

November - December 2025

Newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church, ELCA

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The Lamplighter



We are a church family who worships together, serves our neighbors, and shares the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Church Family,

It's the time of the year when things in the church start getting busier. Three big things are happening at Our Savior in November: our annual Pie Auction, a Thanksgiving meal, and the first Sunday of Advent. We are also continuing our Fall Mission Project of collecting items for the PRS Domestic Violence Program. These opportunities give you many chances to participate as you feel comfortable and called.

Of course, December is equally busy. We observe three more weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas Eve. In that time, we will decorate the church for Christmas and many of us will participate in community events which help get us in the spirit of the season.

As many of you know, I have been helping with the vocal music for our local theater's production of The Miracle on 34th Street. This means that I will not be able to participate in Sparkle or the Community Sing this year. While it is hard to give up what have become personal traditions, and it has been a ton of work, I am excited for the production that will soon entertain our community. I hope you will come and see all the hard work that the children and adults alike have put into this charming musical which reminds us to love all of our neighbors.

With all of the struggles and negative things happening around us, we long for Christmas to remind us of God's love for the entire world. Find ways that help prepare you for the season. Enjoy any special moments which come your way. -In Christ's love, Pr. Kendrah

God's Work, Our Hands: We have a great start on our Mission Project for Fall 2025! We will continue to collect items for PRS' Domestic Violence Program through Sunday, November 30, 2025. Please see the list below and donate new or gently used items as requested. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you!



- New Socks
- Winter Boots (gently use/new)
- Baby Monitor w/screen
- Baby Proofing Items
- Shower Caddies
- Hairbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Toddler Eating/Bath Essentials
- Silverware
- Glass & Plastic Cups
- Pots/Pans
- Youth Toothbrushes/Toothpaste



Domestic Violence Services

Phone: (530) 283-5675 / Email: dvs@plumasruralservices.org

711 E. Main Street - Quincy CA 95971

PRS is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization; call 530-283-5675, if you would like a receipt for your tax-deductible donation

CALENDAR: November 2025

- Sat. 11/1 Sierra Pacific Synod Budget voting
- Sun. 11/2 Daylight Savings Time Ends/All Saints Sunday
- Sun. 11/9 Church council meets after worship**
- Mon. 11/10 Dress-a-Girl in fellowship hall 1:30 pm
- Tue. 11/1 Veterans' Day
- Wed. 11/12 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm**
- Mon. 11/17 P.E.O. Women meet in fellowship hall Noon – 3:30 pm
- Tue. 11/18 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am**
- Sun. 11/21 Pie/Bake goods auction after worship**
- Tue. 11/25 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am**
- Wed. 11/26 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm**
- Thur. 11/27 Thanksgiving Day – 4 pm meal at OSLC**
- Sun. 11/30 First Sunday of Advent/Bless items collected for Domestic Violence program



November Birthdays

Monica Potter	2
Cindy Edwards	7
Paula Foster	13
Laura Wilson	19
Jim Oster	24

November Anniversaries

Rick & Paula Foster	4
Jim & Karla Burnworth	24
Monica & Ernest Potter	24

Chair Yoga meets Wednesdays at 11 am in our Fellowship Hall

CALENDAR: December 2025

- Thur. 12/4 **The Miracle on 34th Street** musical opens at West End Theater 7 pm – other dates:
- Fri. 12/5, Sat. 12/6, Sun. 12/7, Thur. 12/11, Fri. 12/12, Sat. 12/13, Sun. 12/14 – get your tickets soon!
- Fri. 12/5 Sparkle – downtown Quincy
- Sun. 12/7 Second Sunday of Advent / Church Council meets after worship
- Sun. 12/7 Community Sing at courthouse 2 pm
- Wed. 10/10 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm**
- Sun. 12/14 Third Sunday of Advent / Decorate Church after worship
- Tues. 12/19 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am**
- Sun. 12/21 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Wed. 12/24 Christmas Eve**
- Thur. 12/25 Christmas Day**
- Sun. 12/28 First Sunday of Christmas**



Please note, we will **not** be having **Midweek Advent Services** this year. Instead, Pastor will provide copies of the daily **Advent Devotional** she usually uses for those services to anyone who wants a copy (either by pdf through email or a printed copy). Please let Pastor know how you would like your copy. It is highly recommended that you create an Advent wreath with candles of your own, using greenery or another way to connect the candles together (be safe!).

