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I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, 6 and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love

Philemon 4-7a

This is my final Newsletter article to you folks as your interim pastor and I want to simply thank you.

I have a long list of thanksgivings:

- Your warm welcome when I came as your interim Pastor in February
- Your encouraging words and positive feedback both written and spoken.
- That I discovered there a dozen different ways to make rice crispy treats and all of them delicious. (Until coming here I never like rice crispy treats) :)
- Your help in pastoral ministry, identifying shut ins and introducing me.
- Your dynamic Children and Youth ministry
- A chance to be apart of the confirmation service
- Your determination to reach out to your community through such events as Bible, Burgers and Brews
- The Handful of Baptisms that I've performed (one of my favorite things do in Ministry)
- Your willingness to try new things, like making Palm Crosses on Palm Sunday, which meant ordering a different type of palm branches
- The overall leadership of the congregation. This of course includes the council, but I am also thinking of those of you on the various committees and the scores of volunteers who provide the manpower for your various ministries.
- Nicole's and Molly's faithful service.

I could go on but most of all I am thankful for the same thing that the Apostle Paul Highlights about his friend Philemon. I am grateful for ***“your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints.***

The result has also been the same. Like the Apostle Paul with his friend Philemon, ***I have derived much joy and comfort from your love***

My prayer for you, as you began this new adventure, is also the same as Paul's, ***I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.***

Be Hope-filled, Stay Strong and God Bless,

Pastor Carl

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Special Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2023**

A special meeting called by President Kevin Graff was called to order at 7PM on Monday, June 26, 2023. President Graff opened the meeting with prayer.

Members present: Kevin Graff, Kurt Willhite, Brian Benedict, John Smith, Steve Halter, Courtney Thram, Kari Halter, Janice Werner and Deb Furth.

This meeting was called for the express purpose of having a discussion about the direction OSLC should take regarding the future with Pastor Steven Walswick as a potential pastor for our church. Pastor Walswick had conducted the service at OSLC on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

After some discussion amongst council members, Deb moved to continue the call process as stated in our constitution, per the recommendation of the call committee, and upon receiving references and background information for Pastor Steven Walswick. Courtney seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The constitution requires that in order to offer the position to Pastor Walswick, a congregational vote is required on the 3rd Sunday after a 2 week consecutive notice of this vote. OSLC will vote on July 16, 2023.

Kurt moved to give President Graff permission to discuss financial compensation with Pastor Walswick if he were to be offered and accept the job. Brian seconded and the motion carried.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2023**

These minutes were recorded at the last council meeting and will be approved at the next meeting.

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on July 5, 2023 in fellowship hall. Members present were Kevin Graff, Kari Halter, Deb Furth, John Smith, Janice Werner, Steve Halter, Courtney Thram, Brian Benedict, and Pastor Carl Billings. Absent: Kurt Willhite

President Graff called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Pastor Carl led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: June council minutes were read by Deb. Corrections to secretary's report – Pastor prefers to use the CEV version of the Bible, not the ESV; Pastor Randy Freund, not Freune; Typo error in LG&S corrected the word “form” to the word “from”; Burgers, Bibles & Brew corrected to Bibles, Burgers & Brew. John moved and Steve seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the June checking balance of \$36,707.71 and savings balance of \$45,980.85. On a motion by Deb and seconded by Janice, the report was approved. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

1. Pastoral Activities
 1. Communion Service Valley View Care Center
 2. Four Personal Communion
 3. One Pastoral visitation
 4. Letter to potential caring callers going out this week
 1. Training happening on July 23rd
 - One Pastoral Counseling session
 5. One Pastoral Counseling session
2. Vacation Bible School
 1. Education Staff pulled off a great VBS
 1. Pastor was delighted to be a part of it
 2. Palm Fronds Burn for the Ash Wednesday

June 7, 2023 Council Minutes Continued

3. Area Churches met on Wednesday June 28 to discuss Pastoral Vacancy
 1. Encourage Churches to reach out and help
 1. Inviting Storden and Jeffers to be a part of our Confirmation program
4. Bible, Burgers and Brews has had good start
 1. People from various area churches have attended
 1. Big Thank you to Mike and Kris Vollmer
5. Interim Pastor's Suggestion
 1. A door with a window in the Pastor's study
 2. World Mission Partner as part of your budget
 1. Tartu Academy – Bible theological college
6. Final Schedule – see new business discussion
7. Pastor Carl would like a letter of recommendation for his file from our congregation

Committee Reports

Education: Courtney reported no meeting, but reported VBS went well with about 45 students attending each night. Money collected during the coin battle was donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Their next meeting will focus on Sunday School and Rally Day. Council asked Courtney to bring up the subject of asking Storden/Jeffers confirmation students to join us, as they are without a full time pastor.

