

# VOICE

Our  
Savior's  
Lutheran  
Church

November 2022

809 South Commercial Street  
Neenah, WI 54956

Service Times

Saturday 5:00 pm. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours: M-Th 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

& Fri. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

920-725-3956

*Life Together* 

A lot is going on at the church! Pictures are currently being taken for a new pictorial directory. If you missed them, you can submit a photo. We will be celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, with an Annual Meeting to follow. You should have gotten a postcard invite, along with all the voting flyers you are getting in the mail. The 150<sup>th</sup> worship is at 9AM followed by a brunch catered by Shellate's with a program to follow. Please RSVP at 920-725-3956 with Andrea.

On a personal note, I have been reading the book, *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*, by Daniel James Brown. Spoiler alert, the nine young men from the University of Washington Crew Team won the gold medal that year. But their journey to get there was incredible. This book is now being made into a motion picture by George Clooney that will come out in 2023. I am reading the book to learn more about college rowing, as my son, Eli, made the UW-Madison Rowing Team. He made the novice squad after over a month of tryouts.

The thing that is tugging at my heart connected to the book is all the anti-Semitism in the news lately. Didn't we get past this? Kanye West, now known as "Ye", an American rapper, songwriter, record producer, and fashion designer, recently posted some anti-Jewish remarks on his social media account. As a result, the German shoe and clothing maker, Adidas, dropped him and his Yeezy line of shoes from their label, and Jalen Brown from the Celtics and Aaron Donald from the Rams have left his sports agency. Essentially Ye is getting cancelled as people are waking up to the hate language he is spreading. He felt he was untouchable.

In *The Boys in the Boat*, 1936 Germany was trying to paint a façade for the rest of the world of how wonderful and welcoming their country was. As Olympians from all over the world started their way to Berlin, Germany, Hitler had the SA storm troopers gather up men, women, and children who were Gypsies on the streets and ship them to a detention camp. Eventually they would be shipped by rail car to a death camp in the east.

Berlin also removed all of its anti-Jewish signs and propaganda from newsstands as the world gathered in Germany. They wanted everything to look pleasant and peaceful. But behind the scenes, the anti-Jewish fervor was ramping up. Anti-Jewish signs are popping up in America lately.

As Christians, we must do our part to stamp out hate. Jesus was questioned by the religious leaders of his time, "Which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus responded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets."

That last line is the one that gets me every time. "On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets." Jesus sums up the whole Bible up in these two commandments. All people are our neighbors. All creation is our neighbor. And the love Jesus is talking about is "agape". Agape is the Greek word for love that is unconditional, undeserved, and the kind of love that God has for us in Jesus Christ. It is love that loves the other person just because God created them. You love them regardless of color, creed, nationality, or any other category humans make to separate people.

As we enter into the season of Advent, let us keep the dual commandment of love at the forefront of all we say and do. And we pray, "Come, oh come Emmanuel." -Peace, Pastor Jon

## Worship Services in November

Join us for In-Person  
Worship Every Week  
Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

### Special Services

November 5-6—All Saints Day

November 23—Thanksgiving  
Eve Worship at Gloria Dei

November 30—Midweek  
Advent Worship at 6:30

*No need to RSVP for in-person  
services. Masks are optional*

Or Join Us For Virtual/  
On-line Worship  
Sundays – 9:00 a.m.  
on our Facebook and  
You Tube Channels

## Save These Dates!

October 29—**Contemplative Healing Worship** at 5:00 p.m.

October 30—**Reformation Sunday & Confirmation** at 9:00 a.m.

November 5-6—**All Saints Day** celebration held during worship. Come celebrate our members who have been baptized or have passed away during this past year.

November 7—**Retirees and Friends** starts back up from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. and continuing the first Monday of each month. Come join us!

November 13—**Celebrate Our Savior's turning 150** years old with a special service at 9AM featuring testimonials from our members and a congregational brunch after worship.

