baked items, please have your baked goods at the church by Friday at 1:00pm so that items can be packaged and priced.

## TUESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 7TH AT 9:30 IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM.

### Home Communion

If you desire to have your name added to our list of monthly home communion visits by the pastors, please call the church office with your request.

### Prayer Chain

If anyone is interested in being a member of a Prayer Chain please contact the church office at 235-0693. For E-mail prayer chain, please contact office@oslme.com

### Hospital Patient Policy

The local hospital has put into place a privacy legislation which assures confidentiality for the patients. Pastors must know beforehand who is in the hospital. Please let the church office or one of the pastors know if you or someone you know of is in the hospital.

### Between the Bookends

- Muriel Mikkelson, Sylvia Nelson Librarians

—New in Our Savior's Library...



**The Indescribable Gift** by Richard Exley (FIC Ex) This is a lovely book of short stories about some of the main people in the biblical saga of Christmas. Drawn from scripture and illustrated with art these vignettes breathe life into the familiar story.

*Our library has many wonderful books to enhance your celebration of Christmas.*

*Watch for special displays.*

**Same Kind of Different as Me** by Ron Halland Denver Moore (921 Ha) What can happen when a wealthy international art dealer, a tough homeless man, and a motivated woman meet at the Union Gospel Mission in Fort Worth? A miracle of faithfulness, friendship, and love. This is on the New York Times bestseller list.

**Baking Cakes in Kigali** by Gaile Parkin (FIC Pa) Angel is the best baker of festive cakes in the whole city. She is also a wise woman who takes her relationship with her clients very seriously, offering them a cup of tea and listening to their stories. When they come to place their orders she is entrusted with many secrets. Deftly using flashbacks, Parkin tells about the years of civil war, rape, and genocide that continue to plague Rwanda today. Don't be misled by her light-hearted approach. It is an horrific story and one of which we should be aware.

**Cooking with Hot Flashes: and Other Ways to make Middle Age Profitable** by Martha Bolton (814.54 Bo) There are some distinct advantages to aging so laugh with Martha as she points out all that the over-forty crowd can get away with.



The deadline for Mission Endowment Fund 2010 grant requests is Sunday, December 5. Grant applications and MEF brochures are available in the church office.

*Thank you very much to all the children and any adults who participated with the Halloween Unicef Collection Boxes. \$75.68 was collected and a check has been mailed in. I hope collecting money for Unicef continues each year at OSL. Mary Harrisville*

## Change is Good...

A little over 10 years ago, life had thrown me a curve. We had an almost 3 year old daughter and were expecting our second child. Being between jobs, we had decided that it was a good time for me to just stay home with the kids. After a few months of that, I was starting to go stir crazy! In church one Sunday morning there was an ad for a Publications Secretary, only 20 hours per week to put together the weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter. Hey, I can do that, I thought. That will get me a little more involved in the church and give me that much needed adult time. At least until I find a 'real' job after the baby is born.

It took me a while to learn the inner workings of being at the church, and shortly after I began, my little 20 hr per week job turned into a 32 hr per week job as the Administrative Assistant. (ok, I decided on the title, I didn't feel I was old enough to be the 'church secretary'. My hair was not blue enough, I didn't wear 'sensible shoes', and I did not own a shawl! Yes, that's stereotypical of me, but ...)

Now fast forward 10 years. Our little toddler is now a teenager, and she has 2 little brothers, one 10 years old and the other 7 years old. Our kids have literally grown up in the church office. They have come to love each pastor, but especially Roy, as the youngest says "Roy is the bestest, he has candy in his office". And

believe me, he was never afraid to ask for a piece of candy and would always ask for two so that he could share with his mom! The church has been a great place to work while the kids were young. What office would allow your kids to come and hang out while you worked? What boss would take your kids aside while you were trying to get work done and show them a really great way to make paper airplanes? You know, so the tip doesn't crush when it hits the wall? There were paper airplanes flying all over the office! And the next week Pastor Roy had a gift for the 3 of them...yep, a 'how to' book on making all sorts of paper airplanes. We had airplanes stuck in every nook and cranny in the house!

It is now time for me to say good-bye to this job that I have grown to love. Another chapter in my life must begin. Change is sometimes hard, but in order for growth to happen change must occur.

I want to say thank you...

Thank you to the 9 pastors that I got to know so well. Each of them taught me a little something about hope, love, forgiveness and acceptance.

Thank you to the countless volunteers who would come each month to put together the newsletter. I remember early on trying to do it myself, not wanting to bother anyone. I then realized

that the volunteers need each other also, and so I enjoyed serving you all coffee and cookies while you chatted and worked.

Thank you to my office angels who would come in to answer the phones and do odd jobs whenever I needed a day off.

Thank you to the 'bulletin crew' that would come to the office every Friday morning to stuff the bulletins. Thank you to the head of that crew, my very special Ashley, who although not a member, came to volunteer for almost 5 years—despite her challenges, she taught me a great deal about patience and acceptance.

Thank you to those of you who came in to the office for the soul purpose of giving the office staff grief (and you know who you are!), you gave us all that much needed reality check!

I have truly loved getting to know each and every member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. And believe me, I do know each of your names. I may not have seen the faces of all 1800+ members, but your name will be forever in my head.

Thank you and may God bless you all.  
Cheryl Keyes  
Administrative Assistant  
(aka Church Secretary 😊)

### **To Jennifer Smith and Patty Jacobsen,**

On behalf of the Council we thank you for your service and care of the children as Sunday School superintendents and Education committee leaders. Your dedication to provide a sound Christian education for all who come to Sunday School is evident, and your spirit and love for the students has made a difference in their lives. We appreciate your generosity of time and talent in this very important job!

Sincerely, OSL council, Karen Jansen sec.

