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The Voice

Our Saviour Lutheran Church—Green Bay Wis.

“Yeah, but I’d come back!”

David H. Hatch

‘Tis the season of babes, innocent little smiles, giggles and sugar plums dancing in their heads.

‘Tis the season of Bob Cratchit, a transformed Scrooge and Tiny Tim riding on his daddy’s shoulders.

‘Tis the season that George Bailey again finds Zuzu’s petals in his pocket and is thrilled when the knob on the banister is busted!

‘Tis the season of little ones peeking between the wrappings, checking and rechecking stockings and little steam locomotives rolling endlessly around the Christmas tree, with little boys and girls, their eyes all a glow.

‘Tis the season of the Christ child, who peeled back the darkness and brought light into our world, who instills a glow in the soul and puts a bounce back in our tired feet.

‘Tis the season of The One who came to save sinners, give freedom to captives, give sight to the blind and give healing to the broken.

‘Tis the season we recall Immanuel, God with us.

“From the mouths of babes,” they say. And Art Linkletter used to remind us, “Kids Say the Darndest Things!”

And they do, especially around Christmas.

Jill, a friend of our family wrote us a letter, telling of a conversation she had with her little son, Hayden. Jill was exactly right in saying, “I think you will enjoy this story.” So will you. The letter goes like this:

“Hayden asked me, ‘Mom, don’t you wish you were God sometimes so you could make it rain? Dad says we need rain and if you were God, you could make it rain.’

I responded, “That part would be nice, but I would not want to be God, because He has too much to worry about. Also, because I would have to sacrifice you, just like God sacrificed His only son, Jesus.”

Hayden said, “Yeah, but I would come back.”

From the mouth of babes! Jesus came at Christmas, was given on Good Friday, and came back on Easter! That makes for quite a merry little Christmas.

Thank you Hayden and Jill for your story, for your witness of the hope that is in us!

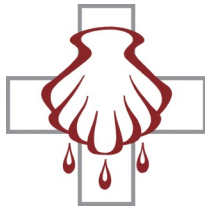
**A merry little
 Christmas everyone,
 and God bless us all!**

His love, our response

“Boy Pastor, our church is so busy now, I can hardly believe it!” That is what one of our housebound members told us during a home visit in November. She had been reading “The Voice” along with a weekly announcement sheet. Inside these two publications is a listing of what the happenings are during the days and weeks on the church calendar. It’s busy. Rewind the church calendar to the days at Oak Grove School in the early 1940s. If those folks could see the joy filled faces in the sprawling spaces, the walls and halls filled with ministry. They would probably fall off their chairs. He has so loved us, and you have so joyfully responded! We are confident of this, that He who began a good work in us will complete it! May the Lord use us all the more in 2012!



OSLC official acts



Weddings

Lisa Oikarinen and Daniel Kaufman
United at Our Saviour on October 22, 2011

Baptisms

Ocean Rae Johnson
Born: August 12, 2011
Baptized: October 23, 2011
Daughter of Wesley and Cassie Johnson

Nolan David Lund
Born: July 29, 2011
Baptized: November 3, 2011
Son of Jason and Jenna Nelson

Madisyn Iris-Marie Retel
Born: October 11, 2011
Baptized: November 13, 2011
Daughter of Eric and Jennifer Retel



2012 envelopes will be ready for pick up on tables set up in the office hallway



There are some good reasons we ask our members to use offering envelopes and some guidelines we would like you to follow...

\$\$Envelope numbers are used to identify a donor and to record donations received.

\$\$Recorded offerings can be used by the donors for tax purposes.

\$\$The number on your box of envelopes is your number, no one else's.

\$\$Most member's envelope numbers will change in 2012 due to re-alphabetizing; make sure to note the new number and keep it somewhere ready to use when you don't have an envelope handy.

\$\$Checks received without envelopes (or without an envelope number written on them) are difficult for our counting team to record correctly.

\$\$Please use the number assigned to you... not your child's or your parent's number (donations are recorded based on the NUMBER on the envelope).

