

# Our Savior's **This Week**

Share the good news  
of our Savior!

Week of  
January 15 – 22

## Welcome!

*Thank you for worshipping at OSLC today!*

**Please introduce yourself to those around you and fill out a blue worship card. Please hand your card to the usher as you go up to communion. For those attending the contemporary service, please put your cards in the offering plate. The cards help us to support members and connect with our guests.**

**Visitor to Our Savior's?** Please stop at the Welcome Desk by the front doors. A host will welcome you and answer your questions.

**Nursery care available.** Children four years old and under are welcome in our staffed nursery on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 12:00. We have a pager system in place to contact parents as needed.

**Stephen Ministers** are available to listen and care. Contact Kathy Thomas at 815-877-7944 or Marcia Shaw at 815-397-0760.

**Communion** for the homebound is available. Contact Bill or Diana Welk at 815-874-8064.

## Prayers & Blessings

**Those needing prayer:** Joe Balok, Ruth Boeke, Fred Bruning, Dan Cain, Marjorie Canode, Jack Clark, Roger Floody, Ron Hallstrom, Louise Hedges, Sheryl Jecklin, Betty Johnson (Mrs. Don Johnson), Eric Kobler, Kay Lyddon, Mary MacDonald, Shirley Manne, Carol Olson, Bob Renk, Wilma Reschke, Betty Riggle, Ellerd Stolgren, Pat Timmerwilke.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Dorothy Jefferson, wife of Ken Jefferson, who died January 7.

**Pray for peace** in our world and protection for those in service to our country: Doug Faber (nephew of Dennis & Donna Wallace), Scott Hlavin (son of Cyndi Hlavin), Chris Kusnierz (son of Bill & Lorraine Kusnierz), James Peterson (son of Randy Peterson), and Ben Wogsland (brother of Matt Wogsland).

**If you have a loved one that is currently serving but is not listed, please let the office know (815-399-0531 or email [katie@oslcrockford.com](mailto:katie@oslcrockford.com)).**

**We care about you** but are not always updated on your needs. Please contact the church office if you would like to be included on the prayer list (815-399-0531).

**Adult Education 9:45 am** (Patio Room)

*No Adult Ed January 15 due to the budget forum.*

**Adult Education resumes January 22 with Dr. Winston Persaud presenting.**

## Sunday, January 15

**8:30am Traditional Worship**

9:45am Budget Forum/Finance Committee & Council  
Social Hall  
9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal  
Choir Room  
9:45am Sunday School  
Assigned Rooms  
9:45am Women's Ensemble Rehearsal  
Fireside Room  
10:30am Children's Choir  
Room 204  
**10:45am Contemporary Worship**  
3:00pm Faith, Family Fun Event - Skating at Davis Park followed by Supper in the Social Hall

## Food Pantry Weekend

## Monday, January 16

11:30am Men's Study Group  
Stockholm Inn  
5:30pm Cub Scouts Den #419  
Gym  
6:00pm NO ESL Classes  
6:00pm MELD  
Fireside Room  
7:00pm Girl Scouts Ship #100  
Youth Room  
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop #14  
Gym

## Martin Luther King Day

## Tuesday, January 17

10:00am Staff Meeting  
Conference Room  
6:00pm ESL Classes  
Assigned Rooms  
6:00pm Spanish GED Class  
Room 204  
7:00pm Junior High Girl Scouts  
Youth Room  
7:00pm Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal  
Worship Center  
7:00pm Grief Support—Widowed Too Soon  
Upper Narthex  
7:00pm Stephen Ministry Support  
Fireside Room  
7:00pm Northern Illinois Alliance for the Mentally Ill  
Upper Atrium

## Wednesday, January 18

9:00am Children's Ministry Team  
Conference Room  
1:00pm Deborah Circle  
Fireside Room  
5:30pm Cub Scouts  
Rooms 241-43-45  
6:00pm D-101  
The Bridge  
7:00pm Folk Choir Rehearsal  
Choir Room  
7:30pm R.O.C.K.  
Youth Room

## Thursday, January 19

9:00am OSLC Mom's Group  
Nursery  
5:15pm Congregation Council  
Fireside Room  
5:30pm Carillon Ringers Rehearsal  
Worship Center  
6:00pm ESL Classes  
Assigned Rooms  
6:00pm Spanish GED Class  
Room 204  
6:45pm Contemporary Music Rehearsal  
Worship Center  
7:00pm Boy Scout Adult Leaders  
Patio Room  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Choir Room

## Friday, January 20

6:30pm AXIS  
Social Hall

## Saturday, January 21

**5:00pm Celebration Worship**  
6:00pm Blood Pressure Checks  
Conference Room

## Sunday, January 22

**8:30am Traditional Worship**

9:45am Adult Ed  
Patio Room  
9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal  
Choir Room  
9:45am Sunday School  
Assigned Rooms  
9:45am Women's Ensemble Rehearsal  
Fireside Room  
10:30am Children's Choir  
Room 204  
**10:45am Contemporary Worship**

## Call Committee

We are excited to announce that in keeping with the unanimous recommendation by the call committee and the unanimous approval of council, the congregation voted unanimously to call Pastor Jeff Fricke as the next senior pastor at OSLC. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Jeff and his wife Joy to OSLC next month.

## Budget Forum

Please plan to attend the Budget Forum this Sunday, January 15 at 9:45 am. This will be an important meeting for **ALL** members to attend to receive information and provide input on the 2012 budget.