December Birthdays

Elsie Palgue	8
Karen Oster	17
Hailey Crump	27

December Anniversaries

None

Financial Secretary's Report through October 2025 by Karla Burnworth

Month	Regular Plate Offering	Hall Rental	Building Fund	Recycling	Global Refuge	Memorial Funds	Office Supplies	C.A.N. Food Pantry	Labor of Love	Pastor's Emergency Fund	Total
Jan.	\$ 27,203.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 350.00								\$ 27,573.00
Feb.	\$ 6,812.00	\$ 65.00		\$ 14.00							\$ 6,891.00
Mar.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9.00			\$ 100.00						\$ 3,109.00
Apr.	\$ 8,622.00	\$ 372.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 10,200.00						\$ 39,194.00
May	\$ 4,397.00	\$ 33.00		\$ 26.00							\$ 4,456.00
June	\$ 5,966.00					\$ 100.00					\$ 6,066.00
July	\$ 6,423.00	\$ 17.00		\$ 11.00	\$ 50.00						\$ 6,501.00
Aug.	\$ 6,592.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 25.00			\$ 125.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 8,179.00
Sep.	\$ 4,347.00	\$ 52.00		\$ 53.88				\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 4,802.88
Oct.	\$ 5,370.00	\$ 24.00									\$ 5,394.00
Nov.											\$ -
Dec.											\$ -
Totals	\$ 78,732.00	\$ 629.00	\$ 21,150.00	\$ 129.88	\$ 10,350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 112,165.88

Exciting news! Our new front door has finally been installed! We are still waiting on the custom side-panel, but this is great progress! No more cold air pouring in!

At this time, the door can only be unlocked from the inside, but Bob Hatzell is re-ordering the parts so that we can add a key lock on the outside.

Thank you to the families, especially the Surbers, who have said “yes” to using Memorial funds to pay for this.



The door is even more beautiful in-person. The beveled glass picks up a rainbow of colors and the cross in the wood is perfect for a church!

Women's Bible Study for Fall 2025

At the end of October, we started a Bible Study entitled, “**Pray Always,**” by Rev. Gladys G. Moore. The first session was on **Persistence**. We will continue this Bible Study in November as follows: 11/18 **Session 2: Waiting with Patience and Hope** (note the date change on this one!); 11/25 **Session 3: Power** (this date may change – stay tuned!).

In December, we will do an Advent study entitled, “**Practicing Advent imagination: Matthew's dreamers and Isaiah's visions**” by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith; possible dates for this study are: Tues. 12/2, Thur. 12/11, Tues. 12/16 and/or Thur. 12/18.



Thank you very much to those who worked on the removal of leaves this fall:

Alan Baitinger, Jim and Jacob Burnworth. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!



Treasurer's Report through October 2025 (Budget vs. Actual) by Kathy Osher

GENERAL EXPENSES:			Sept 2025	Oct 2025	YTD	BALANCE
	Bank Check Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Household Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168.19	-\$118.19
	Insurance - State Farm	\$4,032.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,032.00	\$0.00
	Office Expenses (includes web domain)	\$1,500.00	\$341.43	\$95.99	\$1,953.10	-\$453.10
	Sierra Conference	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
2.5% of regular offerings	Sierra Pacific Synod (Tithe)	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Registration for 2 people + hotel	Synod Assembly	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$380.00
	Taxes	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	Worship Musician (\$65/service)	\$4,225.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$3,185.00	\$1,040.00
	Worship Supplies	\$750.00	\$165.19	\$0.00	\$746.62	\$3.38
	Education Supplies (VBS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES		\$13,457.00	\$766.62	\$355.99	\$10,204.91	\$3,252.09
PASTOR COMPENSATION						
	Housing	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$12,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Salary (+\$7,593.50 Pastor's pre-tax) *	\$30,246.50	\$2,516.82	\$2,516.82	\$25,212.92	\$5,033.58
TOTAL PASTOR COMPENSATION		\$45,246.50	\$3,766.82	\$3,766.82	\$37,712.92	\$7,533.58
		\$52,840.00				\$6,967.00
PASTOR EXPENSES						
	Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Mileage	\$1,200.00	\$159.25	\$165.55	\$874.20	\$325.80
(Health, Dental, Retirement)	above) *	\$25,000.00	\$2,099.20	\$2,099.20	\$20,992.00	\$4,008.00
	Substitute Pastor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PASTOR EXPENSES		\$26,200.00	\$2,258.45	\$2,264.75	\$21,866.20	\$4,333.80
UTILITIES						
	Electricity	\$1,200.00	\$121.94	\$68.80	\$1,303.72	-\$103.72
	Garbage	\$300.00	\$21.67	\$21.67	\$216.70	\$83.30
	Heating	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,857.47	\$1,142.53
	Telephone & Internet	\$1,600.00	\$109.00	\$109.00	\$1,090.00	\$510.00
	Water & Sewer	\$820.00	\$79.42	\$76.28	\$752.31	\$67.69
TOTAL UTILITIES		\$6,920.00	\$332.03	\$275.75	\$5,220.20	\$1,699.80
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$91,823.50	\$7,123.92	\$6,663.31	\$75,004.23	\$16,819.27

Thank you to everyone for your generosity to the church both locally and globally.
You help make a difference in all you do for others. We are blessed to be a blessing.
Let us live as Jesus desires, with love at the center of our lives.