Worship and Music: Janice reported no meeting. She bought a new refrigerator for the altar guild room from Bot appliance in Marshall. OSLC received a \$300 discount because it was for a church. They delivered the new one and took the old one

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kurt was absent, but through a text, said they would be looking for volunteers to help with the ice cream social on July 19.

Property: Brian had looked into the problem with the kitchen faucets. Steve moved to give Brian permission to replace the kitchen faucets at the church, to do whatever is needed for the lights in the parsonage, and look into putting a window on pastor's study door at the church. Kari seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Bibles, Burgers & Brew speaker: Kris Vollmer requested approval to have a guest speaker for BBB, which would possibly require a fee & mileage. Council is OK with this request. It is recommended to ask the Methodist Church to share the cost, possibly take an offering that night at BBB and find out from Kris about an approximate cost.

Old records in basement: The question came up about old records in the church basement and how much we need to keep. Kevin will look at the records and find out about how much we need to keep and will decide what to do. Pastor Carl said we need to make sure we keep all baptismal records.

Results of rural pastors meeting in Springfield: Pastor Carl and Steve attended the meeting. See #5 in the Pastor's report.

Trust – Room dividers funding: Trust has \$76,000 in the building improvement fund. Council will continue to look for options.

New Business

Pastor Steven Walswick approval process: A congregational vote will be taken after the July 16th worship service. Positive comments have been reported about Pastor Walswick's workshop service on June 25. Council feels he would be a good fit for us and will proceed with talks with Pastor Walswick, his references, and background check.

Nicole vacation: Nicole Kramin, church secretary, will be on vacation Monday, August 21 to Thursday, August 25.

Parsonage lights and other issues: See property committee report. Pastor Carl recommended we get a new desk chair for the Pastor's Study in church. The handrail for the basement stairs at the parsonage should be put back in place.

Modern Woodmen: Grace Guggisberg is willing to put in to Modern Woodmen a request for RRC school supplies, which is our July mission emphasis.

Communion Assistants

July 9th – Deb and John

Adjournment: With no further business to conduct, John moved to adjourn and Brian seconded. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next council meeting will be Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 7 PM. Meeting ended 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Deb Furth
 Council Secretary

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
July 16, 2023**

A congregational meeting was called to order by President Kevin Graff at 10:00 AM, after church services, July 16, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to act on the recommendation of the call committee and approval of council, to extend the call to Pastor Steve Walswick to become Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lambertton.

The ushers passed out paper ballots for congregational members to vote yes or no on whether to hire Pastor Steve. While people voted, members were invited to ask questions or express concerns about this call. First question: Will family be living in Lambertton? Answer: Probably not immediately, but eventually when it works for the family to move. Question 2: How many days/week will he be here? Answer: Pastor Steve will perform full-time duties here, but may be commuting back and forth for family events. President Graff stated that in a conversation with Pastor Steve, it was looking like the start date would be rally day Sunday in September, 2023. Details will be worked out if Pastor Steve accepts the call. President Graff then thanked the call committee for all of their work. The ushers then presented the ballot count of 80 voting yes and 3 no, to call Pastor Steve to be our new pastor. Rich Arkell moved to adjourn the meeting and Cory Blomgren seconded. Motion carried. President Graff ended the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary



Sunday School Registration

Please email or call the church office by August 7
All youth in grades nursery (3-year-old preschool) - 9th grade are invited and encouraged to join us for Sunday School!

If you are a non-member or if you know of someone that would like to have their child included in our Sunday School classes or have a child who will be Age 3 by August 31, 2023.

This ensures we have them enrolled here at Our Savior's. This will also give the Board of Ed time to order the correct number of books and classroom supplies needed for each grade level.

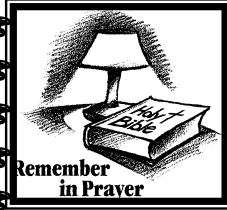
**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ◆ **Help Needed!**
The Board of Ed is looking for teachers and substitute teachers for the 2023-24 school year. Many of our teachers share a class, so neither have to commit to every week!



High schoolers: YOU make great teachers! Or our younger classes can use an assistant to help out the teacher. This could also be a shared position, so you wouldn't have to commit every week.

