

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2017



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

***NOVEMBER 26, DECEMBER 3, DECEMBER 10 —9 AM WORSHIP**

***DECEMBER 17 — 9 AM WORSHIP WITH CHOIR CANTATA**

**2 PM “I’LL BE GONE FOR CHRISTMAS” WORSHIP
AND KINGDOM KIDS PAGEANT**

JOIN US FOR A “PRE CHRISTMAS” CELEBRATION OF SINGING AND STORIES!

DECEMBER 24—9 AM , 3 PM , 4:30 PM , 8 PM WORSHIP

**ALL WORSHIP SERVICES WILL INCLUDE TIME FOR
“PAPER CHAINS FOR PRAYERS, PRAISE AND THANKS”**



ADVENT CRAFT FAIR DAY

Sunday, December 3

Immediately after worship, Kingdom Kids will have Christmas program practice with story time. Advent craft stations will be following with a lunch after. All are welcome!

We are looking for people to share a craft, or would like to help with a craft. Contact Roberta Bistodeau at 320-250-8073 or call the church office.



GIVING TREE FAMILIES

Thank you to all families who have taken a gift tag from the tree to give a gift.

Please bring these gifts with their colored tag to church by Sunday, December 10.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



We invite you to consider sharing the beauty of a Poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one or to celebrate something wonderful that the Lord has done in your life.

We will have flowers available for \$10 each beginning on Dec. 3 Please contact Shelly in the church office to reserve one.



WOMEN OF SSLC

Our annual Christmas party will be at Bailey Ray's in Santiago on Thursday, December 7, at 6 pm (5:30 social hour if you choose). Bring a pair of socks for the sock exchange if you wish. Please make a reservation on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or to the church office. If you will need a ride, please also make a note of that.

Relay for Life team will be

taking orders for

Christmas cookie trays on

December 3 and 10. Delivery of trays will

be on Sunday, December 17, at

9 am worship. There will also be a few trays to purchase on that day. If needed, please

contact Donna Pozorski for alternate

delivery times on the 17th.



PRAYER PARTNERS

Do you have a Youth Prayer Partner? Now is an excellent time to send them a Christmas card with a note of encouragement over the holidays.

Find your partner's name in the mailbox directory near the boxes.

Lange Board & Room,

Friday, December 8,

at 1 pm.

Please join us in celebrating Christmas with the residents of the Lange Board & Room!

If you are able to attend, please contact Dee Punton at 612-719-2344.

All gifts will need to be at SSLC by Tuesday, December 5, at 9 am.



BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Will be at Faith Lutheran in Becker on Sunday, December 17, at 5 pm.

Songs and scripture to offer a message of hope and life for all who mourn.

Refreshments following worship.

Here's a great idea-Invite your friends to church this Christmas season!



or 4 REASONS why I should bother to pray, ask, and remind people to come when I'd rather just relax and sit around munching sugar cookies.

1. Life is scary

The economy, war, terrorism, ill health—there is a lot to be afraid of in our world today. But those who have met the One who calms storms, know that though the journey might be challenging, we are ultimately promised a safe harbor. Invite your friends to meet Jesus, the only reliable guide through scary times.

2. People are lonely

Lies, abandonment, abuse, disappointment—no matter how wonderful the person or relationship, there are times when the best of human companionship will disappoint. That's because, as St. Augustine said, we all have a God-shaped place inside that only Jesus can fill. Invite your friends to meet Jesus, the only person whose love will never fail through all of life, death, and into eternity.

3. Everyone needs a purpose

As a former Watergate conspirator said, many folks live their lives climbing the ladder of success only to realize it was leaning against the wrong wall. Jesus' resurrection provides us with the power to live lives of significant purpose and to discern between true and false success. Invite your friends to discover Jesus, the only compass to guide you to a life of genuine, meaningful purpose.

4. We're all going to live forever

Most folks today believe that and the Bible agrees. The question is, if you are going to live forever, what neighborhood will you live in? Jesus promises that for those who believe in Him they will live in an eternal neighborhood of light, joy, purpose, and companionship with loved ones. But Jesus won't force anyone to live in His neighborhood. Problem is, any place outside His source of light, joy, purpose, and companionship is an eternal place of darkness, pain, regret, and isolation—not a neighborhood we want anyone to live in. Invite your friends to meet Jesus, so they can live forever in the neighborhood of joy.

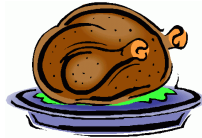
CHURCH NEWS



Wednesday Evening Worship:

You are invited to join us for worship on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. Wednesday nights are interactive, youth led, opportunities to worship, grow in faith, and walk together in conversation. We invite you to join us for a high energy worship experience that helps fit into busy lifestyles. Worship is typically about 30 minutes and is followed with small group break out sessions. If you have questions please connect with the office.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Thanksgiving Dinner. We are grateful for your generosity to this community and our neighbors wherever they are. Thank you for living out our mission to live generously as a church, feed the hungry, and care for our community. We value and appreciate your gifts each day!



