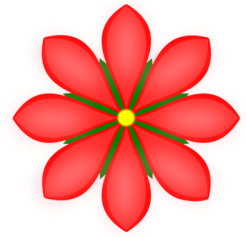


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*Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

*John 20:29-31*

May is going to be an exciting Month at Our Savior's. On May 7th we will be celebrating as seven young Men confirm their faith. They will be saying, Yes Jesus, I want to follow you as my Lord and Savior; yes Jesus I want to serve with my fellow disciples in your body the church; yes Jesus, I want to be your hands and feet to a hurting world. That is something to celebrate. I hope you will be a part of this very special time in these young men's life.

The following Sunday will be another important Sunday in the life of our congregation. As five fifth graders celebrate their first Holy Communion. These children will be taking an important step on their journey of faith. They will be looking to Jesus as their Savior in a new and personal way. Luther in his Small Catechism when talking about the most important way to prepare for the Lord's Supper said, *"Fasting and other outward discipline are indeed good preparation, but people are truly worthy and well prepared who believe these words, 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'"* As our 5th Graders eat the bread and drink from the cup, they will be accepting and acknowledging that Jesus die the cross for them, personally.

As we celebrate with both our Confirmands and First Communicants, it is good time to reaffirm our own faith. We remind ourselves that Jesus also die for us personally; we recommit ourselves to follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior; we remember that we are part of a large family called the body of Christ, and renew our efforts to be Jesus' hands and feet to a hurting world. John in his Gospel sums it up nicely, ***believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.***

Hope you are a part of both of these important celebrations.

Be Hope-filled, Stay Strong and God bless,

Pastor Carl

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 6, 2022**

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on April 5, 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. Pastor Carl joined us via computer. Char Graff attended the meeting and facilitated the technology to have Pastor Carl with us.

President Graff called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and Pastor Carl 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 March checking balance of \$43,118.03 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 reported that he had completed visitations and administered communion to OSL members at Valley View Manor. Council directed Pastor to also visit OSL members in Springfield and Redwood Falls, which he is happy to do. He has been asked to do a service the first Friday of the month at Valley View and he will do that. He received a call to do a wedding the summer of 2024 at Our Savior's. He is happy to do the counseling and the wedding, after meeting with the couple to determine a good connection with them. He also mentioned how enjoyable it has been to work with Pastor Mike teaching the confirmation classes.

**Committee Reports**

Education: Courtney reported VBS will be Sunday, June 10- Thursday, June 15 2023. They are looking at the curriculum from Pastor Carl's previous parish or one we have from the past as a possibility for this year's VBS. First communion for 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be Sunday, May 14, 2023. There will be discussion and instructions for first communion on Sunday April 30, 2023, for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and at least one parent during Sunday School class on that day.

Confirmation classes are back to the normal time beginning April 12, 2023. There are 6 students eligible for confirmation and the education committee recommends all to be confirmed. Steve H moved to approve all eligible students be confirmed on May 7, 2023. Janice W seconded. Motion carried.

A few questions were asked about who pays for summer camperships. In the past, Luther League contributed and it was suggested that OSL would also contribute to the cost for students wanting to attend summer Bible camps.

Worship and Music: Janice reported that they purchased a microphone for Pastor. They will meet Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kurt reported that the committee met on March 13, 2023. They set up a meeting with Pastor Billings to discuss congregational caregiving.

They have developed a welcome brochure to have available in the Narthex and somewhere within the city of Lambertton. Pastor Billings recommended we have pictures of some of the youth programs on the brochure, as he feels we have a strong program in that area.

Lenten meals had less attendance than in previous years. Mindi Hesse and Misty Willhite prepared the meals with OSL members assisting in serving and cleaning up. Looking into possibly getting some financial assistance through Thrivent for the meals. A gift for The Table Ministry was tabled until the next meeting.

New members to the committee are Bridget Arkell and Diane Nalley.

Since our youth group doesn't have a mission trip planned for 2023, a discussion will be held at the next meeting as to where to allocate mission monies in place of that.

