

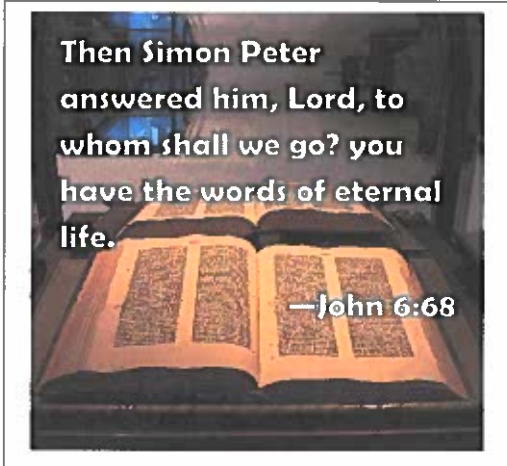
January 2022 Newsletter

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Our Mission...

...is to equip and encourage followers of Christ to share the love of Jesus with people in our community and in the world so that all may have eternal life.

An open Bible is shown from a top-down perspective, resting on a dark surface. The pages are illuminated, and the text is visible. Overlaid on the right page is a quote in white text.

Then Simon Peter
answered him, Lord, to
whom shall we go? you
have the words of eternal
life.

—John 6:68

January Memory Verse

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 6:68

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*A Blessed
New Year
to All!*



From the Pastor's Desk

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A dear friend of mine despised the word "Hope" in Scriptures. I guess that you could say that he *hoped* that there was a better translation, a better word, a better meaning for the word that we find woven through the Acts of the Apostles and the epistles. To him, "hope" was too wishy-washy in our American English. One would *hope* that their team would win. One would *hope* that the weather would be good for travel. One would *hope* the project would be acceptable to the teacher. And he was right. Through our ears and lips, hope has a characteristic of a desired outcome... but behind it, you fear or expect the worst. In reality, one expects the team to lose, expects the weather is going to be bad, and fears their project will not meet their teacher's expectations.

So, why for us as Christians is *hope* such a positive thing? In Romans chapter 8 through the working of the Holy Spirit, Paul is directing our eyes to the future and what is to come. This future is not a bad thing, but something quite the opposite. This is a future when *all of creation will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God (8:21)*. It is a recognition of how sin and the wickedness of the devil has actively destroyed so much of our lives. But we know that when Jesus comes again, He will make all things new; sin, death, and the power of the devil will be forever conquered; there will be no more temptations; there will be eternal peace, joy, and gladness.

And so Paul declares, *For in this hope we are saved (8:24)*. By the faith we are given, we believe that life will be made amazing through what Jesus has accomplished for us. Imagine, a life without sin or death or the devil! *For in this hope we are saved*. This is not a wishy-washy word. This is not a word of expected condemnation and an eternity of bad things. Because Jesus has united us to Himself through the waters of Holy Baptism; because of Jesus death and resurrection, our future is in and with Him!

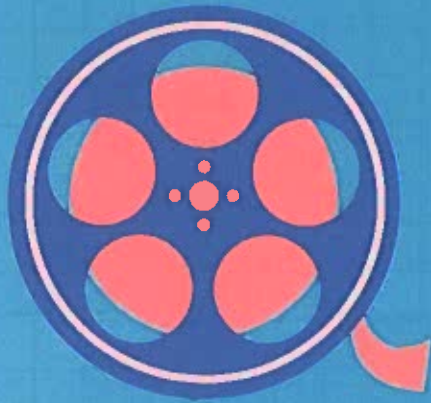
Our world can be a very dark place for so many, and daily people are being crushed with no hope of a good future. For so many, they only expect things going from bad to worse. Yet real and assured hope is there for ALL! Jesus did not only die for people with a positive outlook on the future. Jesus died and rose and lives for ALL... for you! In Him alone we have the guarantee for a good future.

Sadly, things often will get more difficult before the good... before the glory is ours. Scripture warns that persecutions for those whose hope is in the Lord will come. But thanks be to God that He strengthens us by His Word and Sacraments. Thanks be to God that He brings us together with our brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage, support, and care for one another when times are bad. The Lord, your God cares for you. You have a future. You have a hope that is certain and a hope you can share with the hopeless.

A Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year

Dear family and friends of Our Savior - As the days of one calendar year comes to a close and another is being prepared to take its place, our family would like to thank you for the honor and privilege of walking together with you under the reign and rule of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are so thankful for the gifts and blessings that you shower upon our family every week through that love that is ours in Christ. We pray that as each day brings us closer to our Savior's return, that He may bless you and your family with an unshakeable faith in what He has done, is doing, and will do for you in Jesus. You are appreciated and loved! - Pastor, Amy, Adalynn, and Alayna (and Roxy too!)





**MOVIE
SNACKS
DISCUSSION**

Stay tuned for
more info
about the
movie and
date!

**FAITH
AND
FILM**

A movie night fundraiser for
our Youth Group

A New Year – New Opportunities

Each new day brings promise of a new start. For many, the start of a new week is the time to begin that diet, get serious about exercising, or forego TV viewing. For a vast majority, though, there's something especially motivating and invigorating about seeing the JANUARY calendar on the wall. This is the year we'll accomplish great things.

God doesn't necessarily call us to do great things, however. He asks that we be trustworthy in small things (Luke 16:10-11). To that end He gives us gifts to use to build up the Body of Christ and to reach out to the lost.

Some of us have many gifts. People like Michelangelo – painter, sculptor, and poet – and Thomas Jefferson – architect, statesman, and scientific farmer – come to mind. God, the Giver of gifts, knows that the number of gifts each of us has varies. Jesus told the Parable of the Talents pointing up this fact and teaching us that success lies in using what we've been given, not in having the greatest amount.

Our gifts also differ in degree. There are many sculptors but few, if any, compare to Michelangelo. Yet their art can bring satisfaction and inspiration to others. You may not be able to sing opera, but you can sing God's praises. You may not be a great orator, but you can witness to the love and grace of God in Christ. You may not be a mechanic, but you can provide transportation for someone needing to get to an appointment or to church.

That's why God gives us gifts and abilities – that we may be equipped to serve others. The start of a new year offers us an opportune time to assess those gifts and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of His people. The motivation to do this comes from the same One Who gave the gifts! Just as He was motivated by love for us to give us, not just our gifts, but His greatest gift, His Son, so we are motivated by love for Him to serve those He calls us to serve.

Happy New Year from Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Committee!

With the New Year of 2022 underway, the Endowment Committee is excited to announce that the upcoming grant window will officially open on January 2nd. All grant information and application forms will be available in the church office as well as on the Our Savior church website. The paperwork is designed to explain the grant proposal process and due dates.

The Endowment Committee would like to invite each of you to consider the Endowment Fund when planning your estate and/or looking to donate to a valuable fund. This fund, which is managed through a firm known as Lutheran Legacy, yields back to our congregation each year. With that money, the committee puts forth the opportunity to all congregational members to apply for Endowment Fund grants which can aid and benefit activities, groups, or projects within the church. Your investment in this fund will benefit others within the congregation for years to come. If you have any questions about how the fund works, we invite you to contact any of the committee members listed below to have further discussion with you.

This year's grant allowance has up to \$6600.00 available. As always, we encourage all of you to get creative and find a project or avenue that could benefit from the grant money. Completed application forms must be submitted to the church office no later than March 31, 2022 in order to be considered for the evaluation process by the committee.

May your days be blessed,

Al Barden, Rick Steinke, Barb Patterson, Pastor Kufahl, Pat Grosse, and Becky Pokrandt
(chairperson)

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

JANUARY 2022

The January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The Board meeting will start at 10:30 AM; followed by luncheon at 11:30 AM and general membership meeting at 12 NOON.

Hostesses for the meeting are Marianne Braun and Nancy Steinhage. Christian life will be given by Diana Sell.

Items to discuss will be the Mission List and make plans to present the checks. At the last meeting we did not have an amount from the Harvest Dinner. When we get the final tally for money made, we'll know how much we can give to support missions.

At our last meeting in November, we held elections for secretary and vice-president. Each office is a 2year term. Sue Kurth was nominated for the office of vice-president. There were no other nominations. By a show of hands Sue was voted into office by a unanimous vote. Diana Sell was nominated for the office of secretary and there were no other nominations from the floor. Diana was elected by a unanimous vote also. Congratulations to the both of you.