Thanksgiving Meals Team!

DOWNLOAD OUR NEW CHURCH APP!

We are excited to announce that South Santiago Lutheran recently acquired an app for the congregation. The app is available for download in the App Store and the Google Play Store. Search: South Santiago Clear Lake. Download the app and allow notifications. Whether you are a social media user or not you will be kept up to date on all the great things happening at South Santiago Lutheran. You can post prayers, see sermons, connect to all the church social media options, and even give online. If you have questions on how to use the app or would like help navigating the app connect with Jeremy or the office. We will also have a demo time in the coming weeks for people to explore the app and connect with others to answer your questions. Happy Connecting!



Join Backpack Buddies at Grace Lutheran Church in Becker as we drop another kick to hunger's gut by packing 13 weeks of food amounting to nearly 1000 meals at our upcoming packing event. There are two opportunities for contributing to the success of this event:



- 1) Friday, December 8th at 4 pm - unload the trucks and set up the packing lines.
- 2) Saturday, December 9th at 1 pm - pack the food.

We look forward to connecting with many of you at this community-wide event. Questions can be sent to Chris at cbefc@izoom.net.

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Will meet during the school year on the third Tuesday evening of the month at 6:30 pm. Please contact Barb Marsh for more information.



SSLC PIG ROAST FESTIVAL 2018



The date of Sunday, September 23rd, 2018 has been set for our annual Pig Roast Festival. The details are yet to be decided. If you have any of the talents listed above, we would love to see you at a brainstorming meeting (date to be announced.)

If you are unable to make that meeting, but are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

We are hoping to make this more manageable with a larger group of volunteers, who each have a specialized area to focus on.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

On Sunday, November 19, our congregation voted to extend a call to Pastor Daryl Thul. We are awaiting his answer and will notify everyone when we are able of his acceptance.

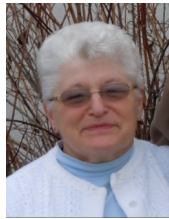
Thank you for all your prayers during this time.

SSLC Call Committee



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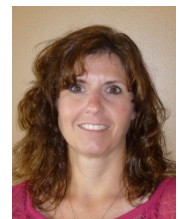
Walt
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Please pray for these
leaders and for SSLC as
we listen for God's
direction in this process.

the call process timeline



CHURCH NEWS



OFFERING ENVELOPES

We now have blank offering envelopes in the church entry on the podium next to the guest book. Please feel free to take one as needed.



SSLC CHOIR

The choir is looking for new members, all are welcome to join us! We practice at 10:15 am three Sundays a month, but you do not need to attend every practice. Choir is open to all teens and adults. Stop in the choir room (in nursery wing) and check it out!

PASTOR

VISITS/ NOTIFICATION:

If you or someone you know will be hospitalized and would like a call or visit from Pastor Dave, please contact the church office or him directly at 952-484-0593.



CHURCH NEWS

COFFEE WITH PASTOR DAVE

If you would like to have coffee and visit with Pastor Dave, please contact the church office or him directly at 952-484-0593. He is available Monday—Thursday of each week.



Labels for Education is a fun and easy program where families and members of the community work together to “Earn Free Stuff” for their school!

By collecting UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from our many participating products and supplementing your earnings with our bonus offers, your school earns points that can be redeemed for Arts, Athletics, and Academics merchandise.

We have a designated area to use for trimming and collecting Labels for Education in the narthex in front of the church mailboxes.

Whenever you have some free time, whether in between services, or on Wednesday evenings, please feel free to help trim coupons for redemption to the program.

The Community Furniture Program

serves low-income households in the Tri-county area.



We are in need of gently used & stain free beds, sofas (please no sofa sleepers), dressers, nightstands, easy chairs, kitchen/dining tables & chairs, coffee tables, end tables and lamps.

Drop off & Pick up service available.

Please call: 320-656-9004, Tues-Wed-Thurs 9 am—5



HELP NEEDED!!!

Are you interested in learning to run the worship slide presentation? We are looking for volunteers (age 16 and up) that would be able to be here for worship on Sundays. Training will be provided. Please contact Shelly or Jeremy in the church office.

SOUTH SANTIAGO BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND



Please consider a special donation to SSLC’s Building Maintenance fund. We have established a savings account to build up to use for major church repairs.

We anticipate more repairs as our beautiful building ages.

