



TODAY AND THIS WEEK AT OSL

BAPTISM This weekend, we welcome *Nathan Matthew Christensen* into the body of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Nathan is the son of Rick and Kristi Christensen. Sponsors for Nathan are David and Dixie Melland and Duane and Lisa Buehner.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OSL will be held today, Jan. 29, at 12:45 p.m. in the Celebrate Center, following a light lunch (BBQ pork sandwiches, potato salad, chips, and cookie) at 12:15 in The Gathering Place. The Annual Meeting of the OSL Foundation will follow the meeting of the congregation.

WELCA LUNCHEON is Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m., in The Gathering Place. Tickets are \$7 each, available in the Church Office. Deadline for ticket sales is Jan. 30. The program will be Carey Wencil speaking about organ donation.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED in The Gathering Place from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. every Sunday. Today's menu: Cinnamon rolls, yogurt with granola and fruit, juice, and coffee.

CARRY OUT A GOOD BOOK, a reading program for kids, continues through Feb. 26. Check out OSL Library books, pick up a pizza reading bag, and read (or have someone read to you) 15 minutes a day for seven days. Then come to the Library to claim a prize. Each time you complete a week of reading you are also eligible to enter a drawing for a grand prize of a large two-topping pizza from Domino's.

STEPHEN MINISTERS don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the smaller things in life. If you are feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you may benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. To find out more, contact Pr. Tim Lemme or Jill Hieb at 336-2942.

NEW AND CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS will have an orientation on Thursday, Feb. 9, starting at 5:30 p.m. with dinner, followed by orientation and board meetings. All new and returning board members are encouraged to attend.

THE JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR will be taking orders for Super Sub Sandwiches today on the west side of The Gathering Place. The choir plans a trip in April to Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration in Bloomington, Minn. Sandwiches (ham and Italian) are \$7 and will be available Sunday morning, Feb. 5.

SIGN UP TO SERVE COMMUNION at the volunteer board in The Gathering Place, near the Celebrate Center. You may sign up for next weekend's Festive and Celebrate worship services, or even for today's services.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN JANUARY

Bring your breakfast to the Friendship Room, return dishes to the clean-up volunteers in The Gathering Place.

"For the Beauty of the Earth: Christians and the Environment," a series leading up to Global Mission Sunday, Feb. 12.

Jan. 29 – "Care of the Earth: Cool Congregations," OSL member Erin Novak



THIS WEEK AT OSL January 29–February 5

Sun. Jan 29

8:00 am Response Singers - ChrRm
 8:45 am Festive Worship - SA
 8:45 am Celebrate Worship - CC
 9:55 am Sunday School - LL
 10:00 am Adult Ed - FR
 11:00 am Festive Worship - SA
 11:00 am Celebrate Worship - CC
 12:15 pm Annual Meeting Lunch - GA PI
 12:45 pm Annual Meeting - CC

Mon. Jan. 30

9:30 am Crossways Bible Study - FR
 9:30 am Low Impact Exercise - YR
 6:00 pm Before Polyester (OLLI) - Rm018
 6:30 pm Critical Thinking (OLLI) - FH
 6:30 pm Crossways Bible Study - FR

Tues. Jan. 31

9:30 am Yoga (OLLI) - Gym
 2:00 pm Cancer Support - FR
 5:30 pm Sad Isn't Bad - GA PI,08,10,12,15
 5:30 pm Bells of OSL - BCR
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Series - FR

Wed. Feb. 1

7:00 am Conversation w/God - Chapel
 9:00 am Footcare Clinic - CM
 9:00 am Therapeutic Massage - Gym Ofc
 9:00 am Friends of the Library - Rm 103
 10:00 am Colored Pencil Pntg (OLLI) - Rm0015
 4:00 pm Massages - Gym Office
 5:00 pm Wed Night Supper - GA PI
 5:15 pm Joy Ringers - BCR
 5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir - Chapel
 5:30 pm Youth Band - FH
 6:00 pm King's Choir - ChrRm

