

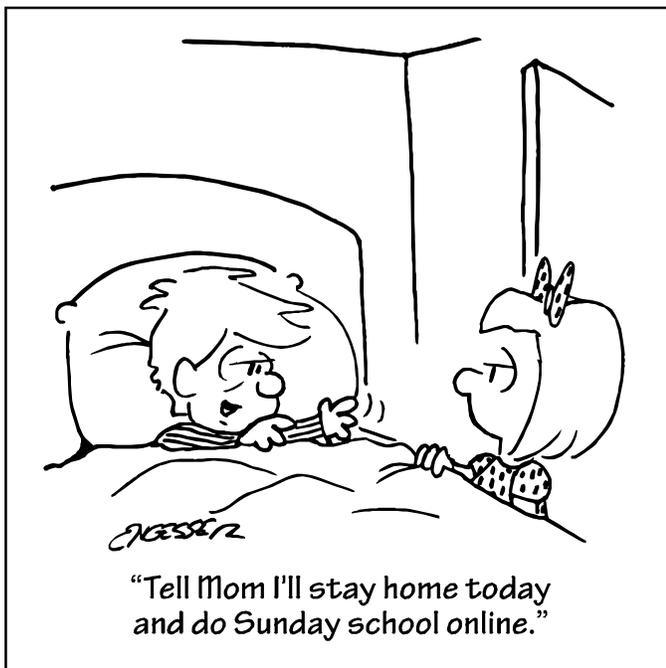
# THE WORD

## JANUARY 2019

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
420 Harwood Avenue  
Waterloo, IA 50701-6119



**A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other!**



### Important Dates to Remember:

- January 1st – New Year's Day
- January 6th – Epiphany Sunday
- January 9th – Confirmation Resumes
- January 11th – Reports/Financials Due
- January 13th – Baptism of the Lord
- January 16th – Bible Study
- "From Beginning to End" begins
- January 18-25 – Pray for Christian Unity week
- January 27th – Semi-Annual Meeting

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above

The word "JOY" is written in large, colorful letters (J is green, O is pink, Y is orange). A yellow silhouette of a person with arms raised is positioned inside the letter 'O'.

Answer: B (See Luke 15:7)

### Winter Warmth

O God, you give the winter's cold, as well as summer's joyous rays. You warmly in your love enfold, and keep us through life's wintry days. ~Samuel Longfellow





**January 2019**

## **Raising our Voice for Iowa Children and Families – Lutheran Day on the Hill**

Families struggling without access to mental healthcare. Human services providers overworked and underpaid. Former refugees striving to build new lives.

These are all issues faced by Iowans. Join us to make sure they are heard at the Iowa State Capitol. Please consider joining Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill, an annual day of advocacy in Des Moines to uplift the needs of our neighbors. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 19. Visit [www.LSIowa.org/advocacy](http://www.LSIowa.org/advocacy) next month for event details, online registration, and an online toolkit for your congregation.

If you are new to advocacy, come learn more about the legislative process and your role as a citizen. If you've attended before, join us again. We hope this year's schedule will also allow you more opportunities to connect with legislators. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly*

*serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations.*

*Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

**Building a New Home**—After spending almost 20 years in a refugee camp in Nepal, Narayan and Chandra are grateful for the life they have built for their family with support from LSI's Refugee Community Services. After marrying in the camp, Narayan and Chandra resettled to Des Moines in 2009. Everything was new. Everything was different. Their child, Aaman, was a newborn, and they found themselves overwhelmed with medical bills. Chandra desperately wanted to pursue her medical career. At the time, it seemed impossible. But LSI helped Chandra enroll in college classes. Narayan started volunteering at LSI as an interpreter. Later, he became a full-time case manager with LSI, where he continues to lift up former refugees by connecting them to resources, educational activities, and supporting them as they pursue citizenship.

"LSI supported me and allowed me to provide for my family. It helped us establish ourselves in Iowa," he says.

Chandra now works as a lab assistant in an Iowa pediatric clinic. Narayan and Chandra have become homeowners and feel confident, independent, and established in their new community.