To make a special donation, just designate “Building Repairs” on your check or offering envelope. We hope you can help us grow this account to allow us to keep SSLC in the best condition we can. Thank you!

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Current Balance as of 10/31/2017 \$14,293

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO UPDATE



Could you share a family photo with us for the photo directory? We are looking for updated photos for the directory for anyone who would like to submit one.

Please email them to the church office at : sslcoffice@izoom.net

RECYCLING TRAILER IS OPERATIONAL!

FEEL FREE TO DROP BAGGED ALUMINUM CANS AT TRAILER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



First Monday of each month

Are you looking for a way to stretch your grocery dollar and help others at the same time?

Fare For All at:
Salem Lutheran Church
in St. Cloud

Save up to 40% on groceries!

Fare For All sells packages of fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meats

For more information, visit
www.fareforall.org
763-450-3880 or 1-800-582-4291

FARE FOR ALL
Food that makes cents

CHURCH NEWS

Did You Know?

We have a Meals Ministry program at SSLC! There have been a group of women who have been making and providing meals for members of our congregation when there is an illness, a health concern, or a need. If you would like to find out more and get connected contact Roberta Bistodeau or Dee Punton. You can either provide meals, storage dishes or cooking dishes for them to use for those families. You may bring gently used or new cookware to the church office. Please contact either Roberta or Dee if you would like to help make meals for families.



ALL MILITARY FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

We have a bulletin board to recognize those members and friends in their service for our country.

We would like to include all active and retired personnel from all branches of service, all law enforcement, and all firefighters.

The information we are gathering: Name, Rank, Dates of Service, Branch of Service, Where stationed or area. We would like to place a 4 inch by 6 inch photo with the description of each person. If you have photos and bios to be added to this board, please bring them to the church office.

BREAKFAST AND THE BIBLE



Breakfast and the Bible on Saturday morning is **open to anyone of any age looking to grow in knowledge, devotion, and fellowship.** Please check your newsletter calendar for dates. We begin at 8 AM sharp and **end at 9 AM**, leaving you nourished in body, mind, and spirit and with a full day to get things done. Breakfast is usually donuts, rolls, or coffee cake provided by volunteer participants.

Parents with children asking about Holy Communion



Did you know we have a curriculum to aid you in having a conversation and teaching your children about Holy Communion?

You can find it in the pamphlet rack in the entry way of the church. It's called *"Let the Children Come to Me: A curriculum for Holy Communion for Households with Pre-Readers."*

Most of the material is **FOR YOU** as parents, including...

An Introduction to the topic;

A Brief History of the practices and teaching within our denomination (the ELCA);

A Brief History of the practices from within our congregation.

Two Images to get you thinking about how we pass on faith and practice to our children; and

Some Teaching Strategies for Households with Pre-Readers.

This is material that is geared toward households with children in the 3 to 5 year old range.

All of the strategies recommended are accessible and activities that any family might be able to do as a matter of course in their regular practice of faith, including...

Reading from an age-appropriate children's picture Bible;

Bringing your child to worship and help him/her both become comfortable with the place and enjoy the time there;

Introducing them SLOWLY to the practice of Holy Communion and being watchful over their reaction and behavior around Holy Communion.

The curriculum will also be available on our website under **MINISTRIES/First Communion at South Santiago Lutheran Church.**

SUICIDE HOTLINE

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800-273-8255**

NOISY OFFERINGS COMING UP

December 24

Feed My Starving Children

As a Christian non-profit organization, Feed My Starving Children is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

You will hear us say this again and again: "We want to reach everyone, until ALL are fed." We truly mean this. This means reaching the hard-to-reach people and places, the "least of these."

They will be found, and they will be fed.

With God's help we will work together with organizations and ministries across the globe to end hunger.



January 28

Pockets of Hope

In Central Minnesota, Pockets of Hope gives foster children new backpacks filled with items they need and items they can call their own providing a light of hope for the future.

Everyday children are rescued from abuse, neglect, and abandonment. These children are confused, scared, and desperate for security, comfort after being separated from family, home and possessions. Children frequently enter foster care with nothing.

Pockets of Hope provides these children with new backpacks filled with personal care items they need, and comfort items they can call their own.



NEWEST WAYS TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAITH

"Take 10" with your Family

"Take Ten" stands for taking just 10 minutes every day to connect with your family and talk about faith.

Here's what to do...

1. High's and Low's- Everyone takes a turn sharing one low and one high for the day.
2. Scripture/Bible Story/Faith Story- Read a Bible story from a Bible Storybook or any Bible depending on the age of your children. Or, you may choose to read a favorite scripture passage or the passage connected with this week's worship experience. Or, share a story of your faith journey with your children.
3. Prayer- Take turns leading/offering a prayer each day. Or, use a prayer that has been passed down from your family.
4. Blessing- Invite everyone to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of everyone whom you are gathered with and offer a simple blessing. It could be the same blessing every day or you can take turns creating the blessing of the day. One example- "May God bless you and keep you."

