

Our Savior's This Week

Share the good news
of our Savior!

Week of
January 22 – 29

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: Richard Aleshire, Joe Balok, Ruth Boeke, Lloyd Bruning, 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 Bob Bruning, brother of Fred Bruning, who died January 17th in Florida.

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@oslccroford.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

January 22 / Social Hall

"Living Faithfully in God's Two Kingdoms," with discussion on Luther's teaching concerning God's kingdom on the left and his kingdom on the right. (Dr. Winston Persaud presenting)

January 29 / Patio Room

How to Communicate Biblical Truth to a Secular Audience.

Annual Reports Available

Copies of the 2011 Annual Report book are available this weekend in the Atrium. Due to the limited number of copies, please take just one per household. And, please also bring your copy with you next Sunday, the 29th, for reference at the Congregation's Annual Meeting at noon.

Sunday, January 22

8:30am	Traditional Worship	
9:45am	Adult Ed	Social Hall
9:45am	Men's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
9:45am	Sunday School	Assigned Rooms
9:45am	Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	Fireside Room
10:00am	Mission Trip Meeting	Room 222
10:30am	Children's Choir	Room 204
10:45am	Contemporary Worship	

Monday, January 23

5:30pm	Cub Scouts Den #419	Gym
6:00pm	MELD	Fireside Room
7:00pm	Girl Scouts Ship #100	Youth Room
7:00pm	Boy Scouts Troop #14	Gym

Tuesday, January 24

9:00am	Do-Day	Patio Room
10:00am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00pm	Spanish GED Class	Room 204
7:00pm	Junior High Girl Scouts	Youth Room

Wednesday, January 25 No Preschool

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 26

9:00am	OSLC Mom's Group	Nursery
5:30pm	Carillon Ringers Rehearsal	Worship Center
6:00pm	Spanish GED Class	Room 204
6:30pm	Girl Scouts Service Team	Social Hall
6:45pm	Contemporary Music Rehearsal	Worship Center
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

9:30am	Adult Ed Bible Study	Fireside Room
5:00pm	Celebration Worship	

Sunday, January 29

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	
12:00pm	Annual Meeting	Worship Center

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.

Welcome, Dr. Winston Persaud

We are pleased to welcome guest speaker Dr. Winston Persaud to Our Savior's this weekend. Dr. Persaud is Professor of Systematic Theology at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. He is a graduate of the University of St. Andrews (Scotland), Wartburg Theological Seminary and the University of Guyana. His teaching and research are focused on defining and confessing the gospel of Jesus Christ in a world of religious and non-religious alternatives.

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.

Saturday Adult Ed Bible Study

ALL ARE INVITED!

Ron Hasley will continue the Saturday morning study of practical implications and applications of the weekly Scripture texts. Meetings will be held in the Fireside Room January 28 and February 4 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.



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. \$10 will buy one net. Collections will be taken thru Lent. Hear the sound of a child being helped and saved from malaria. Working together with God, we can make miracles happen!

Souper Bowl of Caring

It's that time again... the big game, food, fun, family, friends, watching the screen and enjoying the Super Bowl. As the playoff games continue to the big day, let us start thinking of another "Souper Bowl". The "Souper Bowl of Caring" is Sunday, February 5, and youth from across the nation will be working together to fight hunger & poverty within their own communities. Youth donate 100% of the money collected this day to their local charities. Our children will be holding pots for your contributions on February 5 before and after each service. Thank you for caring for the people in our community.



Reverse Offering

With grateful hearts, the Mission Cabinet extends a sincere thanks for all of the Rockford families whose Thanksgiving meals were enriched through the generosity of our congregation's giving in the last Reverse Offering. 463 pounds of food were collected from the Reverse Offering as well as a whopping 900 pounds gathered by our amazing youth during their Turkey Trot! A total of 1,363 pounds of non-perishable items were delivered to the Rock River Valley Pantry! **The weekend of February 11th and 12th we will once again conduct a Reverse Offering with the food items being collected on the weekend of February 18th and 19th.** *God's work. Our hands.*

Boy Scout Weekend

Boy Scout Sunday will be observed the weekend of February 11-12. Scouts from Troop #14 will be serving as readers, greeters, ushers and food servers for all services that weekend.

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. 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.

Rockford Lutheran School Open House

Rockford Lutheran School provides an exceptional college preparatory education in a challenging and inspiring Christian environment for students in Preschool through the 12th grade. An Open House will be held Sunday, January 29 from 1 - 4 PM. Rockford Lutheran Academy is located at 4700 Augustana Drive in Rockford, and Rockford Lutheran Jr./Sr. High School is at 3411 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford. Call 815-877-9551, ext. 158 or visit www.rockfordlutheran.org for details.

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) with questions. Mission trips are a wonderful opportunity to be a part of God's love in action.

Looking Ahead

JAN 29: Annual Meeting @ 12 pm

FEB 5: Souper Bowl of Caring

FEB 22: Ash Wednesday services @ 12 & 7 PM

FEB 29: Lenten services @ 12 & 7 PM (soup luncheon following noon service)



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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 - 1 pm

Send submissions to
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by 9 am Tuesdays. Submissions
may be edited for length.

Together in Worship

Together in Worship Last Weekend 414

Financial Information:

Fiscal Year-To-Date January 1 through January 15, 2012

Contributions Last Week:	\$17,952
YTD Actual Contributions and Gifts:	*\$73,118
2011 YTD Actual Contributions and Gifts (for comparison):	\$56,925
Other Sources of Income (includes Playtown):	\$4,785
Total Year to Date Income:	*\$77,903
Total Year to Date Expenses:	\$39,866
Total Freedom for Mission Contributions:	\$1,065,872
FFM Mortgage Principal Reductions:	\$674,453
FFM Mission Payments:	\$97,714
Mortgage Balance:	\$873,766

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.*