6:00 pm Young Saints - BCR
 6:00 pm Woodshop Ministry - Shop
 6:00 pm Spark Music - LL
 6:30 pm Confirmation - FH
 6:30 pm Faith & Skills for Parenting - FR
 6:30 pm Faith Stories - Rm 103
 7:00 pm Senior Choir - ChrRm
 7:00 pm Celebrate Band - CC
 7:30 pm Youth Group - YR

Thurs. Feb. 2

9:30 am Low Impact Exercise - YR
 10:00 am Library Storytime - Library
 10:00 am Play & Pray - SonRm
 10:00 am Good Grief Group - Rm 103
 11:30 am WELCA Luncheon - GA PI
 11:30 am Stephen Ministry - FR
 3:15 pm Circle Bible Study Ldrs - Rm 103
 7:00 pm Library Committee - Library

Fri. Feb. 3

10:00 am Intermed Crocheting (OLLI) - FH
 4:00 pm Poverty Awareness (OLLI) - FH

Sat. Feb 4

8:00 am Woodshop Ministry - Shop
 1:30 pm How to Write Chldn Bk (OLLI) - FH
 5:00 pm Festive Worship - SA

Sun. Feb 5

8:00 am Response Singers - ChrRm
 8:45 am Festive Worship - SA
 8:45 am Celebrate Worship - CC
 9:55 am Sunday School - LL
 10:00 am Adult Ed - FR
 11:00 am Festive Worship - SA
 11:00 am Celebrate Worship - CCS

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP continues a great start to 2012 this Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

IF YOU MISSED CAMP SUNDAY but would still like information regarding camping opportunities for all ages, contact Brent, 336-2942, ext. 35; brenth@oslchurch.com. Camp Sign-Up Day will be Feb. 26.

MIDDLE-SCHOOL SUNDAY GROUPS will meet in their regular spaces this week.

DONATIONS ARE DUE FEB. 1 for the Youth Summer Trips Silent Auction, to be held Feb. 26 through Mar. 4. If you have an item or service you are willing to donate, contact Pr. Jared or Brent right away. Thank you for your support!

THE YOUTH ROOM now has cappuccino and hot chocolate available for 50¢ per cup (which goes toward operating costs, not fundraising.) Enjoy!



LOOKING AHEAD

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH Global Mission Sunday is Feb. 12. The speaker will be the Rev. Andrea DeGrootNesdahl, director of the ELCA Malaria Initiative. Do you have an interesting recycling example to speak about or demonstrate? Contact Martha Rossing, 336-2942, ext. 14.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS will be assembled on Global Mission Sunday, Feb. 12. Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. Needed for this project are 70-sheet notebooks, 8 by 10½ inches, wide- or college-ruled; no loose-leaf paper.

WELCA COOKIE AND CHOCOLATE SALE will be held on Feb. 12 between services. Proceeds will benefit the local missions Be Free (www.befree58.org) and Lunch Is Served (www.lunchisserved.org). Circle members are asked to bring a dozen homemade cookies or chocolate items (brownies, cupcakes, truffles, fudge, etc.) to the church by 8:30 a.m. Feb. 12. They should be in a disposable container. Clearly marked items (“for WELCA bake sale”) delivered the day before may be placed in the Friendship Room kitchen, on the counter or in the fridge. This will a great time to buy your sweetie some sweets.

ZUMBA IS FOR EVERYONE – every shape, every age! Adult classes taught by a certified instructor begin on Saturday, Feb. 4, 11:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. Four classes are only \$28, with 20% of proceeds benefitting OSL youth programs.

FAITH AND SKILLS FOR PARENTING, a new parenting series, meets Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room. This one-hour class, facilitated by Pr. Tim Lemme, emphasizes communication and faith skills when dealing with children, especially adolescent youth. All parents are invited to participate; parents of confirmation students are especially encouraged to attend while their children are in confirmation class. Contact Pr. Tim, 336-2942, if you have any questions.

