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January Newsletter

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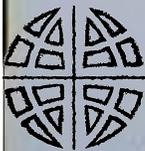
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8:30 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY!



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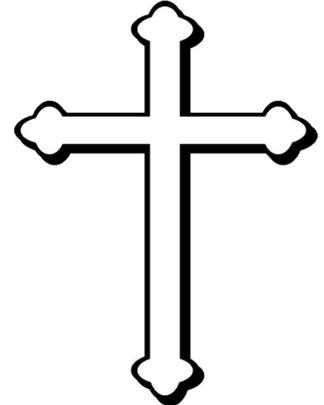
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Slow Cooker Spicy Black-Eyed Peas

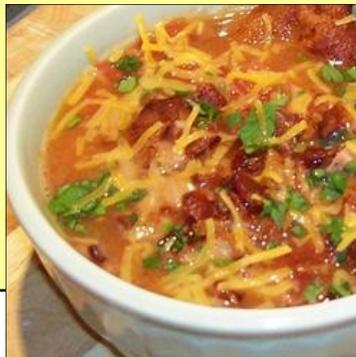
6 cups of water
 1 cube chicken bullion
 1 lbs dried black-eyed peas, sorted, rinsed
 1 onion diced
 2 cloves garlic, diced
 1 red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, diced
 1 jalapeno chile, seeded & minced
 8 ounces diced ham
 4 slices, bacon
 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
 1 1/2 tsp cumin
 Salt to taste
 1 tsp ground black pepper



Bonus Recipe! Enjoy!!

Lucky Pea Soup

4 slices bacon
 1 green bell pepper
 1 small onion, chopped
 2 (15ounce) cans black-eyed peas, undrained
 2 (14.5 ounce) cans diced tomatoes, undrained
 1 cup water
 1 1/2 tsp salt
 1 1/4 tsp cumin
 1 1/4 dry mustard
 1 tsp chili powder
 1/2 tsp curry powder
 1/2 tsp pepper
 1/2 tsp sugar



“Learning to be Lutheran”

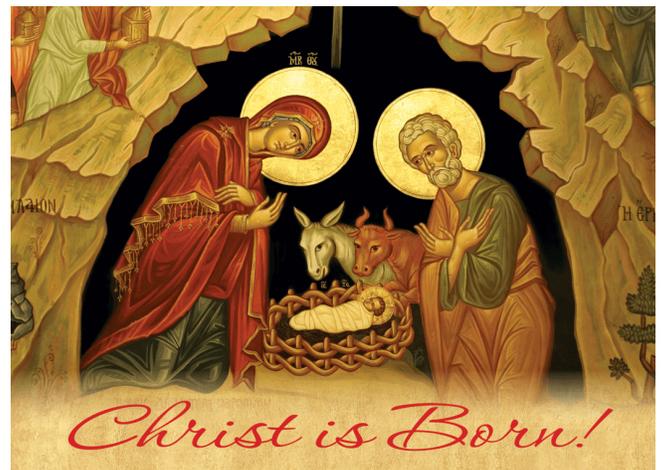
Confirmation at St. Olaf begins Jan. 11

Jan. 25

Feb. 8

Feb. 22

If you would like to submit a recipe, email me at saintolaflutheran@gmail.com



Financial Report	Receipts	Disbursements	Net
Budget through Nov 30, 2014	\$101,869.17	\$101,194.50	\$674.67
Actual through Nov 30, 2014	102,210.08	93,799.96	8,410.12

Submitted by Gerald Nelson, Treasurer

DRINK, STEAL, SWEAR and LIE

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I met this guy while I was in Albuquerque and he has a motto he lives by every day. He said listen carefully and live by these four rules: Drink, Steal, Swear, and Lie.

I was shaking my head 'No!', but he then told me to listen while he explained his four rules. So here they are:

1. 'Drink' from the 'everlasting cup' every day.
2. 'Steal' a moment to help someone who is in worse shape than you are.
3. 'Swear' that you will be a better person today than yesterday.
4. And last, but not least, when you 'lie' down at night thank God you live in America and have freedom.