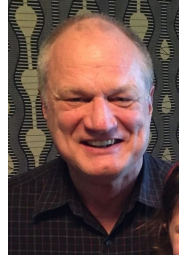


CROSS IN MY POCKET

You may have seen a couple of items in the entry way to church on Sunday morning. We are inviting families to take a pocket cross, or a military soldier toy and keep them close to remind you to pray for those around us. We invite and encourage you to find new ways to add prayer to part of your daily routine and make faith a part of your home. This is an easy reminder to pray for those serving in the military and to pray for those around us throughout our day.



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAVE



DECEMBER-ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL MONTH

David S. Wall, Interim Pastor

Grace and Peace to you all for the month of December. It is a month that brings us Advent and Christmas. It is a new Church Year when we begin the season of Advent. Our scripture themes this month are: a fiery furnace of life; valley of dry bones; thirst quenching waters; the Word dwelling among us with grace and truth; and John the Baptist crying in the wilderness. Advent themes also include: stay awake; Christ will come again; my soul magnifies the Lord and more.

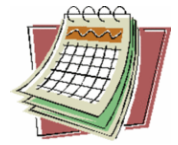
You are probably aware that Advent and Christmas are the two shortest seasons of the Church Year. I hope you look forward to them as much as I do. Sometimes, Advent can get pushed out because of all of us (church and society) who are pushing for Christmas. I remember a pastor many years ago who decided to start Advent two weeks early. He thought it would give a full four weeks for the season of Advent and then look to the Christmas season two weeks earlier. After doing this along with the work and preparation of the congregation, he announced when it was over, they wouldn't do it again. They missed the tension of the Advent and Christmas Seasons. He mentioned that it can be the tension like you have on a violin--both ends giving a tension that makes music for our ears. I appreciate his example and his perspective.

We have challenges and joys as we move through Advent and to Christmas. Here is a question for you to ask this Advent/Christmas time. What is the difference between hope and optimism? Do they overlap? December 6, I will have been here at S. Santiago for 6 months. I am so thankful for this time I have been able to see you in action as a Mission Outpost Congregation here in northwestern Sherburne County. Blessings on your journey forward. My spouse, Catherine, and I want to wish you a very blessed season of Advent and Christmas as together we are people of hope for these seasons and the new year ahead. Take the gifts that God has given you and go and share them with the world--Go in the name of the Christ Child, Go in Christ's Peace--

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave's Weekly Schedule

Mondays: 8 AM— 3 PM Note: We meet as a staff from around 10 -11 AM.
Tuesdays: 8 AM – 3 PM
Wednesdays: 8 AM – 3 PM Visitation Day. **Pastor Dave is in for part of the day.**
Thursdays: 8 AM – 3 PM Visitation Day. **Pastor Dave is in for part of the day.**
Fridays: OFF
Saturdays: OFF



Please note: These hours just reflect posted office hours. They do not reflect evening meetings, hospital visits, confidential pastoral care, etc. These hours will flex with personal family needs; conference, synod, or other outside meetings and other as-needed daily and weekly interruptions where ministry happens.

If you call or come to the office looking for Pastor Dave, and he's not available, **please leave word with the staff that you are looking for him. He will get in touch with you and return your message ASAP.** You can also contact him any time by cell (952-484-0593) call or text); by email:(sslcpastor@windstream.net).

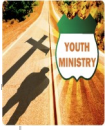
PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: Lew Olson, Bonnie Swedahl (Sheri Haus' and Steve Swedahl's Mom), Doug Schuette, Carey Janisch's father, Kathy Streater (Leslie McCormick's friend), Hazel Blenkush (Jackie Johnson's sister), Harley Lindsey (Gary Lindsey's Dad), Jaida Hamacher (Jenn Bluhm's day care family member); Nancy Stang (Dennis & Brenda Stang's sister-in-law); Janice Culp (Joe Berthiaume's sister); Miles Weske (Margaret Macaulay' son), Laura Garding (Jason and Robin Garding's sister-in-law), Julie Jarvi, Corey Faust, Margie Bragelman (Donna Pozorski's cousin), Ginny Lysdal, John Mezera (Don Erickson's friend), Roger Page (Sarah Hales Dad), Ben Hales.

MILITARY PRAYERS: Caleb Vekved, David Bley, Derik Smith, Gordy Heinen, Logan Gallus, Richard Buckalew, Blake Sandeen, Luke Nierengarten, Matthew Peabody, Adam Thom, Meghan Raygor, Zach Hurd, Zac Heinen, Michael Jacobs, Jeremy Schuch, Logan Draack, Brandon Wiltsey, Lindsey Donelson, Ryan Munsterman.