## Memorials and Gifts

### CHANCEL RENOVATION

- In memory of Susan Rhead (sister-in-law and aunt), given by Dick & Lois Debee, Jeff, Lori, Donna & families
- In memory of Flossie Krueger, given by Mike & Sally Schendel, Jack & Lois Sampson, Gerry & Phlayne Olson
- In memory of Dick Debee and Karl Young, given by Elmer & Diana Bentz, Harry & Barb Stai
- In memory of Karl Young, given by Charleen Weidenbach, Kieth & Clarice Anderson, Pat & Don Kuether, Bob & Jan Willow, Wes & Maggie Johnson, Terry & Connie Stokes, Len & Sharon Sterry, Jack & Leslie Jeatran, Dick & Pat Edwards, Elna Johnson, Mabel Gifford, Kim & Karen Fruit Eldon & Anita Larson, Toby & Marion Ellison, Nancy Bjornson, Ruby Lestrud, Mary Jorgensen, Mike & Sally Schendel, Tom & Barb Johnson, Robert & Barbara Young
- In memory of Dick Debee, given by Lois Debee & family, Mabel Gifford, Mike & Sally Schendel, David & Karen Schiotz, Gerry & Phlayne Olson, Wes & Maggie Johnson, Bob & Jan Willow, Roger & Judy Kahl, Dick & Cheryl & Sarah Beguhn, Jeanne & Matt & Amanda Stevenson, Pat & Clayton Erickson, Bill & Mary Ellen Mathews, Tom Gilbertson, Jon & Dian Oakland, Jim & Helen Johnson, Scott & Vicky Sinz, Patti Harm, Colleen Walton, John Miller, Dave & Nancy Ponto, Roy & Dee Christianson, DeWayne & Deanna King, Paul & Diane Jacobson, John & Sandy Storing, Jerald & Joanne Dow, Gloria & Mark Schmitz, Don & Phyllis Rhead, Jim & Shirley Neikirk, Steve & Janet Close, Dan & Marg Skillings, Bob & Judy King, Dick & Helen Boening, Don & Rose Anderson, Bill & Brenda Swannack, Brian & Jodi Kohnke, Dick & Connie Weber, Chris Hannack, Gene Kizer, Rob & Lori & Tanner Sinz, Jim & Carol Lambert
- In memory of Ruby Lestrud and Carl Erickson, given by Harry & Barb Stai
- In honor of Pastor Roy Harrisville, given by Lois Debee and family

### GENERAL FUND

- In memory of Dick Debee, given by Sylvia & Orv Nelson, Ruby Lestrud, Floyd & Pearl Ninas, Sandra Williams, George & Jen Murphy, Scott & Julie Weber, Larry & Jan Ryan, Jake Nordeen, Bryan & Cathy Erickson, Judy Schuch, Kim Swenson, Gil & Joyce Hagen, Joel & Sharon Radke, Gene & Judy Johnson, Carl & Delores & Dale Erickson, Steve & Sue VandeBerg, Rick & Donna Hakes, Jeff & Audrey Beguhn, Cal & Bonnie Christianson, Todd & Elene STainer, Dan & Cheryl Wyss, Tom & Cheryl Lefstand,

### HEALTH MINISTRY

- In memory of Karl Young, given by Wayne & Sharon Nero
- In memory of Dick Debee, given by Elna Johnson, Sam & Karen & Tylee Rydberg, Larry & Jo Thein, Ken & Orrinne Johnson, Nancy Shubert, Pat Lehman, Pat Pizzi, Don & Jodi Johnson, Joan Wagner, Barb & Jack Robinson, Chuck Jochim, Pete & Mary Lynn Lendobeja, Mike & Cindy Mense, Linnae Frank, Orlin & Bernice Larson, Barb Biesterveld, Dave & Stacy Tschumperlin, Shirley Rhead, Nancy Cook
- In honor of Mary Langford and all the helpers at Dick Debee's funeral, given by Lois Debee & family

### GREATEST NEEDS FUND

- In honor of Cheryl Keyes for her research on records of her Great-Grandfather, given by Debera Knox
- In memory of Flossie Krueger, given by Marion Wyss
- In memory of our fathers George Forster & Bill Ferm, given by Bill & Trudy Forster
- In memory of Gene Lehmann, Walter Bjornson, Margaret Bark, Florence Krueger, given by Martha Wallen
- In memory of Karl Young, given by Kristine Lemke, Jake & Shirley Bostrom, Judy Kirk, Joan Keller, Carol & Dale Seppa, David & Karen Schiotz,
- In memory of Dick Debee, given by Jake & Shirley Bostrom, Rod & Trudy Smeltzer, Judy Kirk, Joan Keller

- In memory of Dick Debee and Karl Young, given by Harry & Barb Stai
- In memory of Flossie Krueger, given by Wes & Maggie Johnson, Mabel Gifford, Janet Wisner, Rick & Leona Metzger, DeWayne & Joan Behling, Avis Smithback, Dean & Sue Ann Babbitt, Jack & Leslie Jeatran, Ruth Hendrickson, Peggy Holm, Irene Cotts, Nancy Bjornson, James & Ann Mense, Carol VandeBerg, Leonard & Sharon Sterry, Eldon & Anita Larson, Gerry & Phlayne Olson, Karl & Marie Young
- In memory of Karl Young, given by Horten & Mary Reed, Jacqueline Collins, Gerald & Carrine Grochowski
- In memory of Flossie Krueger, given by family of Flossie
- In memory of Ruby Lestrud, given by Kris Lemke
- In memory of Dick Debee, given by Avis Smithback, Pat & Diane Lehman, James & Janalyn Williams, Paul & Joni Lerum, Barb Lindberg, Gordy & Rochelle Boos, Mary Huepfel, Susan & Brookelyn Bauer, Bob & Lorraine Wilson, Cheryl & Jeff Keyes, Larry & Heather Graves, Randy & Darlys & Ryan & Ross Dulin, Perry & Joann Hodgson, Mike & Janey Gifford, Dorothy Baker, Arden & Ardis Alexander, Ken & Mary Tilleson, Jerome & Barbara Peuse

