



# PARTNERS



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***So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.***

**Romans 12:5**

***If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.***

**1 Corinthians 12:26**

The last year plus has been a year of transition for Lambertton as you have searched for your next permanent Pastor. Let me repeat that I am committed to being your interim Pastor until you find the next Pastor.

Lamberton's struggle to find that Pastor is not unusual because there is a shortage of pastors. Most of you know that both Saint John's in Springfield and Jeffers/Storden are beginning the same transition that Lambertton has been walking through. In addition, several other parishes in Southwest Minnesota are either vacant or have had a long-term interim. The question is how we can provide quality Pastoral care and leadership to these congregations, including our own. It is a challenge.

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) is unusual among Lutheran denominations in that it is a congregational network. In other words, the power and authority of the network lie at the congregational level. This means that when we face a challenge, we must band together as congregations to meet it. Paul's reminder that we are all members of one body applies to congregations as much as it does to individuals. He is correct when he points out in First Corinthians that when one suffers, we all suffer, and when one rejoices, we all rejoice.

So in light of that, LCMC Pastors in Southwest Minnesota met on May twenty-third to discuss and strategize how to meet this challenge. Below is a summary by Pastor Randy Freund, Service Coordinator for Augustana District, LCMC

***So, yesterday, ten area LCMC pastors gathered in Springfield to talk about how we might be helpful, with all the open calls in the area. We had a productive and hopeful meeting. All 10 were committed to the whatever the next steps are. What we are proposing is that these pastors and congregational leaders gather to discuss possibilities (short and long term). We are looking at a two-hour time on a Wednesday or Thursday. Each congregation can decide who and how many would come. We would like this to happen between now and early July if possible. Currently, we are looking at these dates: June 7,8.....June 14, 15.....June 28, 29.....July 5,6. We would likely meet at St. Paul Lutheran in Springfield, MN.***

So what can you do? First and foremost pray!

- Continue to pray for our next permanent Pastor.
- Pray for those congregations that are facing the same search in coming months.
- Pray that God would call Men and Women to ordain ministry in Southwest Minnesota, and other rural areas through out our nation.

In addition to prayer, seriously consider attending the above meeting as we meet this challenge together.

Be Hope-filled, Stay Strong and God Bless.

Pastor Carl

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 4, 2023**

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on May 4, 2023 in the fellowship hall. Members present were Kevin Graff, Kari Halter, Deb Furth, John Smith, Janice Werner, Steve Halter and Pastor Carl Billings. Members absent: Courtney Thram, Kurt Willhite and Brian Benedict.

President Graff called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and Pastor Carl led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: April council minutes were read by Deb. Corrections to secretary's report – March (not January) minutes from last meeting were read and VBS will be from June 11 (not 10) to June 15, 2023. Steve moved and Janice seconded to approve as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the April checking balance of \$43,502.21 and savings balance of \$45,921.05. On a motion by John and seconded by Steve, the report was approved. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Carl is still working on visitations. There will be a baptism on May 21, 2023. He met with Life, Growth and Stewardship Committee member, Kris Vollmer, in regards to starting a care team. Has sermons planned up to June 24. A Gideon member stopped by to ask for permission to do a presentation. Council directed Pastor to suggest a possible short presentation in July or August on a non-communion Sunday.

**Committee Reports**

Education: Courtney sent information to Kevin. Confirmation on May 7, last day of Sunday School, May 14<sup>th</sup> and VBS June 11 – 15. They are looking for help with VBS.

Worship and Music: Janice reported they met April 13. The refrigerator is acting up in the altar guild room. Will probably need to be replaced. Pastor Carl would prefer to use the English Standard Version Bible instead of the Common English Version Bible. He feels that some of the meanings of the scripture are altered with the ESV. Pastor should use what he is comfortable with.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Pastor talked with Kris. The brochure is ready to go and they will begin to form care teams.

Property: Brian texted Kevin to report that Jess Bittner put new edges on the steps by the offices. The railing at the parsonage will be modified and taken care of by Elevator Works.

**Old Business**

Call Committee Updates: Pastor Steve Walswick, from Alexandria is a potential pastoral candidate. He will come to Lamberton the weekend of June 24-25 to visit and conduct the service on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

Sunday School Dividers: Still working on those. Deb checked out the divider at school and got the name and number for that company.