\$\$Use envelopes during the YEAR the donation is made (don't use 2011 envelopes in 2012).

\$\$If you would like to give on a regular basis without using an envelope or writing a check, contact the office about *SimplyGiving*, our electronic giving program. Withdrawals can be set up weekly (on Friday), two times per month (on the 1st and 15th) or monthly on the 1st or 15th. Dollars can be designated to the unified budget and/or the building fund.

\$\$*SimplyGiving* participants are assigned a number; call the office if you need to know your number to make a special donation outside of the *SimplyGiving* program. *SimplyGiving* numbers did NOT change for 2012.

\$\$Recorded offerings help the church to know that members are supporting the mission at Our Saviour.

2011 statements will be prepared in early January, ready for pick up at church by the middle of January, and will be mailed on January 23, 2012.

2011 WINTER / CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 1	Advent 1 worship	12:15p and 7p
Saturday, December 3	Drop-and-Shop youth fundraiser	10a—4p
Sunday, December 4	Cub Scout wreath delivery	8:30a
Sunday, December 4	Voters' meeting	10a
Sunday, December 4	Santa's Workshop	10:30a
Monday, December 5	Penny Pinchers: Christmas spirit!	6p
Thursday, December 8	Advent 2 worship	12:15p and 7p
Friday, December 9	Fish fry	5p
Saturday, December 10	Christmas pageant rehearsal	9a—11a
Saturday, December 3	Youth movie night	7p
Sunday, December 11	Santa's Workshop	10:30a
Thursday, December 15	Advent 3 worship	12:15p
Thursday, December 15	Live Nativity	5:30, 6, 6:30, 7p
Thursday, December 15	Soup supper, Fellowship hall	5p to 7p
Saturday, December 17	Christmas pageant rehearsal	9a—11a
Saturday, December 17	Christmas cookie drop-off	9:00a—12p
Sunday, December 18	Christmas cookie sale	8:30a—12:30p
Sunday, December 18	Children's Christmas pageant	10:45a
Thursday, December 22	Advent 4 worship	12:15p and 7p
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve praise worship	1:30p and 3:30p
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve trad. worship	5:30p and 7:30p
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day trad. worship	10a
Thursday, December 30	No services	
Saturday, December 31	New Year's Eve worship service	6p
Sunday, January 1, 2012	Worship services	7:45, 9:15, 10:45a



More information on 2011 OSLC holiday season special events

****NEW LUTHERAN HIGH'S CANTATA** - On Sunday, Dec. 4, the Cantata will be included in the normal Sunday morning worship during the 7:45 a.m. time slot. Come on, crawl out of bed early and fill the house for this special worship service!

****ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** - The Annual Voters' Meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4. All services will be held as usual and the 9:15 a.m. service will be abbreviated to allow time for the Voters' Meeting.

****CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - Children will rehearse for this special service on December 10 and December 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The program itself will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend; no need to have a child in the program to come and watch those little faces shine with the love of Jesus.

****LIVE NATIVITY RETURNS** - Our Saviour confirmation students will perform at 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15. The tradition of the Live Nativity began in 1998 after the figurines from our nativity were stolen. Come enjoy the Christmas story with real actors, live animals and joyful singing.

****SOUP SUPPER** - On December 15, from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. a soup supper will be held in the fellowship hall. A free-will offering will be taken.

****ANNUAL COOKIE SALE** - Bake and buy. The annual cookie bake sale is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with drop-off scheduled for December 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our success is based on your help. Please help us to make this year's sale even better than last year. Everyone is asked to bake two to four dozen of their favorite Christmas cookies, bars, candy, etc. and bring them to OSLC on drop-off day. (If you can't make it on Saturday, you can drop off during office hours on Friday. Make sure your items are labeled for the 2011 cookie sale.) The sale will be held until 12:00 p.m., or until the goodies are gone. Questions can be directed to Connie Haase at 469-0264.