### WORSHIP & MUSIC

- In memory of Dick Debee and Karl Young, given by Clayton & Pat Erickson
- In memory of Karl Young, given by Mark & Karen Jansen
- In memory of Dick Debee, given by Gary & Janice Cronk, Doug & Ann Larson
- In memory of Karl Young, given by Gene & Mary Kunes, Arden & Ardis Alexander, Carol & Dale Seppa, Louis & RoseAnn Husby, Doug & Ann Larson, Sylvia & Orville Nelson, Gene & Gloria Kraemer, Mark & Karen Jansen, Gerry & Phlayne Olson, Clayton & Pat Erickson, Doug & Deb Hyde, Richard & Laila Davis, Charles & Pauline Liesenfelt
- In memory of Ruby Lestrud, given by Lynda Cran

## Memorials and Gifts Cont...

In memory of Dick Debee, given by Toby & Marian Ellison, Nancy Bjornson, Tim & Cora Frank, Richard & Nancy Frank, Amy & Madalyn & Elliot Neverdahl, Dick & Carol King, Forest & Connie Bixby, Charles & Connie Kistner, Martha Stewart, Chris Jacobson, Ted & Mary Benson, Linda Bark, Mary Busalacchi, Mary Solberg, James Sperstad, Kurt Larson, Vic & Sandy Christianson, Ardys Hake, Rose Hall & family

### OUR SAVIOR'S PRESCHOOL

In memory of Dick Debee and Karl Young, given by Anita Klamm

In memory of Dick Debee, given by Jeri Thiede, Mary Jorgensen, Craig & Carrie & Jack Lecheler, Larry Rhead, Karla Olson, Mark & Sonja Kalscheur, Orv & Bo Gabriel, Steve & Tracy Johnson, Dan & Jane Webb, Rita Van Amber, Pat & Jim Johnson

### RADIO BROADCAST

In memory of sister Margaret Bark, given by Herba Solstad and Arnold Solstad

In memory of Dick Debee and Karl Young, given by Carol Egan

In memory of Dick Debee, given by Louis & RoseAnn Husby, Gene & Gloria Kraemer

In memory of Howard Bengston, Karl Young and Dick Debee, given by Gerry & Jeanne Leff

In memory of Karl Young, given by Ron & Correne Husby, Avis Smithback, Jim & Sandy Kreuger, Kay & Donald Lentz, James & Jaclyn Hagen, Dick & Cheryl Lowery, Margaret Howland, Richard & Carol Hagstad, Don & Darlene Olson, Carmen & Allen Hull, Lloyd & Eva Rogers, Grand & Elaine Nelson, Ken & Marcia Nelson, C & B Bauer,

In memory of Ruby Lestrud, given by Carol Egan

In memory of Dick Debee, given by Eldon & Anita Larson, Alice Evenson, Rich & Leona Metzger, Lloyd & Lillian Hainstock, Doug & Ann Larson, Bernard Brehm, Dick & Arlene Clack, Bill & Janie Holmberg, Judy Head, Bob & Lill Sand, Allene Rhead, Dorothy Buckley, Eunice Donicht, Edna Schaefer, Marilyn Lee, Micky Beguhn, Doug & Vicki Rhead,

Mark & Jody Welke, Jon & Joanne Hagen, Jim & Ruth King

In honor of Jeff Debee's Dec. 24th birthday, Donna Rudiger's Dec 30th birthday and Alissa Debee's Dec. 18th birthday, given by Lois Debee

### QUILTERS

In memory of Flossie Krueger, given by Gene & Gloria Kraemer

### READING CLUB

In memory of Ruby Lestrud, given by Joan Keller

### YOUTH

In memory of Dick Debee, given by Dan & Kathy Werner, Leonard & Sharon Sterry, Gerald & Venus King, Jeff & Maureen & Kayla Fullington, Jeff & Chris Hoff, Rudine Karczewski, Tom & Denise Boron, Tim & Diane Zias, Steve & Tammi & Jessica Cook, Dan & Jackie & Kayla & Megan Manor, Steve & Laura & Morgan & Brett Lecheler, Steve & DiAnn & Mindy Rudiger, Greg & Beth Stai, Lone Labs, Lynn & Shari & Hanna & Jenna Johnson, Todd & Ann Thies

## Senior Citizens Employment and Training, Inc.

is offering a program designed to help older adults, 55 and older, learn how to use the computer. The program is free of charge and there are no eligibility requirements. Adult Peer Coaches provide individualized help on how to use the mouse, keyboard, email, and the internet. Training is free, friendly and simple to understand.

Interested persons may register by calling Senior Citizens Employment & Training at 715-839-5058 or toll free at 888-772-4337 between 8 am - 4:30pm.

This program has been developed in partnership with Senior Service America, Inc. and Generations on Line™.



## Electronic Newsletter

Many people now prefer to receive electronic versions of newsletters instead of paper copies. Electronic conveyance of our OSL newsletter is both "green" and financially advantageous, as it reduces paper consumption and postage fees. If you would like to receive your monthly Scope via your home computer, send an e-mail to [office@oslme.com](mailto:office@oslme.com). We will put you on a growing list of those who do so. Each month you'll receive a notification from OSL with a web link just as soon as the current newsletter becomes available.



