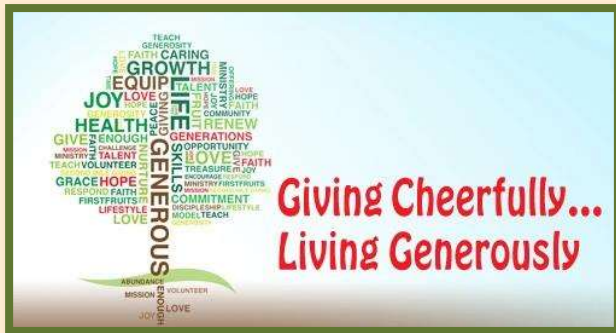


# St. Olaf Lutheran Church

- THE CALLER -

OCTOBER 2025

*From Pastor Tom:*



Who are the people in your life who simply give joyfully, cheerfully? Some of you may have picked up on this, but I like to golf 😊.

Oftentimes, when we are on the course, those I golf with will cheerfully offer to buy me a drink from the Drink Cart. I'm touched by the gesture. It sounds simple, not a big deal, but it touches me. You could say it matters to me.

I remember when Kris and I were just starting out in our marriage, we had only one income, just bought our first house, and started having children. We were a little tight. My parents gifted us children at Christmastime. We were able to save that and grow it over time to now nearly 30 years later, it has grown substantially. Compounded over time, the yearly gift became even more abundant. Yes, we were blessed.

I'm seeing this in our church. Year after year, many of our families cheerfully give to the General Fund (supports our Ministry Plan, staff salaries, utilities+) and because of your faithful giving, we remain a healthy, even thriving congregation. Several households give cheerfully to the Mission Fund (that invests in a whole array of local, city, state, national and worldwide missions that St. Olaf has a personal connection to). Finally, several households recognize that this whole campus and building is OURS TOGETHER. So, to maintain it and make sure it looks beautiful, we contribute joyfully a portion of what God has given us, to make improvements (like new flooring in our sanctuary, new siding outside, and refreshed parking lot and more!).

Over the years (now in my 10<sup>th</sup> year at St. Olaf), I really notice those who LIVE GENEROUSLY and give cheerfully to God's Mission through His church called St. Olaf. We are so very blessed by such giving. As several churches near us are at a crossroads of declining worship attendance, shortage in offerings, lacking younger generations in worship attendance and decreasing membership, St. Olaf shows signs of increased vitality. Thank you everyone for worshipping here, serving in Jesus' name, and giving cheerfully...all signs of a lifestyle of Living Generously.



## OCTOBER LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Asst. Minister	Musicians
Sat., Oct 4 5:00 p.m.	Mary Hershoff	Cathy Paquette Steve Stretz
Sun., Oct 5 9:00 a.m.	Mary Hershoff	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sat., Oct 11 5:00 p.m.	Mary Hershoff	Cathy Paquette Steve Stretz
Sun., Oct 12 9:00 a.m.	Mary Hershoff	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sat., Oct 18 5:00 p.m.	Assistant Needed	Clara Birkel
Sun., Oct 19 9:00 a.m.	Assistant Needed	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sat., Oct 25 5:00 p.m.	Assistant Needed	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz
Sun., Oct 26 9:00 a.m.	Assistant Needed	Clara Birkel Steve Stretz

**October Altar Guild:** Jane Christenson

**October Counters:** Paul Christenson  
Sue Grulke



## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Blood Drive – Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation Sunday – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>

Commitment Sunday – Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup>  
and Celebration Brunch – Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Eve Worship – Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>  
(led by St. Olaf youth)

Lutefisk Dinner – Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

Youth Christmas Program – Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

Family Promise – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

Christmas Eve Worship – Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship – TBD



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 William & Christine Guenther (47)
- 7 Dave & Kathy Johnston (46)
- 10 Ron & Linda Egelseer (54)
- 16 Paul & Lynn Christenson (49)
- 21 Norman & Virginia Lange (59)
- 22 Mark & Laurie Rutkowski (36)
- 23 Mike & Jenna Sexton (13)
- 26 Donald & Martha Hansen
- James & Dawn Christ (28)
- Eric & Kari Weber (28)



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Caylyn Christenson, Nathan Uhlman
- 4 Jennifer Becker
- 9 Clara Birkel, Trent Birkel
- 10 Luke Dulay
- 12 Blake Homulos
- 13 Stacy Monnahan, John Christenson
- 14 Susan Grulke
- 16 Mike Sexton
- 18 Jody Homulos, Peggy Jorgenson
- 19 Daniel Meier
- 22 Randall Buth
- 25 Laura Savatski
- 26 Jack Benjamin
- 27 Gerald Feutz
- 28 Ron Walter



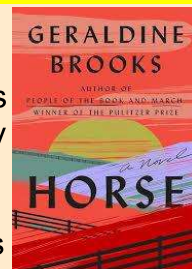
## SOAR BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00pm at St. Olaf's**

Please note this is a change from our usual second Thursday meeting date.