****CHRISTMAS EVE NOW HAS FOUR SERVICE OPTIONS!** - We are pleased to announce that we will again have four Christmas Eve services. The Praise Band will lead the music at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and traditional services will be held at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. We hope that these service times

allow more families to attend and will also relieve the previous years "no room to move" situation at the 3:30 p.m. service.

****DECEMBER 25/JANUARY 1** - On Christmas Day, there will be one service at 10:00 a.m. On Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, we will hold three services as usual at 7:45 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. There will be no Sunday school, Bible studies or nursery on either days.

Caring cans for the community

The holidays are just around the corner and the shelves of the local food pantries are getting bare. Donations received here at Our Saviour as well as around the community have dropped and the need continues to rise. You can help make sure that everyone has food on the table this holiday season by bringing your non-perishable canned and boxed food donations to church and dropping them in our donation box. Let's share the blessings of the season with those in need.



January 2012 Usher Schedule

Day:	Date:	Service:	Lead	Usher Team:
Sun.	01-Jan	7:45 am	J. Kielplikowski	Chad Kielplikowski; Ron Klumb; †UN
Sun.	01-Jan	9:15 am	D. Bitters	Robin Williams; Frank Helebrant; Don Schultz; Shelly Williams; Trey Boerschinger
Sun.	01-Jan	10:45 am	G. Buechner	Carmen Leuthner; Lloyd Leuthner; DeVonte King; Rich Spangenberg
Thu.	05-Jan	7:00 pm	C. Arthur	Carl Zimonick; Gary Kirchman; Dick Zimonick
Sun.	08-Jan	7:45 am	M. Dalebroux	Andrew Prescher; Al Brietlow; Barry Dalebroux
Sun.	08-Jan	9:15 am	W. Chamberlain	Randy Dyle; Roxanne Dyle; Alex Chamberlain; McKenzie Waniger; Nathan Scholz
Sun.	08-Jan	10:45 am	M. Charles	Don Larson; Karen Kiekhaefer; Hunter Alft
Thu.	12-Jan	7:00 pm	P. Kuehl	Bill Baneck; †UN; †UN
Sun.	15-Jan	7:45 am	M. Morgan	Vernon Siech; Gloria Morgan; Ralph Hoerchler
Sun.	15-Jan	9:15 am	D. Wians	Lonnie Peerenboom; Todd Korth; Barb Korth; Davis LaMarche; Dan Richer
Sun.	15-Jan	10:45 am	R. Bruhn	Rich Ryman; Sue Bruhn; Richard Christianson
Thu.	19-Jan	7:00 pm	B. Clayton	Anthony Clayton; †UN; †UN
Sun.	22-Jan	7:45 am	A. Knaus	Clarence Ney; Josh VanKauwenberg; Jerry VanKauwenberg
Sun.	22-Jan	9:15 am	R. Vande Hei	Walt Juhnke; Tiffany Duff; Brian Duff; Chelsea Vande Hei; Rachel Vande Hei
Sun.	22-Jan	10:45 am	G. Buechner	Carmen Leuthner; Lloyd Leuthner; DeVonte King; Rich Spangenberg
Thu.	26-Jan	7:00 pm	C. Arthur	Carl Zimonick; Gary Kirchman; Dick Zimonick
Sun.	29-Jan	7:45 am	J. Kielplikowski	Chad Kielplikowski; Ron Klumb; †UN
Sun.	29-Jan	9:15 am	D. Bitters	Robin Williams; Frank Helebrant; Don Schultz; Shelly Williams; Trey Boerschinger
Sun.	29-Jan	10:45 am	M. Charles	Don Larson; Karen Kiekhaefer; Hunter Alft

† UN-Usher needed: *If you'd like to volunteer as an usher please contact the lead usher of the group you'd like to join. Or contact Rich Spangenberg at (920) 983-9821 or e-mail spangenr@uwgb.edu*

Unplug your Christmas machine!