**Faith Family Fun Day**

Sunday, January 15

3 - 5 PM

We'll meet downtown at Davis Park for ice skating. We will skate for an hour, and head back to church for super. Please bring a dish to pass, BBQ and drink will be provided. Please sign up by Sunday, January 15 at noon. Looking forward to a fun afternoon of skating, food, and fun. Any questions, please call Cyndi at 815-399-0531 ext 231 or email [cyndi@oslcrockford.com](mailto:cyndi@oslcrockford.com).



**Nickels for Nets**

Please check your pockets and purses for your extra nickels, and drop them into the water jug outside the Children's Ministry office. Hear the sound of a child being helped and saved from malaria. Working together with God, we can make miracles happen!

**Little Ones Ministry**

Our Little Ones Ministry meets every Sunday from 10:15-10:25 AM in the nursery. Little ones and their parents are invited to come hear a true Bible Story, sing, and pray with their little one. It's exciting to see attentive little ones getting excited themselves to hear God's true words. We encourage you to come and be amazed even if your little one is fussy or crying; we expect that can happen, it is their form of communication. Come, listen, learn, and see God at work.

**AXIS Pizza & Game Night**

The next AXIS event is Friday, January 20 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, which will be a pizza and game night again. Join us as we play the OSLC version of *Win, Lose or Draw*. Please bring \$3 per person to cover the cost of pizza. Contact Tiffany with questions or to RSVP ([tiffany@oslcrockford.com](mailto:tiffany@oslcrockford.com)).



**Sympathies for Ken Jefferson Family**

The staff and congregation of Our Savior's extends its deepest sympathies to our beloved custodian Ken Jefferson and his family on the loss of Ken's wife, Dorothy. Those wishing to sign a card for Ken may find a special bulletin board in the Atrium this weekend. If you wish to send a private message or card, please leave it with Carol in the office.

**Men's Fellowship Group**

The next gathering of the OSLC men's group will be Monday, January 16, 11:30 AM at the Stockholm Inn. All men are invited to share a meal and participate in fellowship and learning. Please call Bob Carlson for reservations (815-877-3766).

Mark your calendar for the third Monday of the month for the Men's Group!

**Annual Meeting**

Sunday, January 29  
12:00 pm in the Worship Center  
Highlights of the meeting include the report on the state of the congregation; the installation of new executive officers, council members, and congregational representatives. The Fiscal 2012 budget will be discussed and voted upon. The budget always embraces and highlights our ministry priorities for the year. All voting members are asked to participate in this important meeting.

**Be Health SMART in 2012**

12 Months to a Healthier You!



The Health and Wellness Committee would like you to join us in living a healthy life in 2012 by making at least one new lifestyle change each month. Options are suggested on nutrition, exercise and lifestyle in our "Be Health SMART" booklet. Make 2012 a healthier year for you!

*Service Opportunities*

**Mission of the Month:**

**ELCA Malaria Campaign**



Help eliminate deaths from Malaria. You can make a difference! Please make a donation to the ELCA Malaria Campaign. See the mosquito net on display and obtain information in the Atrium.

*Malaria Facts*

- Malaria is the second leading cause of death in Africa after HIV and AIDS
- Malaria claims the life of an African child every 45 seconds
- An African child has on average from 1.6 to 5.4 episodes of malaria each year
- In African countries with high rates of malaria, the disease accounts for 60% of healthcare clinic visits

**Mission Trip 2012**

Our Savior's is planning for a new adult mission trip for 2012. It was decided to work with **Lutheran Disaster Response** due to the unusually large number of natural disasters in our country this past year. Areas needing assistance include Alabama & Missouri (tornados), New Jersey & New York (hurricanes), and North Dakota & Minnesota (floods). If you are interested in serving, there will be a brief informational meeting on Sunday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 222. Please contact Judi Nichols (815-229-5554 or [ladynich@comcast.net](mailto:ladynich@comcast.net)) with questions. Mission trips are a wonderful opportunity to be a part of God's love in action.

**Looking Ahead**

- JAN 20:** AXIS gathering
- JAN 29:** Annual Meeting @ 12 pm
- FEB 5:** Souper Bowl of Caring
- FEB 22:** Ash Wednesday; services @ 12 & 7 PM

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**Worship Times**  
 Saturdays: 5:00 pm  
 Sundays: 8:30 & 10:45 am  
**Office Hours**  
 Mon-Thurs 9 am - 4 pm; Fri 9 am - 1pm  
 Send submissions to [katie@oslcrockford.com](mailto:katie@oslcrockford.com)  
 by 9 am Tuesdays. Submissions may be edited for length.

**Together in Worship**

Together in Worship Last Weekend.....584

**Financial Information:**

Fiscal Year-To-Date January 1 through January 8, 2012

Contributions Last Week: .....	\$43,169
YTD Actual Contributions and Gifts: .....	*\$55,165
2011 YTD Actual Contributions and Gifts (for comparison): .....	\$41,394
Other Sources of Income (includes Playtown): .....	\$2,086
Total Year to Date Income: .....	*\$57,251
Total Year to Date Expenses: .....	\$23,726
Total Freedom for Mission Contributions: .....	\$1,062,612
FFM Mortgage Principal Reductions: .....	\$625,660
FFM Mission Payments: .....	\$90,538
Mortgage Balance: .....	\$916,437

*\*Income excludes a portion of 2012 pledges paid in advance with reporting reflected proportionally throughout the year. Please consider this information in the light of God's Word, which encourages regular worship, and that loving gifts be returned to Our Lord for our mission to share the good news of our Savior. If you have questions, please call Sharon Beu or Jenni Ripplinger in the church office.*