**BIRTHDAYS  
THIS MONTH**

- 5 – Brenda Rand
- 6 – Alexys Nolan, Keaton Gedusky,  
Ryan Corwin
- 8 – Louise Starkey
- 10 – Angela Joy
- 11 – Betty Sanger, Emily White
- 12 – Brittney Wirtz
- 13 – Juel Holmes
- 14 – Andrew Anderson
- 16 – Cathy Wolf, Betty Smith,  
David Joens, Rick Beatty
- 17 – Sandy Stuber
- 18 – Mary Anderson
- 19 – Mary Slater, Jay Johnson
- 20 – Dale Quist
- 26 – Charlene Ingalls
- 27 – Sara Kavalier
- 28 – Sally Hermanson, Brian Leadley
- 29 – Marc White
- 30 – Joanne Lubbert, David Bravener,  
Jeremy Johnson
- 31 – Paul Quist



**ANNIVERSARIES  
THIS MONTH**

23 – Andy & Megan Graves

29 – Mike & Florence Tovar



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CHANGES/UPDATES—**

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\*Didn't see your birthday or anniversary on the calendar? Can we add your cell phone number to our contact information? Did you cancel your home phone? Has your physical address changed? How about your email address? You can help



keep all this information current and up to date by calling (319) 233-3156 or email us at [oslcwloo@mediacombb.net](mailto:oslcwloo@mediacombb.net).



**Evangelism**—We will host an all-congregation potluck after the semi-annual meeting on Sunday, January 27th.

Whip up something to share and come join us. Pork loin sandwiches and drinks will be furnished.

**YOUNG AT HEART - Adult Group:**

Hey all you Senior's and over 50! Come join our group at Hibachi Sushi Buffet by Crossroads on Thursday, January 31st at 11 a.m. for lunch. They have 7 long rows of buffet items from the appetizers row with about 15 to 20 items to the regular Chinese main dishes row, a Sushi roll row (not my thing), a buffet row of various Chinese soups, dumplings, and rices, an American food row complete with ham and salmon and baked potato and french fries, a huge salad bar, and .....and.....yes, a dessert bar complete with various tubs of ice cream, macaroons, cookies, bars, and other desserts. It runs about \$8 for all you can eat. You are sure to find something yummy to fill your tummy. Or, they cook to order at their grille with your chosen meats and veggies while you watch for no extra charge. You will even find some limited Mexican items on the buffet such as mini tacos. Come join us for some food and fellowship along with a full tummy. Call Dawn at [319-268-1663](tel:319-268-1663) with any questions.



**OSLC LOAN CLOSET—**

Our loan closet is available to anyone who has a need for medical equipment. If you or someone you know could make

use of the items in our loan closet please contact Joyce Arends at 234-4376. Also, please call Joyce if you currently have checked items out and have not contacted her.

Thank you!

**Bible Study starting January**— sign up to participate with others as we take a look “From Beginning to End” a study in Revelation. Guidebooks will be ordered on January 7th so please sign up on the large bulletin board. Cost of the book is \$9, but don’t let the cost stop you from taking part! Come join us for this interesting topic and discussion--see you there!



For many in the church, Revelation is a confusing book. Martin Luther himself thought the

images in Revelation were incomprehensible and found the book's meaning unclear. It is a book that disturbs us and, especially given many popular interpretations, frightens us. The bizarre, confusing images, however, have inspired poets and artists, musicians and movie-makers. They also offer us glimpses into who Jesus is and who we are called to be in response. The 6 sessions in this Bible study explore the images of Christ found in Revelation. The texts we cover during this study will show up as part of the Sunday lectionary readings in the coming Easter season.



**Pray for our loved ones who are facing difficulties, losses and health concerns—**

*Joyce Schwebke, Kelsey Bowers, Mary Martin, Judy Brown, Earnie/Julie Bean, Jack Bickel, Jase Burmahl, Roberta Cue, Wayne Kerns, Ron Heidt, Carolyn Riley, Mike/Flo Tovar, Lynn Bowers, Bev Bunn, Grethe Gauger, Chris Cook, Charlene Ingalls, Zack Piller, Linda Piller, Charlene Marson, Jack and Sue Pickerill, Jeanette Ridgley, Jeananne Tharp, Emily (Pastor Shriver)*

**to be added/removed from the prayer list or if you desire a visit, please contact the church office 233-3156 or Pastor Graves at (319) 231-7112.**

**\*If you are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please call and let the Pastor or office know. HIPAA law requires your permission. Thank you!**

## Memorials given....

Rodney Hartman— Mary Ann Spragg  
 Bob Browne— Ken/Debbie Crawford  
 Darrell Moline  
 Robert Yarrington } Todd/Cindy Moline  
 Marilyn Hay }



\*Weekly announcements, which are printed along with our Sunday bulletin, are due each Wednesday before Noon. If you would like to add something to the announcements please call the office before Noon on Wednesdays at 233-3156.

