

DECEMBER 2017

Savior Divine Lutheran Church  
10040 S. 88TH Ave. Palos Hills, IL 60465



# THE GOSPEL NEWS

## December



**Sunday Worship**  
**9:30 a.m.**

## FROM THE PASTOR...



### Engage in Advent and Christmas Worship

Advent starts on December 3 as we also begin a new church year. This season of Advent is preparation for us to remember the great event of our Lord's birth at the end of the month.

I hope you will be able to attend our services during this time. We will have joint worship with Moraine Valley Community Church on December 10 **at 10:30 a.m.** A Christmas luncheon will follow the service. This joint worship will feature Lessons and Carols as well as decorating our new Christmas Tree! You will also hear a choir, and chimers which will be made up of members of both congregations.

Our Christmas Eve worship will take place on Sunday, December 24, at **4:00 p.m.** Please note that this is an hour earlier than what we have had in previous years. The Congregation Council also decided **not** to have a morning service on this Sunday.

The word Advent means "coming" and in this season we would behold God coming to us as a human being as we remember the birth of our Lord. Let us prepare our hearts as we once again remember this astonishing and life-saving event in the history of the world.

Pastor Marty

*"Continuing Our Journey"*

## Discipleship Group



The next meeting of the group will take place on **January 14** after worship. The group will discuss the fourth session on the economy and economic justice. The material has been provided by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and gives us a perspective especially from the thoughts of Martin Luther. You may still join the group even if you haven't attended past sessions. Contact Pastor Marty for more information

## The Hanging of the Greens



The hanging of the greens in the sanctuary for this Advent season will take place on Saturday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m. Help is needed in order to decorate our church for Christmas.

**Tree Decorating Sunday** We will have a joint service with Moraine Valley Community Church on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**. At that service we will be decorating the Christmas Tree with the Chrismons. There will be a brunch following this service. **Please sign up on the sheet on the board in the back. We need to know how many people are coming so we can tell how much of the main course to have.**



## Christmas Eve Worship



A Candlelight Service with Holy Communion will be held on Christmas Eve, **December 24, at 4:00 p.m.** Please note that there is **no** service in the morning with this day being on a Sunday.

## ELCA Federal Credit Union



As a MEMBER of an ELCA congregation, you are entitled to join the Federal Credit Union that has been established by our ELCA. This Credit Union will enable you to open a checking account, secure a loan, purchase a CD, or obtain a credit card. The rates are competitive if not better than other institutions. For more information you may go to [www.elcafcu.org](http://www.elcafcu.org).

## Elsie's Food Pantry



Items needed by the Pantry include macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, canned fruit, and cereal. Other types of food are also welcome. The food may be placed in the Amish Pie Safe. Also they need plastic grocery bags. These bags can also be left in the Pie Safe.

## Helping Make Our Service Flow

### **CAN YOU?**

### **HELP**

You will note that there have been some blank spots in the section of the Gospel News titled Worship Schedule. This is due to the unavailability of people to help with these tasks. Most of the jobs are easy to do and only take a few minutes.

The people doing them will continue but if more people are available the less often each person has to be available. Please look at the titles of the jobs and decide if you could or want to do any of them.

**Assistants:** Need to be present on the Sunday they are assigned and come to church a little early to talk to Pastor Marty about the service.

**Altar Guild:** This person would need to come to church at least 20-30 minutes early to pour the wine and set up the items on the credence table. They would also have to clean the items after church and put them away.

**Handle the Remote:** This involves watching the screens to see when to click to the next screen. If you know computers you can sit at the laptop and handle it like Cathi Predl does. Pastor would show you what is involved in this job.

**Bread:** We need more people to make sure there is bread for communion. Presently there are only 4 people bringing bread. You do not have to bake bread but can buy it from the store. It involves getting to church at least 15 minutes early so the altar guild person can be seated before church.

**Ushers:** Presently we only have 3 assigned ushers and definitely need more. As you can see the ushers come in a little early so they can greet the congregation. They also guide people to the altar during communion.



### Bus Ministry

Our bus ministry fund has been dwindling down. We no longer get the grant we used to get to fund part of our cost for the bus. If anyone would care to donate to this cause it would be greatly appreciated. This is a special service offered to those who do not have cars or other transportation to come to church.

## The Challenge for the Month of December

### Donating Slightly Used or New Winter Coats



We are gathering winter coats to be distributed to the people that come to the food pantry if they are in need. Bring your coat to church and hang it on the coat rack and they will be taken down stairs and hung there for those in need.

We will also be collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for children and adults. These can be put in the basket by the baptismal font.

### The Rev. A. Craig Settlage Fund for Leaders Established

Rachel Settlage has established an A. Craig Settlage Fund for Leaders Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund is being established since theological education was very important to Pastor Settlage. You are welcome to contribute to this fund. It will help to honor Craig's memory and assist those men and women seeking to serve God and the church through ministry.

Checks may be made payable to "ELCA Endowment Fund" and include on the Memo line "A. Craig Settlage Scholarship Fund." Mail your check to EFPT Receipts, P.O. Box 1806, Merrifield, VA 22116-8002.

### Here is a riddle to think about this month (answer to come next month).

What can turn without moving?



### Here is the answer to last month's riddle.

The first two letters represent a man, the first three letters represent a woman, the first four letters represent a great man, and the word as a whole represents a great woman.

Answer: Heroin.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Elsie's Pantry 3-5 p.m. Choir 4 p.m.	8	9
10 Combined Church Service 10:30 a.m. Christmas Luncheon	11	12	13	14 Elsie's Pantry 3-5 p.m. Choir 4 p.m. Worship Planning 1 p.m.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Elsie's Pantry 3-5 p.m. Choir 4 p.m.	22	23
24 Candle Light Service 4 p.m.	25 	26	27	28 Elsie's Pantry 3-5 p.m. Choir 4 p.m.	29	30
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## Worship Schedule December 2017/January 2018

DATE	ASSISTANT	LECTOR	REMOTE	BREAD	USHERS	COUNTER	ALTAR
12/3 First Sunday of Advent	Linda Good	Matt Birk	Terry LeGrand	Nancy Pappas	Derrill Beakley Matt Birk	Karen Birk	Bev Yaumbek
12/10 Second Sunday of Advent			Ursula Bittermann	Ursula Bittermann	Derrill Beakley Jeff Psolla	Diane Chathas	Jeff Psolla
12/17 Third Sunday of Advent	Sandy Wackenhuth	Jackie Bellettiere	Cathi Predl	Jackie Bellettiere	Matt Birk Jeff Psolla	Terry LeGrand	Jeff Psolla
12/24 Christmas Eve	Jill Cottrell	Cathi Predl	Terry LeGrand	Linda Good	Derrill Beakley Matt Birk	Terry LeGrand	Bev Yazumbek
12/31 First Sunday of Christmas	Sue Adamek	Jerri Edwards	Ursula Bittermann	Nancy Pappas	Derrill Beakley Jeff Psolla	Terry LeGrand	Jeff Psolla
1/7 Baptism of Our Lord	Jill Cottrell	Paul Wackenhuth	Cathi Predl	Linda Good	Matt Birk Jeff Psolla	Karen Birk	Jeff Psolla