The ice cream social is set for July 19, 2023.

A plan to add some "sound bites" to the newsletter encouraging members to use their talents where applicable, is being developed.

Property: No report

**Old Business**

Call Committee Updates: Met on Monday, April 3. Had three applicants and will interview one of them on Thursday, April 13.

**Council Minutes Continued**

Sunday School Dividers: Still working on those. Will continue to investigate.

Backpack Food Program: Food was ordered and school will start distributing this week. Will be handled through the school this spring and OSL will look to the fall to assist with this program.

"Bible, Burgers & Brew" is a potential Bible study program at the Legion on Thursday nights. Pastor Carl and Pastor Cathy are willing to work on this. More updates on this as it develops.

**New Business**

Confirmation: Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 10 AM

Baccalaureate: May 21, 2023, at OSL?

Pastor Jennifer Bennett request: Pastor Bennett is a minister in Storden and Jeffers that is taking a mission trip to Latvia from June 9-18, 2023 and is asking for a donation towards that trip. Her cost is \$3050. John moved to donate \$500 to Pastor Bennett for her trip. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Change Council Meetings to Thursday: Kurt moved and Deb seconded to move council meetings to the first Thursday of the month until further notice to accommodate Pastor Carl's schedule in Lambertton. Motion carried.

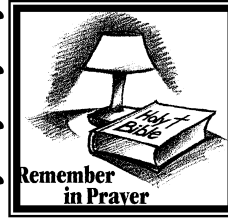
**Communion Assistants**

April 7, 2023 (Good Friday) – Janice W and Steve H

April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday) – John S, Courtney T & Kevin G

**Adjournment**: With no further business to conduct, Brian moved to adjourn. John seconded. Motion passed. The next Council meeting will be Thursday, May 4, 2023. The meeting was closed at 8:15 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)
- Harlan Halter (health issues)
- Diane Nalley (broken ankle recovery)



Pray for people affected by COVID-19 and other disasters ...



**MAY MISSION EMPHASIS**  
**~Ronald McDonald House~**

Keeping families together and near the medical care they need through a network of local Chapters.

Helping a sick child fight their illness takes a big enough emotional toll on a family. Adding a financial strain can make it all almost too much to bear. RMHC can help address those problems, whether they involve housing that's near a hospitalized child, the expense of staying together in another city, or even getting basic medical and dental care in a vulnerable community.

You can use the blue envelope in the pews or your own envelope and write "Ronald McDonald" 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!





**BUDGET RECAP**  
as of 4/16/2023

<b>Total Outstanding:</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$0
Estimated Payroll	\$4,000.00
<b>Income:</b>	
3/19/23— 4/16/23	\$9,085.96
In Checking Acct.	\$43,246.32
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://osclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

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

**OSW News**

Our Savior's Women met April 12, 2023. We watched a video that went over our new Bible Study.

We discussed the recognition of Seniors Sunday at coffee after church May 23.

Also found out we can resume the birthday party at VVM in June. We talked about some entertainment ideas and serving lunch.

Bible School is coming up so the circles will be serving snacks for that.

We closed with prayer.  
Jeannine served coffee.



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



10:00 A.M. May 7, 2023  
**Confirmation Sunday**  
Marshal Willhite & Treyton Knutson  
**Video:**

May 14, 2023  
Paige Wondercheck & Colton Jeckell  
**Video:** Aron Van Meveren

May 21, 2023  
Jadyn Beranek  
**Video:** Braylon Bedner



May 28, 2023  
Treyton Knutson  
**Video:** Sophie Paplow

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

**MAY USHER SCHEDULE**

Cory Blomgren  
Brian Benedict  
John Mariner  
Trenton Blomgren



Bob Halter—Sub



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



**MAY ALTAR GUILD**  
Cheryl Van Meveren  
Wendy Wondercheck

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers for preparing and teaching each week and to the parents for sharing their kids with us! We had a great year! Due to Confirmation, no class on May 7. May 14 will be our last Sunday School time. We have something fun planned, so be sure to join us!