## Meet Rob Mondlock...

Rob Mondlock believes the purpose of life is to serve others. He says, "my way to serve others, is through the vehicle of music." Rob is the senior choir director at OSL and has been for over 4 years. His life, and the lives of his family, are filled with music. "We sing around the house all the time," says Rob. His musical family consists of his wife Amy and their three children. He describes Amy in glowing terms as a wonderful wife and mother. He sees her (and all mothers) as the foundation of the home. His oldest son Brandon, currently attends UW Stout and son Jared, is at UW-Eau Claire. His daughter Mary, the youngest child, is a junior at Menomonie High. He is very proud of his children and their musical talents and personal life accomplishments. Rob also has one child, Amanda, of a previous marriage. Amanda lives in Eau Claire and works for the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Life has not always been easy for Rob. He states, "my dysfunctional childhood lead to appreciate the amazing and wonderful opportunities in my adult years." He dropped out of Hayward High School as a sophomore and returned a year later. Upon his return, he found a wonderful mentor and teacher that helped Rob with his life struggles. Post high school, Rob attended Northland College in Ashland, WI. He attained

his Masters of Educational Professional Development Degree at UW Eau Claire in 1999.

He and his wife Amy moved to Menomonie in 1985 and Rob began teaching instrumental and choral music in the Boyceville School District. In 1991, Rob accepted a teaching position for the Elk Mound School District where he taught for 16 years before his retirement in 2006.

Rob continues to be involved in musical activities as a freelance music educator. He gives both choral and instrumental private music lessons, gigs with various area dance bands, plays in the Red Cedar Brass Quintet, adjudicator for the Wisconsin State Music Association, Wisconsin honors band/choir clinician/conductor, conducts the OSL Senior Choir, OSL Praise Band drummer/trumpet/ vocalist, and teaches part-time for the Menomonie Middle School and Glenwood City Schools instrumental programs. He is also a supervisor of student teachers for UW-EC music department.

His choice of music runs the gamut ranging from opera, spirituals,



jazz, and rock and roll. Rob is an active member of three local bands. He is a vocalist, drummer and trumpet player for the Ed Wells Quartet, TSR, HGT (Home Grown Tomatoes), what he describes as the, "quintessential wedding band," and most recently, Four Cast, a four piece classic rock/variety dance band. The various ensembles are the mainstay entertainers at Fishers on the Green at Hillcrest Country Club in Altoona, Wisconsin.

For more on Rob's musical background, feel free to visit, [TSRband.com](http://TSRband.com). (Teacher-Student Relationship) formed in 1971 and still performing.

Pastor Roy states, "Rob Mondlock has a heart and soul for music and the praise of the Lord. His personal skill and winsome manner are real boasts to the worship life of OSL. We are blessed that he has chosen to share his gifts and talents with us."

Rob feels that his life has been blessed. He has learned over the years that as long as he stays connected to the Lord, life is good.



### ***Grief and the Holidays***

***How do I get through the holidays after losing someone I have loved?***

**Date: Sunday, December 5, 2010**

**Time: 2:00 PM**

**Place: Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater  
(Lower Level, Elevator Available)  
205 Main Street Menomonie, WI**

*We invite you and your family to join us for a presentation given by Richard Obershaw, founder and director of the Grief Center in Burnsville. Dick will examine the extraordinary problems associated with grief during the holidays and methods of coping during these difficult times.*

*There is no charge for this event. We hope you will come for yourself or bring family members or a friend who has suffered a loss this past year.*

*Our hope is that you will better understand the grief you are feeling and enjoy a lighter and more hopeful holiday season. Refreshments will follow the presentation.*



Greetings from  
Luther Park!

December 2010

**Advent Fellowship  
& Cookie Baking  
Retreat, Dec. 11,  
9am-3pm:** Join us

for a day of fellowship around a traditional holiday activity—Christmas cookie baking! Enjoy a day in the beautiful setting at Luther Park, make your stash of Christmas cookies for the season, and reflect on the meaning of the Advent season through devotions. Participants will take home 1-2 dozen (120 or more) of about 10 different types of Christmas cookies as well as recipes. Bring your favorite apron, a rolling pin if you have one, and containers to bring your goodies home. Cost: \$40.00

**Luther Park Advocates:** We are seeking two people from each congregation who will serve as a team of advocates on behalf of your camp Luther Park. We prefer that your advocates not be church staff. The Luther Park staff will train and provide materials for camp promotion starting with a **FREE** Advocate Retreat February 11-12, 2011.

**Mark Your Calendar:** As mentioned last month start thinking about the Annual

Meeting of the Camp Association. The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 22, at 10:00 a.m. at Luther Park Bible Camp. Please give some thought to representing your congregation and let the pastor or congregational president know of your interest.

**Annual Fund Support:** We are relying heavily upon individual and congregational support this year. Congregational support is ahead of last year at this time. Thank you to our congregations for their strong mission support. As an individual or family, if you are able to do so, we are asking for your gracious financial support. Due primarily to low camper registration this past summer we are facing at least a \$42,000 deficit in 2010. Luther Park is your Bible Camp and the health and wellness of the ministry is dependent upon its members supporting it with prayer, volunteer time, and financial gifts.

**Mark Your Calendar: Register Now!** Upcoming Recharge events are as follows: January 7-8, 2011: Jr. High Recharge

March 11-12, 2011: Sr. High Recharge

**Retreats, Retreats, Retreats:** To discuss possibilities for your future retreats, contact Becky at 715-859-2215

or [Becky@LutherPark.org](mailto:Becky@LutherPark.org) and she can assist you with available openings for facilities at Luther Park. Consider a retreat this winter or a family reunion next summer!

**Start Planting the Idea:** Start thinking about young adults who you feel would make great candidates for summer staff at Luther Park and plant the idea. Brianna, Luther Park Program Coordinator, intends to have employment information on the website [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org) sometime in early to mid December.

**Needs / Wish List:** We have some larger equipment needs and wants. Specifically, we are looking for good used vehicles, preferably Mini-vans or mid-size sedans. We are also looking for a good used or new pontoon motor, preferably about 25 horsepower.