Please consider helping out with the education of our youth. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board soon!



Please note our list of people needing our prayers regularly. This list is much more complete since it addresses ongoing issues while the Sunday bulletin list is aimed at more immediate concerns. We ask that you would keep all these people in your prayers each day.

- Karen Kronbach (major surgery, has caring bridge site)
- Duane Erickson (awaiting lung transplant approval)
- Harlan Halter (health issues)
- Kim Churchill Oelfke (stroke & cancer)
- Vicki Churchill Schenk (cancer treatments)
- Maria Bedner (stage 4 ovarian cancer)
- Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)



Pray for people affected other disasters ...



~ Hospitalized ~

Because of privacy laws, a phone call from a family member or friend is the best way to make sure the pastor is notified if you or a loved one are hospitalized or in a nursing home or would like a pastoral visit.

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS

~Suicide Awareness~

August's Mission is Suicide Awareness. Minnesota's suicide prevention efforts are based on the belief that suicides are preventable, mental illness is treatable, and recovery is possible. The goals of the Minnesota Suicide Prevention Plan include:

- Supporting healthy and empowered individuals, families, and communities to increase protection from suicide risk.
- Coordinating the implementation of effective programs by clinical and community preventative services providers to promote wellness, build resilience, and prevent suicidal behaviors.
- Promoting suicide prevention as a core component of health care services.
- Increasing the timeliness and usefulness of data systems relevant to suicide prevention and improving the ability to collect, analyze and use this information for action.
- Sustaining suicide prevention efforts.

Donations will be used to support local and/or statewide efforts to decrease suicide.

If you desire to support our mission, please use the blue envelopes provided in the pews and mark the envelopes, "Suicide Awareness." You can put them into the offering plate.



You may also give your donation online via our website or use the link below and select 'mission'.
<https://osclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>
 Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!
 Thanks for your support!

PRAYER CHAIN



If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please contact Judy Kuehl, 752-7128, or the church office. Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer chain and/or included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for two (2) Sundays unless request is renewed. Thank you.

Media System Operator Schedule

August 6, 2023	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
August 13, 2023	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
August 20, 2023	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)
August 27, 2023	Carter Beranek (507-822-4575)



BUDGET RECAP
as of 7/23/2023

Total Outstanding:

Accounts Payable	\$0
Estimated Payroll	\$4,000.00

Income:

6/18/23— 7/23/23	\$20,634.84
In Checking Acct.	\$45,017.16
In Savings Acct.	\$45,980.85

Needed weekly to

Meet budget	\$2,824.62
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Online Giving

To assist you with your stewardship ministry, you may make a gift online! You may visit our website or use the link.

<https://oslclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may still mail checks to the church office.

**Address found on last page of newsletter.*



AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Judie Harnack
Mary Jo Vollmer

RALLY SUNDAY
is September 10th!!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday School classes begin on Rally Day: Sunday, September 10

AUGUST ACOLYTE & VIDEO SCHEDULE
9:00 A.M.
Worship Service



August 6, 2023
Jadyn Beranek & Treyton Knutson
Video: Sophie Paplow

August 13, 2023
Colton Jeckell & _____
Video: Dawson Mariner

August 20, 2023
Marshal Willhite
Video: Kysha Wani



August 27, 2023
Aron Van Meveren
Video: Sophie Paplow

Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement for your designated worship service. Thank you!!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

As always, Our Savior's Lutheran Church is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible to direct Choice Dollars, we ask you to consider our congregation as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds.

For more information about how to designate Choice Dollars visit: Thrivent.com/choicevote or call 800-847-4836.





Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

August Birthdays

- 1st - Chris Neperman
- 2nd - Cory Blomgren, Damian Osland, Alvin Wille, Karen Beranek
- 4th - Melissa Hoffrogge
- 5th - Karlynn Churchill
- 6th - Arlene Theis, Paul Clarken
- 9th - Michael Koch
- 10th - Cody Denham
- 11th - Mary Gorder, Connie Lambert, Kelsi Holman, Craig Polkow, Braylon Bedner
- 12th - Oliver Benedict
- 13th - Gary Evers
- 14th - Jason Hoffrogge
- 16th - Breyten Sauer
- 17th - Glenn Pfarr, Aubrey Willhite
- 18th - Suzanna Kronback
- 20th - Brandon Knutson, Sharon Vollmer
- 21st - Steven Burns, Trenton Blomgren
- 23rd - Abby Furth, David Rue, Heath Wendt, Wendy Wondercheck
- 24th - Michael Watercott
- 26th - Andrew Coulter, Ruth Churchill, Noah Keck
- 27th - Ryan Wondercheck
- 28th - Stacy Osland
- 29th - Misty Willhite
- 30th - Dallin Petersen, Terry Neperman
- 31st - Bruce Anderson, Daniel Schrupp, Courtney Bedner, Braylen Braulick