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE.





YOUTH NEWS

Youth Schedule:

December:

6th: Youth 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

13th: Youth 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

20th: Youth 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

End of Year Christmas Party

27th: No Youth- Holiday Break

January:

3rd: Feed My Starving Children-
Leave SSLC at 5:30 pm.

10th: Youth 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

17th: Youth 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

24th: Youth 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

31st: Youth 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Senior High Lock-in:

9th-12th Grade Lock-in.

December 8th, 7:00 pm
to 9am-December 9th.



Cost- \$5 covers food and
activities for the night.

Please invite friends and join us for a great
time. Students can bring game consoles,
board games, or other activities they wish
to play for the night as well as a snack
to share.

Youth Board will be meeting Dec. 12th at
6:30 pm. We invite and ask for your input
for the program. We are looking for ideas
and planning for some great opportunities
for young people to get together, serve, play
and grow in faith! If you would like to have a
voice in the youth ministry at SSLC please
consider attending these meetings. All are
welcome to join us to share ideas, concerns,
and joys for what is happening with the
youth of SSLC. Connect with Jeremy
if interested.

Feed My Starving Children Event:



This is a chance for SSLC to serve the
broader community. We are asking
that all families in confirmation consider attending. We
will meet at SSLC on January 3, at 5:30 pm and carpool
down to Feed My Starving Children. Students will be
tasked with packing meals for people in need both
locally and globally. We encourage families to make this
event a priority for the students who attend love it and
want to go back. It is a fun chance to serve in huge
ways. All ages are welcome to attend with us. Children
as young as three can pack with the help of a parent.
Adults who need to sit down can have a task there as
well. Join us for a great chance to serve, and live out our
mission and ministry at SSLC.

Confirmation Photos If you ordered photos



and have not received them please contact the
church office or Jeremy right away.

Exciting Announcement!!!

Our 2018 Mission Trip has been set (almost)! At the time of
this printing, we have a location with some dates coming!
South Santiago will be heading out to Boise Idaho with
Service Learning Camps. We will be following a similar
program layout as we have in years past but the fun, the
food, and the adventures will be left up to us! We are asking
for students and parents to help us plan, organize and run
our 2018 trip! Due to the nature of this trip, our costs have
been slightly lowered from previous years and we are able to
quite a bit more. This year's trip will be open to students who
have completed grade 5, through current graduates.

We currently have two dates: July 14th- 20th or August 4th-
10th. We will be finalizing the details shortly after the
Thanksgiving Holiday. We wanted to get the possible dates
out to you as soon as possible. Sign up sheet will be on the
bulletin board and signup genius. We are excited to see
where the trip takes us! If you have questions please connect
with Jeremy. Please watch the newsletter and Facebook page
for more information in December.

Thoughts on Simple Things:

I wanted to extend a thank you today to you. Yes, you... reading this little article. Every year our congregation adopts a Christmas Give Tree to support local families in our communities and pass on a blessing of a simple gift under their tree. Each year I am surprised. The tags flew off the tree, and the items poured into the office within a few days. The same can be said for our Community Thanksgiving Meal items. The list was set out, and a few days later the items were completely gone from the sign-up sheet.

The requests on the tree are simple. Gloves, food gift cards, cleaning supplies, pots and pans, and simple, everyday items. For the meal, a can of corn, or a packet of gravy. Nothing elaborate or over the top. Often the items are things we would simply add to our Target or Wal-Mart run for the week and not think twice about. For the people receiving these items this Christmas and Thanksgiving they are a gift. These items are the kindness of strangers reaching out to share a blessing. The gifts you bring are honest; caring community poured out in heartfelt ways. You have a part in that spreading of joy.

Pastor Dave refers to SSLC as a mission outpost. A community that lives and breathes its purpose in mighty ways, while being a place that people have to seek out. We are in the country, yet, in our own identity, we are grounded in the promise of Jesus' love for us and our neighbors. I am grateful for your generosity and have been celebrating your gifts this year. Thank you for willingly and boldly sharing God's love in our community. We see Jesus in your willingness to serve.

Humbly,

Jeremy Hallquist



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

During worship on November 6, we celebrated with families as they honored their memories of 120 people who have passed from their lives. What a privilege it was to share this time with them and their reflections. Thank you to all who participated in this special service.



