



# PARTNERS

MARCH 2023

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## **Our Savior's Friends in Christ,**

As we continue to deal with the challenges of a Pastoral call, winter weather, and other issues, I'd like to thank you, members of the congregation, for your patience and prayers.

Just a short update on the call committee progress. February 5th, Laura Webb came to Our Savior's and conducted the service. She seemed to be a good candidate. Unfortunately for us, she has accepted a call in Iowa so is out of the picture.

February 19, Pastor Will Anderson was going to come and conduct the service. He accepted a call in Wisconsin beforehand so he is also no longer a candidate. Many thanks to Pastor Denton Bennet from St. John's in Springfield for running over and helping us out with that service.

Beginning February 26, we have an Interim Pastor coming. Pastor Carl Billings will be serving our congregation as we continue the process of calling a long term Pastor. Let's make him feel welcome! We have met and conversed with him and he will be a good fit.

Beginning March 5, we will resume the schedule of services at 9am and Sunday School at 10am.

Lenten services will be Wednesdays at 7pm with supper served beforehand. Lets have good food and fellowship before services!

Also, lets support our youth as the Luther League Soup & Pie Supper is February 26th, serving from 4:30-6:30pm.

Yours in Christ,  
Kevin Graff,  
Council Chair

## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES February 8, 2023

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the church library. Members present were Kevin Graff, Kari Halter, Deb Furth, John Smith, Janice Werner, Kurt Willhite, Courtney Thram, Steve Halter and Brian Benedict.

President Graff called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** January council minutes were read by Deb. Kurt moved and Kari seconded to approve as read. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kari reported the January checking balance of \$32,834.09 and savings balance of \$45,878.55. On a motion by John and seconded by Steve, the report was approved. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

**Education:** Courtney reported we had 50 kids present for prayer partners last week. Nursery – 5th grade will sing in church on February 12. She stated that we have good participation numbers.

**Worship and Music:** No report

**Life, Growth & Stewardship:** No committee report, but Kurt informed the group about a letter received from Rachel Karnitz, the Red Rock Central school counselor. The letter, which was sent to all churches in the school district, was asking for participation in a weekend food program for students. The council felt we needed more information about the program, but are definitely interested in helping. Deb will meet with Rachel to get more information and bring it back to the next meeting.

**Property:** Brian reported that he had been in contact with Mike about possible ideas for the classroom curtains in fellowship hall, which is an ongoing project and the committee is still looking into options. There are still a few odds and ends to finish up at the parsonage, one of them being a window replacement. A railing needs to be put by the front door of the parsonage.

### Old Business:

**Youth Leaders:** For now, we are getting by. Still looking for new people to step up for adult leaders for the group.

**Sunday School Dividers:** See property report.

**Interim Pastor status:** Carl Billings, who has agreed to be our interim pastor, came to visit for a day. He has retired recently and has agreed to be in Lambertton for part of the week beginning the end of February. His salary will be dependent on percentage of time spent here. He will be at our next meeting. Pastor Mike will continue to teach confirmation classes, but Pastor Carl will fill in March 8.

**Church Secretary:** It was agreed that the church secretary will receive 1 week of paid vacation/year. Nicole took pictures of updated church parsonage and will be posting on Facebook and church website so congregation members will be able to view.

### New Business

**Youth Confirmation Retreat:** At Luther Crest Bible Camp from March 3-5, 2023. Cost of \$125/student plus mileage for volunteers to drive student there and back. John moved to pay for registration and mileage for confirmation retreat and request money from trust. Kurt seconded. Motion passed.

#### February Church Services:

Sunday, Feb. 5 - Discussion was held about Feb. 5 service with pastoral candidate Laura Webb.

Council thought the service went well and that she did a good job. Council met with her after church and felt she was knowledgeable and confident.

Sunday, Feb. 12 - Randy Freund from Augustana District will be our supply pastor on Sunday, Feb. 12.

Sunday, Feb. 19 - Pastoral candidate Will Anderson, from Lead, South Dakota, will be here the weekend of Feb. 17-19 and will do the service on Feb. 19.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 – Service will be conducted by church members.