**Memory Work**

All Nursery - 6th graders who completed their memory work will be honored during the Sunday, May 14 church service with a certificate. So proud of these youth for making time to learn more about God's message to us. If your child has completed their memory work, do let their teacher know.

**HELP WANTED!**



We are looking for teachers, group leaders, window painters, craft, games, skit, and media leaders for Vacation Bible school. Please consider helping us with this fun week! Some positions are all week and some just a night or two. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Looking for a summer job?**

Shetek Lutheran Ministries is looking for summer positions including camp counselor and more. Young people must be at least 18 years old. Check out the positions with pay rates at: [shetek.org/work-at-shetek/](http://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/)

**First Communion**

Join us in celebrating First Communion with our 5th grade students on Sunday, May 14. Prayers to them as they grow in their faith.

- Braylen Braulick*
- Levi Jeckell*
- Halle Paplow*
- Dawson Rue*
- Samuel Thillen*
- Abby Thram*
- Isaac Wondercheck*

**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 graders are invited to join in the fun  
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.

**Confirmation Sunday**

You are invited to attend and be part of the Confirmation service on Sunday, May 7, 2023! The worship service time is changed to **10:00 A.M.** that morning. There will NOT be Sunday School that day.

*Blessings to:  
Trenton Blomgren, Jake Erickson, Bowen Hesse, Austin Imker, Holden Mariner, & Teagen Werner as they confirm their faith in the Lord!*



Wishing You a  
**Happy Birthday!**

**MAY Birthdays**

- 1st - Sandy Polkow, Daniel Kronbach
- 2nd - Kierra Petersen, Guy Dammann, Emily Senst
- 4th - Denise Mattison
- 8th - Sam Furth
- 12th - Sally Erickson, Leah Teveldal
- 13th - Sharon Coulter, Marissa Koppen, Kegan Zimmermann, Heather Hacker
- 14th - David Thillen
- 15th - Brenna Pfarr, Eleanor Benedict
- 16th - Brynlee Halter
- 17th - Gracelyn Keck
- 18th - Dawson Mariner
- 22nd - Myron Bedner, Jeff Frank, Mary Neperman, Megan Watercott, Kari Redman, Jace Engen, Jade Engen
- 24th - Katie Furth, Austin Krueger, Jeff Kuehl, Marshal Petersen, Braiden Davis
- 25th - Alex Kircher
- 26th - Tom Halter, Susan Knutson
- 27th - Amber Bergemann
- 28th - Tyler Beermann, Wendy Mattison, Alexandra Eidem
- 29th - Steve Vollmer
- 30th - Judy Dagner, Lillian Johnson



*May*

*Anniversary Celebration*

- 8th - Pete & Kellie Valentin
- 12th - Tim & Stacy Osland, Steve & Alice Schwering
- 14th - Larry & Lee Ann Kronback
- 16th - Jon & Amber Bergemann
- 19th - Dean & Deb Lingle
- 21st - Lynn & Pat Story
- 26th - Roger & Roxie Pfarr
- 27th - Todd & Wendy Mattison
- 29th - Chris & Susan Jeckell



**LUTHER LEAGUE NEWS**

We hope everyone has had an awesome Easter and had time to reflect on its true meaning. We have our final meeting on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:05, we look forward to spending time with everyone, especially our seniors as they count down the days to graduation. We hope everyone will join us. We'd also like to talk about some summer activities so please bring some fun ideas. Again, we look forward to seeing everyone May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:05!!

**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**

May 7, 2023	Char Graff
May 14, 2023	Char Graff
May 21, 2023	Char Graff
May 28, 2023	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)



*Congrats*  
Graduate!



### Senior Recognition

May 21st we will be honoring our seniors! Hope Circle will be serving coffee and light refreshments after church in the fellowship hall for family and friends. Everyone is welcome!

