# **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**



First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019 • 10:00 AM

**Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran** 

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WELCOME to the CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)! We are pleased to have you join us for worship today, and we hope that your experience is spiritually enriching and meaningful.

IF YOU ARE NEW to COSL, here are some things you might like to know:

- Who we are. COSL is a congregation of the family of God that welcomes all people without discrimination or prejudice, seeking to strengthen one another with Word and Sacraments, prayer and example. Our mission is to:
  - Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his love with all people.
  - Reach out to our community with friendship and witness.
  - Bring hope and healing to those who are in need, both at home and abroad.
  - o Offer opportunities for worship, learning, fellowship and service.
  - Encourage all members to discover, develop and share their God-given talents.
- **Children** are always welcome to join us for worship. They are encouraged to come forward during Children's Messages and participate. Also, please note that there are Activity Bags (containing books, coloring and other materials inside) available for children preschool to Age 6, in the narthex (entrance hall).
- **Childcare** is provided for interested families during worship. Ms. Anna Gordy, a mother of four and grandmother of nine (and counting!), has vast experience in child care, including 15 years at a local Parish Resource Center. This ministry is provided in the Nursery School Room, located on the lower level.
- Sunday School, available for children ages 4 through 12, is offered September through June. The program begins during the 10AM worship with an opening Children's Message among the entire congregation, and then the students depart to learn beloved Bible stories, Lutheran identity and the love of Jesus. They return before the conclusion of worship to participate in the dismissal. On designated Youth Sundays the students may remain with the entire congregation and participate in a meaningful way throughout the liturgy.
- **Coffee and refreshments** are generally served following worship in the Parlor, located on the lower level accessible from the narthex (entrance hall). Please join us!
- **Restrooms** are located on the lower level along the main hallway. A changing table is available in another restroom located off of the fellowship hall.
- Worship Assistance and Emergency Needs. First aid kits and a defibrillator are readily available. Please see an usher if assistance is needed, or if you have any other concerns or questions.
- Pastoral Care. We minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all God's children. Confidentiality is respected. For pastoral care please feel free to contact Pastor Marc Herbst (see contact info above) or one of our agencies: (counseling) Lutheran Counseling Center, 132 Jefferson Ave., Mineola, 800-317-1173 or 516-741-0994 or (food and essentials) New LIFE Center, Long Island, 311 Uniondale Ave., Uniondale, 516-483-3240.

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting Ten The Reverend Marc Herbst, *Presiding Minister* 

PRELUDE: Advent Carols

**GATHERING** - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### **BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH**

Assistant: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

All: Amen.



# LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Light the first candle. The assembly sings the following hymn during the lighting.

HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW Hymn 257) Verse 1

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

*Presider:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from

slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the

deliverer who sets us free.

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

*Presider:* As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

All: we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal

all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love

of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Presider:* Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the

righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters

of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name

of the one who is coming and is already here, + Jesus Christ, our

Savior.

All: Amen.

# The assembly stands.

# ENTRANCE HYMN: Savior of the Nations, Come (ELW Hymn 263) Verses 1-4

### **GREETING**

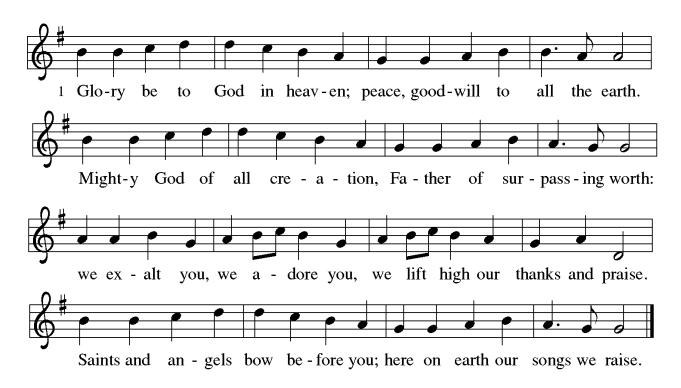
During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

**WORD** - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

Lector: A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Lector: <sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills: all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob: that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 122

Assistant: The Psalm for the day is spoken responsively.

Assistant: 1 was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

All: 2Now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Assistant: 3 Jerusalem is built as a city

that is at unity with itself;

All: 4to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

Assistant: 5For there are the thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the house of David.

All: <sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

Assistant: 7Peace be within your walls

and quietness within your towers.

All: 8 For the sake of my kindred and companions,

I pray for your prosperity.

Assistant: 9Because of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

Lector: A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans:

Lector:

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the

<sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



# GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

*Presider:* The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Presider:

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Presider: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

# **SERMON**

# The assembly stands.

# HYMN OF THE DAY: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (ELW Hymn 242)

#### **CREED**

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

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

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.