Sunday, Feb. 26 – Interim Pastor, Carl Billings, will do the service

**March Church Services:** Services will return to 9 AM worship with Sunday School following.

**Luther League Lock-In** – February 17 at the church

### Communion Assistants

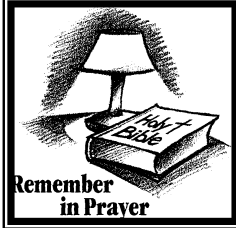
February 12<sup>th</sup> – Courtney and Steve

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Courtney and Deb

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Janice and John

**Adjournment:** With no further business to conduct, Steve moved to adjourn. Brian seconded. Motion passed. The next Council meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> after Lenten services. The meeting was closed at 8:25 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)
- Janet McCloud (GIST tumor cancer treatment)
- Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)
- Maria Bedner (stage 4 ovarian cancer)
- Harlan Halter (health issues)
- Diane Nalley (broken ankle)



Pray for people affected by 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.

**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.

**Media System Operator Schedule**

March 1, 2023 (Wed.)	Char Graff
March 5, 2023	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
March 8, 2023 (Wed.)	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
March 12, 2023	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
March 15, 2023 (Wed.)	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
March 19, 2023	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
March 22, 2023 (Wed.)	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
March 26, 2023	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)

**MARCH MISSION**

**Financial Assistance for Lamberton Swimming Pool: Passes & Lessons**



April's Mission is our very own Lamberton Swimming Pool to provide financial assistance to those that could use some help with swimming lessons and/or swimming passes for 2022!!

**Why your child should learn to swim**

Reasons why your child should learn to swim are many and varied. You need to give your child the chance to learn to swim.

The most important reason is that swimming is the only sport which can save your child's life. Drowning is still one of the most common causes of accidental death in children, so being able to swim is an essential life-saving skill. It's important to remember that children who appear water confident are not always competent swimmers.

**Other reasons why your child should learn to swim**

Swimming is lots of fun for people of all ages and children especially love getting in the water and enjoying themselves.

But it is not just fun, swimming also provides loads of health benefits which can help to keep your children healthy and happy at the same time:

Learning to swim is a skill that once learned is rarely forgotten and it is open to people of all ages.

*Remember, you can't always be there.*

*Learning to swim may save their life one day.*

You can use the blue envelope in the pews or your own envelope and write "missions" 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>

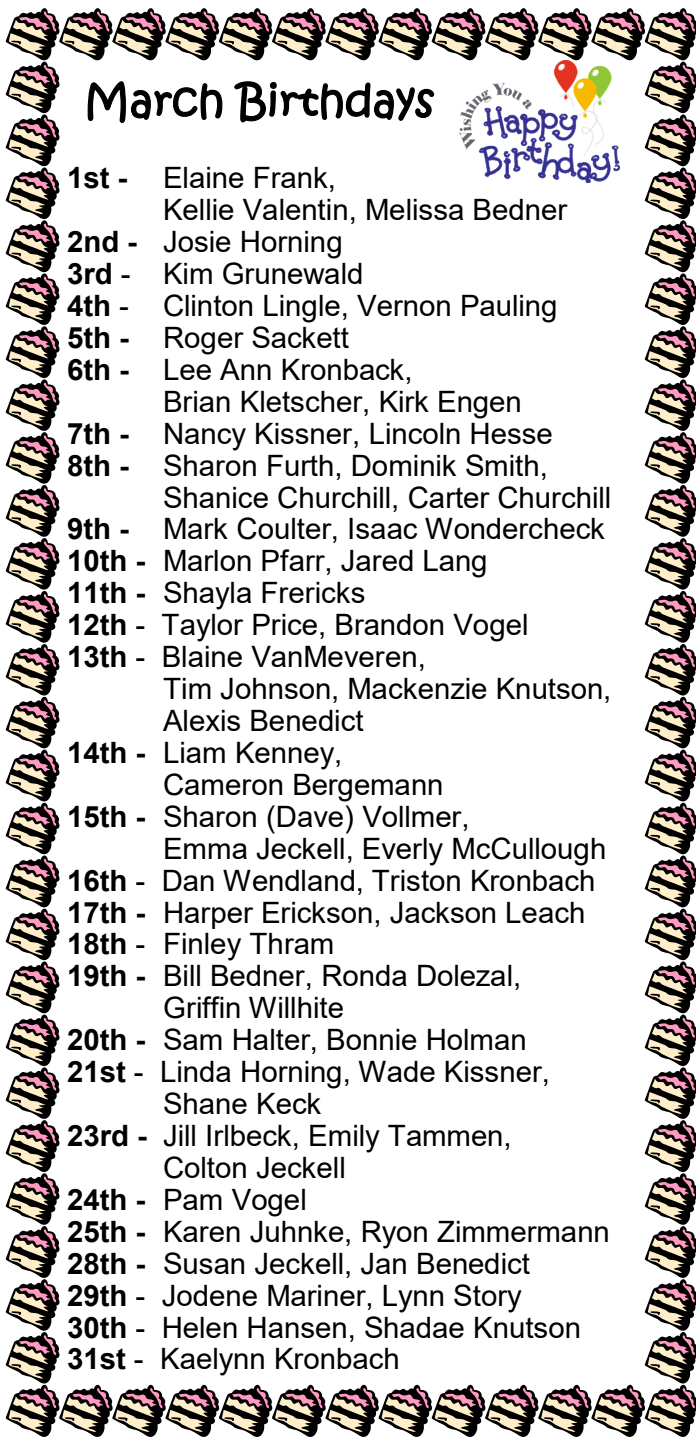
Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!