*Our seniors are:*

*Charles Dammann, Madelyn Geske,  
Rachel Holman, Josie Horning, Reilly Hubin, Morgan Huffman, Tucker  
Juhnke, Delaney Willhite, and Lindsey Willhite!*

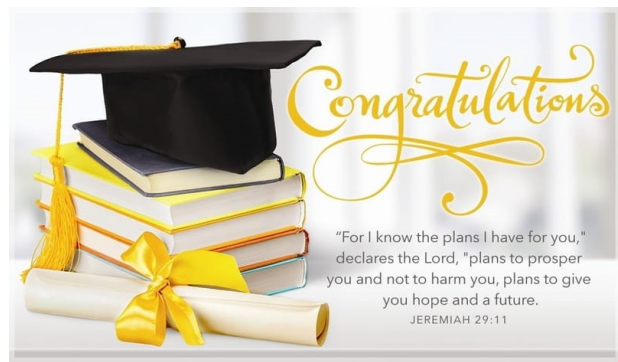
**Congratulations and best wishes in your future endeavors!  
God's blessings be with you!!**

### **RRC Baccalaureate Service**

The clergy from the RRC school district and the Lambertton Ministerium gather in ecumenical worship honoring the graduating seniors of Red Rock Central at the Baccalaureate Service.

The service will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lambertton on **Sunday, May 21st at 7 P.M.**

**Everyone in the community is invited to attend! We hope you will join with them to be a part of this special time.**



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
JEREMIAH 29:11



**PRAYER REQUESTS +**

#### 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.

### *Your Voice Is Needed!*

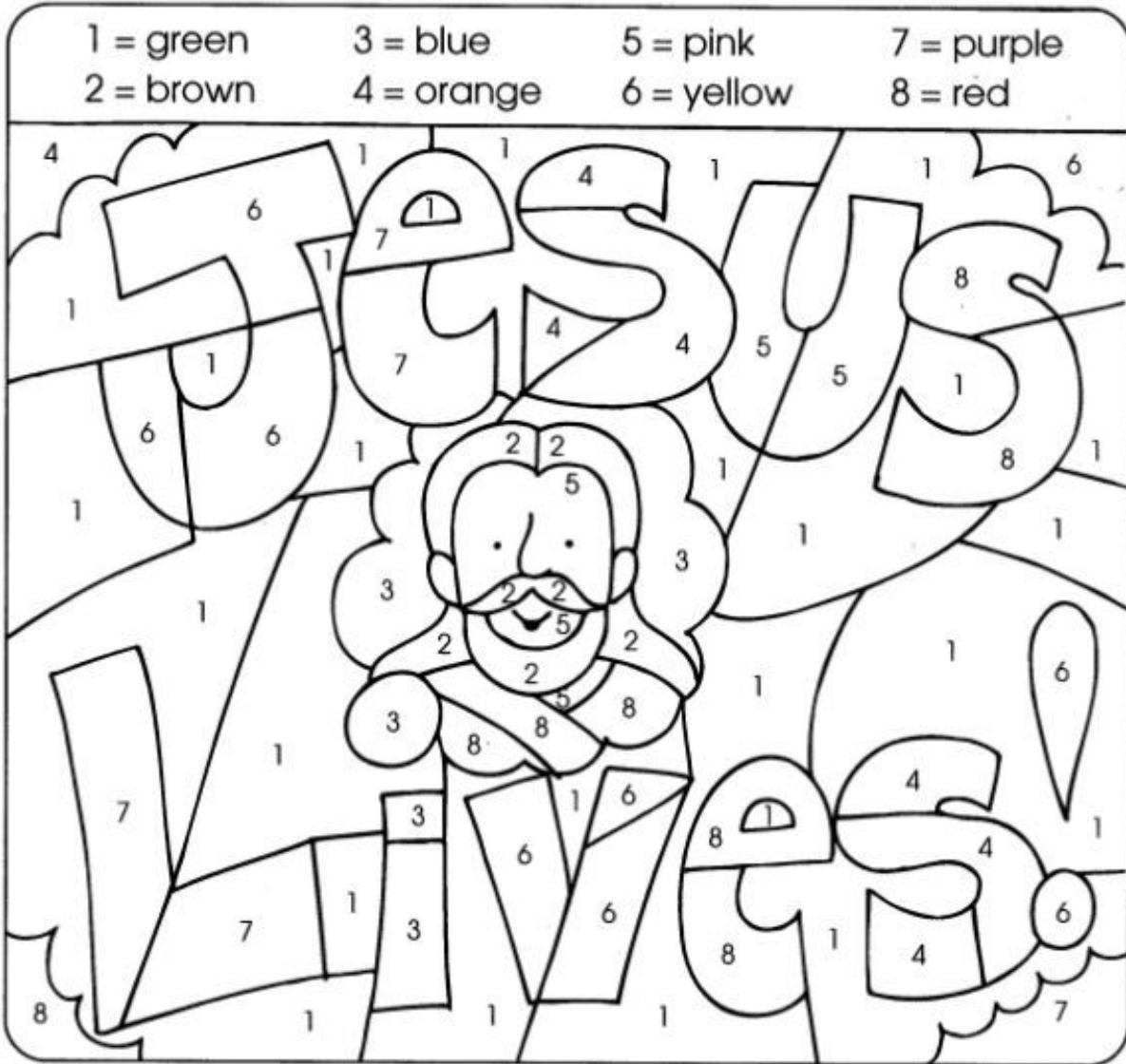
We are in need of a couple more members for the Worship & Music Team. This group gives its input to the creation of our worship services and includes members from the media group, organist, altar guild, and pastor. All you need is your viewpoint of what great worship services should include! We meet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

