FEBRUARY USHERS' SCHEDULE

8:00 am, Sunday Team 4E: Steve Wolf, Sam Klug, Bill Mathiak, Mark Boeckman, Andv Koffman. 10:30 am, Sunday Team 3L: Ken Lemke, Norm, Nathan & Matt Baughman, Dan Henning, Mike Krenke. Thursday, 7:00 pm Team 3: Pat Wetzel & Doug Schnell

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Carol Campbell, Casey, Rachel & Naomi Gahan, Linda Hering, Lori Steele

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

8:00 am Bob Duckart 10:30 am Shanks Family

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FEBRUARY 19TH

Dowty Family

ALTAR ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY 16TH & 19TH

7:00 pm Stu Stein 8:00 am Joel Grulke & Jeremiah Backhaus 10:30 am Gary Suckow & Fred Kolkmann

	Last Week	Last Year
Thursday	63	39
Sunday Early	142	228
Sunday Late	<u>109</u>	<u>139</u>
Total	314	406

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THINKING AHEAD FOR LENT - God, in becoming the Son – Jesus – chose to humble himself and be born into a commoner's family for a profoundly simple reason. "He so loved the world." Jesus, of the eternal Three-Some, stepped out of eternity and into time, down into the muck and mire of our sinful world to love us. An Irish theologian, John Darby expressed it this way, "Now the means of this union, of the maintenance of this love, was found in the abnegation (denial) of self, in humility, in the spirit that humbles itself in order to serve. It was this which perfectly displayed itself in Christ, in contrast to the first Adam. Adam sought to make himself life God by robbery, when he was in the form of a man, and strove to exalt himself at God's expense; being at the same time disobedient unto death. Christ, on the contrary, when he was in the form of God, emptied himself through love, of all his outward glory, of the form of God, and took the form of a man and, even when he was in the form of a man, still humbled himself." To be punished for our sin. To death. To be wounded for us. To love.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 1 Samuel – A Bible study on Tuesday evenings now meets at 7:00 pm in the classroom which is located near the copier room in the lower level school hallway. Come join us as we look at the kings of Israel and discover the lessons we are to learn from their life stories. A participant says, "I realized how much value there is in sharing with the class and applying what we learned from one another." We meet from 7:00 - 8:30 each Tuesday evening. Bring your point of view because you will be able to give it during our discussions.

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Book of Galatians In our study of the book of Galatians, we will see that the hope of our salvation lies in the pure gospel alone and not the law, that the gospel frees us from the demands of the law, and that the gospel provides the motivation to live lives of service to God and others. The class will be taught by Staff Minister Hering in the Church Office Classroom on Tuesdays at 10:30 am, and will meet through the winter and into the spring.

FORWARD IN CHRIST SUBSCRIPTIONS - It is time again for renewals and new subscriptions to "Forward In Christ," the synod's monthly news magazine. If you are a current subscriber please indicate whether you wish to renew or cancel on the renewal form located on the sign up table in the back of church. If you are a new subscriber please fill out the necessary information on the form for new subscribers. The cost this year is *\$13.49* for new or renewal subscriptions. Please make your checks payable to Our Savior Lutheran Church, insert in designated envelope and place in the church office mail slot. <u>The deadline is</u> <u>March 5th.</u>

PLEASE JOIN US - For the Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Event on *Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:30pm*. Parents of children who will be age five prior to September 1, 2017 are welcome to come and learn about our Kindergarten program. The best way to bring new people into our school is by our parents' recommendation. Do encourage, and spread the news!

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP - Being assured of God's love, we respond to His great love by sharing His love with others. "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future . . . will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:37-39). There is no greater love!

SCRIP-TO-GO - will be sold after Sunday church services. You may also purchase SCRIP before school on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the mezzanine and Wednesdays after school at 3:15 p.m. also in the mezzanine. These times are all offered by volunteers, so there could be a day when SCRIP won't be available. Thank you for understanding. Please remember, if you are not signed up for PrestoPay, that checks need to be received within 24 hours (ahead of time is best) of placing an order. If purchasing in person, payment needs to be made at that time. Note: There are a number of small denomination cards in stock for gift giving, including Bath & Body, McDonalds, and Taco Bell. There are many others available on line. Use this link to see information on what SCRIP is and how to use it. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwkeGiRuYVY.</u>

- **HEARTS-TO-HANDS** Grab your hooks and needles and join Hearts to Hands for an evening of crafting/crocheting/knitting, Monday, 2/13, at 6:30pm in the mezzanine of the school building. If you're not a knitter/crocheter drop in to see what we're all about. We have needles, hooks and yarn to spare and would love to have you join us. We start at 6:30pm but come any time you want. With questions, call Laurel Polheber @ 262-483-2102.
- **OUR SAVIOR NIGHT ANNOUNCED** The Board of Stewardship is pleased to invite all members and friends of Our Savior to our special annual fellowship and activity night on **Friday, February 24, beginning at 6 pm.** The primary emphasis is FELLOWSHIP. Basketball, volleyball and the "bounce house" will be available in the gym while ping pong and tables for games will also be played in the lower lobby (byog bring your own game). Snacks and beverages will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Come one, come all... and enjoy the fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ.
- **2017 ALTAR FLOWERS** The Flower Chart for 2017 is on the table in the back of church. Please consider providing flowers for the front of church for your wedding anniversary, birthdays, in memory of a loved one, etc.

OTHER AREA NEWS...

ATTENTION ALL MOMS! - Holy Hen House is currently planning our THIRD annual "Out of the Nest," a "feather-ruffling moms' night out!" on *Friday, April 28, 2017.* We are taking things up a notch this year. Come enjoy another evening filled with laughs, fellowship, a featured speaker, professional photography, a charity benefit, sponsor booths, giveaways, live music, a FULL SIT DOWN MEAL with your choice of beer or wine, and passed deserts with Grace Place coffee! Our goal is for women to enjoy a night out and return home refreshed and encouraged in their roles as mothers. Keep updated on our Facebook event page "Out of the Nest" as we announce more event details! And of course, tell your mama friends that you'd like to bring along! Tickets go on sale *March 1st!* Scratch that date on the calendar too because they fly!