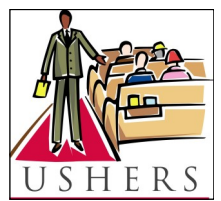
August



- 1st - Shawn & Shelly Willhite
- 3rd - Pete & Sharon Furth
- 4th - Samuel & Tegan Halter
- 7th - Charly & Deb Furth
Roger & Kerri Zimmermann
- 11th - Dan & Mindi Hesse
Allan & Janice Werner
- 12th - Cory & Shanice Churchill
- 14th - Cole & Nicole Churchill
- 15th - Paul & Bobbie Willer
Michael & Kris Vollmer
- 18th - Brandon & Kayla Casey
- 20th - John & Jodene Mariner
- 21st - Kris & Megan Imker
- 23rd - Chris & Amy Paplow
Daniel & Lindsay Kronbach
- 26th - Ed & Gayle Erickson
Kurt & Lisa Willhite
- 29th - Ed & Janet Jeckell
Rick & O Detta Manthei
Ralph & Jean Price

AUGUST USHER SCHEDULE

- Tim Osland
- Damian Osland
- Tom Halter
- Todd Mattison



Darren Rue—Sub



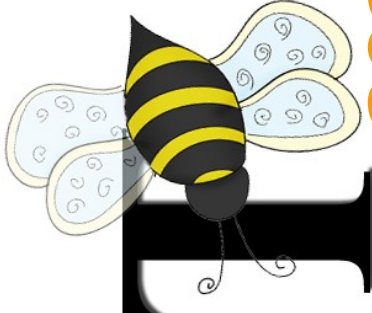
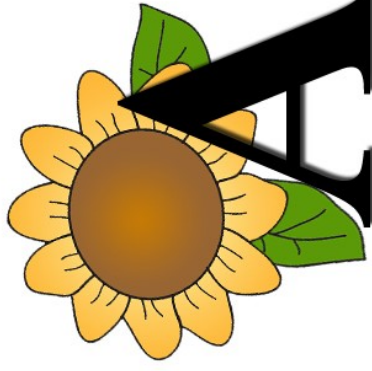
TAXI
Please call
an Usher by
Fridays for a ride!

Summer Time



- 1. Parrot
- 2. Watermelon
- 3. Whale
- 4. Bird
- 5. Palm
- 6. Airplane
- 7. Sunscreen
- 8. Cocktail
- 9. Skydiving
- 10. Sun


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Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

*Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 7:00 Church Council	<i>3</i> 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	<i>4</i> Church Office Closed 9:30 VVM Services	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> 9:00 Worship/Communion	<i>7</i> Offices Closed	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	<i>11</i> Church Office Closed
<i>13</i> 9:00 Worship/Communion	<i>14</i> Offices Closed 8am Newsletter Articles Due!	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	<i>18</i> Church Office Closed
<i>20</i> 9:00 Contemporary Worship	<i>21</i> Offices Closed	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	<i>25</i> Church Office Closed
<i>27</i> 9:00 Worship	<i>28</i> Offices Closed	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	<i>26</i> 

Please Note: Nicole will be gone the week of August 21st. If you need something from the church office, please plan ahead. Thank you!

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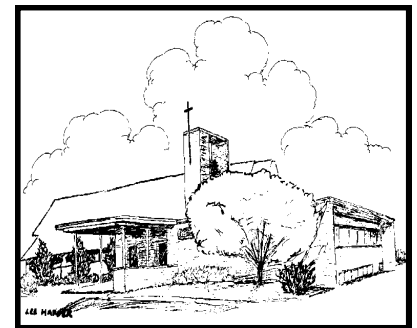
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Worship Services:

Sundays: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
(Sept.-May)

Cable Broadcast of Services:

Lamberton -WED: 4:00 P.M.
Springfield -Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.

The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is to demonstrate Christ's Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of this church and the community.

Please have bulletins announcements into the church office by 10am Tuesday mornings.

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Please have your Newsletter articles and calendar items into the church office as designated on the monthly calendar.