

Serving 8:15AM	Jan 12th	Jan 19th
Announcements	Pastor Joe	Kerry Trunfio
Coffee Set Up	Cliff Petersohn	Gail Sullivan
Altar Care Set Up	---	Janice LeBlanc
Communion Servers	---	Gary Terhune Judy Terhune
Media Advance Slides	Levi Kishbaugh	Lydia Betts
Reader	Sharon Gower	Kristin Boyd
Ushers	Joe Reale, Gary Terhune	Hank Betts Cliff Petersohn

Serving 10:30AM	Jan 12th	Jan 19th
Announcements	Pastor Joe	Kerry Trunfio
Coffee Clean Up	Lynne Quinlan	Gail Sullivan
Altar Care Clean Up		Ann Nollet
Communion Servers	---	Lars Anderson Frank Sienkiewicz
Media Audio Media Advance Slides	Joel Trunfio Ann Nollet	David Hower Tucker VanBrunt
Reader	Peggy Hothem	David Batchelder
Ushers	Don Kingston, Ed Melin	Don Kingston Sean Lovett

Kids Connection 9:30AM	Jan 12th	Jan 19th
Elementary	LEAD: Lynne Quinlan ASSIST: Kathy Kishbaugh	Gwen Oien Brian Wells
Pre K-K	LEAD: Kim Reale ASSIST: Janice LeBlanc	Richie Minozzi Nancy Lowell



Weekly NEWS

“Being Disciples together”

You are Our Savior Lutheran Church in 2025

Jan 12th 2025

Middle and High School Winter Camp is Coming Soon!

Students in grades 6-12 - join us January 31 - February 2 at Singing Hills Retreat Center in Plainfield, NH! We are looking forward to a great weekend of fellowship, games, sledding, time in God’s Word led by Mark and Gwen Oien, great food, and more! *The cost of this weekend has been generously covered for every student! Praise God!* Please let Kerry know by Sunday, January 19 if you or a friend plan to attend!

Our Music Program

Yes... YOU are invited.

We have a Liturgical Choir, a Handbell choir, and a Praise Band. You can join in with others in these fun ministries by singing or playing an instrument! Maybe you can’t make big commitments of time.. you’re invited to join in when you can! **Choir rehearsals** are Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. New singers are welcome at any time! The choir is an opportunity for sharing in a ministry together and some fellowship with other members! The more voices the better!

Handbell rehearsals will resume March 12 at 5:00–5:45

Praise Band rehearsals are usually Thursday night at 7pm

Madagascar Medical Mission Trip in 2025

Joanna Machain is organizing another trip to Madagascar this fall of 2025. (probably Sept) The dates are not settled yet because of plane fair costs fluctuating. If you have interest in this mission adventure in any way let Joanna know to help the initial planning thoughts.

* (A short INFO Presentation between services today)

Some Worship Attendance #'s

A church's spiritual health is not measured in numbers. But, being aware of attendance #'s is healthy in self assessments.

A big thank you to the ushers who "count" the souls at worship each worship service.

2023
8:15 average for the 26 Sundays 59.4
10:30 average for the 26 Sundays 45.9
Summer Worship average 88.6
Easter 178 **Christmas** 166

2024
8:15 average for the 26 Sundays 55.1
10:30 average for the 26 Sundays 52.1
Summer Worship average 83.8
Easter 210 **Christmas** 186

Also in 2024 We had 8 people pledge to membership at Our Savior Lutheran Church, and joyfully celebrated 5 Baptisms

A Church home is the gathering of a community of believers.

*Attendance #'s for worship help with our planning, but the goals of discipleship together are not driven by numbers. **We gather to be disciples of Jesus... together... that involves a full adventure!***

The gathering for worship is an opportunity to support and encourage each other, to grow in God's Word, and to be nourished by Him in His Sacrament. It is an OPPORTUNITY that we disciples are given to be strengthened and grow in the adventure of following Jesus.

We aren't on our own in this adventure... we gather with "others". When we gather for worship our worship times and practices are not planned with a consumer based approach. Worship is not a providing of goods at a convenient time to meet the needs of the most people. It is the coming together of the Body of Christ. "Being Disciples" together is so, so much more than preferences in worship styles... it is our opportunity to support each other with listening, to encourage each other with words, an opportunity to hug, smile, pray, grow... all centered on a relationship with Christ Jesus.

When each of us is called to "Be a Disciple" it involves the use of our time, our talents, and our treasures.... A church home is an AMAZING opportunity that we have to connect our lives into a close walk with the Lord!

You're doing great at BEING DISCIPLES together

Bits and Pieces

- ⇒ **Missions Committee Meeting on 1/26** All are welcome! Youth, young adults, new members... all can come and see what this ministry is about and if it's a fit for you.
- ⇒ **Freezer Friends:** The freezer is stocked with meals! Gift a neighbor who has had recent surgery, has a new baby, struggling or housebound. Help yourself to these and be the hands of & heart of Christ!
- ⇒ **Ministry Support:** Diane Herth is away for a few months and Sophie Sienkiewicz is filling this role of Ministry support. You can use the same "Office" email contact to reach her for the communications and scheduling.
- ⇒ **The Vision Team** has met for an Operational Awareness meeting of our church home functions and LCMS relationship. Next is a full day meeting planned for Jan 25th with the consulting team.

Life Sunday date and "Life" support It is of special importance to us as a church home to support the cause of saving the lives of children soon to be born. The tragic thought that it is okay to choose to end a young persons life has no Scriptural support. Our church home supports Your Options Pregnancy Center. This clinic offers ultrasounds to see young children not yet born and provides support services for young moms. We usually do an annual bottle drive for financial help on a Life Sunday date that has been connected to a Supreme Court decision. This year we'll do that drive using the Feast Day that is in our church calendar already. **The Feast of the Annunciation is March 25th.** This is 9 months before Jesus birth and is the date of the Incarnation of our Lord happening... when God the Son entered into human flesh at conception. It's healthy to ponder how Jesus went through all the stages of human development and life that we do. We'll tie our church's local support of the cause of Pro-Life with this March 25th date this year.

Keep young mothers in your prayers, and *look for more in March...*