	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24	12/31
	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM
READERS		Harren			
HEAD USHER	Swanson	Swanson	Swanson	Swanson	Swanson
USHERS	Bronw	Brown			
GREETERS		Harren		Harren	
KITCHEN HELP					
GOODIES		Brown			
BASKET HOLDER					
COMM SRVS					
ACOLYTE					
MONEY COUNTERS					
PROJECTION					
ALTAR GUILD	Humble, Cox	Humble, Cox	Humble, Cox	Humble, Cox	Humble, Cox



If every family helps out just once, every job should be filled with ease.

Please consider making this small commitment to help our church run smoothly on Sundays. We understand everyone is busy, so if you can't help out this month please consider filling in a spot during another month that works better for your schedule. You can email the church, sign in on the schedule in the narthex, or sign up on our website: www.sslcmn.org under the stewardship tab. Thanks!

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 Head Ushers • needed
 Historian • Holly Klinker 320-345-0040
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 Nominating Committee • needed
 Pig Roast Committee • needed
 Stewardship Committee • Brad Thom 320-743-2170
 Long Range Planning • needed

CHURCH COUNCIL & GROUP INFORMATION

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 Befrienders Ministry • Marlene Olson 320-743-2524
 Funeral Coordinator • Church Office
 Graduate Quilters • Shelly Bluhm 763-662-2468
 Men's Bible Study • needed
 Mission Quilters • Shelly Bluhm 763-662-2468
 Nursery Contact • needed
 Prayer Chain • Carol Michaletz 320-743-5199
 Prayer Shawl Ministry • Tammy Alickson 763-856-3320
 Relay for Life • Donna Pozorski 763-856-8474
 Sharing Meals • Dee Puntun 320-743-3438
 Sunshine Committee • Sandy Empting 320-743-2626
 Women of SSLC • Cheryl Ellingson 763-662-2224
 Faith Chests • Shane Mekeland
 Backpack Buddies • needed

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 Bookkeeper • Shelly Bluhm • sslcfinance@windstream.net
 Custodian • Sandy Empting • windyofarm@aol.com

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



We had a great turnout for our annual Craft and Bake Sale!
Thank you to all who helped and donated for it!



Large Room and Board's Christmas party will be Friday, December 8, at 1 pm. All are welcome to join us help the residents celebrate Christmas!

We are hoping to plan some social activities for the women in our church and are looking for your ideas. If you have questions or want more information please talk to Shelly in the office, Cheryl Ellingson - cellingson56@gmail.com, or Barb Marsh - bmarsh123@midco.net.



Our next meeting will be
Sunday, December 10,
at 10:15 am.

Please join us to see what
we are up to!



THANK YOU TO

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| *Choir members, Heidi Hansen, and Marcia Benson for singing during worship; | *5th and 8th grade confirmation group for making tie blankets; |
| *5th grade boys for cleaning the nursery toys; | *All youth who helped with table moving for the craft sale; |
| *7th grade girls for making fleece blankets; | *Tammy Alickson for leading the lefse making group; |
| *Walt and Adele Munsterman for donating printer paper; | *Bill Empting for making a cabinet riser and installation for the beverage cooler; |
| *Our mystery snow shoveler; | *Lester Krei and Rich Alickson for helping with tables and chairs after the craft sale; |
| *Leslie McCormick for donating prayer shawl yarn and a baptism blanket; | *Richard Harshman and Shane Mekeland for picking up the craft sale signs; |
| *Julie Johnson for coordinating the Craft and Bake Sale; | *All families who donated items for and helped with the Thanksgiving Day meal; |
| *All families who helped with or donated to our annual Craft and Bake Sale; | *Marianne Lindsey and Dee Punton for coordinating the Thanksgiving meal. |
| *Mike Koenig for electrical work; | |
| *Brad Thom for his Stewardship Temple Talk; | |

COUNCIL MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2017

In attendance: Luke Bluhm, Steve Bachler, Barb Marsh, Joy Hurd, Bert Robb, Todd Drayna, Scott Bursch, Mark Swanson

- Meeting called to order by Joy Hurd at 6:31 pm.
Approve Agenda: 1st- Mark- 2nd Barb- vote passed.

- Lange Home: Susan and Ron Peterson representing the Lange Home asked if the church building could be used as an emergency staging area should the Lange Home need to be evacuated for any reason (fire, etc.). This would only be for a short time less than 24 hours. South Santiago Lutheran Church would be listed on their state permit renewal. 1st- Barb- "allow Lange Home to use church as emergency staging area"- 2nd- Steve- vote passed.

- Call Committee: Walt, Jeanette, Tammy and Jeff of the Call Committee- presented their recommendation to extend a call to a pastoral candidate.

A Special Congregation meeting is scheduled for Nov.19 The only business is to vote on extending a call. 1st-Mark-"council to endorse Call Committee report for pastor call"- 2nd- Todd- vote passed.

- Review our mission & purpose/value statement

Mission Statement: "Teaching the Word, Reaching the World."

