



Christmas

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

MISSION

Burning with the Spirit of Christ in us, we are called to serve our neighbors. In following Jesus' teaching and example, we at Our Savior Lutheran Church will feed souls through worship, word, and witness while feeding our neighbor with our hands and actions.

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Our Savior is a community that aspires to follow Jesus so that all may know of the love of God in Christ.

FAMILY RESOURCES At the sanctuary entrance there are books and clipboards with paper & crayons. Children are welcome to take these items into worship. Additionally, the family area just outside the sanctuary has full audio and a view of the service. There you will find toys, books, seating, and room to roam.

HOLY COMMUNION Communion is the central gathering meal of the church. In this meal Christ promises to be fully present, offering forgiveness, a renewed faith, and a regenerative life. Everyone is invited to come forward, as you are able. Individual servings of bread & wine (red) or juice (white) await you; gluten-free bread is available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT If you find yourself in a time of spiritual need or you're searching for more, we would love to walk with you. Simply fill out a Connections Card and we will contact you.

LAST SUNDAY'S MUSIC CHOICES

Parish Musician David Liu often changes his choices for prelude, postlude, and offering music last minute, as the Spirit guides him. Here are last Sunday's choices:

Second Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, January 4, 2026
10:00 a.m.
*WOV Holy Communion Setting Four:
Light of Christ*



Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front Street South
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HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(Please take a moment of silence to reflect.)*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

ELW 276

GREETING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ELW 254

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

EPIPHANY BLESSING

WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷ Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back;
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path where they shall not stumble,
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him
and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.”

¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:13-21

- ¹³ Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;
- ¹⁴ for he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.
- ¹⁵ He has established peace on your borders;
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- ¹⁶ He sends out his command to the earth,
and his word runs very swiftly.
- ¹⁷ He gives snow like wool;
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- ¹⁸ He scatters his hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against his cold?
- ¹⁹ He sends forth his word and melts them;
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- ²⁰ He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- ²¹ He has not done so to any other nation;
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

ELW 282

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

OFFERING STATEMENT

We are grateful for offerings for the mission of the church. You may give here in the pews, use the QR code in the bulletin, or go online at oslciissaquah.org. Thank you so much for your generosity.

OFFERING MUSIC



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(As the offering is brought to the altar, we will sing.)

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C' and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.'

C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are some musical markings: a fermata over the first 'ho' in the first line, a triplet of eighth notes for 'heav-en' in the second line, and a fermata over the final 'na' in the fifth line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