It seems even though we all understand the true meaning of Christmas, it is extremely difficult to avoid getting caught up in the hustle-bustle-stress-inducing-nerve-wracking-can't-wait-till-it's-over feeling that the season can end up giving us. Let's step away for a minute, and get back to family, to tradition, to sitting around, sipping hot cocoa and cider, while sharing stories. Think back to your childhood. The memories that stay with you are the ones that didn't cost a lot of money. They didn't come from a store shelf or the North Pole. They're brought back to life by a song, a smell, or an old photo. Let's bring this feeling

back into our families. Let's create some new traditions and make some fantastic memories for our children and grandchildren. Join us to learn about many ways you can truly get everyone involved in the Christmas spirit, without raising your blood pressure. Bring your favorite Christmas mug as well as some stories. Hot drinks and snacks will be provided. December 5th, at 6:00pm in classroom #1. Pre-registration is required. E-mail your name and phone number to maggiehinz@mail.com to register or with further questions.



December 2011



December 5 – Nursing home gift deadline
 December 11 – Toys for Teens gift deadline
 Lambeau Field workers needed on December 11 and 25 and January 1.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 7:45a Trad worship w/ NEWLHS Cantata 9:15a Praise worship 9:30a Sun school 10a Voters' meeting 10:30a Santa's Workshop 10:30a Bible study 10:45a Trad worship 6:30p Basketball</p>	<p>5 6p Penny Pincher 7p Board of elders</p>	<p>6 7a Bible study 9a Bible study 6:30p FPU 6:30p Cub scouts 7p Choir</p>	<p>7 3p Youth night 6p Praise band 6p Confirmation 6:15 Youth board 6:30p Sr Hi Bible study 7p P&F meeting</p>	<p>8 ADVENT II 9a Staff meeting 12:15p worship 4p Fish fry prep 7p Trad worship</p>	<p>9 5p Fish fry</p>
<p>11 Communion Mite Box Sunday Loyalty Sunday 7:45a Trad worship 9:15a Praise worship 9:30a Sun school 10:30a Santa's Workshop 10:30a Bible study 10:45a Trad worship 6:30p Basketball</p>	<p>12 6p Church council</p>	<p>13 7a Bible study 8a OLM meeting 9a Bible study 6:30p Cub scouts 6:30p Preschool Christmas program and reception 7p Choir</p>	<p>14 3p Youth night 4p Live Nativity prep 6p Praise band 6p Confirmation/ Live Nativity Practice 6:30p Sr Hi Bible study 6:30pm Evangelism PRESCHOOL BREAK BEGINS</p>	<p>15 ADVENT III 9a Staff meeting 12:15p worship 5p Soup supper 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7p Live Nativity</p>	<p>16 </p>
<p>18 7:30a Cookie sale 7:45a Trad worship 9:15a Praise worship 9:30a Bible study 9:30a Sun school 10:30a Bible study 10:45a Children's Christmas pageant 6:30p Basketball</p>	<p>19 7p Board of ed</p>	<p>20 7a Bible study 9a Bible study 6p Trinity Christmas program 7:30p Choir</p>	<p>21 11:30a Trinity early dismissal 6p Praise band</p>	<p>22 ADVENT IV 9a Staff meeting 12:15p worship 7p Trad worship TRINITY BREAK BEGINS</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>25 Communion 10a Trad worship CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	<p>26 6:30p Trinity school board 7p Fellowship 7p Evangelism Michelle vacation</p>	<p>27 7am Bible study 8a OLM meeting Michelle vacation</p>	<p>28 6p Praise band Michelle vacation</p>	<p>29 Michelle vacation</p>	<p>30 1p Trinity open gym Michelle vacation</p>
<p>31 Communion 6p Trad worship </p>					<p>3 9:30a Trinity basketball touney 10a Drop-and-Shop</p>
					<p>10 9a Christmas pageant rehearsal 7p Youth movie: How the Grinch Stole Christmas" X2 (Will be showing the original and the new version.)</p>



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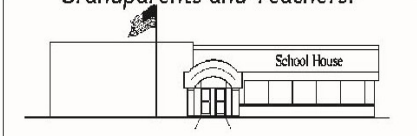
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