

The joy is in the journey!

◆ Our Savior's Way ◆

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

January, 2005

FROM THE PASTOR...

January 6 is the beginning of the Season of Epiphany. This is the day that marks the coming of the Wise Men to Bethlehem to see the Baby Jesus. Epiphany means "revelation"—the first revelation of Christ to all the world. On each Sunday during the Epiphany Season, the Gospels give the New Testament account of how Jesus was revealed as God's Son through his miracles and wonderful acts of power. How is Christ revealed to you on a day to day basis? Here are some places you can look:

- **In our homes**—The Bible says that "upon coming to the house (the Wise Men) saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him" (Matthew 2:11). Christ is present in our homes, as well. Engaging in daily devotions at the dinner table, saying bedtime prayers, and putting words of Scripture on symbols of Christ in prominent places within our homes can make us more aware of Christ's presence with us.
- **In the sky**—The Wise Men looked to a star in the sky and let it point them to "the place where the Child was" (Matthew 2:9). Taking time to look up at the stars at night sometime this season can continue to point us to the marvelous message that the Son of God, the God who created everything, has indeed found a place to stay—in our hearts.

Some 2000 years ago a star was born. It was like no other star that had brightened the night sky before, or since. The star led Wise Men to Jesus, the true and only Light. In his Light we can see the light of God's love all around us. We can see forgiveness streaming in. And we can see the glow of the heavenly glory to come.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Bill Mann.

Annual Reports Due January 31st

2004 Board Chairmen and Church Officers should turn in their annual reports to Carol Stowell in the church office by Monday, January 31st.

In Our
Prayers
We Ask
the Lord
to Bless

Kathy Policaro; Scott Meyer; Jean Marie Brown; Diana Kidder; Barb Tanner; Larry Havener; Arlene Wilson (National Lutheran Home); Ruth Haas (Cameron Glen); Paul and Lil Schoppa (Randal's parents); Jim Anderson in Iraq; Adam Lytell; Robert Villoch; Ryan Holt; mother and mother-in-law of Chadney Grant; mothers of Nat Kidder, Henry Wessell, Angela Rabena, Carol Tanner, Joe Kumke, and Teresa Lopez; fathers of Veronica Brett, Bonnie Stith and Claudia Hernandez; sister of Carolyn Nulf; uncle of Liz Sitter; Esther Grant, with serious heart problems.

Would you like to be included in the Prayer Chain? Contact Jean Kayden at PrayerChain@oswlc.org

Tender Loving Care GROUPS

Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am

Bible Classes For Adults

- Pastor's Bible Study—Today's Sunday School Lesson
- Women's Bible Study—*Becoming a Woman of Grace*, led by Beth Shutler and Sally Mann
- Parent Support Group, led by Rob Worrell;

Shared Interest

Kids Play Group

Meets on Tuesdays at 3:30 pm in the homes of the participants. Contact Traci Benedict at 703-729-7256

Dinner Out Once-a-Month

This group meets for dinner and fellowship once a month at a local restaurant.

Bible Breakfast Group

Meets for breakfast, fellowship and Bible Study at 9:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Sponsored by the Board of Elders.

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Flowers for The Altar—2005



If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar on Sunday, please sign up on the chart in the lobby. The **cost** of the flowers is **\$35 per**

Sunday. Please place a check for that amount in an envelope, clearly marked "flowers," and place it in the offering plate. The church will order the flowers.

10-Year Anniversary

December marked the 10-year anniversary of Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church. God has richly blessed us over the past decade and we have much to be thankful for. The congregation will gather to celebrate on **Sunday, January 30th, from 4:00-6:00 pm** in the Great Room. (This is not Super Bowl Weekend!) Come join us for good food, good memories and good fellowship.

Lent Begins on February 9th

Lent begins early this year. The **Ash Wednesday service** will be held on **Wednesday, February 9th at 7:30 pm**. Easter is on Sunday March 27.

Angel Tree Thank You

Many thanks to every person who spent their valuable time purchasing and mailing Angel Tree gifts this year. Your generosity has provided seventy five children in rural Virginia with a total of one hundred fifty gifts. Each gift tag proclaimed the birth of our Savior and witnessed to God's love and concern for each child. In addition to the religious pamphlets we sent with the gifts, Penny Payne obtained a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to provide Bibles for each child and organized the effort to get the Bibles sent. We are very grateful to Thrivent for the grant and to Penny and those in the Social Ministry who helped wrap and send the Bibles. I also want to thank David Kayden and Marty Dunnett for all the work that they did for the Angel Tree program. We pray that the love all of you have shown will make the message of God's love real to these children, their care givers and their parents in prison. Thank you again for taking time to bring God's love into the lives of these children. Jean Kayden

Communication In Marriage

This small group will meet for Bible study and discussion at **7:30 pm on Monday, January 24th**, at the home of Mike and Lauren Germinario. New-comers are welcome.