This month's selection is *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. The novel follows an enslaved groom and a legendary racehorse in 1850's Kentucky, as their forgotten history is uncovered by modern-day scholars across periods. All are welcome!





## ST. OLAF --- LIVING GENEROUSLY

### Fall 2025 Stewardship Appeal

During 2025, St. Olaf has used this verse from John 15:8 as the Stewardship theme: By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. During this past year we have indeed born fruit and certainly shown much discipleship. The General Fund has met the needs of our staff and our programs. The Capital Fund has been utilized to improve our building and campus. The Mission Fund has expanded St. Olaf's reach locally, nationally, and internationally.

This coming year our theme is "Living Generously". Pastor Tom is teaching us more about our awesome God and His generosity towards us. We in turn are encouraged to live our lives with generosity, learning from His example.



In the next few weeks, we will be sharing our goals for ministry in 2026 with brief talks and videos from members explaining how the Lord has moved them to live generously. Brochures will also be available which will explain our various funds and missions. In addition, a mailing will be sent with more information about giving opportunities. November 8 and 9 will be Commitment weekend for our 2026 ministries culminating in a Sunday Brunch celebration on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

We thank you for the seeds that have been sown and the fruit that has been born this past year. As we look ahead to 2026, we ask for your support and prayers as we all strive toward "living generously".



## Are you saving (enough) for retirement?



How much should I save? What type of accounts should I have? If you're asking questions like that, this workshop is for you. Learn smart money moves that can help you save and invest for your future in Thrivent's free workshop: Investing for Your Retirement.

During this session, we'll also examine strategies for sustaining your church's foundation, supplementing an endowment fund or leaving an inheritance.

This session is hosted by Karen S Newquist, CFP®, ChFC®, CDFA®. Living Generously Starts Today. Discover how your everyday choices can reflect what matters most—now and for generations to come. Learn how to support your family, church, and favorite causes using tools like QCDs and RMDs to give with purpose and make a lasting impact. Join us for this inspiring event and take the next step toward a life of intentional generosity.

**Thursday, October 2, 2025**

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CT  
Saint Olaf Lutheran Church  
W653 Roosevelt Rd  
Rubicon, WI

**Register yourself and a guest today.**

Please call Pastor Tom Pietz at 262-490-4057 or email [pietztom1@gmail.com](mailto:pietztom1@gmail.com). Refreshments will be served.

## **News from St. Olaf Women of Grace**

**October 2025**

### **Women of Grace Meeting**

The next meeting of the Women of Grace (WOG) will be on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Topics will include any updates on the upcoming 2025 Lutfisk Dinner/Bake Sale/Scandi Butik, as well as any other topics that come to our attention. We welcome all members to attend our meetings and offer suggestions. Light refreshments will be available.

### **Searchers**

The Searchers Bible study group meets every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Jane Christenson, most usually. We are currently using the first book of "The Chosen Devotional" series for our study. As always, our discussions will be interesting, enlightening, and a great experience to share with other women.

The *Gather* Magazine study that we will be using on October 14, 2025 is the second installment of a 3-month study entitled "Money, Stewardship and Generosity" by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin. This title of this session is "Stewardship – How do we tend our treasure?" and is described as follows: "God madly, beautifully, entrusts human beings with the care of all creation, including time, talent and material wealth. Moses needs help with his time management. The practice of tithing could be considered a class in Material Management 101. Jesus confronts his disciples with disturbing words about God's high expectations for tending treasure." Copies of the study will be available for anyone who does not subscribe to the magazine. Please feel free to join us for what promises to once again be an interesting study.

### **Lutfisk Dinner/Bake Sale/Scandi Butik**

The details letter for this year's event along with the baking and preparation schedule can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please review these two documents and consider how you might be able to become involved in this wonderful event. While the Women of Grace lead this event, we could not be successful without the help of so many of our church members and even others who are friends of the congregation. Sign-up boards will be put up before the end of October to give everyone a chance to consider their schedules. Thank you all for everything you do. If you have any questions about this event or other matters related to the Women of Grace, please feel free to contact me.

**Wishing you Peace, Love, Joy, and Good Health,**

Cindy J. Schlieve, President

262-490-7134; [jschlieve@wi.rr.com](mailto:jschlieve@wi.rr.com)

***"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words."***

**Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi**

# **St. Olaf's Annual Lutefisk Dinner, Bake Sale and Butik**

**(Including delicious Swedish meatballs)**

***Saturday***

**December 6, 2025**

***Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.***

St. Olaf has been serving Lutefisk with all the trimmings (including Norwegian cookies) for more than 70 years.