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

All: 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 INTERCESSION

Assistant: Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

#### A brief silence.

Assistant: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the nations cry to you. Bring justice to the marginalized, courage to peacemakers, wisdom to leaders, and hope to generations who have only known conflict, oppression, or poverty. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Help us as we care for others and rely on others' care. We pray especially for Otto, Craig, Hilda, Helen, Joseph, Jeanne, Irma, Christa, Belle, Minerva, Jean, Angele, Joyce, Basilia, Gina, Gisela, Michael, and Pastor Diane. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, this congregation

cries to you. Guide our worship, service, and outreach, that our hearts and hands may be opened in generosity toward others. Bolster our joy as we celebrate the birthdays of Henry, Pam, Valerie and Kimberly.

Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assistant: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we remember

those whose days on earth have ended, who live now in your eternal love, especially Edna. Remind us of their faithful witness, that their

example might inspire our daily living. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Presider: You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful

expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our

neighbors, in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Choir: J Amen. Amen. J

# **PEACE**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

# **MEAL -** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

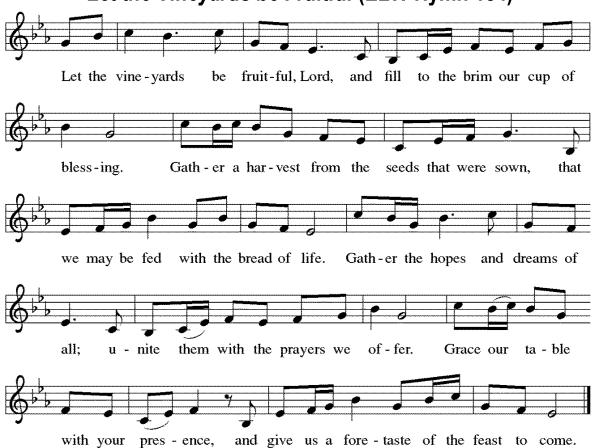
#### **OFFERING**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. The Offertory Anthem accompanies the gathering of the offering.

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

<u>The assembly stands.</u> Bread, wine, money and other gifts may be brought forward.

# PRESENTATION OF GIFTS and OFFERING SONG: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful (ELW Hymn 184)



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the following prayer.

Assistant: Let us pray.

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a

testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

All: Amen.



# **DIALOGUE**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

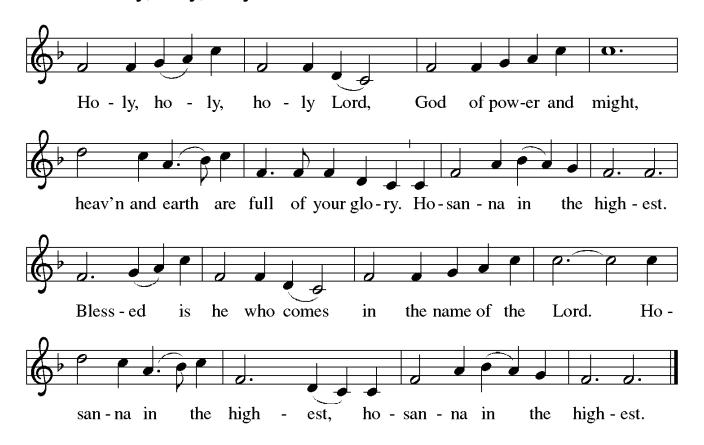
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in

all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy



# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Presider: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Presider:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever.

Amen.

# **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Presider: Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope

and love.



The assembly is seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.



### **COMMUNION**

We welcome all baptized believers, regardless of faith tradition, to celebrate Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. Ushers will help guide all for the distribution of Holy Communion. Unless instructed otherwise, worshipers will approach the altar from the center aisle and, if able, kneel at the Altar Rail. The presiding minister will distribute the consecrated bread, or hosts. Assisting ministers will offer individual cups of consecrated red wine and white grape juice. Should anyone have dietary concerns, gluten-free consecrated hosts are readily available upon request to the presiding minister. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are still invited to come to the Lord's Table to receive a blessing; kindly cross your arms as a method to advise the presiding minister of your desire to be blessed. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond "Amen." Following receipt of Holy Communion, the acolyte will collect the empty cups, and the communed worshipers are invited to return to their places via the side aisles.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**



# COMMUNION SONGS: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (ELW Hymn 488) One Bread, One Body (ELW Hymn 496)

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.



# **TABLE BLESSING**

Presider: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep

you in his grace.

All: Amen.

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:**

# Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW Hymn 204)



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray.

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

# **SENDING -** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

# The assembly stands.

#### BENEDICTION

*Presider:* The blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain

with you forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW Hymn 244) Verses 1-3

POSTLUDE: Love Divine, All Love Excelling (Prichard)
Handbell Choir

### **DISMISSAL**

Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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# The Altar flower arrangement is from Vonnie & Carter Haff in memory of her brother, Kurt Jacobi.

