

Help us keep an updated prayer list. If you have placed an individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office when that individual can be removed. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Linda Schreier, Doris Balas, Bob Sheetz (Bill's brother) George Schreffler, Nancy Staab (Joan Bateman's sister), Tom Rine (Joan Bateman's friend), Darlene Hankerson (Tessa Minnich's mother-in-law), Hennie Koning (Anneke's brother), Patti Spirk (Logan family friend), Linda Fake (friend of Marilyn Hocker), Donna Miller, Bill Sheetz, Jean Lisse, Toby Drake, Hans Lang, Philip Rauh, Eva Kunz, Bessie Bethea (Otis Martin's aunt), Marcia Schreffler, Janice Mixell (Jesse Burigana's grandmother), Tara Beachtel, Fran & Kitty Kunz (family of Lauralee Kunz), Richard Berger (Sue Dearth's father), Tommy Weldon, Marie Koning (Anneke's sister), Scott Schneider (Herb Logan's co-worker), Joyce Hrestack (Joel Hain's ex-wife), Yolanda Barron, Linda Freed, Patrick Daugherty (friend of Flemings), Liam Brotherton, David Ranck (Carol's husband), Grace MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's mother) Bob & Jean Lisse, Lauralee Kunz, Anneke Fleming, Mike Boyer (friend of Buriganas), Richard Walker (friend of Margo Whittaker), Betty Hammell, Deb Nickle (Betty Nickle's daughter-in-law), Alex Chubb, Marion Tosheff, Tom Snyder, Mary Louise Shuler, MaryPat & Aaron MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's family members), Jacqueline Neil (Brad Neil's mother), Abby & Brady Keith (Marilyn Hocker's family), Rahbiyah, Zheyang (friend of the Flemings), Bernie Kunz, Ed Seneca, Todd MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's nephew), Lisa Tosheff (Marion's daughter-in-law), Russ Kolacek (Tom Snyder's son-in-law), Tiffany Crosby, Annabelle Paul, Leroy MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's father), Ed Digon (Malane's husband), Cheryl Digon (Ed & Malane Digon's daughter-in-law), Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Sondra Andrews (Bob & Jean Lisse's daughter), Barbara Hammell (Betty's daughter), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Robert McCann, Jason Nunez, Maxwell Reilly, Myles Reilly, & George Schreffler, III.

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Shirley Kaltreider, Lauralee Kunz, Jean Lisse, Miriam Reinard, Ed Seneca, Alta Shadel, Tom Snyder.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, a caring congregation dedicated to the word of Christ welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children and ourselves.

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Christmas Day

Nativity of our Lord

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Worship 9:30 am

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Throughout the service, where you find an asterisk () you are invited to stand as you are able.*

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY

- **Welcome pads are on the pews** at the center aisle; please sign and pass to your neighbor. Please include any changes.
- Please put your cell phones on quiet mode.

The bulletins today are sponsored in memory of her sister, Janet Roucco by Linda Schreier.

Welcome All!

We welcome our sisters and brothers in Christ from Good Shephard, Paxtang to worship with us this morning. We also thank Pastor Kathy Baker, all of our readers and our worship assistants for their participation in our service.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Gathering Song *Angels We Have Heard On High* ELW #289

*Dialogue

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
**those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light
has shined.**

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
**they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us
authority rests upon his shoulders;
**and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

All powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into
the world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us
out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Amen.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

John Switaj

Light at the dawn of Creation foretells the Christmas light.

Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW #279

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a Herb Logan
The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.
Hymn: *Once in Royal David's City* ELW #269

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38 Dixie McCauley
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Hymn: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* ELW #265

Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 Joel Hains
Joseph is visited by an Angel in a dream.
Hymn: *What Child is This* ELW #296

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20 Greg Borzok
St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.
Hymn: *Away in a Manger* ELW #278

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11 Pastor Joel
The Wise Men are led by the star of Jesus.
Hymn: *The First Noel* ELW #300

Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14 Jonah Petruschke
Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.
Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ELW #283

Christmas Homily

Responsive Prayer

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.

Sponsorship of Sunday bulletins

The sign-up sheets to sponsor our Sunday bulletins for the months of January, February & March in 2023 are now on the bulletin board. Future months will be placed there shortly.

Manna Food Pantry

Our "2nd Sunday" food collection is still ongoing. During this time of continuous rising food prices & heating costs, food pantries are seeing a greater demand of their services. If you would like to donate you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. There is a list of suggested items now on the table. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelopes "Manna Food Pantry", and place it with your regular giving envelope.