November 13—**Annual Meeting** will be held after our 150th Anniversary brunch. Come for brunch, stay for the meeting. The budget will be discussed.

November 23—**Thanksgiving Eve Worship** will be held this year at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Neenah, We are on a rotating schedule with the other Lutheran Churches in Neenah. Gloria Dei's service will be held at 6:00 p.m. and will also be streamed live.

November 24-25—**Church Office is closed** for Thanksgiving.

November 30—**Midweek Advent Worship** begins at 6:30 p.m. with Holden Evening Prayer.

### Looking Ahead—

December 7, 14 & 21—**Midweek Advent Worship** at 6:30 p.m.

December 17-18—**Lessons and Carols** at both services.

December 18—**Children's Christmas Program** at 9:00 a.m.

December 21—**Winter Solstice Worship** (Longest Night) at 6:30 p.m.

December 23—**Church Office closed.**

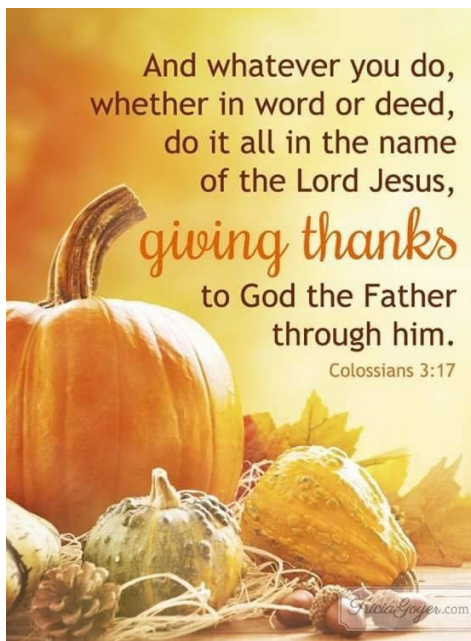
December 24—**Christmas Eve Worship Services** at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. (Note the change in time of last service.)

December 25—**Christmas Day Worship** at 9:00 a.m.

December 26—**Church Office closed.**

December 31—**New Year's Eve—NO WORSHIP**

January 1—**New Year's Day Worship** at 9:00 a.m.



**“God’s Work. Our Hands” - Yes, YOU can make a difference! Here are some opportunities to share God’s love in our community.**

## **Pork BBQ Final Numbers—**

First of all many thanks to our congregation and volunteers who helped support our Pork BBQ with action and prayer! The Serve and Reach Team is happy to report that your generous consumption of a delicious smoked pork dinner raised almost \$3,000! We will be disbursing Mission funds as follows. (Note: we had an existing \$3000 in our Mission fund.)

\$2000 to the Bletzinger House in Neenah  
\$2000 to Feeding America  
\$1000 to ELCA Ukraine  
\$1000 to Guatemala Missions

Donations using your Mission envelopes will be disbursed equally to these missions through next year. Colossians 3:23 directs us, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Thank you for your Mission hearts!

## **Brigade Christmas Giving—**

OSLC members have a couple of ways to share their gifts at Christmas time with eligible families identified by the Brigade. During the month of November, we will be conducting a NOISY OFFERING with the proceeds used for warm mittens and hygiene products. Additionally, from November 5 - 30, we will be collecting the following items to be distributed to families and kids at the Brigade.

You may bring your items to church on weekends and during office hours. Gift cards or cash will be used to purchase items on the list.

### **ALL SIZES:**

Socks  
Underwear  
WARM gloves and mittens (Thinsulate)  
WARM hats  
Shampoo  
Body Wash  
Earbuds Wireless and Wired  
Wrapping Paper Rolls and Tape

## **Volunteers Needed for OSLC Kids—**

We are looking for individuals to help with Sunday School! People who are Confirmation-aged and up are welcome to teach and provide &/or distribute snacks. We can use any level of commitment from every weekend to once a month or just helping on occasion! Please contact Andrea in the office if you can help out.