Together in Ministry  
Rev. Craig M. Corbin,  
Interim Executive Director

**Books for the Holidays** Your Children's Library has a wonderful collection of children's books on display for the holiday season. You are invited to come in and browse. Christmas books are displayed so more families will have an opportunity to enjoy them. Parents, this is a great time to read to your children. Grandparents, aunts and uncles, and anyone who will be having holiday guests are encouraged to check out books for your young visitors.



## Hey Snowbirds!

Please don't forget... if you are leaving for warmer climates, please let the church office know. We can either forward your church mail or stop it temporarily—whichever you prefer.

Colfax Lutheran Church, located at 600 Balsam Street is proud to invite you to the **New Auburn Choir**. They will present the Christmas Message through song and word on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided following the concert

## The Blue House?

Where in the world is the “Blue House?” The Blue House is home for the Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) here at UW-Stout. Pastor Kurt Larson, known as “PK” to the students, is serving his fifth year as campus minister.

The Blue House is a busy place on Monday nights, supper is available complete with a presenter. Weekly activities could include visiting residents at hospitals, and day care facilities within the community, or holding group discussions, on faith and leadership. The 25-35 Stout students make the Blue House their second home.

As an alumni of campus ministry (40+ years) I have had the opportunity to socialize with these students. They are great!! When I was there last week, helping to prepare a meal, I noticed that some of the kitchen gadgets I was using were some of the same ones I used 40 years ago and are in great need of replacement. It’s hard to believe that some of the same things remain after all these years. The following is



a list of needed items. Feel free to donate an item or monetary gift to LCM. A presentation of Christmas gifts will be done at the OSL Women’s Advent Luncheon (on Dec. 9) So please get your items to the OSL church office no later than Dec. 8th.

I got chills from being in the Blue House. It was a delightful walk down memory lane for me. Those years at college gave me great life-long friendships, a practicing faith with kids my own age and a direction for my future with Christ. I’m glad to once again be a part of this ministry.

~ Kathy Hirsch

### ITEMS NEEDED

- 3 plastic cutting boards (different sizes)
- 1 large stock pot
- Kitchen towels and dish towels
- 20 soup bowls
- Silverware—soup spoons
- 20 small desert plates (6”)
- Oven mitts and pot holders
- 2 large deep frying pans stainless steel to put on stove
- 40 clear plastic cups—10 oz stackable
- Paper toweling
- Paper napkins
- Canisters—Tupperware
- Toaster
- Mixer—Kitchenaid
- Blender
- Bench scraper (metal or plastic)
- Aprons
- Tupperware or good containers
- 3 or 5 cup liquid measuring cups
- Silicone spatulas, scrappers- various sizes
- Chef knife
- Large serving spoons/forks
- Cheese grater
- Cheese slicer
- Cheese cutting block—wire cut
- Casserole dishes (glass w/covers)
- \$ donations



## WINTER FARMERS’ MARKET

Several area congregations, together with WestCAP and local farmers, have joined forces to provide monthly farmers’ markets during the winter months. The markets are held the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Here is the schedule of where they are held each month:

*Honey, soaps & lotions, organic beef, lamb,  
home-made bread and bakery items,  
crafts and much more!*

**December 18**

Cedarbrook Church

**January 15**

Our Savior’s Lutheran  
Church

**February 19**

United Methodist Church

**March 19**

Alliance Church

**April 16**

Grace Episcopal Church



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

**-DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS** - If your name should be on this list and isn't, please call the church office and let us know your birthday so that we can update our records. (235-0693 - or e-mail [office@oslme.com](mailto:office@oslme.com))

