

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THANK YOU FROM PASTOR KRATZ

Dear Our Savior Family,

Emily and I, and our entire family would like to thank you for the generous gift you gave to us for Christmas, as well as the multitude of ways that you have supported and encouraged us over the past year. From prayers to cards, from encouraging words to sharing your time with us, you are all a wonderful blessing to our family for which we thank God. May God richly bless you as we enter another year of his grace. We look forward to serving our Savior and Our Savior with you in the coming year!

-The Kratz family

## NEW INTERACTIVE FAITH BIBLE CLASS

The next interactive faith Bible study started this past Wednesday. Entitled “**Isaiah: God confronts and comforts his people,**” the study will cover the first 12 chapters of Isaiah. Seven hundred years before the arrival of God’s Son into our world, the Holy Spirit worked especially hard through the prophet Isaiah to get the people of his day to turn from their sin and embrace their Savior-God. As we work through the words of Isaiah, we will see how God still confronts and comforts his people. The study is being led online by Pastor Dan Habben, a missionary to the Caribbean island of Antigua, and streamed Wednesdays at 6 and 8 p.m., from Jan. 10–Feb. 7, 2018. This is a great Bible study you can do in the comfort of your own home! For more info and to view past lessons: [www.wels.net/interactivefaith](http://www.wels.net/interactivefaith)

## EVANGELISM MEETING

Today, our new Evangelism Elder, Brent Panell, will be having an evangelism meeting after our worship service for those interested in helping serve and lead in this area of Our Savior’s ministry. Topics to be covered at the meeting include the different aspects of our outreach ministry, the plans we are aiming to accomplish this year, all the different opportunities you have to be involved, as well as a brainstorm session to get your ideas for future ministry. We need your help and your input! Hope you can stick around a bit for this gathering!

## FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH CLASS STARTING

*Foundation of Faith* is a Bible study that will begin on Tuesday, January 16th. Sessions will start at 7:00pm and go until 8:15 pm or so. This is a great class for anyone who wants to:

- Explore the basic beliefs of Christianity
- Gain a more thorough understanding of the Bible
- Gain confidence in telling others about your faith
- Understand Our Savior and the Lutheran Church better
- Join our family of believers

## CHILI COOK-OFF ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

Put it on your calendars... dig out your favorite, best tasting chili recipe... Our Savior is hosting its first ever chili cookoff on Sunday, January 28th. After our worship service, we will be able to taste a plethora of great tasting chilis, vote for the chili awards, and enjoy some fun games and fellowship!

## AMANDA JONES’ WEDDING SHOWER

Our Savior will be hosting a wedding shower for Amanda Jones on Sunday, January 21st following the service. Amanda grew up attending our church here in Birmingham and now lives near Washington D.C. where she works as an art conservator. She was responsible for doing much of the painting in our classrooms and nursery, including the Jesus portrait and tree in the nursery. For registry information go to [theknot.com/us/the-future-Satorii](http://theknot.com/us/the-future-Satorii). Contact Emily Kratz with any questions.

# CALENDAR

## SUNDAY | *Today*

- 9:00 AM *Bible Study/Sunday School*
- 10:15 AM *Worship Service*
- 11:30 AM *Evangelism Meeting*
- 12:00 PM *Choir Practice*

## TUESDAY | *January 16th*

- 10:00 AM *Women's Bible Study*
- 7:00 PM *Foundation of our Faith*

## WEDNESDAY | *January 17th*

- 11:30 AM *Men's Lunch*

## SUNDAY | *January 21st*

- 9:00 AM *Bible Study/Sunday School*
- 10:15 AM *Worship Service*
- 11:30 AM *Amanda Jones' Wedding Shower*
- 12:00 PM *Church Council Meeting*

# SERVING OUR SAVIOR

CLEANING *Boyce-Sauer, Kratz, Jung, Knopf, Panell, Jones, Smith, Hudd; Rosser, Nolte*

FLOWERS *Flower Sign Up online at [www.oursavior.info](http://www.oursavior.info) or on bulletin board*

### NURSERY / CHILDREN'S CHURCH


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| 1/14—Emily Kratz, Norah    | Young Jesus Visits the Temple |
| 1/21—Leslie Gammon, Olivia | Jesus is Baptized by John     |
| 1/28—Christina Benz, Abby  | Jesus Changes Water into Wine |

### USHERS

- 1/14—Doug Lamon, Brent Panell
- 1/21—Lee Nelson, Tim Smith
- 1/28—Martin Benjamin, Micah Roberson


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