## **Don't Forget—Set Your Clocks Back**

Daylight savings time ends at 2AM on Sunday November 6. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday so you don't miss church the next day!

**Bulletins** are now offered on our website. Simply go on our website at [www.our-saviors.org](http://www.our-saviors.org) and then go to the 'Worship' tab in the navigation bar at the top of the page. There you will see a dropdown called 'Bulletins.' Click on that and then find the bulletin you want to view.

**Sunday Bible Study** will start up again on December 4 at 10AM. We will study the book of Acts. There will not be class on December 25 or January 1.

**Wednesday Bible Study** is held every week from 10am to 11am. Please join us for a lectionary study on the lessons for the week. We meet in person and also have a virtual option (call the office for the link.)

**Blessing Box** is looking for pasta sides/dishes—basically any kind of non-perishable food item *except* peanut butter. We have had an influx of people looking for personal hygiene and laundry items. Drop them off in the bins in the Gathering area of the Church office. Thank you!

## Sunday School

This November, we will have a couple of Sundays off. November 13th is our Church Celebration immediately following church, so there will be no Sunday School. There will also be no Sunday School November 27th.

## Confirmation

There will be no confirmation on November 23rd. There will be a worship at Gloria Dei at 6pm for families to worship together.

## High School

Senior High School kids will be attending the Senior High Youth gathering at Imago Dei Village November 11th through 13th.

## Guest Speaker at Confirmation—November 9

The congregation is welcome to attend this speaking event and participate in this important conversation about stress and anxiety in our kids.

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**

Doug Bisbee, MDiv, MAC, LPC

Doug is a therapist at Samaritan Fox Valley. He will be here Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>

From 6 to 7 pm

He will be addressing current stress in adolescents. He will talk about anxiety and depression and ways to manage and treat them.

All are welcome!

This is during confirmation, but all are welcome to join us in this important discussion.

Parents and all caregivers are encouraged to come. Feel free to stay longer to continue the discussion.

## OSLC 150th Anniversary Celebration

Save the date...Sunday, November 13th. A brunch provided by Shellatte's will be held in the gym following 9am worship. We will also have a guest speaker, door prizes and a trivia challenge!

*Calling for testimonials!* Testimonials can be done thru a temple talk, submitting a video or during our anniversary celebration. If you have a special memory or something to share about Our Savior's, please reach out to Andrea in the church office.

## Two Upcoming Family Events

Please join us for decorating the Church and Christmas trees on Saturday, December 3, at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the Gathering Area. Many hands make light the work. Joan Terry will be supervising the group.

Caroling is back!! Please join us Sunday, December 11 from 3:15-5:30 p.m. Meet at church in the Gathering Area. All caroling will be indoors. We will car pool to each facility. Jim Miller will lead us.

Sign up for these events on the clipboard in the Gathering Area. Questions? Contact Ardy Kreuter at 920-470-4701 or [akreuter@new.rr.com](mailto:akreuter@new.rr.com).

- Our Mission Statement -  
*Gather and grow with God's spirit in order to love and serve others.*

**The Staff of Our Savior's wishes you and yours a very blessed Thanksgiving.**

## Generous Congregation

YTD Totals Through September

	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Income	\$332,475	\$309,437
Expenses	\$331,454	\$291,322
Balance	\$ 1,021	\$ 18,115

## Memorials & Honorariums Received

*A special thank you to those who remembered*

Betty Emmrich  
Larry Lancaster

## October Pastoral Acts

### *Funerals*

Dan Evenson

### *Confirmation on October 30*

Drew Green, Brendan Schilke,  
Alden Baldauf, Jazlynn Hanson and Jaden Vondacek

## Our Instagram Name Has Changed

For those of you who follow us on Instagram, (and why wouldn't you want to?), our name has changed. You can now find us at [oursaviorslutheranchurchneenah](https://www.instagram.com/oursaviorslutheranchurchneenah). Check it out and stay up to date on what's going on.

