

Discipleship Matters

Articles on "being disciples" by Pastor

Intercessory Prayer, You, and Your church home

When someone that you love is having difficulties... do you feel an urge to pray for them. Why? Can we talk to God on another's behalf? Does God want us to?

How does a church-home impact your prayer life?

God has clearly created us to function not just as individuals but as a community in a relationship with Him. He's provided us with family, friends, and a church home. Praying for ourselves, and for others, is part of our walk with Him.



Intercessory Prayer:

When we pray, we function as taught in Gal 6:2, "**bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law**". Praying for and with others can be called "intercessory prayer", lifting up "prayer intentions", or "prayer requests". Basically, this is one person acting on behalf of another, intervening with prayer support, requesting God's favor. God encourages His people to do this, "**First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people**" 1st Tim 2:

There is something simple and yet mysteriously powerful with this prayer approach that God tells us to take. Amazingly, we are just humbly saying to God what He knows already. Yet... He wants us to.

It's Scriptural!

Is this an area you can "grow" in as a disciple?

Your church home wants to support you with prayer:

Here at *Our Savior*, after each worship, individuals wait to pray for you, as God asks of us... lifting up each other's burdens and concerns.

You are encouraged to try and see what this opportunity is like... you can approach the two friendly church members (*with name tags*) by the altar rail, on the right side. They'll ask what you'd like to have prayed for. You can share a thing or two that you'd like some teamwork in lifting up to God. All is kept confidential. There is something very comforting, reassuring, and uplifting to know there is teamwork going on with our prayer concerns! **God's peace, Pastor Joe**



Weekly NEWS

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Nov 19th
2023

Nov 19th is Christmas Shoebox packing morning!

Please remember to bring in your supplies that will fit in a Christmas Shoeboxes. Suggested items (toys, personal care items, school supplies, accessories) are on the pamphlets on the lobby table.

Kids Connection and Youth Group will be packing boxes together 11/19. Kids should wear their *Share Generously* tee shirts and they will carry the filled shoeboxes to the altar during the service. (*If you don't have this tee shirt from the fall serving project, see Diane Herth.*)



Please make sure you either enclose the \$10/box to cover the postage and Gospel materials or you can scan the QR code on the box label, pay electronically and follow your box!

Coming soon—12/17 Unity Service includes our children

A children's musical celebration of Jesus' birth among the animals, who come to adore Him in the manger. "A Night for Dancing" composer is Hal Hopson.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & COOKIES

Celebrating Jesus with
Music and Mirth

Dec 17 | 2pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church
478 Boston St. | Topsfield, MA 01983



The OSLC music ministry, under the direction of Wendy Betts, invites singers and instrumentalists from other churches to join in with them and the Betts Studio singers & pianists in a fun time of Christmas songs, a Christmas Carol sing-a-long ... and cookies!



Contact the church office
for more info: 978.887.5701

Nov 19	Serving Next Sunday 8:15
Ushers	Adam Bonnette; Glenn Miller
Coffee Set Up	Gail Sullivan
Altar Care	Janice LeBlanc
Communion Servers	Hank Betts; Patty Knight
Media Advance Slides	Bob Uhlig
Reader	Connie Hashem
Announcements	Wendy Betts

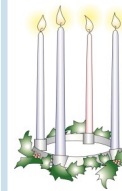
Nov 19 9:30AM	Kid's Connection Teachers
<i>Lesson: Rockette the squirrel teaches: Joshua 1:9</i>	<i>Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.</i>
Pre K—K	Lead— Diane Herth; Assist— John Herth
Elementary	Lead—Lynn Quinlan; Assist—Peggy Hothem

Nov 19	Serving Next Sunday 10:30
Ushers	Steve Howe; Sean O'Connor
Coffee Clean Up	Gail Sullivan
Altar Care	Charlene O'Connor
Communion Servers	Don Kingston; Mark Werner
Media Advance Slides	David Howe
Media Audio	Jessie Anderson
Reader	Helena & Rebecca Imming
Announcements	Wendy Betts

Advent

2 Opportunities to make this Advent season special for you as we all WATCH and PREPARE for the return of our Risen King!

Walking Backwards to Bethlehem! *Finding Christ in the Old Testament* This is the first of our new "Learning Workshops" to be posted on the web site for ongoing learning opportunities. This series of 4 weekly videos by Pastor will be 15' long each and will cover the manifesting of Christ in the Old Testament. We'll explore how God reveals Himself and prepares us for His arrival. Each weekly video will have handouts attached if you'd like to explore the topic further. We're hoping to have many upcoming "workshops" archived onto the web site over the course of the year.



Home Advent Candle-lighting Devotions each Monday in December watch for an email with some prayers and readings for an opportunity to do a daily candle-lighting and prayer time in Advent. It's an opportunity to force a little slow-down and pray time. Start thinking of a "candle set-up" that might work in your home. You can make or purchase a wreath, or just use candles. Plugging the time into your day to pause, light a candle, and pray... is the important part.

Upcoming Dates:

- Nov. 19 Operation Shoebox due.** Packing during Kids Connection. Kids should wear their *Share Generously Service Sunday* tee shirts!
- Nov. 19 Giving Tree begins.** Take a tag and shop for a child in need.
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:30PM
- Nov. 26 UNITY Worship 9:30AM. *No Kids Connection*
- Dec. 2 (10-2) Parent's Morning Out! Volunteers needed.**
- Dec. 10 Giving Tree gifts due
- Dec. 10 Kid's musical celebration rehearsal in place of Kid Connection
- Dec. 17 9:30 AM UNITY Worship. Including our Children's musical celebration of Jesus' birth during the service** (see front cover)
- Dec. 17 Carols and Cookies (a North Shore music event, *see front cover*)
- December 24 UNITY Worship (9:30 AM) with Confirmation
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship times 4:30 & 6:30PM
- Sunday, December 31 UNITY Worship (9:30) with communion