Backpack Food Program: Kevin, Kurt and Deb went to Wabasso on Tuesday, May 2, to pick up the food order for the remainder of the school year, and brought it back to Red Rock Central. The program will resume in the fall.

Baccalaureate: Will be held at OSLC on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 7 PM.

**New Business**

Burgers, Bibles and Brew: Will start on Thursdays in June with Pastor Carl and Pastor Cathy from the Methodist Church. Working on sound and projection system needs. More information coming at our next meeting.

Member request: A member requested the use of a church podium (currently in a storage room) for an outdoor family wedding in September. Steve moved to allow the family to borrow the podium. Kari seconded. Motion passed.

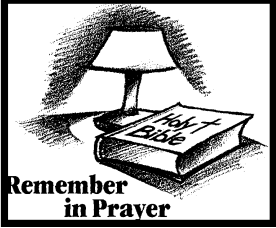
**Communion Assistants**

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Sunday @ 10 AM - Deb & John

May 14<sup>th</sup> – First Communion - Kari and Deb

**Adjournment:** With no further business to conduct, John moved to adjourn. Kari seconded. Motion passed. The next Council meeting will be Thursday, June 1, 2023. The meeting was closed at 7:55 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Furth  
Council Secretary



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.

- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
- Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)
- Maria Bedner (stage 4 ovarian cancer)
- Diane Nalley (broken ankle recovery)

Pray for people affected other disasters ...



**BUDGET RECAP**  
as of 5/21/2023

<b>Total Outstanding:</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$0
Estimated Payroll	\$4,000.00
<b>Income:</b>	
4/16/23— 5/21/23	\$10,007.71
In Checking Acct.	\$43,870.23
In Savings Acct.	\$45,921.05
<b>Needed weekly to Meet budget</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>

**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://oslcclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may still mail checks to the church office.  
*\*Address found on last page of newsletter.*



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

**June 4, 2023**  
Dominic Senst & Kysha Wani  
**Video:** Marshal Willhite

**June 11, 2023**  
Paige Wondercheck & Dawson Mariner  
**Video:** Colton Jeckell

**June 18, 2023**  
Austin Werner  
**Video:** Jadyn Beranek



**June 25, 2023**  
Braylon Bedner  
**Video:** Aron Van Meveren

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



**PRAYER CHAIN**

If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please contact Judy Kuehl, 507-822-1716, 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.

**JUNE USHER SCHEDULE**

- Rich Arkell
- Roger Zimmermann
- Dave Vollmer
- Holden Mariner
- Tim Osland—Sub



**TAXI**  
Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!

### YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED!

We are in need of a couple more members for the Worship & Music Team. This group gives its input to the creation of our worship services and includes members from the media group, organist, altar guild, and pastor. All you need is your viewpoint of what great worship services should include! We meet quarterly at the most, so time commitments are at a minimum.

Please contact someone on the team if interested: Janice Werner, Molly Werner, Sharon (Dave) Vollmer, Char Graff, or Pastor Carl. Please join us--we're a fun group!



### Please join us for our Vacation Bible School Program!

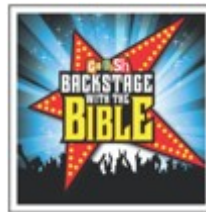
Come see what we've been learning all week!

**VBS Program June 15th @ 7:30 P.M.**

Join us for Rootbeer Floats following the program!

Everyone welcome!!

### Join us for Vacation Bible School! We are Backstage with the Bible with the Go Fish Guys!



All students entering Kindergarten this fall through those just finishing 6th grade are invited to join in the fun! Older youth can come as helpers!

**Sunday, June 11 - Thursday, June 15 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Each night, youth will sing, dance, learn about a bible story, create during craft time and dig into science experiments. We know schedules may be busy, so while we would love for you to join us all five nights, please come to as many as work. If you have a friend who isn't a member at Our Saviors and would like to join us, super - bring them along! Do let Nicole at the church office know their name and grade so we can add them to our list.

Students will receive a light supper as part of the VBS program thanks to the very generous Women's Circles.

#### 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](http://Thrivent.com/choicevote) or call 800-847-4836.



#### May Media Operator Schedule

June 4, 2023	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
June 11, 2023	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)
June 18, 2023	Charlie Dammann (507-822-3163)
June 25, 2023	Val Halter (507-276-0008)





Wishing You a

Happy Birthday!