## Follow Us Online

**Facebook:** @oursaviorsneenah

**Instagram:** @oursaviorslutheranchurchneenah

**TikTok:** @our.saviors

**Spotify, Apple, and Google (podcasts):** OSLC - Neenah, WI

**Website:** [our-saviors.org](http://our-saviors.org)

**OSLC Phone App:** In the App Store, search 'Church App' and 'Tithe.ly'. Download the app and then search for Our Savior's - Neenah



# Council Minutes...

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## Council Meeting Minutes October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

### Pastor's Report:

We will be welcoming between 5 and 10 New Members the weekend of October 15/16. We have our potluck on the 15th at 6:00 PM in the gym.

Currently working on Staff Reviews in the month of October.

We will be confirming five students on October 30. Drew Green, Brendan Schilke, Aiden Baldauf, Jazlynn Hanson, Jaden Vondracek. We will host a banquet the night before and do a rehearsal.

Confirmation is going well. We have 21 students who are actively participating. We are studying the Old Testament this year along with bringing in guest speakers. June Luett will be our guest speaker on October 12, and Doug Bisbee from Samaritan Counseling Center on November 9th.

Doug will discuss mental health.

Thanks to all who helped us get new and resealed parking lots. They look great.

For Advent, we will be singing Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM and do a Winter Solstice Worship "longest night" on Dec 21.

Christmas Eve Services this year will be at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 and 9:00 PM.

### Treasurer's Report:

Overall, September ended in the red by \$13,556 bringing year-to-date in the black by \$18,114.

### Ministry Team Reports:

Building & Grounds – Kevin Schabo

Parking Lot: The parking lot is complete!

Building Heating: Finishing connecting the gym bathrooms and gym hallways to our re-vamped boiler system additional heaters need to be connected to the main system. Also, the main entrance elevator heater was found to be not functioning. This work has yet to be completed.

Retirees & Friends –Carol Swannell

Retirees and friends will resume in November.

TEC – Kevin Schabo

The entire TEC group met with Jim Miller to discuss possible modifications on handling the streaming audio, reviewed current practices to ensure everyone was on the same page.

The front speaker in the sanctuary is having issues with high frequency noises and being investigated by the TEC team.

Finance – Cheryl Timm

A review of the procedure section of the OSLC Audit structure was completed by the team.

Team members will also be working on the "Bank and Investment" section of the audit.

Foundation Requests for 2022: Team is reviewing the budget line items that may be funded via the OSLC Foundation.

Learn & Grow/Youth – Marcus Shimon

Sunday School Classes have kicked off! We are always looking for volunteers, please reach out to the office if you are interested in helping out.

Adult Bible study has returned and been focused on the Book of Philippines.

Personnel – Cheryl Timm

Met to discuss 2023 salary handling and a finalization of the health care plan was completed.

Serve & Reach – Diane Wilfling

After the successful Pork BBQ mission fundraiser and along with the existing balance, we are disbursing the Mission Funds as follows: \$2000 each to Bletzinger House and Feeding America and \$1000 each to Ukraine and Guatemala missions.

Worship & Music – Graham Bradley

God' Work Our Hands seen as a success. Plans to keep similar format next year.

Usher's support has been in place, working to ensure all volunteer opportunities are realized.

Children's Christmas Program – December 11, 9:00 am – Patty and Jim and Amber O'Kray

heading up the program.

Anniversary Weekend Nov 13. Service and Brunch to be attended by two members of the Synod Assembly.

Upcoming Services:

Sat., October 29, 5:00 pm– Contemplative Healing Worship Service

Sun., October 30, 9:00 am – Confirmation/Reformation Worship

All Saints Day /Weekend November 5-6 – slide show

## Old Business:

Facility / Priority Funding

Finance Saving / Available Operating Reserves Account

o Savings: \$50,000

o Available: \$89,245.32

o Allocated: \$77,014

o Remaining: \$12,231.32

Rental Porch Update: Work is expected to begin in October to renovate, with expectations for completion this calendar year.