## Memorial Fund-November 2018

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Worship supplies	657.29
<b>Roof</b>	<b>3,150.11</b>
Office equipment	1,692.06
<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>1,835.55</b>
Sound system	1.48
<b>Youth equipment</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Choir/Music	565.77
<b>Church Furnishings</b>	<b>384.70</b>
Church Lighting	1,944.06
<b>Heating/cooling</b>	<b>646.00</b>
Lawn/Snow removal	<u>305.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,192.02</b>



\* **The Word**, our Newsletter, is printed monthly and mailed toward the end of each month. Items to be included in The Word are due on the 15th of the month. If the 15th falls on a weekend, items are due the following Monday. Thanks so much!

**\*Please schedule all activities involving use of the building through the church office. Church activities are scheduled on a first come first served basis. If you would like to schedule please call (319) 233-3156 Monday thru Friday 8 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. (Please leave message after hours)**

<b>From Your Treasurer</b>	
<b>\$\$—Financially Speaking—\$\$</b>	
Amount needed to meet current budget:	
Weekly =	\$ 3,462.00
Monthly =	\$15,000.00
For the month of November 2018:	
<b>Income</b>	offerings \$10,549.50
	other Income <u>549.00</u>
	Total \$11,098.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>— 13,612.51</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$ (2,514.01)
Average Attendance for November = 57	

**Come for Breakfast!!** All men are invited to come join us for breakfast at the Ridgeway Village Inn beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 5th!

**Attention Council Members—**Council will be meeting on Monday, January 21st beginning at 6:00 p.m.

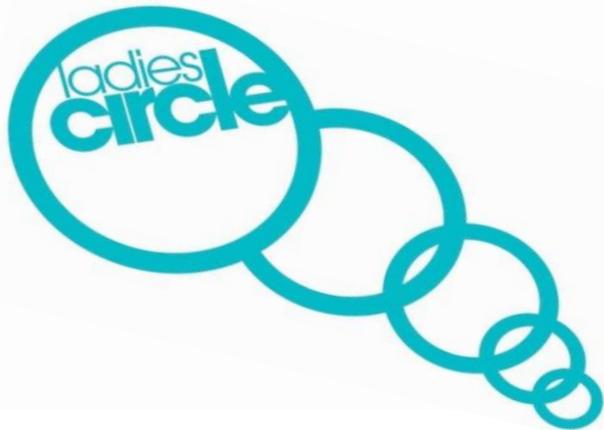
**Board of Spiritual Life** is meeting Monday January 7th. Plan to meet at the church beginning at 6:00 p.m. Thank you!

**Faith Discussions—**“Theology on Tap” continues in 2019 on the 2nd Tuesday of January (8th) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring your questions and insights and join in the conversation on what faith means to you and how you live out your faith in the world. We will be meeting at Single Speed in Waterloo located at 325 Commercial Street. This is open to everyone—all are welcome!

## WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITIES

### Meetings with Jesus—

Come and see, seek and find.....ALL women are invited to make an intentional connection with other women by joining one of the lady's circles in January.



*Please Join Us...*

**Rebecca Circle**—Ladies, please join us on Monday, January 7th beginning at 10:00 a.m. for Bible Study and Fellowship with women of like faith. If you have any questions, please call Roberta Jacobson at 235-1544.

**Ruth Circle**— Ruth Circle ladies will be meeting together on Monday, January 14th at the church. Start time is 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions please call Louise Starkey at 296-7135.

**Deborah Circle** will meet at 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of January, the 8th. Please call Mary Martin if you need more information at 235-7597.



### **Widow's 'n' Widower's Group—**

All are invited to come eat with us on Monday, January 21st at 11:30 a.m. We'll be eating lunch together at the Olive Garden this month so come and enjoy! Feel free to call Joanne Lubbert if you have any questions at 232-8129.