Futures Committee

The Futures Committee met with Architect Bill Robson in December to start talking about plans for a new sanctuary and additional classrooms. Under discussion were the layout of the seating, the size of the entrance lobby, and the location of the preschool. Decisions were made to adopt a fan-shaped seating plan for the main sanctuary, increase the size of the lobby and move the preschool classrooms to the upper level. The Futures Committee will step up its activity and begin meeting twice-a-month. The architect has given us a building schedule. The schedule proposes that construction will begin in Spring 2006 and will be finished by the end of the year. During 2005 the Futures Committee will be hard at work finalizing the plans, presenting them to the congregation for approval and then submitting the plans to the county for needed approval. What will it cost? We don't know when, but there will probably be a capital funding campaign in our future.

Faith Basics

Join us for a three-week Bible Class in January on the basics of the Christian faith. This class is especially for new members and those interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church, but anyone can attend. We will meet at Church at **5:00 pm on Sunday, January 9th, 16th and 23rd**. Babysitting will be available.

The Book Of Luke

Nearly 2,000 years ago a doctor named Luke began a letter to a friend with these words: *Many have tried to report on the things that have happened among us.* The events that Luke wrote about were the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did Luke have any idea that his words would speak to millions of people? I doubt it. Join us and read along as Luke shares the truth with a friend. This class will meet at **7:30 pm** in the Great Room of the Church **on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.**

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Study and Support

Monday Night Bible Study

Meets at the church on the **first and third Mondays at 7:30 pm** for coffee and discussion. Current study: *The Book of Luke*

Monday Night Bible Study

Meets at the home of Mike and Lauren Germinario on **Monday, January 24th only at 7:30 pm** for coffee and discussion. Current Study: *Communication In Marriage*

Additional Small Groups are meeting at the homes of:

Dave and Rhonda Labuhn in Leesburg. Call 703-737-0323 for more information. John and Judith Tyson in Sterling. Call 703-444-4584.

Separated/Divorced Support Group

For more information, talk with Bob Stith (703-669-0625) or Lee Hubert (703-726-8192).

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Group

Meets at **10:00 am every Tuesday**. Current Study: *Book of 1 Timothy*

Bulletin Folders

Volunteers fold Sunday's bulletin every Friday morning at 10:30 am.

Garden Club/Work Day

Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at church from 9:00 am until noon to do gardening and repair work around the church. Meets **January 22nd** this month.

Altar Guild

Preparation of the altar for Sunday Worship. Groups of three serve together.

Becoming A Woman Of Grace

"Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you." (Isaiah 30:18) Come along with us on this transforming journey into the boundless reaches of God's grace. This class will meet on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am** in Pastor Mann's office, **beginning January 9th.**



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/13 Jim and Saskia Brewer
- 1/14 John and Judith Tyson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/3 John Tyson
- 1/4 Andrew Hayden
- 1/5 Wyatt Buckley
- 1/5 Jill Ketron
- 1/6 Courtney Oswald
- 1/8 Sabrina Horton
- 1/9 Madison Boyd
- 1/9 Julie Hayden
- 1/9 Erika Horner
- 1/9 Cindy May
- 1/10 Ernie Stockel
- 1/11 Joanna Potts
- 1/11 Julia Trempala
- 1/12 Henry Wessell
- 1/14 Carrienne Joback
- 1/14 Barb Tanner
- 1/15 Alex Banks
- 1/15 Jim Nyberg
- 1/17 Jenni Adair
- 1/17 Dawn Walter
- 1/18 Andy Nguyen
- 1/18 Jean Reiter
- 1/21 Jim Brewer
- 1/21 Rachel Frey
- 1/22 Emma Broemmer
- 1/22 Michael Leidinger
- 1/23 Steve Odenheimer
- 1/24 John Breese
- 1/24 Austin Slone
- 1/25 Terry Ramey
- 1/26 Jonathan Miller
- 1/28 David Benjamin
- 1/28 Jeanne VanDyke
- 1/29 Christian Battershell
- 1/29 Connor Mock

Call the church office at 703-858-9254 if your special date is missing from the birthday/anniversary lists.

Adult Dinner Out Group

The Adult Dinner Out Group will meet at Cheng's by the Regal Cinemas on **Sunday, January 23rd, at 5:30 pm.** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby.



**Child Development Center (CDC)
Board Update**

The CDC Board welcomes Celina Pass as its new chairperson. She is a church member and Open Arms' parent. Along with the new year, she brings new ideas and fun events for Open Arms. Please welcome her with "Open Arms".

The Open Arms Christmas programs were wonderful. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

We are working on new ideas for this year and would love your input. Look for updates in the next few months on what we have planned.

Once a month, the CDC board provides food items for the teachers through the "Care and Share" staff support program. If you would be willing to donate to this, please call Celina at 703-729-5539.

