

January 2024 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.



January Memory Verse

"O my God, in You I trust"

Psalm 25:2

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Upcoming Events:

*A Blessed
New Year
to All!*

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.

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 7:30am Early Service/Comm 10am Late Service/Comm	1	2 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	3 4pm 5th/6th Grade W.O.W. 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm HS Youth Group	4	5 Office Closed	6 7am Men's Bible Study
7 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	8	9 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	10 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha 4pm 5th/6th Grade W.O.W. 4:30pm Jr. Choir 5pm Chime Choir 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm Elders Meeting 7pm HS Youth Group	11	12 Office Closed	13 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 7 7:30 AM Communion	Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper	Kris Secord Debbie Holewinski	Debbie Holewinski	
Acolyte: Connor Clark					
January 7 10:00 AM	Keith Kentala	David Parker Lynn Parker	Lynn Parker	Cindy Gauger	Camera:
Acolyte: Jack Westfall					
January 14 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Chuck Healy Karia Healy	Kris Secord	Mary Malinsky	Camera:
Acolyte: Izzy Stenschke					
January 14 10:00 AM Communion	Tim Forss	Christian Forss Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz	Diane Kuntz	
Acolyte: Ellie Wilson					
January 21 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum	Bob Merz Sue Frank	Bob Arndt Rhonda Arndt	Sue Frank	
Acolyte:					
January 21 10:00 AM	Bob Olson	Andy Ellenberger	Priscilla Ellenberger	Sue Kurth	Camera:
Acolyte: Kayden Halsey					
January 28 7:30 AM	Keith Kentala	Bob Arndt Rhonda Arndt		Bonnie Jozowski	Camera:
Acolyte:					
January 28 10:00 AM Communion	Brad Anderson	Jennifer Kasmarek Paul Kurth	Hilda Rozga	Rick Behrens	
Acolyte: Tirzah Kunze					

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