Directory Pictures - October 25-29—Harmann Studios will be taking family pictures for our new Church Directory.

## New Business:

Capital Project Schedule Review

A review of the outstanding capital improvement items yet to be funded was completed. Continued to work towards prioritizing the remaining items.

Annual Meeting Schedule Date

The Annual meeting will be on November 13<sup>th</sup>, after out 9:00am service & anniversary celebration.

Discussion was held related to any potential spending overages pending amount of people that attend the celebration.

**Motion/Second/Carried Shimon/Timm** to approve annual meeting time. All voting aye. Food and celebration to follow 9:00AM service, with annual meeting after meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus Shimon, Council Secretary

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## MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC! WE NEED YOU!



Hey everyone from 9<sup>th</sup> grade on up! WE NEED YOU! **Chancel Choir** is looking for more singers for the choir. We especially need sopranos and altos but we welcome all. If you can't commit to every Wednesday rehearsal, here are a couple of options: warmup with the choir 30 minutes before singing in worship and just jump in; meet with Jim after church and go through the music coming up. Or if you want to join us for just the Advent/Christmas season for a short-term commitment, that would be great. The same options would be offered Palm Sunday weekend through Easter.

Rehearsals are Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 pm in the music room. We usually sing two songs a month. Schedules are available in the choir area at church. Music will be available also.

**Joyous Ringers** also needs two or three more ringers to fill the hand bell choir. Reading music is helpful! We meet every Wednesday from 5:30-7:00 pm in the music room. We play twice a month in Worship. Contact Ardy Kreuter at [akreuter@new.rr.com](mailto:akreuter@new.rr.com) or 920-470-4701 with questions or to volunteer.

# Serve & Reach Minutes...

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## Minutes 10/11/22 OSLC Serve and Reach Committee via ZOOM 6 p.m.

Present – Ann Pokel, Ardy Kreuter, Sue Engelbert, Tammy Rabe, Rich and Pam Garman, Carol Swannell, Diane Wilfling

### Food on the Fourth Thursdays (even months)

FVCT – Carol Swannell – Will be serving 2 more times this year. Walking tacos are a hit. People are gradually coming back so they currently do drive up and in person. Switching to the first Tuesday in 2023. Christmas Party Dec 10. OSLC will be asked to donate items.

Pillars – Pam Garman, 2 more meals in 2022, Oct and Dec. Will serve leftover BBQ Pork this month. Hope to switch to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in 2023. We want to spread the volunteering out in case people want to do both.

### Lutheran World Relief – Ann Pokel

Update – the bags and donations were all delivered on Saturday. Thank you very much to all.

Noisy offering update – Diane will ask Council if we can do a coin offering in November. Discussion of Feeding America or Brigade. Update – Council approved coin offering for November to benefit Brigade. Pam will put in Voice and Informer.

### Christmas Giving

Sue and Ann have received a list from Brigade for giving. There are a lot of items left from last year so the curated list included underwear, socks, hats, mittens, hygiene items. We will collect the month of November. Sue will talk to Chris about a collection box. Ann will ask Christa to make the list

### Encouragement Ministry – Ardy Kreuter

Status quo

### Mission Funds disbursement

Funds will be disbursed this month. With the BBQ fundraiser and existing funds – disbursements are \$2000 to Bletzinger, \$2000 to Feeding America, \$1000 each to Ukraine and Guatemala.

### Other

Rich Garman reported we will be scheduling the Habibi's to come to OSLC in January, either Saturday or Sunday service - whichever can get the most of them there.

### NEXT meeting – 11/8/22





# Sunday School Calendar...

Below is the Sunday School Calendar for the rest of this school year. Please hang onto it for your reference.

