

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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January 24, 2021

Welcome Visitors!

We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Please sign one of the visitors' registration cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.

As We Gather

In this first month of the year we are aware of the ongoing passage of time. Yet each day includes its own opportunity for a fresh start through repentance and renewal of faith. The ancient Ninevites responded to Jonah's warning and repented of their sins; St. Paul urged the early Church to remember that they were living in the End Times, anticipating the final Day of Judgment; and Jesus calls us to repent and believe in the Gospel each time we hear His gracious good news. Our very gathering together today provides just cause for repentant rejoicing.

Serving Today

January 24, 2021

Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Rick Milas

Head Usher: Matthew Lange

Elder: Bob Storm

Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals

Organist at 11a: Theta Lee

Sound Board: Kendra Morts

Acolyte: Andrew Storm

Radio Monitor: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright

Greeters: Erica Anderson and Patty Bruens

Altar Guild: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright

Serving Next Sunday

January 31, 2021

Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Rick Milas

Head Usher: Matthew Lange

Elder: Doug Morgeson

Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals

Organist at 11a: Theta Lee

Sound Board: Patrick Teig

Acolyte: Molly Harms

Radio Monitor: Justin and Brenna Schroeder

Greeters: Lucas and Monica Wright

Altar Guild: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright

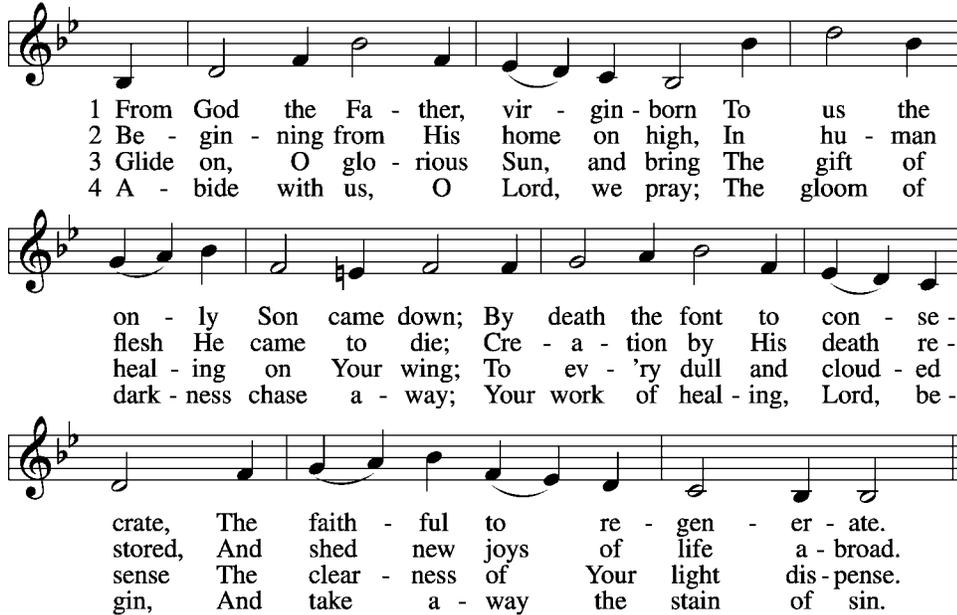
✠ Third Sunday after the Epiphany ✠

✠ Service of Prayer and Preaching ✠

Opening Hymn

“From God the Father, Virgin-Born”

LSB 401



1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born To us the
2 Be - gin - ning from His home on high, In hu - man
3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring The gift of
4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of

on - ly Son came down; By death the font to con - se -
flesh He came to die; Cre - a - tion by His death re -
heal - ing on Your wing; To ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed
dark - ness chase a - way; Your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -

crate, The faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.
stored, And shed new joys of life a - broad.
sense The clear - ness of Your light dis - pense.
gin, And take a - way the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain
And, we believe, shall come again;
Be with us on the battlefield,
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

△ 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are

those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace that I may amend my sinful life.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C Amen.

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed.”

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.



Collect of the Day

P Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

P A reading from Jonah, the third chapter.

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29–35

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake”

LSB 688, sts. 1-3



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.

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Sermon

“Repent and Believe the Gospel”

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon Hymn

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake”

LSB 688, sts. 4-5



4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal.”
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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Please stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Offering

*All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness
for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions
for all that we need for this body and life.*

During this time the offering basket is located at the back of the Sanctuary.

Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.

Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those we hold silently in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Morning Prayer

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



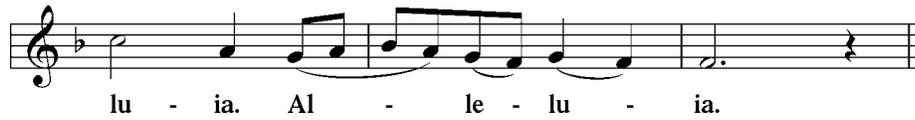
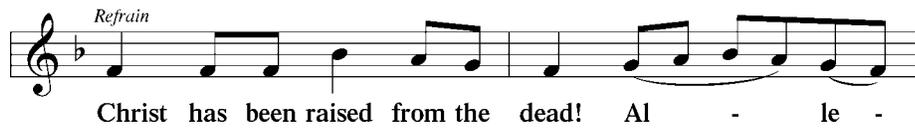
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Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

- 5 His righteous government and pow'r
 Shall over all extend;
 On judgment and on justice based,
 His reign shall have no end,
 His reign shall have no end.

- △ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
 And make us Thine alone,
 Who with the Father ever art
 And Holy Spirit, one,
 And Holy Spirit, one.

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This Week at a Glance

Today:	9:00 am Worship led by Rev. Rick Milas (masks required) 10:15-10:45 am Sunday School / Adult bible Class (masks recommended) 11:00 am Worship led Rev. Rick Milas (masks optional)
Monday:	1:00 pm Comforters in the Quilters' Room
Tuesday:	7:00 pm Ladies' Bible Class at Olivia's Home
Wednesday:	4:30-6 pm Confirmation in the Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday:	9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Rick Milas (masks required) 10:15-10:45 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class (masks recommended) 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Bob Frank (masks optional) 4-6 pm Middle School Youth Group Fellowship

Announcements

January 24, 2021

Annual Reports

If you would like a copy of the Annual Report, extras are on the located on the green rack in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Kendra. Thank you!

Scrip Orders – Due today

Order forms are available on the informational rack in the Narthex, on the order form you will note that the youth group will receive a certain percentage of the purchase amount of each gift card, ranging from 1% up to 20%. Order forms and payment are due to the Church Office today. Gift Cards will arrive and be distributed that same week. Please consider supporting the youth (and future leaders of the congregation) in this simple way!

Middle School Youth Group Fellowship

OSLC Middle School Youth (grades 6th-8th) will be meeting next **Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 4-6 pm** at the church. Please bring \$5 for pizza and pop. Please let Melissa Storm know if your youth will be attending. Thanks!

Are you missing something?

We have a lost and found tub located on top of the coat rack in the kitchen, marked "Lost and Found". If you are looking for those red glasses or that stocking hat that was left in your pew, please check in the Lost and Found box. Any questions, please see Theta or Kendra.

Sanctity of Life Month

This month marks "Sanctity of Life Month" in many Christian congregations around the country. January is chosen because this is the month when the landmark Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade, made abortion legal throughout the country. Since that decision was handed down, abortions have continued to rise at an alarming rate, to approximately 4,000 abortions a day in this country! Obviously, Scripture tells us that this is against God's will and so the Church, along with its members, work tirelessly to bring about change and to foster a respect for human life. While it may seem that we, as individuals, cannot effect much change, working together as the Church, we can. This happens in many ways, but definitely by supporting organizations that minister to fathers and mothers who find themselves considering an abortion. In our area, the Women's Care Clinic in Danville operates such a ministry. Not only do they minister to these soon-to-be parents and help them reach the decision to bring that baby to term, they then work tirelessly to support those parents as they seek to raise their child, by meeting some very physical needs.

In support of their ministry, we will be collecting diapers (size 4 and 5) and wipes this month that will be donated to the Women's Care Clinic. You may drop your donation in the play yard, located in the Narthex at any time during this month.

As we focus on the sanctity of human life this month, let us never forget that being pro-life goes far beyond just getting the baby to be born, but it means being pro-life throughout all of life, from the womb to the grave. Thus, you will find on the rack located in the Narthex numerous resources that will assist you in that important task.