Kimberly Mooney..... 12/01	Callie Lynch ..... 12/08	Benjamin Karis..... 12/16	Marlene Backhaus ... 12/25
Teresa Shackleton ... 12/01	LaVon Schlenker .... 12/09	Angela Immerman.... 12/17	Dick Weber ..... 12/25
Brenda Olson ..... 12/01	Joan Hodgson..... 12/09	Mike McQuiston ..... 12/17	Meredith Hoage ..... 12/25
Kristin Surdick ..... 12/01	Kary Smith ..... 12/09	Drew Otto ..... 12/17	Whitney Krueger ..... 12/25
Brette Jeatran..... 12/01	Maggie Johnson ..... 12/10	Tyler Noll..... 12/17	James Johnson..... 12/26
Ramon Rojo ..... 12/01	Michael Knutson ..... 12/10	Ashley Lynch..... 12/18	Rod Smeltzer ..... 12/26
Rick Hakes ..... 12/02	Randy McQuiston ... 12/10	Alissa Debee ..... 12/18	Debbie Larson ..... 12/26
Diane Oakland..... 12/03	Jennifer Hakes..... 12/10	Kathryn Brogan ..... 12/18	Kara Noll ..... 12/26
Jason Sebranek ..... 12/03	Tanner DeMarce..... 12/10	Grace Braatz ..... 12/18	Jason Hendrickson .. 12/26
Laura Debee..... 12/03	Ronald Husby ..... 12/11	James Knutson ..... 12/19	Brittney Stenseth .... 12/26
Carrie Schultz..... 12/03	Gary Coffin..... 12/11	Sylvia Proudlock..... 12/19	Cage Sorenson..... 12/26
Maria Butkowski ..... 12/04	Amy Eitrheim ..... 12/11	Benjamin Hyde..... 12/19	Isaac Rynes ..... 12/26
Nancy Steinmeyer .... 12/04	Kimberly Knutson.... 12/11	Sam Kalscheur..... 12/19	Scott Schutts..... 12/27
Jennifer Mikesell..... 12/04	Kevin Fruit..... 12/11	Ashley Husby ..... 12/19	Corey Hein..... 12/27
Carson Gorecki ..... 12/04	Mary Lestrud..... 12/12	Courtney Schuna .... 12/19	Dana Rogstad..... 12/27
Caleb Kopaczewski.. 12/04	Connie Weber ..... 12/12	Max Thoe ..... 12/20	Mary Sand ..... 12/28
Tyler Werner..... 12/05	Deanna Applehans .. 12/12	Lenny Bollinger ..... 12/20	Katie Eiden ..... 12/28
Janette Goetz ..... 12/06	Terry Stokes ..... 12/12	Emmett Suckow ..... 12/20	Jordyn Buttke..... 12/28
Joel Radke ..... 12/06	David Thoe ..... 12/12	Peter Morin..... 12/21	Connie Stokes ..... 12/29
Lynda Cran..... 12/06	Jared Friedenfels .... 12/12	Mary Bensen ..... 12/21	Todd Burns ..... 12/29
Mike Sarff ..... 12/06	Paige Lawson ..... 12/12	Jeff Giesking ..... 12/21	Heather Gagner ..... 12/29
Joel Seppa ..... 12/06	Brett Hanson..... 12/12	Shana Micheels..... 12/21	Gabrielle McClain .... 12/29
Lisa Waddell..... 12/06	Harold Schlenker .... 12/13	Irene Seston..... 12/22	Oliver Schenck..... 12/29
Abigail Bolterman .... 12/06	Jerome Hendrickson 12/13	Helen Redlich..... 12/22	Jennie Pellett ..... 12/30
Abigail Anderson ..... 12/06	Valerie Bolterman .... 12/13	Terry Mason ..... 12/22	Darlene Perry..... 12/30
Megan Hintzman ..... 12/06	EBit Ohvall..... 12/13	Jeffrey Christianson . 12/22	Jerome Quilling ..... 12/30
Floyd Ninas ..... 12/07	Herb Afdahl..... 12/14	Darren Adams..... 12/22	Ron Burke..... 12/30
Marge Zeitz ..... 12/07	Paula Thoe ..... 12/14	Sienna Plank ..... 12/22	Jean Breckner..... 12/30
Amy Burns..... 12/07	Colette LaBuda ..... 12/14	Ava Petersen..... 12/22	Donna Rudiger..... 12/30
Tonya Oium..... 12/07	Brittany Johnson ..... 12/14	Orval Gabriel..... 12/23	Troy Peickert..... 12/30
Suzanne Schwartz ... 12/07	Nolan Smith ..... 12/14	Rebecca Nelson..... 12/23	Julie Bergstrand..... 12/30
Thomas Hass ..... 12/08	Brick Egger ..... 12/14	Michael Braatz ..... 12/23	Jon Vernon ..... 12/30
Jeffrey Lawrence ..... 12/08	Jordan Hein ..... 12/15	Joshua Lane..... 12/23	Nathan Kalscheur .... 12/30
Juli Taylor ..... 12/08	Brady Mast..... 12/15	Dyann Schick ..... 12/24	Renee Surdick ..... 12/31
Nick Howard ..... 12/08	Mary Knapp ..... 12/16	Jeffrey Debee..... 12/24	Tanya Husby..... 12/31
Jolana Rojo ..... 12/08	Don Williams..... 12/16	Amanda Hirsch..... 12/24	Tyler Reckin..... 12/31
Sandra Simmons..... 12/08	Josephine Gieger.... 12/16	Riley Husby ..... 12/24	
Alexandra Rivard..... 12/08	Mike King..... 12/16	Mabel Gifford..... 12/25	

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God calls all members of Our Savior's Lutheran to +**WELCOME** all to faith in Jesus Christ +**WORSHIP** our Lord and Savior +**EQUIP** us for a faith that works in real life +**SEND** us into the world to minister in Jesus' name.

**December 2010**



**Return Service Requested**

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*Check inside for Volunteer Schedule.  
You just might be on it!*

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**Sunday Worship Schedule: 8:30am and 10:30am**

Coffee Fellowship Sunday Mornings 9:30am

Sunday School and Adult Education 9:30am

Radio Broadcast every Sunday at 10:40am on WMEQ 880AM

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## MINISTRY COORDINATOR'S CORNER DECEMBER 2010



*"When you hold resentment toward another, you are bound to that person or condition by an emotional link that is stronger than steel. Forgiveness is the only way to dissolve that link and get free." - Catherine Ponder*

**Tuesday's Table** is a local sharing of a meal on Tuesday evenings at St. Joseph's Church. Our Savior's sponsors a Tuesday every other month and our next time is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 14th**. Please consider sharing your time and talents for this worthwhile event. We are in need of two people to help with preparations from 2:30 until 5:00 p.m.; five to serve, beginning at 4:45 until 6:00 p.m.; and six on clean-up crew beginning at 5:10 p.m. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located under the skylight if you are interested in participating. What a wonderful way to share the Christmas spirit with our brothers and sisters in Christ!



Dear Our Savior's Members & Friends,

I would like to start off by sharing with you the complete joy and pleasure it has been to serve as your Ministry Coordinator these past 6 years. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you, share a laugh, a hug or tear all while trying to communicate the experiences that Our Savior's has to offer. It has been a wonderful ride! Though I have really loved the folks here at OSL, my heart belongs with my immediate family whom I do not get to see as much as I would like! (I can see Kylie & Drew, along with my sister, Jane, who we always say with, cringing right now!) I am sure you will hear many stories why I decided to leave, but that truly is the reason—I want more weekends & evenings with my family! My last day will be Sunday, November 21st in the OSL office.

Please also know how appreciative I am of all the opportunities I have been able to share with our congregation. I know that I have been very blessed to be able to work at a job I love with folks that I love. This congregation has amazing strength and character, and I will always look fondly on my time here. Thank you again.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A BRIGHT & HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO YOU!**

*Julie*



### Wonderful Things

- A very special lady in our congregation, Kari Lueck, placed first in her Division at a regional horse show. She and her trainer, Karen Lee, have been waiting 15 years to compete in a local horse show! Way to go, Kari!
- Thank you to our wonderful Fellowship Gals who so graciously whipped up a mean batch of chili & Judy Kahl for preparing the delicious cheddar biscuits & Jeanne Leff for sharing the recipe with us! Thank you also to the following who brought chili, bars & other goodies: Jill Jolliff, Penni Bostelman, Autumn, Anita Klamm, Donna Albrecht, Janice Cronk, Doreen Watkins, & of course, Judy & Jeanne! We enjoyed a great evening with a wonderful group of students from Lutheran Campus ministry. If you ever need to be uplifted, just spend a Monday evening down at the Blue House. Those kids and Pastor Kurt will inspire you with their faith and joy!

**THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO SHARED YOUR CHRISTIAN VALUES WITH SO MANY OVER THE PAST YEARS! YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL!**





# Health Ministry



## December Greetings,

God's peace & hope to you this Christmas Season. The following quote reminds me of the hope that our faith and family of faith bring. May we be hope to those around us this season....Be well.

Becky Kneer, Parish Nurse

“ ‘The church,’ Martin Luther once wrote, ‘is the inn and the infirmary for those who are sick and in need of being made well.’ Luther’s image of the church as a hospital reminds us who we are—a community of vulnerable people in need of help; living by the hope of the Gospel, we also are a community of healing. At the same time vulnerable and healed, we are freed for a life of receiving and giving help. In the mutual bearing of burdens, we learn to be persons who are willing to ask for healing and to provide it.”

Source: ELCA “A Message on Suicide Prevention.”

## Grief & the Holidays...

*How do I get through the holidays after losing someone I have loved?*

**Sun, Dec 5, 2 p.m.**

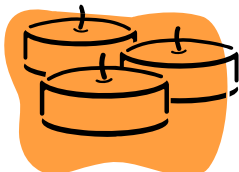
**Mabel Tainter Memorial**

(lower level)

**Speaker: Richard Obershaw**

Founder and director of the Grief Center in Burnsville, MN. The presentation will focus on methods of coping during the difficult holiday season. The hope is that you will better understand the grief you are feeling and enjoy a lighter and more hopeful holiday season.

There is no charge. Come for yourself or bring family members or a friend who has suffered a loss. Sponsored by Olson Funeral Home. For more information call 235-2154.



Please consider sending a greeting this

Christmas season to our homebound members. Updated address lists (on gold-colored paper) are available near the entrances to the sanctuary and on the rack outside the office.



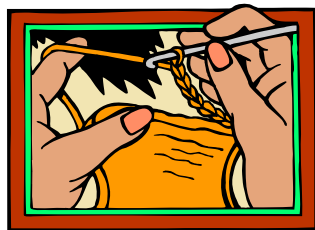
What you are  
is a gift  
from God.



What you become  
is a gift  
to God.

## Prayer Shawls...

are available to share with anyone who might appreciate the concern and prayerful thoughts a prayer shawl can provide.



Please stop by the office to pick one up. Also, kits are available with yarn and instructions to knit or crochet one. Contact Kathi Lehmann (235-8839) or Becky Kneer, Parish Nurse, for more information.

## Healing Service December 19

Opportunity for prayers of healing will again be offered during the services on Sunday, December 19. Following Communion (by intinction) you may come forward for an anointing with oil, laying on of hands and a blessing of healing for yourself or another. May you be open to God's healing in your life!



## Bed Nets!

The Global Mission and Health Committee are partnering to offer Family Bednets for purchase as a unique **ALTERNATIVE** gift for someone who has everything. Bednets will be available for purchase for **\$10** with a card that can be given to the recipient. Bednets save lives in countries where malaria is carried by mosquitoes. Look for our table in the Friendship Room between services **on December 5, 12 & 19.**

**Jack Sampson** has now walked over 8,000 miles since he began pedometer walking at OSL several years ago! Congratulations Jack!



**Smile....**A three-year-old girl and her little cousin were playing with a Nativity set. The girl moved the pieces around, identifying Mary and Joseph and the angels.

Then she picked up the three robed wise men carrying their urns filled with gifts. “And then,” she explained to her cousin, “came the ladies with the coffee!”

## A Christmas Message from Bishop Pederson

**H**ow many times have you heard the Christmas story? The biblical account is so familiar. Mary's unexpected pregnancy. Joseph's confusion. Caesar's enrollment. The trip to Bethlehem. Born in a stable. Startled shepherds. Singing angels.

You've got the story down pat. You know it so well that there's nothing new to be discovered. You've rubbed up against this holy truth so often that you know it by heart. But then, that's the danger of the most familiar of stories. You may have rubbed up against it so many times that a callus forms, such that the power and wonder of the story cannot penetrate deeply into your life.

It's easy to become callous, not just because of familiarity, but because:

- The story isn't very pretty, in spite of our attempts at making manger scenes out of pastel ceramics. It takes place in the cold, in the darkness of night, amid the smell of manure.
- It's not very spectacular. Nearly everyone who went to bed that night missed the whole thing. They didn't see the shining star or hear the angels sing—most snored through it all!
- It's not very impressive. It's just a baby after all, just a baby.

And so, because of our familiarity with the Christmas story and because there is little about the story that brings awe in our digitized, razzle-dazzle world, we might miss out on the simple power God reveals at Bethlehem. The fact is that the story *is* very ordinary.

A pastor I know tells about his little boy who was beginning to understand Christmas. The parents went through the Christmas story carefully, telling of the shepherds and angels, of the manger and the baby, of the wise men who came bearing amazing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. After listening to every detail about the birth of Jesus, the only thing the boy said was, "Why did the wise men bring *those* gifts? Jesus needed toys."

That little boy is right. The hard thing to grasp is that God has come to us as a baby who needed toys. We understand the gifts fit for a king—the Christ, the Savior, the Lord of all Creation. But to pin all our hopes and dreams on a baby who needs toys? That's a lot harder to do!