OUR SAVIOR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2022-2023					
					
<b>October</b>	2 Sunday School	9 Sunday School	16 Sunday School	23 Sunday School	30 Sunday School
<b>November</b>	6 Sunday School	13 <b>No Sunday School</b>	20 Sunday School	27 <b>No Sunday School</b>	
<b>December</b>	4 Sunday School	11 Sunday School	18 Christmas Program	25 <b>No Sunday School</b>	
<b>January</b> 	1 <b>No Sunday School</b>	8 Sunday School	15 Sunday School	22 Sunday School	29 Sunday School
<b>February</b>	5 Sunday School	12 Sunday School	19 Sunday School	26 Sunday School	
<b>March</b>	5 Sunday School	12 Sunday School	19 Sunday School	26 Sunday School	
<b>April</b>	2 <b>No Sunday School</b> Palm Sunday	9 <b>No Sunday School</b> Happy Easter	16 Sunday School	23 Sunday School	30 Sunday School
<b>May</b>	7 Sunday School	14 Sunday School <b>Mother's day</b>	21 Last day of Sunday School	28	
					

# Church Calendar for 2022

Below is the OSLC Church Calendar of Events for the remainder of 2022. Keep it for reference.

## OSLC Calendar of Events remainder of 2022

<b><u>October</u></b>		
<b><u>Volunteer Opportunities</u></b>		
FV Community Table @ St Pauls, Neenah	Tuesday 10/25	10:00am
Pillars Adult Shelter - Meal service	Thursday 10/27	4:45pm
<b><u>Worship Services</u></b>		
Contemplative Healing Worship	Saturday 10/29	5:00pm
Reformation Sunday & Confirmation	Sunday 10/30	9:00am
<b><u>Children/Confirmation/Youth</u></b>		
Confirmation Lock-In	Friday 10/28 - Saturday 10/29	
Confirmation Class	Wednesday 10/19, 10/26	6:00pm
Confirmation Banquet Rehearsal	Saturday 10/29	6:00pm
<b><u>Additional Dates</u></b>		
Church Pictorial Directory Photographs	Tuesday 10/25- Saturday 10/29	Times Vary

<b><u>November</u></b>		
<b><u>Volunteer Opportunities</u></b>		
<b><u>Worship Services</u></b>		
All Saint's Worship	Sat/Sun November 5/6	Worship
Thanksgiving Eve Service @Gloria Dei	Wednesday 11/23	6:00pm
Midweek Advent Services Begin	Wednesday 11/30	6:30pm
<b><u>Children/Confirmation/Youth</u></b>		
First Communion	Sunday 11/6	9:00am
Confirmation Class	11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30	6:00pm
<b><u>Additional Dates</u></b>		
150th Anniversary Brunch	Sunday 11/13	10:00am
Fall Congregational Meeting	Sunday 11/13	11:45am
Office Closed	Thursday 11/24 & Friday 11/25	

<b><u>December</u></b>		
<b><u>Volunteer Opportunities</u></b>		
Decorating the Church & Trees	Saturday 12/3	9:00am
FV Community Table @ St Pauls, Neenah	Tuesday 12/27	10:00am
Pillars Adult Shelter - Meal service	Tuesday 12/29	4:45pm
<b><u>Worship Services</u></b>		
Midweek Advent Services	12/7 & 12/14	6:30pm
Lessons & Carols	Saturday 12/17	5:00pm
Lessons & Carols + Children's Program	Sunday 12/18	9:00am
Winter Soul-stice/Longest Night Service	Wednesday 12/21	6:30pm
Christmas Eve Worship	Saturday 12/24	1p, 3p, 5p, 9p
<i>No reservations needed.</i>		
Christmas Day Worship	Sunday 12/25	9:00am
Pastor Jon @ Valley VNA	Thursday 12/29	3:15pm
<b><u>Children/Confirmation/Youth</u></b>		
Confirmation Class	12/7, 12/14, 12/21	6:00pm
<b><u>Additional Dates</u></b>		
Caroling	Sunday 12/11	3:15pm
Office Closed	Friday 12/23	
Office Closed	Monday 12/26	