June Birthdays

- 1st - Aaron Geske, Krista Kronback, Xander Menter, Wyatt Kronbach
- 2nd - Quintin Willhite, Brayden Vollmer
- 3rd - Lucas Erickson
- 6th - Carol Giersdorf, Max Erickson, Levi Jeckell
- 7th - Vincent Menter
- 8th - Kylee Manthei, Eleanor Evans
- 10th - Kylie Redenius, Corrie Vollmer, Brenda Anderson, Randy Hammerschmidt, Karen Neperman, Deb Thram
- 11th - Aaron Furth
- 12th - Brian Kramin
- 13th - Brenner Sauer
- 15th - Bill Pfarr, Todd Horning, David Kurtz III
- 16th - Steven Rue
- 17th - George Bedner
- 18th - Rich Arkell, Kalen Manthei
- 19th - Zachary Kircher, David Vollmer, Karen Vogel, Jenna Paplow
- 20th - Trent Mattison, Jean Lange
- 22nd - Mary Jo Vollmer
- 24th - Betty Kronback, Steven Winseth
- 25th - Kurt Willhite
- 26th - Allison Rue, Jon Keck, Michelle Koppen
- 29th - Jocelyn Geske, Braedon Mariner



June



- 4th - Justin & Courtney Thram, Ryan & Wendy Wondercheck
- 5th - Dave & Rozzie Egenes, Jay & Jocelyn Geske
- 9th - Darren & Allison Rue
- 11th - Kevin & Char Graff
- 12th - Butch & Sandy Danielowski
- 14th - Bruce & Barb Anderson
- 16th - Lynn & Betty Keck
- 17th - Mike & Barb Johnson
- 18th - Steve & Meridith Flaig
- 19th - Stephen & Kristina Jeckell
- 20th - Todd & Jeannie Horning
- 21st - Tom & Karen Neperman
- 23rd - Karl & Judy Dagner
- 25th - Dale & Sandy Gustad
- 28th - Chad & Denise Mattison
- 29th - Wade & Molly Werner, Jon & Ashley Keck
- 30th - Dave & Sharon Vollmer




**JUNE ALTAR GUILD**

Jill Irlbeck  
Jean Price

***Our Savior's Women Info***

Each circle has been assigned to help with sandwiches & milk for Vacation Bible School.

Please check your book to see which evening your circle will serve, and help out if you can at 6:30pm.



June 11 - Hope

June 12 - Grace

June 13 - Truth

June 14 - Love

June 15 - Charity

## "Stewardship Sound Bites"

Do you have talents such as teaching, singing, leading, working with children? Can you cook, bake, serve coffee? Are you available to help with funerals, altar guild or to usher? Are you a handyman/person, like working with flowers, roses? Each of us has been given unique talents that God wishes us to use & share.

### MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

*"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey." – Matthew 25:14-15*

What does it mean to be a steward? A steward is another word for *manager*.

Now I realize the title *manager* is not quite as sexy as *leader*. (To be a bold leader sounds inspiring, while *manager* sounds a little mundane.)

But the fact is – Jesus describes Christians as *managers* whom God entrusts to care for what He has given.

To communicate this concept, Jesus told a parable. Three servants were given different amounts of money – referred to as talents. A talent was a large amount of gold, silver or copper weighing close to 75 pounds. In other words, a talent was a huge amount of wealth! So what happened? Each servant was given an amount of wealth to manage – based upon his individual abilities. Don't miss this: Jesus was demonstrating that while we do not all have equal abilities, we all should have equal opportunities and responsibilities.

Time passed and the man returned to see what these servants had done with all they were entrusted. The first two servants doubled their wealth, earning the man's equal praise and increased responsibility. The third servant, however, hid his talent out of fear, neither losing nor increasing the wealth. The man was unhappy with this third servant and took back what he had entrusted and gave it to the man with the most talents. He gave it to the one he knew would make the most of it.

What was Jesus teaching in this parable?

