



PARTNERS

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Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2

When I first became a pastor, in preparation for All Saints Day, which is customarily the first Sunday in November, I was struggling to find an appropriate hymn. One of my pastor friends said, "Well that's easy, you should sing 'For all the saints,' number 275 in our hymnal." I felt a little bit guilty because I was unfamiliar with the song at the time. Since then I have grown to appreciate this and many other hymns very much.

I wonder, has anyone ever called you a saint before? Most of us, if we're being honest, seldom feel like a saint. But did you know that this is the Apostle Paul's favorite designation for Christians? More than any other term in the New Testament, Paul uses the word "saint" most often to define a Jesus follower. Just for fun, skim through one of your favorite letters of Paul, and we can notice with joy, how often he refers to his audience as saints. Which by implication includes you as a saint! A saint is not given that moniker because they deserve it, but because faith declares that to them. In this way, all of life is for all the saints. Our gift giving God had bestowed on us a continuous stream of gifts, through faith. Therefore, go out and live as a saint today because that's what new life in Christ has achieved for you! Go out today full of hope and joy because Christ has renamed you as a saint by His death, burial, and resurrection!

For Him,
Pastor Steve

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2023

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

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

Secretary's Report: September council minutes were read by Deb. Kari moved and Steve seconded to approve the minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the August checking balance of \$46,111.65 and savings balance of \$45,980.85. Kari noted that we received a donation from the Methodist church for the Table Ministry speaker at Bibles, Burgers and Brew. It was brought to the attention of the council that we should check on PO box rental to see if non-profits have to pay rent. On a motion by Steve and seconded by Kurt, the treasurer's report was approved. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve reported that the time for 7th and 8th grade confirmation on early dismissal days had to be adjusted to end at 3 PM instead of 3:10 PM to allow student athletes to get to practice on time. The ministerial group met for lunch on Oct. 4. Pastor Steve reported that it was suggested to have our Thanksgiving Eve service on Tuesday, Nov. 21, instead of Tuesday, Nov. 22. The concern was that many families leave on Wednesday for family gatherings, and there is no school on Wednesday, Nov. 22. This year, OSLC hosts the service. Council decided to move the Thanksgiving Eve service to Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7 PM. OSLC will host the youth WAFER food pick-up on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

Pastor's Report continued:

Deb will check with Kari Redman to make sure we are covered to host that. Pastor Steve was also asked about Maunday Thursday and Baccalaureate at Our Savior's. Those items will be discussed at a later time. Pastor continues to work on getting in touch with visits to parishioners that can't get out.

Committee Reports

Education: Kevin reported, in the absence of Courtney, that they are working on the Christmas program for December 17, 2023

Worship and Music: Janice reported no meeting. We are in need of communion wine. Kurt will take care of that.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kurt reported no meeting.

Property: Brian reported he met with Gramstad Lumber regarding the replacement of the door on the Pastor's office. The door will get ordered. Steve asked about some cement that popped up by the SW entrance door of the church. Brian will check into it.

Old Business

Missions ideas: The RRC/WAFER Back Pack program is a possibility for one of our mission emphasis, as well as Tartu Academy, suggested by Pastor Carl.

Parsonage basement shower: Pastor Steve reported it is working well. Kevin will take care of the leaves in the gutters at the parsonage.

Office Chairs: Pastor Steve brought his own chair to use for now and Nicole is happy with hers as is.

New Business

Secretary sub pay: John moved and Steve seconded to set the secretary sub pay as suggested. Motion carried

AC covers: AC covers need to be put on before winter. Property committee should look into possible new covers that are lighter weight.

October Council Minutes continued:

New Business continued

Media Situation: There were problems with media this past Sunday. Char will be asked to make a list of some hints to help get the media started when it doesn't work.

Communion Assistants

October 8 – John and Janice

Next council meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2023

Adjournment: With no further business to conduct, Janice moved to adjourn and John seconded. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary



BUDGET RECAP
as of 10/22/2023

Total Outstanding:

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

Income:

9/24/23— 10/22/23 \$17,054.69
In Checking Acct. \$47,510.84
In Savings Acct. \$46,062.05

Needed weekly to Meet budget

\$2,824.62

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.

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD



Deb Furth
Jan Benedict

NOVEMBER USHERSCHEDULE

Chad Beranek
Jason Willhite
Ethan Willhite
Roger Polkow



Steve Halter—Sub



TAXI

Please call an Usher by Fridays for a ride!

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.

Media System Operator Schedule

November 5, 2023	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
November 12, 2023	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)
November 19, 2023	Carter Beranek (507-822-4575)
Thanksgiving Thursday 11/23/23	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
November 26, 2023	Val Halter (507-276-0008)

Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

November Birthdays

- 2nd - Shanna Keck,
- 6th - Harley Johnson, Joyce Bittner, Daniel Hesse, Madilynn Senst
- 8th - Ray Hildreth
- 9th - Matt Bedner, Madison Neperman,
- 10th - Jodi Smith
- 11th - Karli Arkell
- 13th - Randy Koch
- 14th - Cheryl VanMeveren, Brian Pfarr
- 15th - Gretchen Thillen, Connie Albrecht, Jayden Anderson, Ruth Myers
- 16th - Jerilyn Knutson
- 17th - Austin Price
- 18th - Courtney Vander Wal
- 20th - Amanda Christenson, Matthew Horning, Claryssa Olson Marlys Jenniges, Eleanor Watercott
- 21st - Amy Paplow, Katie Schwering, Bowen Hesse
- 22nd - John Mariner, Tom Polkow
- 25th - Ella Erickson, Cathy Halter, Nancy Knakmuhs
- 26th - Carter Beranek
- 28th - Stephen Jeckell
- 29th - Kelly Pfarr
- 30th - Byron Anderson

November Anniversary Celebration

- 13th - Brian & Lexi Benedict
- 15th - Nancy & Paul Knakmuhs
- 20th - David & Nancy Rue
- 26th - Darold & Sharon Coulter

NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS *Share the Spirit!*

Share the Spirit is an opportunity to help families in need to ensure they can celebrate the Christmas holiday. This is not a program just for low-income families. It may be a family who is struggling financially, but it also may be a family that is dealing with some other issue, such as the loss of a loved one, loss of a job, illness or some other life disruption, that could mean a family may miss the holiday.