Purpose/Value Statement: We will pursue our mission in this way: We are a congregation whose core values seek changed lives through the power of the Holy Spirit by forming & sustaining life-long personal faith in God through Christ Jesus.

We practice this by engaging in cross-generational ministry and radical hospitality as it is revealed by God's Word, connecting with others within our congregation, our community and the world. Read aloud by all.

- Devotions: John 8: 11 read by Luke.
- Approve meeting minutes/reports:

Treasurer's Report
Minutes from last meeting
Youth Report
Pastor's Report

1st- Todd- "accept reports as presented"- 2nd- Bert- vote passed.

Old Business

****Building and Grounds**

Carpet: Third carpet bid was received but not available for review.

Council discussed, even though this is a current year budget item there are no funds available, without drawing from reserves, at this time.
Suggested fund raiser.

****Kingdom Kids update:** Participation numbers are down- no specifics.

****Monitors/Tables:** Items are on wish list. Not sure how this works- Jeremy to clarify.

****Fall Festival/Pig Roast - invitation to congregation for volunteer.** Move to 60- day goal.

• New Business

****Budget Committee:**

Mark Swanson- uploaded draft budget for review.

Proposed a 2% wage increase for staff.

Final budget will be ready for next meeting.

****Nominating Committee:**

We have no Nominating Committee in place at this time.

Vacancies- 3- 3-year terms and 1- 1-year term.

****Jim Kocherer's resignation:**

Council accepted Jim's resignation and declared position vacant.

- Set new 30/60/90-day goals:

30 days:

Piano use policy- propose to use existing form, modify accordingly.

Changes to constitution for 2018 meeting.

60 days: Fall Festival, Council Retreat

90 days:

- Confirmed date and time of next meeting.
Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

- Close with the Lord's prayer

NOVEMBER MINISTRIES



LEFSE MAKING



THANKSGIVING MEAL



THANKSGIVING MEAL PREP

MISSION
QUILTS
READY



KINGDOM KIDS NEWS

Kingdom Kids Christmas Pageant Presents:

"A Low-Key Christmas."

With the chaos of the holidays overwhelming us all we have an invitation to sit, wait, and watch for the Good News of Jesus' birth. We invite you to take a moment to enjoy the wonder of children, the spectacle of a Christmas Pageant, and the joy surrounding this season. Sunday, December 17, at 2:00 pm we will be enjoying the holiday season together. Come join us for a time of worship, carol singing, and a chance to hear the Christmas story through the wonder of a child.

Rehearsals will be during the Kingdom Kids hour. We will be rehearsing songs, giving out parts, and practicing our lines. Please join us for this great event and invite your friends and relatives to take a pause during the season! Thank you for helping to make this program great!

ADVENT CRAFT FAIR DAY Sunday, December 3

Immediately after worship, Kingdom Kids will have Christmas program practice with story time. Advent craft stations will be following with a lunch after.

We are looking for people to share a craft, or would like to help with a craft. Contact Roberta Bistodeau at 320-250-8073 or call the church office

Kingdom Kids has been off to a great start!

Don't know what Kingdom Kids is?

The education board has been working with and creating a special model of education time for our young people. We have switched to a rotational model of teaching. One that keeps students active, engaged, and always trying new things. Over the past few weeks, kids have had chances to learn about the creation narratives in scripture through games, songs, crafts, theatre, scripture time, and a whole lot more.

What has been great about this program is the ease of jumping in for our volunteers. Due to the rotational model adults only have to prep for about 15 minutes of a lesson and repeat it three times. We have had parents jump in Sunday morning, or get the material a week ahead of time. The aim is to make the process easy to dive in while you are here. We would love to have more help in the coming months as we continue to explore, challenge and experience the living God in new and exciting ways. If you have a morning to spare and want to walk alongside our young people sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49a4a922a6fa7-kingdom>





DEC BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



SIMPLY GIVING ENROLLMENT

BIRTHDAYS

12/01 Jacob Bergsten
12/01 Justin Jensen
12/02 Merrick Schuster
12/03 Kelsie Bursch
12/04 Marvel Paulson
12/04 Cinda Loudon
12/06 Michael Haessly
12/06 Carson Klimmek
12/08 Mark Bistodeau
12/08 Scott Bowles
12/09 Lucille Dommer
12/11 Alexys Kramber
12/12 Jeanna Tomczik
12/12 Kylee Jo Gorman
12/13 Cheryl Ellingson
12/13 Karen Wipper
12/13 Sarah Robertson
12/13 Brody Stommes
12/14 Amy Busch
12/16 Becky Heitkamp
12/17 Paul Fors
12/17 Amanda Miner
12/17 Aaron Miner
12/18 Nancy James
12/19 Paul Fowler