# Serving this Sunday, December 1st

Ministers: People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

Acolyte/Crucifer: Caroline & Christian Azzara

Assisting Minister: Sara Keenan

**Lector:** Alex Rekow

**Ushers:** Heinz Pape & Al Rainson **Altar guild:** Edith & Heinz Pape

**Recorder:** Katie Miller

Coffee Hour: Norma Carrasco & Rosa Morakis

# Serving next Sunday, December 8th

Ministers: People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

**Acolyte/Crucifer**: Jessica Valencia **Assisting Minister**: Kathy McNally

**Lector:** Vonnie Haff

**Ushers:** Winston Baker & Erwin Schaub **Altar guild:** Carol Furciato & Lynn Nigro

Recorder: Karen Han

Coffee Hour: Denise Johnson

# **CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)**

# Today, Sunday, December 1st

8:45AM – Choir practice

10:00AM –Worship with Holy Communion, Sunday school, Childcare

12:00PM – Confirmation class-- Distribution of Christmas ornaments

# Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00AM—Knitwits and Ruth Circle crafts meeting

# Saturday, December 7th

6:00PM – Christmas Drop and Shop (see flyer in back of bulletin)

# **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Practice takes place on *most Sundays at 8:45am.* 

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>: Class meets most **Sundays** @ **10:15am from September through June.** 

KNITWITS/RUTH CIRCLE CRAFTS: This group meets most *Tuesdays at 10am*.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** The remaining confirmation class for 2019 is on **Sunday, December 8**<sup>th</sup> @ **2pm – Christmas caroling.** 

<u>CHRISTMAS CAROLING</u> -- All are welcome to join us for Christmas caroling on **Sunday**, **December 8**<sup>th</sup> @ **2pm**. Chili supper to follow. See flyer in back of bulletin and sign up sheet in parlor for more details.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING – This committee will meet on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45am.

<u>STAMMTISCH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON</u> – This annual event will take place on *Tuesday*, *December 10<sup>th</sup> at noon* at The Oak Chalet. *Please see invitation in back of bulletin for further details*.

# <u>UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS (cont'd)</u>

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SHEILA GILLIAM -- A memorial service will take place at COSL on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10am.

<u>CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL</u> – A rehearsal for our Christmas Pageant will take place on *Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-1pm*.

<u>CHRISTMAS PAGEANT</u> – This annual event will take place on **Sunday**, **December 15**<sup>th</sup> during our 10am worship service

<u>GREENING/DECORATING CHURCH</u> -- This annual event will take place on *Monday, 12/16* @ *6:30pm.* See flyer in back of bulletin and sign-up sheet is in parlor.

<u>WINE ABOUT RELIGION</u> – Please note that the **December 18**<sup>th</sup> session has been cancelled.

# **2019 CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

10AM – Christmas Pageant

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>

10AM – Christmas Music Program: Lessons and Carols (Anthems, duets, solos, instrumental music and handbell Choir)

# <u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>

3:45pm – Christmas music for flute and organ 4pm – Candlelight Communion Service

10:15pm – Christmas music for flute and organ 10:30pm – Candlelight Communion Service

# CHRISTMAS DAY

10am - Service with Holy Communion

# PRAYERS OF COMFORT AND HEALING

(Unless a renewed request is received, prayer intercessions for individuals will be listed for three consecutive weeks.)

ASSISTED CARE/HOMEBOUND: Otto Ackerman, Craig Anderson (father of Keri Anderson Reda), Hilda Bormann, Helen Carstens (mother of Jeff Carstens), Joseph Cobb (father of Carol Herbst), Jeanne Geib, Irma Grunewald, Christa Horn, Belle Lewis, Minerva Lick, Jean Millington (mother of Debbie Capilupi), Angele Moomjy and Joyce Morin.

HOSPITALIZATION/ILLNESS/MEDICAL CARE: Basilia Caruso (friend of Lynn Nigro), Gina Farasciano (friend of Stephanie Hall), Gisela Feige (friend of Wilma & Alex Rekow), Michael Gomez (friend of Carol & Sal Furciato), and Pastor Diane E. Rainson (daughter of Maryann & Al Rainson).

**GRIEF:** Family of Edna Henriksen (mother of Karin Artinian)

# PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING—12/1 through 12/7

**<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>**: Henry Reiner – 12/1, Pam Sapienza –12/3, Valerie Gavora – 12/5, Kimberly Carstens – 12/7

# **FINANCIALS**

# **OCTOBER YTD**

Income: \$307,839 Expenses: \$345,433 Deficit: \$37,594

# COSL YOUTH

**Church of Our Saviour Lutheran** 

Christmas Time is Here!
Take some time to shop kid free!
Saturday, December 7th from
6pm to 9pm drop your kids
(Ages 5 and up please!)
at Church for a kid free night.

We'll have a pizza dinner, play games, watch a movie and have a lot of fun.

Cost: \$10 for 1st Child, \$5 for Additional