**Thanks for your support!**

**MARCH ALTAR GUILD**



Sharon Vollmer  
Courtney Thram  
Kris Vollmer



## March Birthdays



- 1st - Elaine Frank, Kellie Valentin, Melissa Bedner
- 2nd - Josie Horning
- 3rd - Kim Grunewald
- 4th - Clinton Lingle, Vernon Pauling
- 5th - Roger Sackett
- 6th - Lee Ann Kronback, Brian Kletscher, Kirk Engen
- 7th - Nancy Kissner, Lincoln Hesse
- 8th - Sharon Furth, Dominik Smith, Shanice Churchill, Carter Churchill
- 9th - Mark Coulter, Isaac Wondercheck
- 10th - Marlon Pfarr, Jared Lang
- 11th - Shayla Frericks
- 12th - Taylor Price, Brandon Vogel
- 13th - Blaine VanMeveren, Tim Johnson, Mackenzie Knutson, Alexis Benedict
- 14th - Liam Kenney, Cameron Bergemann
- 15th - Sharon (Dave) Vollmer, Emma Jeckell, Everly McCullough
- 16th - Dan Wendland, Triston Kronbach
- 17th - Harper Erickson, Jackson Leach
- 18th - Finley Thram
- 19th - Bill Bedner, Ronda Dolezal, Griffin Willhite
- 20th - Sam Halter, Bonnie Holman
- 21st - Linda Horning, Wade Kissner, Shane Keck
- 23rd - Jill Irlbeck, Emily Tammen, Colton Jeckell
- 24th - Pam Vogel
- 25th - Karen Juhnke, Ryon Zimmermann
- 28th - Susan Jeckell, Jan Benedict
- 29th - Jodene Mariner, Lynn Story
- 30th - Helen Hansen, Shadae Knutson
- 31st - Kaelynn Kronbach