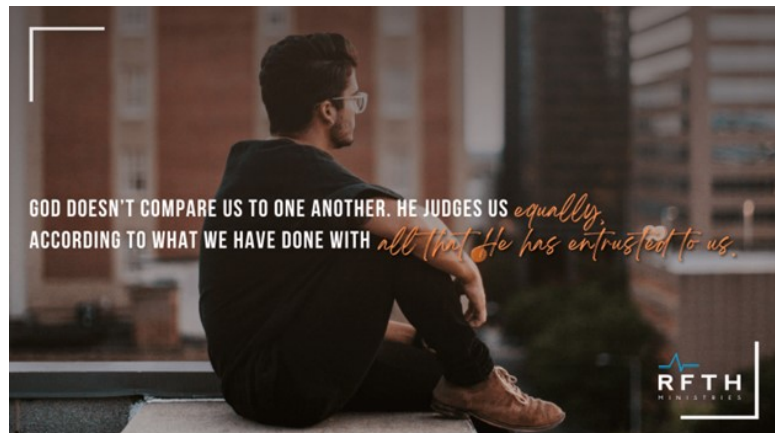
1. *We are all created unique and unlike anyone else.*
2. *Jesus knows our skills and entrusts us within those abilities.*

*God doesn't compare us to one another. He judges us equally, according to what we have done with all that He has entrusted to us.*

In other words, God wants us to make the most of what we're given, whether it's money, abilities or opportunities. If we aren't willing to do that, it will be taken away.

So how are you doing managing what God has entrusted to you?

<https://rightfromtheheart.org/devotions/make-the-most-of-what-god-has-given/>



**JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS**  
**~Shetek Bible Camp~**

**A place where**  
**Christ renews & empowers**

Shetek Lutheran Ministries is a year-round camp on Keeley Island on Lake Shetek. We offer safe, fun, faith-forming summer camps for children and youth, relaxing year-round retreats and meeting spaces, and creative environmental education. We are a Christian camp, with Lutheran expression.

You can use the blue envelope in the pews or your own envelope and write "Shetek" on it to designate for mission giving. You may also give your donation online via our website or use the link below and select 'mission'.  
<https://oslclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>  
 Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!  
 Thanks for your support!



**Mission**  
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***Our Savior's Women News***

The Women of Our Savior's met on May 14, 2023.

We watched the video that went with our Bible study and had discussion on it.

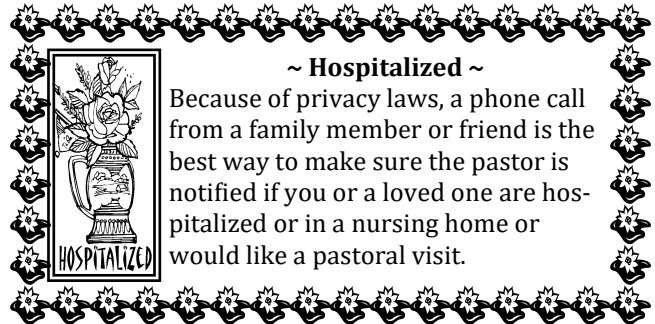
We voted to send \$50 to the Catholic Women to help with packing birthday bags for the food shelf.

We had a request from Sola for money for a future building project. We voted not to do so at this time.

We made plans to furnish lunch and entertainment for the VVM birthdays in May.

We discussed putting the list of circles helping with Bible school snacks in the bulletin. Mary Jo led prayers and coffee was served.

Judie Harnack, Secretary



**~ 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.

**LUTHER LEAGUE NEWS**

Another year of Luther League has been completed, at our last meeting we discussed summer events and wrapped up how they thought Luther League went and what they would change/add. The group decided to send the Seniors off with a trip to Valley fair with the Community Summer Rec and welcome the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders by extending the invite to them as well. With that being said, please watch your mailboxes the first few weeks of summer for the permission slip. I will leave a box in the church kitchen for them. The deadline is **JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>** with NO exceptions after that. I will be getting the check and permission slips to Jenny/Stacey right after that so they can plan bussing before their deadline. I did also add parents' signature to the church's permission slip, I need BOTH papers back that I'm sending out for you to go on this trip. Any questions, please feel free to reach out.

VVM reached out and asked us if we would be willing to donate or make a "mourning quilt" to lay on the bed of the resident who passed so the family could look at the quilt vs an empty bed. There was quite a bit of positive discussion on this so I'll gather prices and information on it, and we can keep this topic in the que for future progress.