I am not as good as I should be, I am not as good as I could be but THANK GOD I am better than I used to be !

~Author Unknown~



Breakfast News for December 2014

Well three years have come and gone. This is the last Saturday of three years of cooking a breakfast for the community. Lots of eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy has been consumed by a lot of folks. This is a very special day for all the breakfast crew—Many thanks for making it a very happy and enjoyable time shared with friends and neighbors and a big success. We had lots of food, as a special treat banana, apple and cranberry bread. Today, a gift was given to all that attended and everyone was given a coffee mug to take home with them.

Many thanks to those that donated eggs-ham, grits, special breads, flowers that we sold and those that help make Norwegian cookies. Its been a lot of work but we have had an enjoyable time getting the job done. Many thanks to you all that came so faithfully to have breakfast with us. Many thanks to the hard working crew that cracks, scrambles, fries, bakes, serves and then washes and cleans and puts things away after its all said and done.

I hope you have had a blessed Christmas and will have a happy healthy 2015.

God Bless and keep everyone.

Iris

Circle around...

Mary Circle:

We met on Dec. 12 with 2 visitors, Fern Wiggins & Neva Blakely. Nine members were present, Pat, Jeanne, Elsie, Geraldine, Charlene, Billye, Emily, Wanda, & Barbara.

Jeanne presented us with a slide show about Baby Jesus, & an emotional letter from a Dr. with the choice he had to make concerning the delivery of a deformed baby. It was very moving and we thank Jeanne for her presentation. We are happy to have her in our group.

A puzzle game was played regarding Christmas Carols, Carols were sang, and delicious goodies were eaten and enjoyed.

Next meeting will be on Jan. 14 at 2:00pm Heckmann Hall. Come join us!

Martha Circle:

will meet January 22 at 6:30p.m.

Ruth circle met Dec. 10th at Betty and Virgil Tindall's lovely home for our Christmas Luncheon with eight members and Pastor Joan present. Business discussed was Dec. 17th Advent meal and starting on January 2015 our meeting day on the 2nd week of each month will be Thursday's instead of Wednesdays. We enjoyed listening to each one's memorable Christmas stories and enjoyed our salad meal.

January meeting will be on the 8th at 2pm in the basement with Anna as hostess and Shirley giving the lesson on repentance and forgiveness. Come join us, all are welcome.

WELCA News:

Ten ladies were in attendance for our Dec 5th meeting. Pres. Mary McGown opened in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. All enjoyed the pot luck luncheon.

Dr. Joan led us in the devotion, after which we sang Christmas carols.

A short business meeting was held.

Charlene Tergerson reported for the nomination committee for new officers for next year. The following were elected:

Pres.- Mary McGowen

V. P.—Geraldine Jenson

Secretary—Anna Fortier

Treasurer— Betty Tindall

Fellowship/Service—Shirley Thompson

Program Chair—Elsie Phillips

Dr. Joan installed the officers.

We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer

The Ladies then decorated the sanctuary.

Praying for those we love and cherish..

PRAYER LIST: Maranna Horn, Doland Olson, Joseph Rawls, Peyton Sorenson, Don Tergerson, Lucy Gary, Mary (Ray) Hastings, Haley Rae Tarver, Heather Leahy, Margret Turpin, Tom Gary, Gene Lee, Barbara Lee, Rodney Barner, Mary Ann Stokely, Loeene Nelson, Brady Warrick, Maurice Sewell, Betty Johnson, Darcy Cassidy, Kathy Johnston, Ronnie Ogle, Leslie Sims, Tracie & Barbara Auten, Cooper Brown, Elaine Moore, Wayne Mixon, Debi Payne Brewer, Pearl Lewis, Larry Mickelson, Raymond Bailes, Joe Birdwell, Donna Ashmore, Tony Mares, Nettie Clough, Ron Brooks, Ronda Portman, Logan Clark and **The Lutheran Church Sierra Leone, Persecuted Christians.**

