

# Our Savior's This Week

Share the good news  
of our Savior!

Week of  
January 8 – 15

## 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, John Dempster, Roger Floody, Ron Hallstrom, Louise Hedges, Betty Johnson (Mrs. Don Johnson), Shirley Leiser, Mary MacDonald, Shirley Manne, Carol Olson, Bob Renk, Wilma Reschke, Betty Riggle, Ellerd Stolgren, Pat Timmerwilke.

**Pray for peace** in our world and protection for those in service to our country: 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 8 due to the "Meet & Greet" with Pastor Fricke.*

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

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

## Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has unanimously and enthusiastically recommended the call of Pastor Jeff Fricke to OSLC, and the Church Council unanimously endorsed Pastor Jeff's call. The congregation will be able to meet Pastor Jeff and Joy Fricke on January 7 following the 5:00 service, and January 8 between services. A special congregational meeting on this issue will be held at 12:00 pm on January 8, 2012.

## Budget Forum

Please plan to attend the Budget Forum on 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.

## Sunday, January 8

8:30am	Youth Led Worship	
9:30am	Blood Pressure Checks	Conference Room
9:45am	Meet & Greet with Pastor Jeff & Joy Fricke	Social Hall
9:45am	Sunday School	Assigned Rooms
10:30am	Children's Choir	Room 204
10:45am	Youth Led Worship	
12:00pm	Congregational Meeting	Worship Center

## Monday, January 9

5:30pm	Caring & Fellowship Cabinet	Social Hall
5:30pm	Cub Scouts Den #419	Gym
5:30pm	Health & Wellness Committee	Library
6:00pm	ESL Classes	Assigned Rooms
6:00pm	MELD	Fireside Room
7:00pm	Girl Scouts Ship #100	Youth Room
7:00pm	Boy Scouts Troop #14	Gym

## Tuesday, January 10

9:00am	Do Day	Patio Room
10:00am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00pm	ESL Classes	Assigned Rooms
6:00pm	Spanish GED Class	Room 204
6:30pm	Vegetarians in Motion	Social Hall
7:00pm	Junior High Girl Scouts	Youth Room

## Wednesday, January 11

6:45am	Personnel Cabinet	Conference Room
5:30pm	Cub Scouts	Rooms 241-43-45
5:30pm	Mission Committee	Conference Room
6:00pm	D-101	The Bridge
7:00pm	Folk Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30pm	R.O.C.K.	Youth Room

## Thursday, January 12

9:00am	OSLC Mom's Group	Nursery
4:00pm	Marketing & Comm. Mtg	Conference Room
5:30pm	Carillon Ringers Rehearsal	Worship Center
5:30pm	Finance Cabinet	Conference Room
6:00pm	Spanish GED Class	Room 204
6:45pm	Contemporary Music Rehearsal	Worship Center
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00pm	Girl Scout Adult Leaders	Social Hall
7:00pm	Miriam Circle	Fireside Room

## Friday, January 13

### Saturday, January 14 Food Pantry Weekend

8:30am	Calvin Park Blvd Association	Social Hall
8:30am	Christmas Decoration Takedown	
5:00pm	Casual Evening Worship	
5:00pm	Jr. High Lock-In	Shepherd's Gate
6:00pm	Reign Advisory Concert	The Bridge

### Sunday, January 15 Food Pantry Weekend

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-Sledding at Sinnissippi Park followed by Supper in the Social Hall	

## Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 8, 2012

12:00 pm in the Worship Center

The Congregation Council of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is calling a Special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of calling a new senior pastor.

### Meet & Greet with Pastor Fricke

Opportunities to meet Pastor Jeff & Joy Fricke will be held on Saturday, January 7 following the 5:00 p.m. service and Sunday, January 8 from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. We look forward to greeting Pastor Fricke!

### Sunday School Resumes Jan. 8

We resume classes January 8th. All children two years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join our classrooms every Sunday from 9:45-10:30. Come get connected, learn true Bible stories, and how they apply to our daily lives. Please contact Cyndi Hlavin with questions. ([cyndi@oslcrockford.com](mailto:cyndi@oslcrockford.com)).

### Youth Led Worship THANKS!

Our sincere thanks to all of our youth for organizing and leading our worship services this weekend. We appreciate all of your efforts! Special thanks also to Tiffany Wogsland, Director of Youth Ministry, for her help and coordination.

### National Choir Appreciation Sunday: January 8, 2012

There are more than 32.5 million choir members in churches across America, and collectively they volunteer 8.5 billion hours every year. As part of National Choir Appreciation Sunday, churches across America will take time to recognize the musical volunteers in their congregations. THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all the wonderful choir members of Our Savior's! We honor you partially by giving you the weekend of January 7 and 8 off, to enjoy our youth-led worship services.

### 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 available January 7 & 8. Make 2012 a healthier year for you!



### Reign Advisory Concert

All are invited to join us Saturday, January 14 at 6 PM in the Bridge for a concert and worship experience with Reign Advisory, with an opening act by the Jamocha Pancake Theory. Reign Advisory is a Christian band out of the Chicago area that has a true gift for reaching teenagers. They will engage students with their music and message, specifically geared towards our group. Youth and adults are welcome to attend!

### Jr. High Lock-In

All OSLC students in middle school are invited to join us Saturday, January 14 for the Reign Advisory concert followed by a lock-in. We'll start at 5 PM with pizza. Students are asked to bring a 2-liter bottle of pop and snack to share, as well as your own sleeping bag if you are staying for the lock-in. All students staying overnight will need a signed permission slip. Adults are always welcome (and needed)! Please talk with Tiffany if you are able to attend.

### Faith Family Fun Day

Bundle up, bring your sled and meet us for an hour of sledding family fun on January 15 at Sinissippi Park beginning at 3 PM. After sledding, we will head back into the warmth of the church for family supper. Barbeques will be provided, everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. We will end at 5 PM. In the event we have no snow, we will go ice skating at Davis Park.



### Nickels for Nets

The Sunday school children will be collecting nickels for nets in January. In partnership with our church family, we will be purchasing mosquito nets for the children in Africa. A display will be set up in the Atrium; come stop and see what we can do working together to help stop malaria. "Little things make big differences," a story about Malaria, will be read to the children in all classrooms. It is said that 2,000 children die every day from malaria. We

### 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.

#### Help Needed with Christmas Decorations

We will be taking down our Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 14 at 8:30 AM. All help is much appreciated. Please contact Sharon Jackson if you have any questions (815-398-5466).

#### Mission Trip 2012

As the new year begins, 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. If you are interested in serving, there will be a brief informational meeting on Sunday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m. Location of the meeting will be announced later. Please contact Judi Nichols (815-229-5554 or [ladynich@comcast.net](mailto:ladynich@comcast.net)) with questions.

can help! Working together along with God, miracles happen.

#### 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)).

#### Looking Ahead

- JAN 14:** Junior High Lock-In; Christmas decorating take-down
- JAN 15:** budget forum @ 9:45 am; Faith Family Fun Day
- JAN 20:** AXIS gathering
- JAN 29:** Annual Meeting @ 12 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..... 209

**Financial Information:**

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

Contributions Last Week: ..... \$10,102  
 YTD Actual Contributions and Gifts:..... \*\$11,970  
 2011 YTD Actual Contributions and Gifts (for comparison): .... \$21,155  
 Other Sources of Income (includes Playtown): ..... \$0  
 Total Year to Date Income: ..... \*\$11,970  
 Total Year to Date Expenses: ..... \$0  
 Total Freedom for Mission Contributions: ..... \$1,056,852  
 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.*