This Christmas, we rely on the Holy Spirit to blow through us so that the story doesn't lose its power just because it is familiar or just because God comes as a baby. For the wonder of Christmas isn't in the ooohs-and-aaahs of a cooing newborn. It's that the eternal Word of God became flesh like you and me.

*"This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."*

Luke 2:12

This is God's decisive moment! The moment when God entered human history through ordinary means, coming into the world in an ordinary way to do extraordinary things. For Jesus was born to save us, to die for us, to rise for us. Jesus was born for one thing and one thing alone—to be Savior of all.

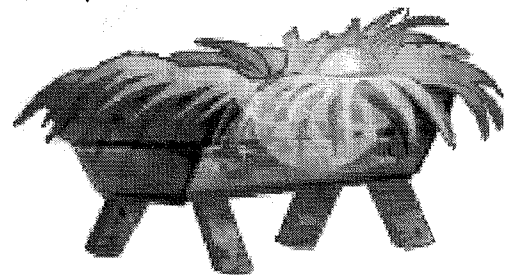
The baby who needed toys is the Lord and Savior of all humankind!

That's why the angels sing! That's why the shepherds come to gaze upon a baby! That's why wise men from afar start their journey by following a star!

Babies, cute as they are, are a dime a dozen, and one more was born that night in Bethlehem. Another ordinary baby. But *this* child is God become flesh. This child is the Savior of all—ordinary and familiar, but holy and sent from God.

Christmas blessings,

*Juan C. Pederson*



# **“4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas from the Closet”**

- Are you looking for a place for your child’s outgrown toys?**
- Do you need to clean a closet for some added space?**
- Does your closet need to be “toy” updated?**
- Do you have toys in the closet that your child no longer plays with?**
- Do you no longer have children at home and you have toys you want to get rid of?**

**If you answered yes to any of the above questions, the ministry of Our Savior’s Preschool has a deal for you!!!**

**“Christmas from the Closet” is an opportunity for families to have a location for outgrown toys of children between the ages of 2-5.**

**After 18 years at Our Savior’s, many of the toys are needing replacing or repair.**



**If you have items that you or your family are wanting to gift, please or bring your items to the church office. Items we are looking for include but are not limited to:**

- large trucks**
- children’s tea sets**
- firetrucks**
- Littlest Pet Shop toys**
- Brio train sets**
- dress up clothing**
- playmobil toys**
- trains**
- Fisher Price toys**
- tractors – big or small**
- K’nex blocks**
- old jewelry**


**There is also a possibility that as you or your family cleans out a closet that a coat pocket or a pair of jeans may hold some money. If you are willing to donate to the Christmas from the Closet program, the money will be used to add to the indoor play equipment and purchase new music and musical items for the classroom.**

**The preschool will collect for the Christmas from the Closet program until December 31<sup>st</sup> . The items will then be wrapped and await the return of the preschool children on January 3<sup>rd</sup> when each class will open gifts and see what new toys will be part of the classroom!!**

**Thanks to all who are able to participate in this “Closet” program. The children attending Our Savior’s Preschool for years to come will benefit from your generosity.**

# DECEMBER 2010 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

December 2010	Sunday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve!	Sunday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>
 Ushers	8:30 – Gene Kraemer, Gerry Leff, Larry & Carolyn Barnhart 10:30 – Kyle & Becky Behrens, Penni Bostelman, Jill Jolliff	8:30 – Cal & Bonnie Christianson, Dave & Joy Bergstrand 10:30 – Jerry & Ryan Sletten, Steve & Brett Lecheler	8:30 – Ed & Mary Olson, Howard & Rita Slinden 10:30 – The Naatz Family	3:00 – OPEN 5:00 – OPEN 10:00 – OPEN	8:30 – Gary & Sue Russo, Joe, Jenna & Mariyah Creaser 10:30 – Tim & Kathi Lehmann, Gene Kunes, Greg Weber
Greeters	8:30 – The Rynes Family 10:30 – The Waznik Family	8:30 – The Henderson Family 10:30 – Lori Davidson, Elna Johnson,	8:30 – The Beskow Family 10:30 – Perry & Joan Hodgson, The Ruchti Family	SAME AS USHERS!	SAME AS USHERS!
Lector	8:30 – Paul Horvath 10:30 – Lolly Baldus	8:30 – Donna Albrecht 10:30 – Kathy Weber	8:30 – Sylvia Nelson 10:30 – Marge Kunkel	3:00 – OPEN 5:00 – OPEN 10:00 – OPEN	8:30 – Deanna Applehans 10:30 – Audric Buhr
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Maddy & Josci Kelley, Deanna Applehans, Cal & Bonnie Christianson 10:30 – John Achter, Nancy Ohvall, Joan Friedenfels, Corey Niven, Paula Shull	*****	8:30 – Don Kuether, Kris Lemke, Arvin Solsaa 10:30 – Dan & Laura Debee, Lois Debee	10:00 – OPEN	*****
Altar Guild Team #4	8:30 & 10:30 – Kneeling	*****	8:30 & 10:30 – Intinction	10:00 – Intinction	*****
Acolytes	8:30 – Grace Jacott, Brandon Hein 10:30 – OPEN	8:30 – Gabrienne Kelch, Kendall Claussen 10:30 – OPEN	8:30 – Jordan Peplinski, Joshua Waddell 10:30 – OPEN	3:00 – OPEN 5:00 – OPEN 10:00 OPEN	8:30 – OPEN 10:30 – OPEN
Visitor Table	OPEN	Joan Keller	Bo & Orv Gabriel	OPEN	Steve & Ruth Alf
Media Team	8:30 – 10:30 –	8:30 – 10:30 –	8:30 – 10:30 –	*****	8:30 – 10:30 –

Thank you for fulfilling the opportunity to serve in the many different ministries offered here at OSL. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled time, please contact another member for your replacement. Please notify the church office with the name of your substitute. Thank you again for your willingness to aid with the many ministries available. Merry Christmas!