



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1326 1st Ave N., Great Falls MT
A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

December 2025 Newsletter *God's Work—Our Hands!*

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**Our Savior's Lutheran
Worships each Sunday at
10:00 a.m.
with Refreshments and
Fellowship in the Church
basement following
services.**

Office Hours are
Mon. & Wed., 9:00-1:00

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From the Council President

As fall winds down and we transition into winter, I want to tell you how much I appreciate your faithfulness in attending services and participating in the life of the congregation.

Fall is a season of giving in the congregation. In the past few months you have committed to supporting this congregation, whether you chose to make a pledge or chose to support the mission of this congregation as you are able, you are greatly appreciated.

You have also chosen to support our community outside of these walls. We have given gifts to Toby's House and Pre-Release when representatives of those organizations have come to share their mission. You supported the Blue Plate Special whose proceeds also support the Pre-Release Center. The 3rd and 4th quarter Change for Change offerings will benefit Mercy Home and St Ann's Kitchen, and through Can-Do we were able to provide food to five School Food Pantries.

The Women of the church have taken a Harvest Offering which will be distributed to local organizations and a Thank-Offering which will be sent on to the national office of the ELCA to be used for needs around the world. Your generosity is such a blessing.

This can be such a hectic and stressful time of year. My prayer is that during this Advent season you are able to take time to reflect and find peace as we anticipate the birth of Jesus.

Peace to you

Kerrie

Pastor Call Status

The Call Committee met on November 23rd. The Ministry Site Profile has been forwarded to Council for approval and forwarding to Bishop Ben Quanbeck. A meeting is scheduled with Bishop Quanbeck on January 11th.

Our Savior's Events during December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 30 10:00 Worship	1	2	3 7:30 Men's Sq.	4	5	6
7 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship Altar Guild Mtng After service	8 1:00 Human Concerns 7:00 Property & Finance Cmt	9	10 7:30 Men's Sq.	11 9:30 Quilters and Knitters	12	13
14 10:00 Worship	15	16	17 7:30 a.m. Men's Square 7:00 p.m. Council Mtng.	18	19	20
21 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23	24 7:30 a.m. Men's Square 5:30 Christmas Eve Candle Light Service	25 Christmas Day 9:00 Service at Church of the Incarnation	26	27
28 10:00 Worship <i>Change for Change</i>	29 6:30 Book Club, Etc.	30	31 7:30 a.m. Men's Square	January 1 New Year's Day	2	3

FINANCIAL REPORT: OFFERINGS, DISBURSEMENTS & BALANCES as of October 31, 2025			
General Fund	October	Year to Date	2024 YTD
Giving	\$20,227.62	\$175,246.29	\$161,565.57
Interest Inc	\$172.93	\$3,226.75	\$1,914.13
Expenses	\$12,745.56	\$165,544.03	\$189,018.58
Totals	\$7,654.99	\$12,929.01	-\$25,538.88

Serving this December

December 7th

Usher: Emil Vanni
Greeter: Amy Ford
Reader: Kathy Maynard
Altar Guild: All Guild Members
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Luana Brown
Counters: Bob Dickenson, Juanita Hogenson
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Preaching: Jodie Tooley, LMA

December 14th

Usher: Jerry Ramstead
Greeter: Kerrie Ramstead
Reader: Volunteer or Pastor
Altar Guild: All Guild Members
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Luana Brown
Counters: Bob Dickenson, Juanita Hogenson
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Preaching: Jim Carlson, LMA

December 21st

Usher: Gloria Johnson
Greeter: Carole Miller
Reader: Volunteer or Pastor
Altar Guild: All Guild Members
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Luana Brown
Counters: Bob Dickenson, Juanita Hogenson
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Preaching: Jodie Tooley, LMA

December 24th

Usher: Joyce Morgan
Greeter: Judy Ludtke
Reader: Volunteer or Pastor
Altar Guild: All Guild Members
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Luana Brown
Counters: Bob Dickenson, Juanita Hogenson
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Preaching: Pastor Ryan Eikenbary

December 28th

Usher: Nancy Traner
Greeter: Lorraine Myhr
Reader: Volunteer or Pastor
Altar Guild: All Guild Members
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Luana Brown
Counters: Bob Dickenson, Juanita Hogenson
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Preaching: Lay Leaders

Celebrating December Birthdays

(Known to the Office)

	12/15	Holly Molyneaux
		Stacey Sullivan
	12/18	Harry Milton
12/3	12/19	Carl Vanni
Ben Bruner	12/20	Wava Goetz
12/4	12/21	Paul Senn
12/5	12/22	Judy Spilde
16/6		Wyatt Stoverud
Audrey Parkinson	12/24	Jerry Eberl
Marilyn Olson		Mike Ochs
12/7	12/25	Lucas Vanni
12/11	12/26	McKinzie Horton
Renate Weldele		Melissa Zemljak
12/12	12/27	Sharon Lucas
Joanne Putzker	12/28	Debra Karem
Tyler Stoverud	12/29	John Allen
Cindy Brown	12/30	Joyce Morgan
12/13		Bob Parkinson
12/14		
John Price		
Colin Maynard		
Diana Vulcan		

Ladies Let's Talk

Due to declining attendance, I have decided to discontinue "Ladies Let's Talk". I have enjoyed our time spent and would like to thank everyone who attended for sharing their thoughts and stories.

I'm wishing everyone a life with Hygge. Clarice

FISH Update

The last week of October was the best week this year for FISH with 45 clients, 69 adults and 61 children. We gave out over 3000 pounds of food. The first week in November we saw an increase in numbers compared to what we normally see at the beginning of a month and we had 47 clients. The last week of November we had 45 clients which was the high for the year. If we continue to see increases in numbers, we could spend over \$50,000 this year just for food.

We have been blessed to be part of the Town Pump Challenge where they match donations. This year the Challenge was \$25,000.

WE MADE IT!! Thank you to all who contributed.

FISH will get \$25,000 from Town Pump!

*Shirley Boettcher won the Vintage Chicken Scratch Quilt!
Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets
to support our quilters!*

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NOTE

*Locks will be changed
on December 5.*

*Contact the office during office hours
if you need a key.*

LOOKING FORWARD

The annual meeting is just around the corner. Committees and groups that need to write up reports, please get them turned in to the office as soon as possible. We need to give the office plenty of time to assemble the Annual Report.

Thank you, Kerrie

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to share a poinsettia with the congregation for Christmas Eve service, please bring it to the church on December 21st or 22nd. Be sure to put your name on it if you would like to take it home after service on December 30.

ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITY

New Altar Guild members are needed. They prepare the altar for worship and communion. Some of our senior members are no longer able to do this ministry.

Members serve for one month out of the year. They prepare the communion vessels, and assist with communion on Sunday. Traditionally women of the congregation perform this job, but men are welcome.

Please call Carol Anderson (406-761-3290) or Bonnie at the church office (406-727-4304) if you would be interested in helping with this ministry.

Christmas Piano Concert

James Rickley (*organist at New Hope*)
and

Michelle Payton (*pianist at Our Savior's*)
are presenting a Christmas Concert of piano duets
"COCOA AND CANDY CANES"

On Sunday, December 14, at 2:00 p.m.

At New Hope Lutheran Church
3125 5th Avenue South