### **OSL Christmas Shoppe Recap—**

*🌿 Thank You! 🌿 Thank You! 🌿 Thank You!*

We are so grateful for your prayers and purchases and participation that made the Christmas Shoppe a huge success on December 3rd. Thank you for your generosity and great gifts, and a big THANKS to all our helpers! With all your efforts we were able to help 18 families buy gifts for their children who would otherwise go without. It was such a blessing to see the excited and thankful expressions on the parent's faces when they saw the wonderful selections you provided! We couldn't have done this project without your help! THANK YOU!

*~Jane Hopper and the Evangelism Group*

**NE Iowa Food Bank**—If you would like to pick up a few extra items the next time you are out grocery shopping it would help us help the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. We have a large wooden box in our narthex for collecting those items. Suggestions for the month of January are: Canned Meat, Beef Stew, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Pancake Mix, Juice, Jelly, Cereal and Powdered Milk. Thank you for helping us with this need.

**Church Women United**—Our Savior's Lutheran Women became part of this women's movement in the year 2006. It is a racially, culturally and theologically inclusive ecumenical Christian Women's Movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. ***This is a call to all women of faiths and backgrounds to come together!*** We believe we are all God's children. Our first Forum Meeting for 2019 will be held at the Waterloo YWCA beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 1st.

**Memorial Committee Notice**— Before any purchases are made involving memorial fund monies, a request needs to be submitted to Jerry Hamlyn, Chairperson of the Memorial Committee. This will keep the Committee in the loop and make sure the funds you are requesting are available for reimbursement. Thank you!

**Help Wanted**—Our Savior's is looking for someone who would help out with the sound system during funeral services. Many times, grieving families would like to play a special song or record the service and we cannot accommodate them. Please call the office if you are willing to help. Thank you!

**Attention!** A committee is being formed to audit the financial records of the church. If you would serve on this committee, please contact Denny Craun—thank you!

**Semi-Annual Meeting Scheduled**— Council has set the date of the first semi-annual congregational meeting of 2019 for January 27th following the morning service. **All reports and financial records need to be turned in to the office by Friday, January 11th** to allow time for auditing and assembly of the annual report. Thank you!

**Got a Map?** Tired of going in circles, I wanted to stop and ask for directions to the Kennedy Library in Boston. My husband, the driver, did not. Eventually I won out. A store clerk was happy to provide a map and point us on our way. Many of us Christians act like my husband did that day, blithely going on our way, turning here, backtracking there, never really finding what we want in life, but sure that if we follow our nose we'll get there eventually. The Bible is exactly what we need on our journey: a road map to guide us on our way, to help us around the inevitable wrong turns and errors—and, in the end, to show us the direct path to eternal life with God in heaven.  
~Sandy Hyland (Newsletter Newsletter)

**Giving Envelopes**—If you give an offering through the envelope system at Our Savior's please note that it is important to use your envelopes for the current year. Some numbers are assigned to different people in different years so in order to receive the credit for your contribution it is necessary to use the current-year envelopes designated for you.



Those who have not picked up their envelopes for 2019 include:  
*Jeff/Karen Bass,*

*Rick/Sally Beatty, Richard/Alisa Butts, Dolores Cady, Robert/Sarah Daleske, Marlene Gerholdt, Bob/LaVonne Hetrick, Gladys Howe, Ila Kastli, John/Barb Lewis, Charlene Marson, Linda Picken, Jack/Sue Pickerill, Mable Pond, Wilma Runyan, Karl/Betty Sanger, Betty Smith, Marty Stallman, Dennis Suckow, Mike/Flo Tovar, Bill Wentte, Steve/Cathy Wolf*  
Please pick up your box of envelopes, located in the narthex, as soon as possible. Thank you!

# Puzzle!

The 10 words below are spelled correctly but are missing the letter O. Use them to complete the Bible verse below, where you'll find all the missing O's.

S, NE, JHN, ANTHER, GD,  
LVED, UGHT, T, ALS, LVE

Dear friends, since \_\_\_o\_\_\_ \_\_\_o\_\_\_  
\_\_\_o\_\_\_ \_\_\_ us, we \_\_\_ \_\_\_o\_\_\_  
o\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_o\_\_\_ \_\_\_o\_\_\_  
o\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_o\_\_\_ \_\_\_  
1 \_\_\_o\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 4:11, NIV

Answer: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11, NIV