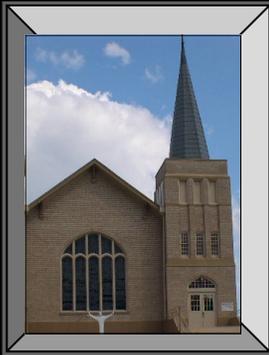
SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN: Matthew Medina, Justin Barnes, Kevin Moore, Michael Crackhome, Alex Saborsky Kirk Luedeke, Daniel Ramirez, and Lane Carlson

JANUARY 2015 ~ ST. OLAUF LUTHERAN

Assisting Minister: Bonnie Algren
 H. Usher: Nobel Chastain
 Altar Guild: Sandi Carlson & Kathy Finstad
 Ushers: Anna Fortier

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Child/ Adult SS- 8:30 Worship-9:30	Anniversaries Terry & Linda Samples (1st) Jim & Gina Kersey (7th) Dalton & Banne Moore (9th)			Marvin Patrick		
	Braxton Peterson	Mutual Ministry Team @ Faith 6pm Ashley Porter Faith's Council meet- ing at 6pm		Ruth Circle meets at 2pm	Terry Samples	
Child/ Adult SS - 8:30 Confirmation- 2pm- (St. O) Affirmation of bap- tism(St. Olaf & Faith)	Carson Koehler		WELCA circles 8pm	Joe McGowan Faith Fellowship eat out 6pm		Community Break- fast at St. Olaf 8:00- 9:30
Child/Adult SS- 8:30 Worship 9:30	John Hastings		Darren Hanson	Janel Dunderstadt	Cheryl Niemeler	
Child/ Adult SS - 8:30 Worship - 9:30 Confirmation 2pm (St. O)			Pr. on vacation			
Annual Meeting at St. Olaf after potluck	Irma Wilcox	Medwyn Peterson				
Noble Chastain						

Pastor Joan's Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-5:30pm Pastor's Cell 580-230-8304
 Tammy Senni's Hours- flex: Office 254-597-2738



St. Olaf Lutheran Church

*Worship, teach, nurture and share
Christ's love.*



Friends in Christ,

On Sunday, January 11 we are transitioning into a new season of the church year, the Time after Epiphany. It begins for us this year the Sunday called the Baptism of Our Lord. It is a time that focuses on living in the light of Christ with a deepened baptismal life, for those who have been baptized. Baptism is a call. It is our call. For those who haven't received the gift of baptism, it is time for us to teach about baptism.

The church year itself is a tool for teaching the whole DiscipleLife! But in the calendar some days are liturgically set especially to receive new members in baptism. One is the Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. Another is Easter. If you or someone you know is interested in attending preparation class for baptism or learning more of the Faith, please contact me. These classes are offered periodically and have been since I have been here. Last year we had a great response to these classes resulting in 11 new members at St. Olaf.

As we enter the new calendar year and a time of making resolutions, it is time to affirm your baptism as well. Whether we have baptisms or not, we will affirm our baptism on January 11. So please come be a part of that special day. I also encourage you to set 2015 personal goals for your Christian growth. I can't set goals for you, of course. But I can make suggestions :). One might be digging into the Gospel of Mark, as it is the gospel we hear most this year. Another might be reading a book on spirituality. Find something that interests you and grow!

I have mentioned several times to the church councils that we need congregational goals. This is another case where I can't do it for you. I have my own goals for the churches I minister in, but that doesn't mean those are your goals. How can we know what we are aiming for if we don't have a goal or two? They don't have to be difficult, but they should be modeled around our mission statement. Tell your council members if you have ideas for your congregation.

Prayer of Blessing:

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless these churches and all who worship and serve here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction. Amen.

Pastor Joan