I'm not sure how the falls meetings will go as Trudi will no longer be helping me and I'll be hopefully helping with fall work. Unless I hear from another set of parents to help me out, I'll do my best to host meetings and fundraisers, as well as suppers but I can't commit during Harvest. Please reach out if you have any interest or want to attend a meeting. Trudi, Kevin, Mike and I truly are thankful for the time we got to spend with your children during the year. Each of them are a blessing and we look forward to watching them grow in God's faith.

# Bibles, Burgers & Brew



Weave faith into your busy lives

Midweek Fellowship

Welcoming all ages and all faith walks

Come as you are, share a meal and a Bible based message

**Thursdays beginning June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 pm**

Lamberton American Legion

Sponsored by the United Methodist Church & Our Saviors Lutheran of Lamberton

*(Burger Bar & beverage on your own)*

Bibles, Burgers and Brew (BBB) is a midweek community church service which will be held at the social hall of the Lamberton Legion. You might be wondering how this idea came to be. Our Saviors Lutheran Church supports a "church planter" in Sioux Falls SD called The Table Ministry. Church planters are new congregations that are starting up in the LCMC (Lutheran Congregation in Ministry for Christ). Several members of Our Saviors have visited The Table Ministry and found value in their approach to worship. "Meeting people where they are". What is unique about The Table Ministry is that they meet in a bar! Shenanigan's Bar & Grill has hosted them since the beginning in 2021 and until they can secure a permanent place to meet & worship they will continue to hold services there.

So how do we do this in Lamberton, MN? We bring together people from our community, we make it safe, we make it convenient, and we make it about finding Jesus in the everyday of our lives. Pastor Carl Billings, Interim minister at Our Saviors and Pastor Kathy Tetrick Hoffbeck of the United Methodist Church are on board for assisting and leading the worship. We are looking for folks who would like to share their guitar or keyboard talents as well as singing to help lead the music selections. Play & sing one night or for the whole summer! You can contact the church office of either church if you are interested in helping with music.

Bibles, Burgers, & Brew will meet on Thursdays at 7:10pm beginning on June 8th. Come early to get your food & beverages. Tim will have a burger bar set up, price to be determined. Yes, you can enjoy a beer. No, you don't have to. We will eat during the service. Services will average about 30 minutes. Stay after for extended fellowship. Kids, bring your parents. Parents, bring your kids. All are welcome. We want this to be a casual gathering, where one can relax and take in the message and feel a sense of belonging.



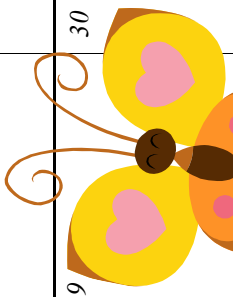


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**F.A.T.H.E.R.S.**  
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 "A" lways there.  
 "T" rustworthy.  
 "H" onoring.  
 "E" ver-loving.  
 "R" ighteous.  
 "S" upportive.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please have your bulletin Announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!				1 6:00 LGS Meeting 7:00 Church Council	2 Church Office Closed	3
4 9:00 Worship/Communion	5 Offices Closed	6	7	8	9 Church Office Closed	10
11 9:00 Worship/Communion 6:00 Vacation Bible School Starts!	12 Offices Closed 6:00 VBS	13 6:00 VBS	14 6:00 VBS	15 6:00 VBS 7:30 VBS Program w/Rootbeer Floats!	16 Church Office Closed	17
18 <b>Happy Father's Day!!</b> 9:00 Contemporary Worship w/Baptism of Karlynn Churchill	19 Offices Closed <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Articles Due!</u>	20	21	22	23 Church Office Closed	24
25 9:00 Worship	26 Offices Closed	27	28	29 	30 Church Office Closed	

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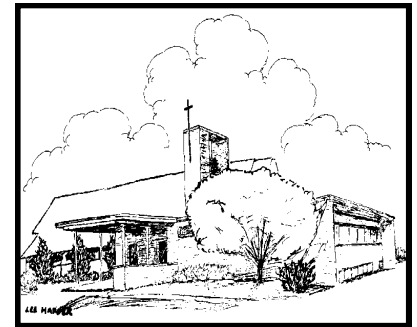
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**Worship Services:**  
Sundays: 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.  
(Sept.-May)

**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/or calendar items into the church office as designated on the monthly calendar.**