

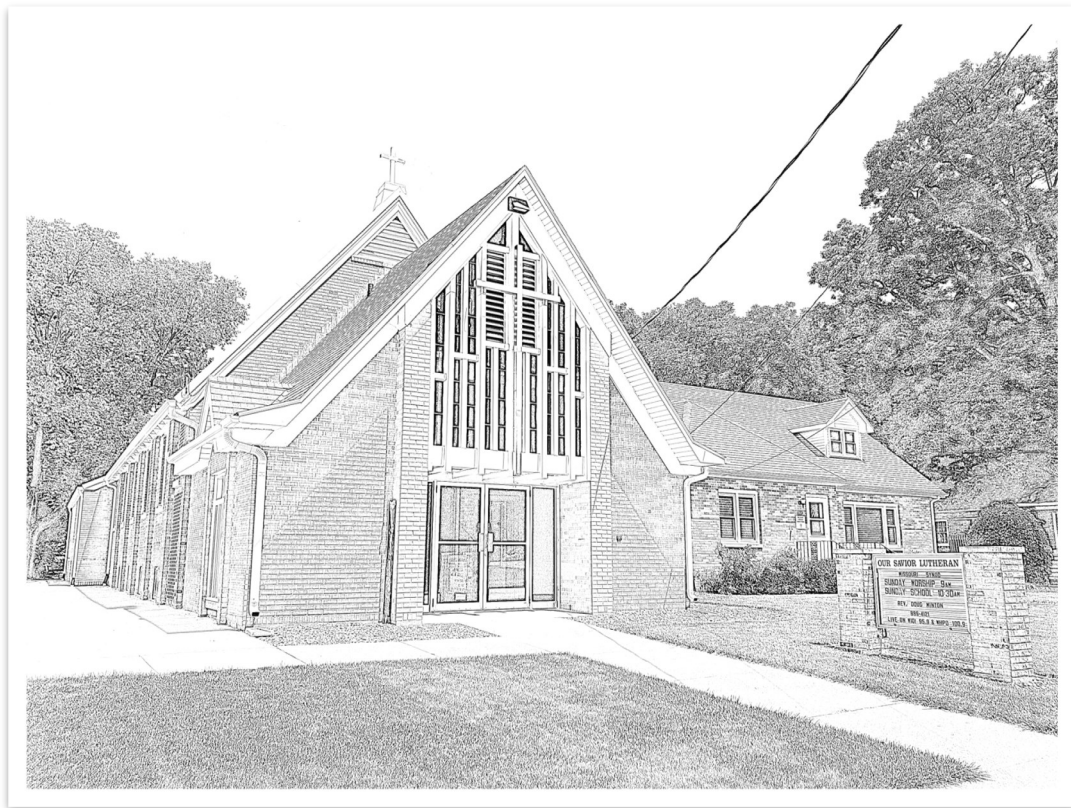
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Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2024

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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Opening Versicles

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
C Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.

L Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Make His paths straight.

L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle


LSB 261

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain




The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done




glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
 be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Psalm 66:1-12

- ¹Shout for joy to God, | all the earth; *
²sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!
- ³Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds! *
 So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.
- ⁴All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you; *
 they sing praises | to your name.”
- ⁵Come and see what | God has done: *
 he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.
- ⁶He turned the sea into | dry land; *
 they passed through the riv- | er on foot.
 There did we rejoice in him, ⁷who rules by his might forever,
 whose eyes keep watch on the | nations— *
 let not the rebellious ex- | alt themselves.
- ⁸Bless our God, O | peoples; *
 let the sound of his | praise be heard,
⁹who has kept our soul among the | living *
 and has not let our | feet slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have | tested us;*
you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us in- | to the net,***
you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;

¹²you let men ride o- | ver our heads;*
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-7b

L A reading from Malachi, the third chapter.

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:2-11

L A reading from Philippians, the first chapter.

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about

you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-14

L A reading from the Gospel of Luke, the third chapter.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L** He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Hymn of the Day

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

LSB 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 Δ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite
 Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621
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Ten Commandments

LSB 264

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.

**You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Apostles' Creed

LSB 264

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 264

**☐ Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Third Article: Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Sermon

“Everyone Sees Salvation”

Luke 3:1-14

Sermon Hymn

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

LSB 348



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth

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Offering and Prayer

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

- L** . . . one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Collect for the Word

- L** Blessed Lord . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

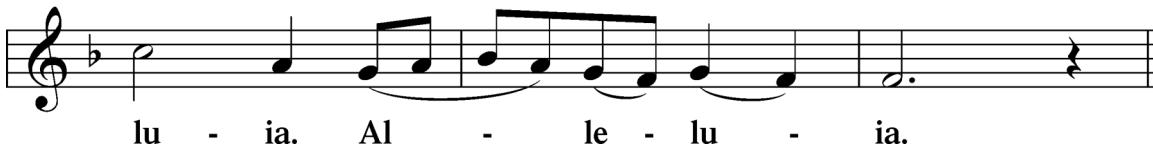


sin and a-live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“When All the World Was Cursed”

LSB 346



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem - na - tion,
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans - gres - sion,
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 10:45am
Monday: Comforters, 1pm
Tuesday: Pastors Winkel, Trinity Danville, 9am
Tuesday: Elders 7pm
Wednesday: Bible Study; *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Wednesday: Confirmation, 4:30pm
Wednesday: Advent Meal, 6pm; Hymn Sing, 6:45pm
Wednesday: Advent Service, 7pm
Thursday: Gilman Service, 10:45am
Saturday: Men's Bible Breakfast, 8pm
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	12/8/24	12/11/24	12/15/24
Elder	Bob Storm	Bob Storm	Con Campbell
Organist	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Neil and Courtney Rieches		Linda Buhrmester Deb Wright
Sound Board	Patrick Teig	Patrick Teig	Dean Lingley
Greeters	Dennis and Sheila Selk		Patrick and Dawn Teig
Acolyte	Evelyn Morts	Jackson Lavicka	
Head Usher	Elders	Elders	Elders
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens Renee Minton	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens Renee Minton	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens Renee Minton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT MEALS and FELLOWSHIP continue this Wednesday, starting at 6pm. This week we are having chili – regular and white chicken, and dessert. We will take a **free will donation** for extra money for our **Angel Tree**. Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our community!