## Luther League News

We had our lock-in on 2/17/23, we had a great group of kids that spent the whole night talking, playing games, making memories and of course eating. We hosted this event with the Methodist church and were welcomed with some of their youth. A HUGE thank you to Pastor Cathy, Doug Moody Jr., Chuck and Nancy Amsden, Jill Irlbeck and Trudi Juhnke for playing some great games with the kids. We spent the wee hours of the evening playing a game where one person draws a picture on a piece of paper on the back of another and in a train style, 6 kids deep, drew what they thought was on the first persons back. Basically, a modern twist on the "telephone" game. We then maneuvered our faces to make a cookie travel from their foreheads to their mouths using ONLY their facial muscles. Some of the kids were VERY great at this. Next, we had the youth get a penny out of a panty hoe with only one hand. The kids ended the excitement by trying to get the panty hoe over their entire upper half of their bodies. Next, we had them throw ping pong balls down a table and try and make tick tack toe. This was a close game. White team won 5-4. Next, we blind folded them and had them scoop marshmallows with pie servers and see who could get the most in the bucket. There were a lot of marshmallows on the floor after this. BINGO was next. Doug Moody called bingo numbers and the kids got some pretty sweet prizes, including toothbrushes, socks, candy, flarp, but the best was bright yellow nail polish, thank you to Tildan for sharing and painting some of the boys' toe nails. (Sorry parents)

Us adults then decided it was time to just relax and play a "what we thought" would be an exciting game of phase 10. Three hours later...we were still playing. Trudi was the winner. The kids then engaged in an exciting game of hide and seek and us adults tried to keep our eyes open. It was now around 4 am and the kids seemed to be getting quieter and quieter, we started to get ready for breakfast. Well basically do anything to keep us from melting into the church pews and falling asleep. We fed the kids and had them clean up their spaces and we all said our good nights and departed around 7 am.

It was an amazing feeling listening to the kids laugh and get along so well. These kids were truly amazing, thank you for letting us get to know them all a bit better.

We don't have another meeting now until MAY with Lent and Easter in the next few months BUT we do have the Soup & Pie Supper the end of February where we will all be together again to make some more memories in the Lord's house.

God Bless, LL Leaders



## March



- 4th - James & Bonnie Holman
- 10th - Brian & Vicki Kletscher
- 18th - Elliot & Emily Evans
- 23rd - Steve & Val Halter



**Board of Education  
NEWS:**

**Youth Singing in Church**

Our youth in grades nursery - 5th grade will be singing during the 9 am church service on Sunday March 26.

**Confirmation Retreat**

Please pray for our 11 youth who will be learning and growing in their faith journey on March 3-5

Jake	Holden	Max
Teagen	Marshal	Austin
Trenton	Jadyn	Dawson
Bowen	Aron	

A huge thank you to Jason Willhite, their willing chaperone! Thank you to Trust for providing this opportunity!

8-9 grade will not have Sunday School on Sunday, March 5.

**Confirmation Class Times**

7th grade at 3:45  
8th grade at 4:45  
9th grade at 5:45

**Memory Work**

All youth in our Sunday School program have been working on their memory work. Parents - take a minute to ask them what they are working on. They should have each received a booklet in September with their assigned memory work.

**Prayer Partners**

Our last gathering time of the school year is Sunday, April 2 - Psalm Sunday at 10 am.



**MARCH**

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

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**  
Austin Imker-R  
**Video:** Aron Van Meveren

**March 5, 2023**  
Bowen Hesse-R & Jadyn Beranek  
**Video:** Treyton Kntuson

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**  
Holden Mariner-R  
**Video:** Dawson Mariner

**March 12, 2023**  
Teagen Werner-R & Dominic Senst  
**Video:** Austin Werner

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**  
Trenton Blomgren-R  
**Video:** Sophie Paplow

**March 19, 2023**  
Jake Erickson-R  
**Video:** Max Erickson

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**  
Teagen Werner-R  
**Video:** Austin Werner

**March 26, 2023**  
Austin Imker-R  
**Video:** Kysha Wani



**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**  
Holden Mariner-R  
**Video:** Marshal Willhite

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
BEGINS!**





**BUDGET RECAP**  
as of 2/19/2023

**Total Outstanding:**

Accounts Payable \$0  
Estimated Payroll \$4,100.00

**Income:**

1/22/23— 2/19/23 \$9,816.36  
In Checking Acct. \$35,946.23  
In Savings Acct. \$45,878.55

**Needed weekly to**

**Meet budget** \$3,200.00

**March Lent Services**

Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal  
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal  
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 15, 2023  
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7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal  
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 29, 2023  
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal  
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

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

You may still mail checks to the church office.

