

OSL Announcements

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Weekly Bible Classes

Tuesday, January 3rd, and Thursday, January 5th

9:30am-11:00am, Conference Room

Tuesday, Women's Bible Study, and Thursday, Men's Bible Study classes will resume this week starting at Romans 12:14.

Contact the church Office, office@oslmckinney.org, if you have any questions.

Sunday Schedule

8:30am

Traditional Worship

9:45am

Kidtricity (B208)

Middle School Bible Study
(B206)

High School Bible Study (B204)

Sunday Bible Classes

11:00am

Contemporary Worship

Happy New Year

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things
The things of this past year
The Lord will do new things in us
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

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2012 Offering Envelopes

Please check your church mailboxes for your 2012 offering envelopes. Most of the envelope numbers have changed, so please make sure you don't use them until January 1, 2012.

To ensure proper credit to your 2012 account, destroy any of your unused 2011 envelopes. Remember your mailbox is located **ABOVE YOUR NAME.**



Altar Flowers

The new flower chart for January 2012 has been posted in the church Atrium. Please consider signing up for one or more of these arrangements. If you would like to help provide these arrangements in memory of a loved one or for the celebration of a special event, email, stop by or call the church office to find out if the date you desire is available. Arrangements are only \$30 each.

Portals of Prayer

The new quarter of Portals of Prayer is available this morning from the welcome center. Portals of Prayer are short daily devotionals that include a daily Bible reading, a devotional thought, and a prayer. Pick up your copy for free today and at the Welcome Center.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML will meet on **Monday, January 9th, at 7:00pm** in the church Atrium. Please bring your mite boxes. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Simplest of Gifts

Each year, thousands of young adults, ages 17-21, "age-out" of the foster care system without having been adopted. Many of these teens leave their foster homes with little more than the clothes on their backs. Simplest of Gifts provides basic household items to help get these young adults started in independent living. Embrace will be accepting donations through **January 8th.**



Confirmation

We are excited to announce that Dr. Gerald Brunworth will be heading up our Confirmation program next semester. Dr. Brunworth resides in Garland and is currently an adjunct professor for Concordia University. He previously served as the Headmaster of Dallas Lutheran High School. Dr. Brunworth will start teaching Confirmation on Sunday, January 8th.

Vote Results

The special congregational vote on Sunday, December 18th, validated the published Senior Pastor candidate call lists and approved the Call Committee to continue the call process with a vote count of 158 Yes, 3 No, and 1 abstain. The BOD would like to thank the Call Committee for their continued efforts and everyone that took the time to cast their votes. Please remember that the candidates on the list have been informed by the Texas District they are on a call list, but not which call list. Please keep this information confidential until advised otherwise. If you have any questions please contact the Board of Directors, bod@oslmckinney.org, or Call Committee, call@oslmckinney.org.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES, 9:45am-10:45am

Childcare available.

LifeLight - Conference Room

Strong biblical teaching, practical application, and the opportunity to build meaningful friendships. Great for growing in your understanding of the Bible, whether you are a Bible Class veteran or just starting out. Terry Zuehsow, terry.zuehsow@gmail.com, teaches this LifeLight study on the gospel of Matthew.

Parenting in Faith - School Library, B109

Parents sharing the faith stretching journey of raising up the next generation. We seek to learn from God our Father how to more deeply love and wisely raise our kids. Veterans of parenting and parents to be are welcome to share questions and wisdom. David Thompson, david.thompson@oslmckinney.org, teaches this class.

Pastor's Class - Fellowship Hall

Pastor Houska works verse by verse through the books of 1 and 2 Peter. All are welcome to join in and grow in the understanding of these two small but powerful letters. For more information contact Pastor, chuck.houska@oslmckinney.org.

A Walk Through the Bible - Church Library

A small discussion group made up primarily of couples. The focus this Fall is on the great book of Romans where Paul lays out step by step a systematic presentation of Christian belief. Kent Kramer and Glen Edwards, kgedwards@sbcglobal.net, teach this class.

WEEKLY STUDIES, CONFERENCE ROOM

Childcare available upon request.

Tuesday Women - 9:30am-11:00am

Join us for fellowship and time in God's Word. This week we will look at Romans 12:14, led by Pastor Houska.

Wednesday Women - 9:30am-11:30am

Our Bible Study Class is currently studying The Patriarchs through the Book of Genesis We will also explore with Beth Moore different concepts, such as blessing, covenant, and promise. For more information contact Debbie Lammert, Debbie@debbielammert.com.

Thursday Men - 9:30am-11:00am

Join us for fellowship and time in God's Word. This week we will look at Romans 12:14, led by Pastor Houska.

Prayers of the Church

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Eph 6:18

Pray for continued guidance for the congregation, leadership, and staff as we transition through the vacancy call process.

Pray for Hailey and Aidan Griffin as they enter God's kingdom through the waters of Holy Baptism.

HEALTH & HEALING

Ongoing strength, endurance and peace to: Bill Bauer, Debra Storie, Guyla Armstrong, Dick Bagley, Edna Crow, Kelsey Hansen, Grant Henderson, Shirley Jensen, Jeanne Kirby, Bob Meason, Al Migon, Ron Mudd, Mark Singer, Jeff Smith, George Tanner, Bruce Walters, Mindy Zielinski, Sue Hixon, Mrs. Mobley and family, Gwen Poyner, and Lorraine Hurtt, Vera Burns and family, David Farguharson and family, Amy Gillen, Bill Gilmore, and Paul Rogers, Ruth Innes, Lorene Cook, Alex Clements.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

We lift up our Community & Nation:

-Wisdom and discernment to our leaders especially President Obama, Governor Perry, Mayor Loughmiller and all who serve on our behalf nationally and locally.

- Employment to the underemployed and unemployed Safety & Strength for those Serving in the Armed Forces and ministering to them as chaplains and specifically:

Tim Bahn (Navy)

Ernest Grossman, Jr. (Air Force)

Sean Dublin (Army)

Justin Kurtz (Army)

Matthew Salvatico (Marines)

Joseph Wooldridge (Air Force)

Clayton Spears (Marines)

Aaron Board (West Point, Army)

PRAYER FOR OUR SISTER CHURCH

Faith Lutheran Church in Lafayette, Louisiana, and their Pastor, **Rev. Samuel McPeck**.

PRAYER FOR THE GOSPEL OUTREACH

Today we pray for our LCMS missionary, **Shary Frahm**, who works among the people of Cambodia to bring them the light of the gospel.

To request a specific prayer to be included in this prayer sheet and/or on the prayer chain, please fill out a blue card in the pew (**indicating your publication preferences**) and place it in the plate, fill out the prayer request form on the church website at oslmckinney.org, or contact the church office at 972-562-9944.

Other Events This Week

Monday: Office Closed
 Tuesday: 9:30am—Ladies Bible Study
 11:00am—Staff Planning
 7:00pm—Families Anonymous
 Wednesday: 11:30am—Prayer Shawl Group
 7:00pm—Call Committee Meeting
 Thursday: 9:30am—Men’s Bible Study
 7:00pm—Children’s Ministry Advisory Meeting
 Friday: 9:30am—Mom’s Group



Altar Flowers given in celebration by:

Finances

Total Fiscal Income through November 2011	\$380,779
Total Fiscal Expenses through November 2011	\$369,946
Attendance Week of December 25	152
General Fund Giving Week of December 25	\$59,259

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