The CDC Board welcomes your ideas and is praying for additional support from OSW members. If you have a spot in your heart for caring for the needs of children, or if you have ideas and experiences on how to support a school and child care environment, please consider taking an hour or two each month to join us at our regular monthly meetings. These meetings are usually held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Our **next meeting is January 20th at 7:00 pm.** Even if you can't make it to our meetings, we hope that you will continue to support our efforts through prayer or by participation in the events that we sponsor. Please contact us if you have any questions about our plans and activities.

Celina Pass
CDC Board Co-Chairperson



December Baptism

Gavin Daniel Reeder

Read Through The Bible

We challenge you to continue to read your Bible every day! You will be astounded by the spiritual strength you will receive from the Word of God.

JANUARY

- 1 Luke 1:68-79; Mark 2
- 2 Ps. 30; Mark 3
- 3 Ps. 31; Mark 4
- 4 Ps. 32; Mark 5
- 5 Ps. 33; Mark 6
- 6 Ps. 34; Mark 7
- 7 Ps. 35; Mark 8
- 8 Ps. 36; Mark 9
- 9 Ps. 37; Mark 10
- 10 Ps. 38; Mark 11
- 11 Ps. 39; Mark 12
- 12 Ps. 40; Mark 13
- 13 Ps. 41; Mark 14
- 14 Ps. 42; Mark 15—16
- 15 Ps. 43; Genesis 1—3
- 16 Ps. 44; Genesis 4—6
- 17 Ps. 45; Genesis 7—9
- 18 Ps. 46; Genesis 10—12
- 19 Ps. 47; Genesis 13—15
- 20 Ps. 48; Genesis 16—18
- 21 Ps. 49; Genesis 19—21
- 22 Ps. 50; Genesis 22—24
- 23 Ps. 51; Genesis 25—27
- 24 Ps. 52; Genesis 28—30
- 25 Ps. 53; Genesis 31—33
- 26 Ps. 54; Genesis 34—36
- 27 Ps. 55; Genesis 37—39
- 28 Ps. 56; Genesis 40—42
- 29 Ps. 57; Genesis 43—45
- 30 Ps. 58; Genesis 46—48
- 31 Luke 1:68-79; Genesis 49—50



Middle School

**Friday—Sunday, January 14th-16th
Youth Quake! in Baltimore**

For questions about youth activities, contact Bruce or Lynn Granger at 703-669-2644.



December Birth

Natalie Elizabeth Sitter

Pastors

Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

Open Arms Director

Lori Schneider

Church Administrator

Carol Stowell

Open Arms Adm. Assistant

Christine McKinny

Bookkeeper

Carol Heuple

President

Ed Yarbrough

Elders—Head Elder: Joe Carlin

Mark Anton Mark Harding
Dave Labuhn Greg Lynch
Jim Merkle Peter Oswald
Kevin Primeau Jeff Stephens
Doug Stowell Johnnie Stubbs
Henry Wessell

Sunday School

Barb Yarbrough, Rhonda Labuhn

Music Director

Sally Mann

Children's Music Director

Sara Carlin

Prayer Chain

Jean Kayden

Child Development Center Board

Celina Pass

Christian Education

Scott Tousley

Fellowship

Jean Hergenroeder

Finance

Rick Burtner

Missions Board

Dave and Heather Ketron

Outreach Board

Corrado Dugo and Jim Sheehy

Properties Board

Leonard Crain and Todd Craig

Social Ministries

Mary Miller

Stewardship

Stuart Dunnett

Worship

Terry Ramey

Youth Board

Bruce and Lynn Granger

Stephen Ministry

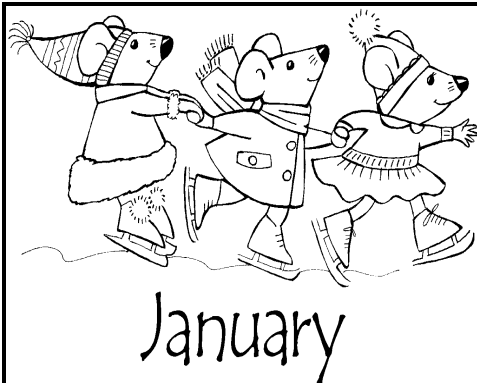
Carol Stowell

Volunteer Coordinator

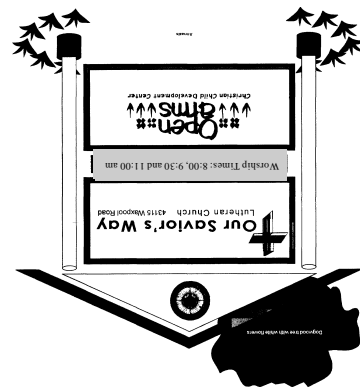
Denise Meyer

How to Become a Member of Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church

- 1) Worship with the people of Our Savior's Way on Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 am.
- 2) Participate in one of the Sunday School classes at 9:30 am on Sunday.
- 3) Transfer from another Lutheran Church by having a transfer letter sent from your former church.
- 4) If you are a new Christian, please speak to one of the Pastors about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- 5) If you have questions about the life and ministry of Our Savior's Way, please phone the church office at 703-858-9254.



Come Worship with us Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am



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