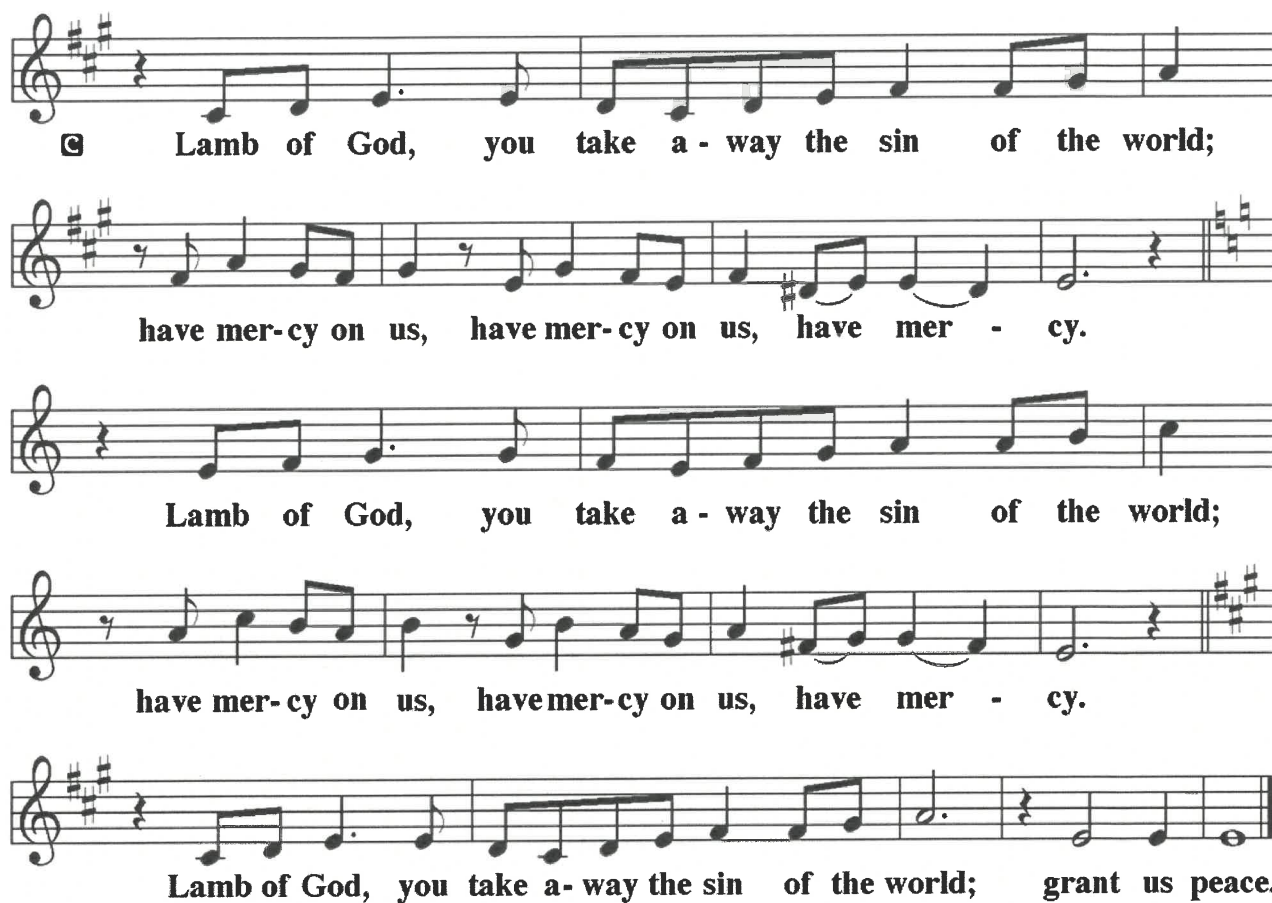
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Come to the Table ELW 481

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ELW 272

What Child Is This ELW 296

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re - jice, re - jice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OSLC Announcements

Journey of Generosity Retreat

Journey of Generosity: Filled with meaning, free from pressure.

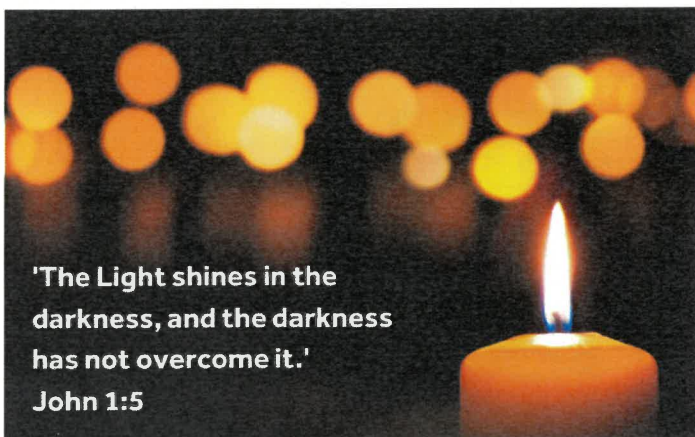
Most people who talk to you about money want something from you. Generous Giving is privately funded, so you will never be asked for money at our retreat. We want to give you the gift of conversation. We want to provide a pressure-free environment for you to listen to God and draw closer to Him. We don't want something from you—we want something for you.



January 23
Friday evening,
4:30-9:00 p.m.

January 24
Saturday morning,
8:00 a.m.-noon

Meals and refreshments are provided: both Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast.—Submitted by Jeff J.



Fill the BIG Coffee Pot TODAY, January 4!

Because of the holidays, today's in-gathering snuck up on us! Please bring your coins, cash, and checks to fill the big coffee pot TODAY, January 4. Thanks for your generosity and support for our Abundance Budget!



**GIVE BOLDLY,
ONE COFFEE AT A TIME**



Pizza & Conversation Book Study

Four-Month Reading and Discussion Plan

Based on Dan McClellan's *The Bible Says So: What We Get Right (and Wrong) About Scripture's Most Controversial Issues*, and facilitated by Pr. Olaf on the 2nd Monday of each month from January through May:

Monday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 9, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.