*\*Address found on last page of newsletter.*

**When we celebrate Easter, we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ Our Lord and the promise that we, too, if we believe will be raised. It's also a time to remember loved ones who have died in Christ, believing and trusting in God's promise of salvation.**

We will have lilies or an assortment of flowering plants for Easter in memory of those we love. We'll print in the bulletin all those who gave plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you want a plant please fill out the form below.

**Plants may be picked up following the second Easter service.**

**DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd.**

If you mail your form, please call or email the church office to make sure we receive your order in time! [osclamberton@centrytel.net](mailto:osclamberton@centrytel.net)

**PLANTS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Please make checks payable to OSLC.**

Let's fill the church with flowers and let their beauty enhance our Lord's resurrection!

I WANT \_\_\_\_\_ Flowering Plant at \$20 each (Assorted such as Mum/Begonia/Calandiva, no reserved)

I WANT \_\_\_\_\_ Lily (Lilies) at \$20 each

TO BE GIVEN

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

OR

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

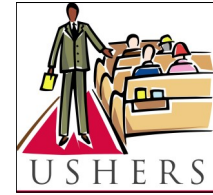
BY \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## OSLC Parsonage Remodel

Pictures from the parsonage remodel are below. Council & Committee members worked very hard on installing new kitchen cabinets, countertops, and flooring in kitchen and 2nd living space. They painted throughout and carpet was also installed in the living room and two bedrooms.

### MARCH USHER SCHEDULE

Brian Werner  
Gary Polkow  
Mike Vollmer  
Chad Coulter



Zak Zimmermann—Sub



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





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# March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by <b>10 A.M. on Tuesdays!</b> THANKS!</p>			<p><i>1</i> 8:00 RRC Testing 3:45 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 8th Grade Confirmation 5:45 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i> <b>Offices Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study  Confirmation Retreat.....</p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p><i>5</i> 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship  .....Confirmation Retreat</p>	<p><i>6</i> <b>Offices Closed</b></p>	<p><i>7</i></p>	<p><i>8</i> 3:45 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 8th Grade Confirmation 5:45 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service 7:30 Church Council</p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i> <b>Offices Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12</i> 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship  <i>* Daylight Saving Time Begins *</i></p>	<p><i>13</i> <b>Offices Closed</b></p>	<p><i>14</i> 1:30 OSW Exec. Board 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p><i>15</i> 3:45 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 8th Grade Confirmation 5:45 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i> <b>Offices Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study </p>	<p><i>18</i></p>
<p><i>19</i> 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p><i>20</i> <b>Offices Closed</b>   <b>Newsletter Articles Due!</b></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>	<p><i>22</i> 3:45 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 8th Grade Confirmation 5:45 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i> <b>Offices Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p><i>25</i></p>
<p><i>26</i> 9:00 Worship N-5 Kids sing during worship! 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p><i>27</i> <b>Offices Closed</b></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i> 3:45 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 8th Grade Confirmation 5:45 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	<p><i>31</i> <b>Offices Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study   <i>The Season of Lent</i></p>	

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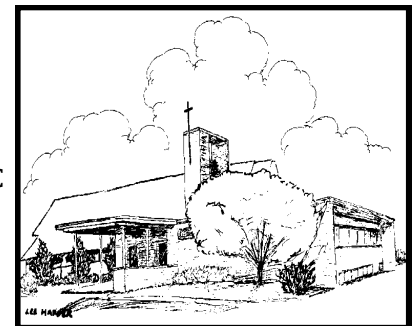
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osclamberton@centurytel.net  
Website: www.osclamberton.com

### **Worship Services:**

Sundays: 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday School 10:15 A.M.  
(Sept.-May)

### **Cable Broadcast of Services:**

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



**"If any want to be my followers,  
let them deny themselves and  
take up their cross and follow me."**  
Mark 8:34

**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 articles into the church office by 10am Tuesday mornings.**  
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- ◆ **Please have your Newsletter articles or calendar items into the church office as designated on the monthly calendar.**