

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

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From the Pastor

The Blessing of the Lord's Name

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Acts 2:21).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

January marks the beginning of a new calendar year. With that in mind, think about the day you were born, the beginning of your life. You were utterly and totally dependent on your Mom and Dad for everything. They fed you, changed your diapers, provided a home for you, comforted you when you cried out in distress, and protected you from harm and danger. There was a cost to all of that and it wasn't not cheap. It is estimated that the cost of raising a child today is two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Whatever it cost your parents, I am certain that you never received a bill for their work on your behalf. Why? It's because you belong to them; you bear their name. It's the same with you in your relationship to God.

Think about the day you were baptized into Christ. Whether baptized as an infant or as an adult you were and are totally dependent on God for every aspect of this new life that was won for you through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Not only did He do all the work to make it possible for you to be saved, He does all the work necessary to make that salvation yours. He washed the “dirty diapers” of your sin in Holy Baptism and continues to wash the clothing of your life clean every time you return to those waters as you confess your sins and receive absolution. He hears your prayers and comforts you with His Word. He feeds you with His very body and blood. He has made His house your home. This life with our Lord and one another you now have in the family of God cost Jesus His life. Yet, you will never receive a bill from Him, our resurrected Lord. Why? It's because you belong to Him; you bear His name.

Every time you call on the name of the Lord whether through your pastor in the Divine Service or in your daily prayers, you have God's ear and He gives and bestows the blessings of His name. Every Divine Service begins in His name and during this time that God brings us together each week our Lord Jesus Christ serves us the blessings of His name through His Word and with His very body and blood. These blessings include His forgiveness, goodness, His very life that conquers death, and His peace that surpasses all understanding. And every Sunday, right before you leave, He speaks to you one more time so that the blessing of His name has its way in your daily life, throughout the New Year, and right on into eternity. Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff Pautz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS The Altar Guild requests your assistance to take down the Christmas Decorations on Wednesday, January 4th at 10:30am after the Women's Bible study.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD is observed Wednesday, January 4th at 7:00pm with the Divine Service. Note that **JR. HIGH CATECHISM CLASS** starts at 6:00pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM VIDEO is available on the church's website at <http://www.oursaviormuscatine.org/sermons/2016-christmas-program>.

INSTALLATION DELAYED – Rev. Daniel Ognoskie's installation has been delayed as he recovers from his brief hospitalization.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS Pastor Pautz is organizing another new member class. This class is for anyone who has questions or wants to review the most important teachings of Jesus Christ. You are especially encouraged to sit in on this class if you wish to become a communicant member or have recently transferred to Our Savior Lutheran from another congregation. The class will begin Sunday, January 8 at 4:00pm.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS will take place on the January 8th during the Sunday morning service. We will give thanks for those who are completing their terms of service and install new and continuing elected congregational leaders.

LIFE SUNDAY will be observed on Sunday, January 29th and Monday, January 30th during the regularly scheduled services.

2017 DIRECTORY: Please send an email to oslcp@machlink.com if you want your information updated in the church directory: phone numbers (land and/or cell), mailing address, email, and any other information that you would like included. Pastor Pautz

OFFERING UPDATE January through November 2016

Sunday Offerings	\$130,411.86
E-Giving	\$15,860.00
Sunday School	<u>\$90.21</u>
Year to Date Offering	\$146,362.07
Year to Date Budget	\$157,862.00
Operating Surplus	\$11,499.93
Loan Balance	\$50,515.35

JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Name of Jesus 09:00 Divine Service 10:30 Sunday School 01:00 Pastoral Visits 06:00 Table Talk	2 04:00 Office Hours 06:00 Divine Service 07:00 Board of Elders		4 06:30 Men's Breakfast 09:00 Matins 09:30 Women's Bible Study 04:00 Office Hours 06:00 Catechism 07:00 Epiphany Service	5	6	7
8 Epiphany 1 09:00 Divine Service 10:30 Sunday School 01:00 Pastoral Visits 04:00 Adult Catechism	9 04:00 Office Hours 06:00 Divine Service 07:00 Church Council	10 Circuit Meeting	11 06:30 Men's Breakfast 09:00 Matins 09:30 Women's Bible Study 04:00 Office Hours 06:15 Catechism	12	13	14
15 Epiphany 2 09:00 Divine Service 10:30 Sunday School 01:00 Pastoral Visits 04:00 Adult Catechism	16 04:00 Office Hours 06:00 Divine Service	7	18 06:30 Men's Breakfast 09:00 Matins 09:30 Women's Bible Study 04:00 Office Hours 06:15 Catechism	19	20	21
22 Epiphany 3 09:00 Divine Service 10:30 Sunday School 01:00 Pastoral Visits 04:00 Adult Catechism	23 04:00 Office Hours 06:00 Divine Service 07:00 Voters Assembly	24	25 06:30 Men's Breakfast 09:00 Matins 09:30 Women's Bible Study 04:00 Office Hours 06:00 Catechism	26	27	28
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Note: The Epiphany of our Lord is celebrated among us on Wednesday, January 4th at 7:00pm

Note: Installation of Church Council and Board Members is Sunday, January 8th at the 9:00am service