Help Wanted

Pastor Joel & Nadine are heading a work team to help Linda Freed clean her apartment. The work day is scheduled for Thursday, December 29th starting at 9:00am. Please let Pastor Joel know if you are able to help.

Egg Making for 2023

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for members to sign up for help with our 2023 egg making. We are looking for volunteers to help and need information on member's availability so we can proceed.

We need your name and phone number, days of the week you are available, time of the day you are available, tasks you are willing to do (mix, weigh and shape, dipping eggs in chocolate, trim eggs, patch eggs with chocolate, wrap eggs and clean up duties). We also need members to sell eggs. If you are not able to sign up on the sheet in the narthex or have any questions, please call or email Donna Miller (donloulmil@msn.com, 717-540-1298), Nadine Martin (nadinelmartin@verizon.net 717-540-1288) or Alice Lubrecht (alubes1@comcast.net 717-503-8258).

Also, no experience is needed!! We will train you in any tasks. We hope this can be a successful project for our church. Thank you in advance for your support.

Donna Miller, Nadine Martin, & Alice Lubrecht
Co-chairs for Egg Project 2023

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Our Saviour, along with Good Shepherd, will be hosting Family Promise Sunday, January 8, 2023 through Sunday morning, January 15, 2023.

We need volunteers to make meals, drive the van, and do overnights. PLEASE, PLEASE consider volunteering in any way that you are able - I assure you that your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Sign-up sheets have been posted in the Narthex.

Perhaps you are not able to offer assistance this week, but would be available in the future. Please note that we will also be hosting Family Promise the weeks of April 30, June 25, and October 15 in 2023.

This program can only exist with the help of our volunteers. Your volunteering does make a positive impact for these families!

If you have any questions about the mission of Family Promise or would like more information on volunteering opportunities through Family Promise, please feel free to talk to me.

Thank you. Nadine Martin, (717) 497-1200,
NadineLMartin@verizon.net

Offering

Offertory Song *In the Bleak Midwinter* ELW #294

Celebration of Communion

Word of Institution
Lord's Prayer
Distribution
Post Communion Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

And now may you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. And may Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Go and share the Good News, a Savior has been born to us.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Song *Go Tell It on the Mountain* ELW #290

***Postlude**

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ASSISTING TODAY

9:30 am	Readers	Herb Logan, Joel Hains, Pastor Joel John Switaj, Dixie McCauley, Greg Borzok, Jonah Petruschke
	Ushers	Penny & John Zimmerman
	Communion Assistants	Jeanette & Herb Logan
	Counters	Penny & John Zimmerman

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

9:30 am	Reader	Deb Flage
	Ushers	Alice & Jim Lubrecht
	Communion Assistants	Jeanette & Herb Loan
	Counters	Jim Lubrecht, Penny & John Zimmerman

Today
Christmas Day 9:30am Worship

Monday, December 26 **office closed**

Wednesday, December 28 2:00pm Bible Study @Manor
 @Oakridge

Friday, December 30 **vacation day for Barb**
 office closed

Sunday, January 1 9:30am Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

In Your Mailbox Today

Pastor Joel’s annual Christmas Letter is in your mailbox. Please pick yours up today. **Also, your 2023 contribution envelopes** are now in your mailbox. Please do not use your new envelopes until the 1st Sunday in January and please remember to **discard any unused 2022 envelopes**. This is important so that your contributions are recorded correctly.

End of Year Giving

Please have your end of year offering in **by TODAY!!**, December 25th, in order to be credited to your 2022 giving.

Help For the Displaced Family

The Barber family lost everything in the recent gas explosion at their home. If you would like to help with a monetary donation it may be sent to their church. All checks should be made payable to the church & “Compassion Fund – Barber family” must be noted on the memo line. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes should be addressed as: Living Water Community Church

Compassion Ministry
 206 Oakleigh Ave.
 Harrisburg, PA 17111

Jesus Said, “Let the Little Children Come to Me.” Sunday School as started!

We have successfully revived Sunday School for the children of Our Saviour. The at each session the children completed a craft and enjoyed a snack. As a reminder, children’s Sunday School class will be held on the first Sunday of the month during the service. **The next class will be NEXT! Sunday, January 8!!** Children will be excused for their lesson after the children’s message. Please share our news with anyone you know who may be interested. We welcome every child to join us and learn.