Come check out our Butik for interesting, fun, and unique items (gifts, decor, and clothing)

***Adults: \$20.00***

***Children 5-10: \$ 8.00***

***Under 5: Free***

***"TO GO" ORDERS AVAILABLE: ADD \$2.00 PER DINNER***

St. Olaf Lutheran Church  
W653 Roosevelt Road  
Located East of Alderly  
Dodge County, Town of Ashippun

**\*\*\*RESERVATIONS PREFERRED AND MAY BE MADE BY VISITING [www.st-olaf.org](http://www.st-olaf.org)  
FOR ON-LINE TICKET SALES AND OTHER INFORMATION**

**\*\*\*Tickets also sold at the door (Visa, Mastercard, Check, or Cash accepted)**

**Everyone is welcome to attend St. Olaf's Saturday 5 p.m. worship service**



# DONATE BLOOD

## St. Olaf Blood Drive

### LOCATION:

St. Olaf Lutheran Church - W653 Roosevelt Road, Rubicon

**Monday**

**October 20**

**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**



### PINT FOR A PINT:

All attempting donors 21+ will receive a free pint from participating locations, while supplies last. Visit [versiti.org/pint-for-a-pint](http://versiti.org/pint-for-a-pint) to view local partners!

**Website for pint-for-a-pint will be Coming Soon**

### MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT:

Appointments are highly encouraged. Secure your spot by visiting the link below, scan the QR code, or call 877.232.4376.

**[tinyurl.com/StOlafOct20](http://tinyurl.com/StOlafOct20)**



## LUTEFISK DINNER, BAKE SALE, AND SCANDI BUTIK DETAILS FOR 2025



This year's DINNER will be held on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 from **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The BAKE SALE and SCANDI BUTIK will be held during the dinner. All proceeds from the bake sale and Butik are donated to various missions. The items to be sold at the Butik may include crafts, clothing, gifts, or numerous other interesting items from near and far.

**HELP WANTED!** The success of this year's BAKE SALE depends upon the generous donations of **HOME-MADE** baked goods by our members. Additionally, we encourage each family to donate 4 DOZEN cookies to be served with the dinner. Ideally these should be unique or fancy cookies or a great family favorite. Your help is greatly appreciated by all!

**MOST POPULAR BAKE SALE ITEMS:** Norwegian type cookies (many of which we will be making during the bake dates that are scheduled); fancy cookies such as frosted cutouts, spritz, pecan fingers, etc.; gluten-free cookies or other items; specialty breads; stöllen; pies; homemade candy such as caramels or fudge or family favorites; jams & jellies; snacks such as Chex-type mix and seasoned crackers to name a couple; and your family favorites, are all among the great sellers.

**BAKING OPPORTUNITIES:** Please look over the schedule of bake/preparation dates on the reverse side of this page or elsewhere within the *Caller*. The bake dates are a great opportunity for members to get together and make the special Norwegian cookies. Both experienced bakers and those who are just learning are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend (member or non-member of St. Olaf). Men, women, young adults, and children are welcome! If you've never made Norwegian cookies, or have not done much baking, this is the perfect time to come and have fun with others. Remember to consider the set-up dates as well! Many hands make quick work!

**SPECIAL NOTES:** Please bring your baked goods to church by 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 4th, if possible, or Friday morning, December 5th. It is not necessary to price items, but suggestions are welcome. Feel free to leave them in the entryway of the South entrance if the doors to the church are not open. Cookies may be left in bulk containers and the bake sale set-up crew will create assortments with them.

Please contact Cindy Schlieve, (262) 490-7134, with any questions about the bake sale or if you would like to help with set up, packaging of baked goods, or selling the baked goods. If you have questions regarding the Scandi Butik, please contact Susie Grulke, (262) 370-3419. Thank you for your continued support of the bake sale and the Scandi Butik in order to help fund the various missions!

## 2025 BAKING & LUTEFISK DINNER PREPARATION DATES

(All projects listed below are at St. Olaf's)

NOTE: PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME TO AS MANY DATES AS YOU CAN, FOR AS MUCH TIME AS YOU HAVE AVAILABLE. MANY HANDS MAKE THE WORK EASIER, QUICKER AND MORE FUN!