Another item for discussion will be fundraisers for 2022. Are we going to continue the ones we've done or do new ones?

Remember, any woman of the congregation is welcome at our meetings to find out what we're all about.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Kressin

President



January Birthdays

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 3 | Kathy Mortimer | 17 | Miriam Gillman |
| 4 | Gaye Behm | | Mitchell Popp |
| 6 | Nancy Steenport | 18 | Amanda Rieck |
| 7 | Anthony Buss | 20 | Alfred Mattke |
| | Bill Reckling | | Erin Goetter |
| | Holly Highstrom | | Robert Johnson |
| | Karen Hassey | | Ryon Ritzer |
| 8 | Kim Sauer | 21 | Brunhilde Petzold |
| 10 | Hannah Forss | | Laura Campbell |
| 11 | Abigail Forss | 22 | Adam Ross |
| | Carl Gromoll | | Chuck Schlueter |
| | Richard Behrens | | David Warfel |
| | Richard Steinke | | Jerry Gifford |
| 12 | Beverly Brunette | 23 | Brodie Crum |
| | Scott Lea | | Kirk Campbell |
| 14 | Debra Cobb | | Sam Raatz |
| | Gary Fawcett | 24 | Carol Litchfield |
| | Richard Behrens Jr | 26 | James Steenport |
| 15 | James Walker | 27 | Gerhard Becker |
| 16 | Daniel Scafaro | 28 | Barbara Gauger |
| | Rick Mai | 29 | Allison Sauvola |
| | Robert Hopp | | Andrew Ellenberger |
| | Susan Schmidt | 30 | Carla Mueller |
| | | 31 | Loriann Scafaro |

January Anniversaries

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|---|------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Jacob & Brenda Husing | 12 | Richard & Wendy Pluedeman |
| 3 | Arthur & Margo Granat | 20 | Tony & Kristin Bentley |
| 5 | Walter & Chris Matthis | 31 | Chuck & Karla Healy |
| 6 | Chuck & Lois Schlueter | | |

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10am Worship/Communion	27	28 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	29 9:30am Quilters	30 9:30am Quilters	31 Office Closed	1
2 7:30am Early Service/Comm 10am Late Service	3	4 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	5 4pm W.O.W. 5:30pm Confirmation Class 7pm Youth Group	6 9:30am Quilters	7 Office Closed	8 7am Men's Bible Study
9 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm	10	11 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	12 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha Meeting 5:30pm Confirmation Class 7pm Youth Group	13 9:30am Quilters	14 Office Closed	15 7am Men's Bible Study
16 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	17	18 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm JuBELLation	19 4pm W.O.W. 5:30pm Confirmation Class 7pm Youth Group	20 9:30am Quilters	21 Office Closed	22 7am Men's Bible Study
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<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
January 2 7:30 AM Communion	Keith Kentala	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper		Debbie Holewinski	
Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
January 2 10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Priscilla Ellenberger	Camera:
Acolyte: Alex Gensch					
January 9 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Bob Merz		Mary Malinsky	Camera:
Acolyte: Cole Crum					
January 9 10:00 AM Communion	Keith Kentala	Tim Forss Paul Kurth		Diane Kuntz	
Acolyte: Naomi Kadlec					
January 16 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank		Sue Frank	
Acolyte: Matthew Klein					
January 16 10:00 AM	Brad Anderson	Andy Ellenberger		Cindy Gauger	Camera:
Acolyte: Samantha Aschenbrenner					
January 23 7:30 AM	Art Granat	Jim Bonson		Vicki Holewinski	Camera:
Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
January 23 10:00 AM Communion	Jacob Husing	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth		Sue Kurth	
Acolyte: Ashton Boehm					

IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!

January 30 Communion	7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Jim Harper Sue Frank		Pat Crum	Camera:
Acolyte: Cole Crum						
January 30 Communion	10:00 AM	Tim Forss	Rick Behrens Karen Behrens		Rick Behrens	
Acolyte: Christian Forss						