If you desire to support our mission, please use the blue envelopes provided in the pews and mark the envelopes, "Share The Spirit". 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!

SHARE THE SPIRIT

SHARE THE SPIRIT EXPRESS
DELIVERING JOY!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at Our Savior's @ 7 pm

Give Thanks

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Thank you so much to the confirmation parents for providing snacks and the role of helper on their assigned Wednesday class times! We greatly appreciate it! If you lost your schedule, check with the church office for your dates.



Sunday School singing during 9:00 am church service: Sunday, November 12

Prayer Partners:

Sunday, November 12 at 10 am

Everyone is invited to join us for treats from 10:00 am - 10:30 am. All Sunday School students will then walk over to the nursing home to sing for the residents.

Christmas Program

Join us on Sunday, December 17 as our youth share with us the story of Jesus' birth. The youth will begin practicing music in November and the program on November 26 during our Sunday School time after church service. Please help them make it to as many practices as possible. If your child(ren) won't be able to participate in the December 17th Christmas program, please let their teacher know.



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



November 5, 2023

Treyton Knutson & Aron Van Meveren

Video: Zoey Keck

November 12, 2023

Austin Werner & Kysha Wani

Video: Braedon Mariner

November 19, 2023

Paige Wondercheck

Video: Quintin Willhite

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Max Erickson & Colton Jeckell

Video: Braylon Bedner



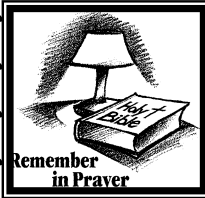
November 26, 2023

Treyton Knutson

Video: Jadyn Beranek

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





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.

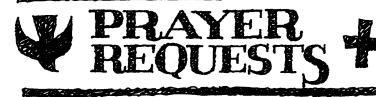
- Scarlett, daughter of Michelle Koppen (lacerated spleen)
- Paula (Mattison) Meidl (need to improve #s before transplant in Oct)
- Kim Churchill Oelfke (stroke & cancer)
- Vicki Churchill Schenk (cancer treatments)
- Maria Bedner (stage 4 ovarian cancer)
- Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)

Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



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.



~ 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.



“ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING,
AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE.
GIVE THANKS TO HIM; BLESS HIS NAME.”




PSALM 100:4

happy thanksgiving

Giving Thanks

November 2023



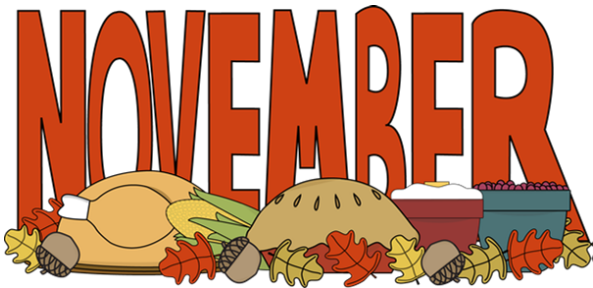
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!</p>			<p>1 1:35 9th Grade Confirmation 2:25 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Church Council</p>	2	3 Offices Closed	4
<p>5 All Saint's Sunday! 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> </p>	<p>6 Offices Closed</p>	<p>7 1:30 OSW Exec. Bd 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p>8 3:20 9th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Luther League Meeting</p>	9	10 Offices Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study	11
<p>12 9:00 Worship/Communion SS Choir (N-5th) Sings during worship! 10:00 Prayer Partners 10:30 SS Sings at Nursing Home</p>	<p>13 Offices Closed</p>	14	<p>15 1:35 9th Grade Confirmation 2:25 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation</p>	16	17 Offices Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study	18
<p>19 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal (N-5; 6th-9th regular lessons) Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>20 Offices Closed <u>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!</u></p>	21	<p>22 7:00 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at Our Savior's</p>	23	24 Offices Closed 	25
<p>26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 Offices Closed</p>	28	<p>29 3:20 9th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation</p>	30		

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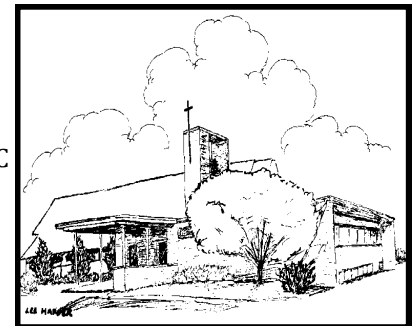
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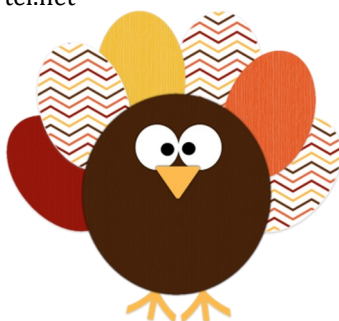
Sundays: 10:45 A.M.

Sunday School: 9:45 A.M. (Sept.-May)

Cable Broadcast of Services:

Lamberton—WED: 4:00 P.M.

Springfield—WED: 6:00



**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**

- ◆ 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.