12/19 Sarah Hales
12/19 Amanda Bergsten
12/19 Krystil Iverslie
12/20 Holly Klinker
12/20 Rick Temple
12/21 Richard Harshman
12/22 Lewis Olson
12/22 Natasha Killian
12/23 Nicholas Bierschbach
12/24 Chandler Wiltsey
12/24 Abbie Halvorson
12/24 Aaron Halvorson
12/24 Martin Huwe
12/25 Jim Kampa
12/26 Jane Anderson
12/26 Craig Kendall
12/26 Barb Jensen
12/27 Behn Johnson
12/27 Morgan Baldry
12/28 Andrew Stang
12/29 Tammy Miller-Hess
12/29 Jason Graaf
12/29 Dylan Stang
12/30 Kirsten Doucette
12/31 Dennis Stang
12/31 Molly Loven
12/31 Ann Barringer
12/31 George Kydd

ANNIVERSARIES

12/10 Dennis & Brenda Stang

12/18 Brad & Katie Bierschbach

12/21 Ken & Ella Arneson

12/25 Paul & Norma Fors

12/27 David & Jakki Fidelman

Churches have obligations just like families and businesses. When church members agree to an automatic payment arrangement, we can better budget our income because we know how much is coming and when. And if you leave town and miss worship, your giving and promised contributions are taken care of for you automatically so you don't have to worry about it.

Visit the website:
www.sslcmn.com or email
sslcfinance@windstream.net,
or the church office if you are
interested in
Simply Giving.



FACTS AND FIGURES

Funds	Month	Y-T-D
Total Income*	\$27,366	\$269,101
Total Expenses	\$22,187	\$276,261
Difference	\$5,179	-\$7,159

*Total Income combines all Offerings PLUS any other income we have received for the month.

ATTEN DANCE	1st/2nd service
10/1	101
10/4	98
10/8	135
10/11	94
10/15	143
10/22	91
10/25	100
10/29	262

OCTOBER OFFERINGS

General	\$20,142
Building Mortgage	\$5,027
Coffee	\$103
Youth	\$16
Backpack Buddies	\$10
Noisy Offering	\$173
Kingdom Kids	\$42
Women's Ministry	\$25
Other Income-Bldg Repairs	\$1,290
TOTAL	\$26,829

DECEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am
3 Worship 9:00 am FOOD SHELF SUNDAY New Member Orientation 10:15 Kingdom Kids 10 am with Advent Craft Day Choir 10:15 am	4	5 Men's Bible Study 10 am	6 Worship/ Youth 6:30 pm	7 Women of SSLC Christmas party at Bailey Ray's 6 pm	8 OFFICECLOSED Lange Home Christmas Party 1 pm Backpack Buddy unloading 4 pm Senior High Lock-in 7 pm	9 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am Backpack Buddy packing event 1 pm
10 Worship 9:00 am Welcome New Members Kingdom Kids 10 am Choir 10:15 am Women of SSLC 10:15 am	11	12 Men's Bible Study 10 am Building & Grounds 6:30 pm Youth Board 6:30 pm	13 Worship/ Youth 6:30 pm	14 Esther Bible Study 7 pm Council meets 6:30 pm	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am
17 Worship 9:00 am CHOIR CANTATA Christmas cookie trays delivered Kingdom Kids 10 am "I'll be Gone for Christmas" worship with Kingdom Kids Pageant 2 pm "Blue Christmas" at Faith Lutheran in Becker 7 pm	18	19 Men's Bible Study 10 am	20 Priscilla Bible Study 9 am Youth Christmas party 6:30 pm	21	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am
24 Worship 9 am Noisy Offering-Feed My Starving Children  NO KINGDOM KIDS No Choir Christmas Eve worship 3 pm, 4:30 pm, 8 pm	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 Men's Bible Study 10 am	27 NO YOUTH	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30

DECEMBER / JANUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 Worship 9 am NO KINGDOM KIDS No Choir	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 Men's Bible Study 10 am	3 Youth –Feed My Starving Children packing event 5:30 pm	4	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 Breakfast & the Bible 8 am Graduate Quilting 9 am
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28 Worship 9:00 am NOISY OFFERING— Pockets of Hope CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING 10:15 am Kingdom Kids 10 am	29	30 Men's Bible Study 10 am	31 Worship/Youth 6:30 pm			



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Sundays at 9 am

Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Holy Communion offered every Sunday

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Looking forward.....

CONGREGATIONAL
ANNUAL MEETING

Will be held on Sunday,
January 28, at 10 am.



LENT 2018 BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 14

FAITH STORIES ARE BACK!

If you or someone you know has a faith story that could be shared, please contact the church office to set up a date during Lenten season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!