(Final Reflection and Celebration. No pages assigned for this last session.)

Each session, we'll meet in person at OSLC and share a pizza meal; snowbirds can join on Zoom. In the narthex you'll find *Pizza and Conversation Book Study* booklets with reading assignments, summaries, and questions; please take one home.

OSLC Announcements

Mark Your Calendar for the 2026 Women's Retreat!

**“Telling Our Story, Listening for God”
March 6-8, 2026 at Rainbow Lodge, North Bend
Speaker: Pr. Deanna Wildermuth**

From Pr. Deanna Wildermuth: “We will talk. We will listen. We will wonder. We will be surprised. From the story of a mug to a story of a room to the story of our lives, we will laugh and (perhaps get teary) and learn more about ourselves and one another. In it all, will we hear God? I am excited to be with you in this blessed time away. As our ‘ice breaker’, bring a favorite mug or cup and be ready to share its story.”

The retreat brochure with detailed information will be available next Sunday.



You're invited!

**Saturday,
January 10, 2026
10:00 AM**

**Cross of Christ Lutheran
Church, Bellevue**

Join the Eastside Lutheran Church Community Pastors and Board Members in discussion about the ELCC. As congregation members, your thoughts about the collaborations and possibilities for the future are invaluable as we move forward.

There will be coffee.

EASTSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
411 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98007

OSLC Announcements

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister and Preacher:

Pr. Olaf Baumann

Assisting Minister:

Jen W.

Pianist:

David Liu

Ushers:

Carl and Judy B.

Altar Guild:

Holly H.

Sound/Video:

Jon S.



Pastors' Schedules

TODAY, January 4, Pr. Kristin-Luana is presiding and preaching at Mt. Si Lutheran Church in North Bend.

From January 17-24, Pr. Olaf and Pr. Kristin-Luana will be at Continuing Education.

On January 18, Pr. Larry Thomas will be presiding and preaching at OSLC.



+ Share & Prayer +

We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. Please email office@oslccissaquah.org your prayer requests. A complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.

- ◆ **Mary F.**, for healing and comfort
- ◆ **Hannelore M.**, for correct diagnosis, successful treatment, and good healing
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, for healing of her back
- ◆ **Suzanne D.**, for healing her lower back fracture
- ◆ **Carl S.**, to stay positive and for a change of work shift from nights to days (nephew of Anne E.)
- ◆ **Amy S.**, who needs to be lifted up in prayer (sister of Lisa D.)
- ◆ **Jim U.**, who had skull surgery to remove two cancerous growths, and his wife **Maria** (long-time neighbors of Alice and Lyle L.)
- ◆ **Marlice G.**, for healing of spinal fracture



Bloodworks Northwest

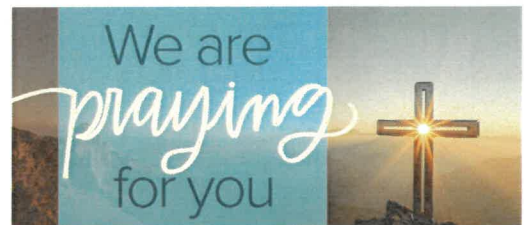
ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 22 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Scan the QR code to book your one hour appointment.

Appointments are required for the best possible donation experience. Same-day appointments available at most locations. Photo ID required.

For safety, we kindly request no visitors under 16 at our donation sites. Eat a hearty meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation.



DONATE BLOOD.

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This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 4—SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 5

Quirky Quilters (Education Room) (All day)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

Music lessons are held in all downstairs rooms throughout the week.

TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

JANUARY 6

AA (Anderson Hall)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m.

JANUARY 7

Stephen Minister Training Course (Education Room)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 8

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Searching for the Historical Jesus Video Series (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church Bible Study (Library)

Boy Scout Troop 676 Planning Meeting (Anderson Hall)

Searching for the Historical Jesus Video Series (Online)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

3:00-8:00 p.m.

JANUARY 11—BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Youth Room)

Carlin Ma's Student Piano Recital (Sanctuary)

Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Pr. Olaf Baumann at 360-912-1830 or Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann at 360-912-1245.