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
Wednesday	Nov. 5	1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Make Flatbread
Monday	Nov. 10	12 noon – 3 p.m.	Make Fattigmund
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOV. 10</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>Women of Grace Meeting</b>
Friday	Nov. 14	5:30 p.m.	Adults & Youth: Peel Potatoes & Pizza Party
Saturday	Nov. 15	9 a.m.	Lefse Baking and Packaging
Sunday	Nov. 16	10:30 a.m.	Lefse Baking and Packaging
Monday	Nov. 17	9 a.m.	Possible Lefse Packaging if needed
Wednesday	Nov. 19	10 a.m.	Cookies or Lefse as needed
Thursday	Nov. 20	2 p.m.	Cookies or Lefse as needed
Saturday	Nov. 22	9 a.m.	Make Berlinerkranse/Other Norw. Cookies
Sunday	Nov. 23	10:30 a.m.	Cookies/Rosettes/Krumkaka
Friday	Nov. 28	10 a.m.	Cookies as needed
Thursday	Dec. 4	2 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Make Meatballs
Thursday	Dec. 4	9 a.m.	Make Jello Salads
Thursday	Dec. 4	Noon – 4 p.m.	Set up for Bake Sale
Friday	Dec. 5	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Make Julekaka/Frost/Package
Friday	Dec. 5	9 a.m. – finish	Set up for Lutfisk Dinner
Friday	Dec. 5	9 a.m. – finish	Continue Set up for Bake Sale
Friday	Dec. 5	9 a.m. – finish	Set up for Butik
Saturday	Dec. 6	8 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Finish Bake Sale Set Up
Saturday	Dec. 6	8 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Finish Dinner Preparations
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>11 a.m. - 4 p.m.</b>	<b>LUTEFISK DINNER</b>
Saturday	Dec. 6	4:30 p.m. – finish	Clean Up
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>5 p.m. - 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service - All are welcome to attend the service</b>



# Youth Ministry News

October 2025



## BOX CITY

October 4th-5th - Youth will raise awareness for homelessness and stay overnight at St. Olaf in boxes. Details will be emailed to youth families.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

[REGISTER HERE](#) or at [ST-OLAF.ORG](http://ST-OLAF.ORG)

## LOOKING FOR:

Volunteers to help teach or assist with Sunday School. This fall we will have two Sunday School classes running each week. With many more preschool students, more hands are needed. Please contact Kris Pietz if you are available once a month, or sign up here: [SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS](#)

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 26th



## YOUTH QUAKE

February 13th-15th in WI Dells. We will register soon for best rates. Details will be emailed to youth families.



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"A Savior is Born"

Christmas Program families and helpers - save the dates, and let Kris know if you can help!

Sunday, Dec. 7 practice after worship (10:15-11:15)

Saturday, Dec. 13 morning practice (9:30-11)

Sunday, Dec. 14 practice into program (8:30-10)

There are many different ways to get involved: planning, directing, costume organizer, or music. And we can always use an extra set of hands with children as well!



Kids' Christmas Workshop is Dec. 20 9am-noon, more information coming!



## ST OLAF YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sunday School - Kris Pietz [stolafchildren@gmail.com](mailto:stolafchildren@gmail.com)

Confirmation Youth - Pastor Tom Pietz [pietztom1@gmail.com](mailto:pietztom1@gmail.com)

Teen Discipleship - Scott Siegrist [stolafyouthleader@gmail.com](mailto:stolafyouthleader@gmail.com)



# ***ST OLAF'S Italian Candlelight Dinner***

**Date: Saturday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5pm to 8pm**

**Place: St. Olaf's Lutheran Church**

**W653 Roosevelt Rd. Rubicon, WI 53078**

**Price: Free Will Offering**

**Pasta Bar will include:**

**A variety of pasta, sauces, cheeses, meatballs,  
chicken, and other toppings  
(Gluten-free pasta available)**

Dinner includes salad and bread. Followed with dessert.

Wine, coffee or soda.

**[www.St-Olaf.org](http://www.St-Olaf.org)**

***Money raised from this event to support our Mission Trip to Belize***

*"Sharing God's Love, Caring for Community"*



To view the entire (larger print) calendar, go to our website [calendar](#)

Public Calendar							Oct 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<div>Family Promise Week</div> <div>9am - Baptism - Paisley Mueller</div> <div>9am - Worship</div>	<div>Church Secretary Off</div>	<div>6:30am - Men's Life Group - Small</div> <div>9am - Searchers @ Elaine Monis'</div> <div>5pm - Weekly Prayer Group - Small</div>	<div>8:30am - Wednesday Morning</div> <div>5pm - Mission Team Meeting</div> <div>6pm - Fish Fry (Maple Inn) - Small</div>	<div>5:30pm - Thrivent - Financial</div>		<div>Youth - BOX CITY</div> <div>9am - Properties mtg - Small</div> <div>5pm - Worship</div>	4	
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