Senior High Youth Group Fellowship

OSLC Senior High Youth (grades 9th-12th) will be meeting **Sunday, February 7, 2021 from 4-6 pm** at the church. Please bring \$5 for pizza and pop. Please let Melissa Storm know if your youth will be attending. Thanks!

Pastoral Vacancy

During our pastoral vacancy, pastoral care is available during this time for those who desire it. Pastor Tim Hahn (Trinity - Cissna Park and St. John - Ash Grove) has agreed to be on-call for all urgent pastoral needs. If an urgent need arises during this time, please contact one of the Elders (Jon Goldenstein, Dean Lingley, Doug Morgeson or Bob Storm) and they will contact the on-call Pastor.

Focus on the Family

If you and your family would like to sponsor one or more of the Focus on the Family monthly inserts, the signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The cost is \$24, please indicate on your envelope or check "Focus on the Family". If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kendra.

Streaming with Our Savior

As a reminder, we will be streaming both services, 9am and 11am, each Sunday. Visit our website at oursaviormilford.com, click the Media tab, Live Audio Stream. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra at kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, newsletter, or prayer request, please send to the church office by this Wednesday at 10a to kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Lutherans for Life Quote

"Today we don't confess that we are against abortion. We are, of course. But that's not quite it. Today we don't confess that we are pro-life. We are, of course. But that's not quite it, either. Today we confess that God gives life to all things. God makes, and we are made. He makes life, and we leave alive." *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

January 24 – January 30

Those celebrating a birthday:

Alaina Scher	Today
Gert Wade	Today
Doug Morgeson	Friday
Nate Bushong	Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Larry and Edith Petry Monday (8 years)

All those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

We especially remember in our prayers those suffering from the virus,
those mourning the death of loved ones at the hands of the
virus, and all those who are working to treat those affected by the virus.

Those suffering from cancer:

Norman Anderson – father of Karry Hines and grandfather of Emily and Jessica Hines
Lindsay Boyden - friend of Brenda Mowrey
Charlotte Brammer – sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens
Connie Bruns – friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals
Jeff Cavitt – friend of many within the community
Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith
Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes
Tim Evans – brother-in-law of Bob Storm
Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms
Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson
Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles
Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner
Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner
Bruce Johnston – friend of Patty Bruens
Richard (Dick) Knake – cousin of Carolyn Reed, Jim Knake and Cindy Maro
Brenda Knuth – mother of Craig Smith
Shawn Lane – Milford High School Volleyball Coach
Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleef
Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith
Fred Wright – brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

Rev. Doug Minton and family – as they begin the transition to Our Savior Lutheran Church
Bill Adsit – uncle of Doug Benner, health concerns
Erica Anderson – OSLC member, health concerns
Lew Alwardt - friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns
Cora Armatrout – OSLC member, health concerns
Becky Bellman - friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles
Taylor Breyman – granddaughter of Dennis and Sheila Selk, recovering from ankle surgery
Hazel Carter – OSLC member, health concerns
Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, health concerns
Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues
Janet Doyle – friend of Patty Bruens, health concerns
Bernean Franke – mother of Glen Franke, health concerns
Ione Harms – friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns
Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues
Dave Lucht – OSLC member, recovering from surgery

Joanne McFarland – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from a fall
Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery
Our Savior’s College Students – as they return to classes for spring semester
Bertha Parsons – OSLC member
Carol Ragel - friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues
Kristin Randall - friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition
Kierci Schaumburg - step-daughter of Doug Benner, suffering from several health issues
Tyrone Schaumburg - cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson’s
Randall Schleef – OSLC member
Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident
Larry Tobeck – OSLC member, health concerns
Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout
Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, awaiting tests results for potential kidney transplant
Sharon York – friend of Joyce Williams

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement,
especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, serving with the U.S. Army
Alex Janssen – son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army
Jay Kindle – OSLC member, son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy
Brandon Legan – member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team, Iroquois County Sheriff’s
Deputy and Milford Police Department
Corey Moore –OSLC member, son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, U.S. Marine Corp
Scott Muench – husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer
Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

Those serving in the Seminary:

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
Seminarian, Joshua Schiff, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Joel Fritsche, his wife, Clarion, and sons, Viktor, Sergei and Andrei, our “adopted” international missionary,
currently serving in the Dominican Republic