# Jesus Is Alive!

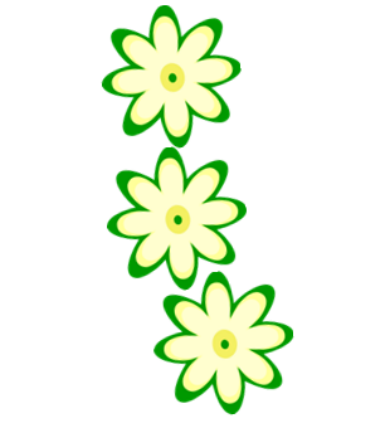
(John 20)





At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Offices Closed</i>	2	3 4:00 9th Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures 6:05 Luther League	4 7:00 Church Council	5 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study	6 10:00 Baby Shower honoring Lexi Benedict
7 <b>10:00 Confirmation Service (C)</b> <i>*No Sunday School Classes</i>	8 <i>Offices Closed</i>	9 2:00 OSW Meeting	10	11	12 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	13
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 Worship/Communion First Communion! 10:00 Sunday School <i>*Last Day of SS Classes*</i>	15 <i>Offices Closed</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study	20
21 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Senior Recognition Fellowship 7:00 RRC Baccalaureate	22 <i>Offices Closed</i> <b><u>Newsletter</u></b> <b><u>Articles Due!</u></b>	23	24	25	26 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study 7:00 RRC Graduation	27 
28 9:00 Worship	29 <i>Offices Closed</i>  <b>Memorial Day</b>	30	31 		Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!	

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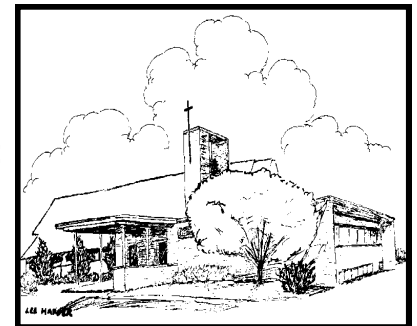
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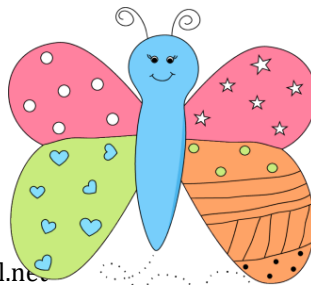


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Lamberton -WED: 4:00 P.M.  
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**The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is to demonstrate Christ's Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of this church and 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 a designated on the monthly calendar.**