TASTE OF CHOCOLATE: Please join us today Sunday, December 8 from 2p-4p for Taste of Chocolate at CrossRoads Youth Center. Enjoy everything chocolate and a gift basket silent auction. Freewill donation to enter and proceeds will benefit CrossRoads Youth Center (110 E. Jones.)

THE ANGEL TREE will be in the narthex during the Christmas season. We will be helping 2 local families this year. Please feel free to take as many angels as you like. All presents need to be wrapped, with the angel attached, and back under the tree by **Sunday, December 22**. Brenna will be delivering the gifts to the families on Monday, December 23. If you would rather not shop for an item, but would still like to help, please see Brenna Schroeder.

THANK YOU to those that donated food and/or money to Food From the Heart. We were blessed to take our largest donation to them last week.

INSTALLATION OF 2025 OFFICERS will not take place until after the Annual Meeting in the hopes we have Elders elected.

2025 GREETERS LIST: If you are currently on the Greeters List, you will stay on unless you talk to Renee. If you want to be added, please talk to Renee. It is a commitment of 2-3 Sundays a year.

2025 ALTAR GUILD: Sign up list is in the Narthex. We welcome a few more people to help with the “behind the scenes” necessities. This is a simple job and the commitment is minimal. Just 2 months a year would be helpful.

2025 RADIO MONITORS AND SOUND BOARD: Dave Lucht is working on this list. The Radio Ministry at OSLC needs volunteers to make it run smoothly. We need a few more people. If you can help, please talk to Dave.

MEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST is Saturday at 8am. Doug Benner is our host as we continue our study of Psalms of the Messiah. This month we will look at Psalm 110. All men are welcome to join us for study and fellowship.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be Sunday, December 22 at 9am. After the program, we will host a cookie reception for our SS children in the fellowship hall. If you can bake a batch of cookies, bring milk or juice, please talk to Renee or Patty.

CHRISTMAS DAY CINNAMON ROLLS: After our Christmas Day service we will serve cinnamon rolls in the fellowship hall. Stop down for a sweet treat and coffee (of course) and a short time of fellowship. It is our hope to have some church fellowship before we disperse to our Christmas celebrations. Our church family is an important family for many of us.

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION: We are short Elders to serve the members of OSLC. Please prayerfully consider, or reconsider, serving as an Elder. We would like to have Elders elected at our Annual Meeting in January. If you have questions, please talk to Bob, Justin, Con, Neil, or Pastor.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE “If heaven had been our home, would we have wanted to enter a world of grief and pain, of evil and death? Yet enter it Jesus did to give us His home to be ours forever. So, He loved us in undeserved grace. And so will we sing in the heavenly Jerusalem a refrain like that of our choirs: Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption’s happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem: ‘Christ is born in Bethlehem.’ Alleluia.” *Richard Gurgel, President, Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Jessica Hines	Today
Jan Lavicka	Today
Gabriel Minton	Monday
Rob Wade	Wednesday
Dennis Selk	Friday
Matthew Lange	Saturday
Theta Lee	Saturday
Kevin Moore	Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Phil and Cindy Raddatz	Wednesday (53 years)
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Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
Nancy Tobeck
Connie Bruns, organist at Calvary
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
Kim Cann, friend of Becky Bridge
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm
Hugo Hasz, brother of Dorothy Knake
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner
Christopher Kruse, community member
Becky Lehmann, cousin of Bob Storm
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Linda Muench, cousin of Renee Minton, recovering from stroke
Those still recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes	Dorothy Knake
Delmer Henrichs	Joann Sloan
Arlene Hines	Brenda St. Peter

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Armed Forces

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy
Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army
Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves
Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard
Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: St. John in Bath and Chandlerville in Salem and Brian Lesemann their pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: St. John in Buckley and Kevin Wyckoff her pastor. Good Shepherd in Hoopston and Immanuel in Idaville as they continue in the call process.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Vicar Simon Niemtschk, St. Paul in Carroll, IA
Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN.

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Samuel Bobby, his wife Erica, and sons Judah, August, Benjamin, Simon, and Pax, our adopted international missionary, currently serving in Latvia. Rev. Bobby teaches at The Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.



Moments with Mahlah

For the Week of December 1, 2024

Mahlah headed into Advent early, sending her Thanksgiving greeting on Thursday. Philippians 1:7 “We have shared the blessings of God.” Then on the 3rd, she added another picture, reminding us all to count our blessings.



Also on the 3rd, Mahlah visited Westminster Village in West Lafayette and Saint Anthony's in Lafayette, with Diane Costello as handler.



At this writing Mahlah was scheduled to visit Autumn Fields and Heritage Health on Friday with Sheila Selk as handler. Last week on Monday Mahlah visited the Iroquois Resident Home and the ARC, both in Watseka, also with Diane as her handler.



Remember to email Mahlah at Mahlah@K9Comfort.org if you know of an individual or organization that would benefit from a visit. Thanks for your continued support as we seek to bring the compassion, mercy, presence, and proclamation of Jesus to all.