SAD ISN'T BAD, a support group for children, will be offered on four Tuesdays in January: Jan. 10, 17, 24, and 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Our Savior's. All children K–12 are welcome. The program begins with a meal, followed by sessions facilitated by counselors/social workers trained to work with children. There is no charge for this nondenominational series. For more information, or to register, contact Rosalie Ryan at 332-0094 or cook@sio.midco.net.

WHEN BLUE IS NOT A COLOR, a group that gathers to talk about depression and learn positive new ways of dealing with those feelings, meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The resource book is *You Can Help with Your Healing* by Vern Bittner. This program is sponsored jointly by Our Savior's and Gloria Dei. Call Gloria Dei Parish Nurse Judi Schwerin, 371-3737, or OSL Parish Nurse Joyce Kaatz, 336-2942, ext. 28, with questions or to register.

IF YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR WOODWORKING, or would just like to learn more about this craft, stop by the Shop on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00, or Saturday from 8:00 a.m. till noon. More help is needed for several projects that have been requested by the OSL congregation. On-the-job training is provided.



OSL IS ON FACEBOOK – just click on the Facebook icon on the OSL website, www.oslchurch.com.



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A TRIAL RUN OF VALET PARKING continues through the end of the month, offered 15 minutes before and after each worship service. If you need valet parking, drive up under the canopy at the south entrance and a volunteer will come to help you in and park your car. Volunteers are needed for this ministry. The commitment is one Sunday shift, 8:25 to 8:45 a.m. and 9:45 to 10:00 a.m., or 10:40 to 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 to 12:15 p.m. If you are 21 or older and have a driver's license, contact Kathy Nelson, 336-2942, ext. 21.

WRITERS OF OUR SAVIOR'S will meet on Monday, Feb. 6, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 103, and continue for the following eight weeks. All interested writers are welcome to attend. Bring a sack lunch and several copies of something you have written. Fiction, poetry, and any other kind of original writing is welcome. Feel free to bring a friend. Call Delpha Mattison, 361-6529, with any questions.

Families are invited to **WINTER WONDERLAND FAMILY DINNER AND DANCE**, Feb. 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a delicious meal served, and a live DJ will play music for all to dance to following the meal. The cost of the meal is \$6 per person; register at the Church Office or at the Education information desk on Sunday mornings. Everyone is invited to bring to the event a gift of love – a can of food or other nonperishable item for the Sioux Falls Food Pantry. There will also be a special craft to make, Valentine cards and clay heart crosses to take to a nursing home. This family event is a vehicle for God's Spirit to work through you and your children, as together you walk the road of faith.

THE LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING If you have lost something and still haven't found it, maybe it is in the lost and found at the Information Center. Stop by and check it out.

THE YOUTH AND FAMILY TEAM announces a new addition – FaithChests, a ministry of partnering with families to pass on faith. A FaithChest, built by Woodshop Ministry volunteers, is given to each child at his or her baptism, and is used to keep all the resources received from parents, grandparents, godparents, friends, and this congregation for nurturing faith at various stages throughout the child's life. When he or she is ready to move away from home, the young adult will take the FaithChest, full of reminders of a community of saints who helped him or her grow in the faith.

PLAY AND PRAY is a Bible study time for moms of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. It meets every Thursday morning, 10:00 to 11:00, in the Sunshine Room. Bring the little ones to the nursery and meet with other moms for friendship and the nurturing of faith.

SERVING AS AN USHER IS FUN AND FULFILLING, and ushers are needed, especially at the 8:45 a.m. Festive services. Training is provided. Let any usher know you're interested, or contact Dennis Drey at 332-8344.

WHAT WILL YOU FIND AT OSLCHURCH.COM? Upcoming events – OSL news – weekly bulletins and announcements – the calendar – photo galleries – Sunday and Wednesday menus – volunteer opportunities – sign-up forms – videos of Festive and Celebrate worship services – *The InterCom* – and more. Visit often!