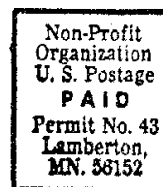


August 2026

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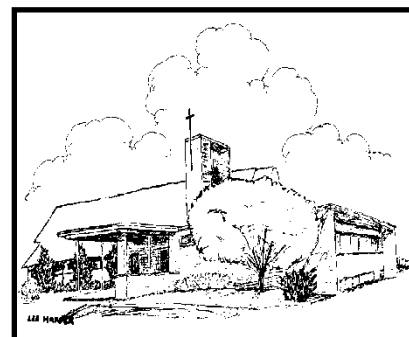


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Worship Services:

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.



2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!						1
2 9:00 Worship/Communion	3 Office Closed 12-6 Blood Drive 7:00 LGS Meeting	4	5 7:00 Church Council	6	7 Office Closed	8
9 9:00 Worship/Communion w/Pastoral Candidate, Rich Verano	10 Office Closed	11	12	13	14 Office Closed	15
16 9:00 Contemporary Worship	17 Office Closed Newsletter Articles Due!	18	19	20	21 Office Closed	22
23 9:00 Worship	24 Office Closed	25	26	27	28 Office Closed	29
30 9:00 Worship	31					

OSLC Ice Cream Social

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Ice Cream Social! We hope you enjoyed spending time with friends and neighbors while savoring the delicious meal and ice cream prepared by our amazing team of volunteers.

To each and every volunteer—you rock! Your time, energy, and willingness to serve made this event possible. We are so grateful for all you did before, during, and after the event. This Ice Cream Social would not have been the success it was without you.

We were able to raise around \$1100 to put toward the new AC units in the offices!

Thank you for helping make our church and community such a wonderful place!

Sanctuary Air Conditioner

The air conditioner in the Sanctuary is on its last leg and needs to be replaced. Because the current system is so old, we need new duct work along with the new unit. The cost is estimated at \$27,700.

It will be replaced as soon as possible so we don't get caught in this summer heat without it as it is not able to be fixed anymore.

To support this project, please use the envelopes in the pews for your donation and mark it 'Sanctuary AC'.

Mini Blood Drive Held at Our Savior's

Red Rock Central senior and OSLC member Paige Wondercheck is inviting you to help save lives by donating blood at an upcoming American Red Cross mini blood drive.

The blood drive will be held on Monday, August 3, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall.

You can schedule an appointment through the American Red Cross Blood Donor app.



AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS

~Kinship Christian Radio~

Kinship radio provides music & programs on the air as well as Biblical resources on their website. They also present programs during the year such as the Day for Women conference in May.

Mission: Kinship Radio exists to communicate that Jesus is Lord through worship and the word.

Vision: Through Kinship Radio's platforms, every person will have the opportunity to discover, know and grow in a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Kinship Radio's main frequency is **104.5 FM**. The Lord has also blessed us with a number of translators. If you live or travel in the following areas below, you may find a stronger signal at the frequencies listed.

KJWR 90.9 FM SW MN

KJCA 88.1 FM Marshall

104.9 FM New Ulm

92.3 FM Redwood Falls



Mission

You can pick up a blue envelope in the pew or use your own envelope and write "Kinship" 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://osclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving> Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!

Thanks for your support!

Pastor Candidate leads Sunday Service Aug 9

We are excited to welcome Pastoral Candidate **Rich Verano** to lead our Sunday morning church service on August 9. The call committee is excited for a second candidate!

Please join us on August 9th to welcome him to our church!

Please Join Us

August 2026

Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

August Birthdays

2nd - Cory Blomgren, Damian Osland, Karen Beranek
5th - Karlynn Churchill
6th - Arlene Theis, Paul Clarken
7th - JT Gisch
11th - Mary Gorder, Connie Lambert, Kelsi Holman, Braylon Bedner
12th - Oliver Benedict
13th - Gary Evers
16th - Breyten Sauer
17th - Glenn Pfarr, Aubrey Willhite
20th - Brandon Knutson, Sharon Vollmer
21st - Trenton Blomgren
26th - Andrew Coulter, Noah Keck, Landon Vollmer
27th - Ryan Wondercheck
28th - Stacy Osland
29th - Misty Willhite
30th - Terry Neperman
31st - Bruce Anderson, Courtney Bedner, Braylen Braulick



August Anniversary Celebration

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 - 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 - Ralph & Jean Price

 **JULY ALTAR GUILD**
Judie Hanack
Jill Irlbeck

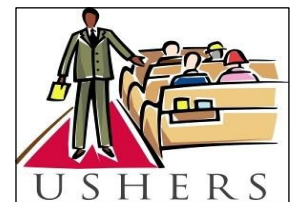
Sunday Morning Coffee

We have heard that many members enjoy gathering for coffee and fellowship following Sunday morning worship. During the school year, the Life, Growth & Stewardship Team organizes coffee and treats. While this is not scheduled during the summer months, members are still welcome to gather and enjoy time together.

A Keurig is available at the coffee bar, along with step-by-step instructions for use. We know this time of fellowship is important to many, and we encourage you to take this opportunity to connect with others while enjoying your favorite cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa.

AUGUST USHER SCHEDULE

Tim Osland
Damian Osland
Tom Halter
Todd Mattison



Dawson Mariner—Sub

TAXI
Please call an Usher
By Fridays for a ride!

RALLY SUNDAY

is September 13th!!

First day of Sunday School and
Confirmation Meeting
- more information coming soon!

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We need your help!

The Board of Ed is looking for teachers for the 2026-27 school year. Many of our teachers share a class, so you don't have to commit to every week.

High schoolers:
We would love your help with younger classes as an assistant or you could be a music assistant. 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 on the bulletin board soon!



HOLY BAPTISM

*"Through Baptism make this child to be
your faithful follower and
witness to your Gospel."*



Sterling Michael
Infant son of
Timothy & Jessica Johnson

Sunday School Registration

All youth in grades nursery
(3-year-old preschool) - 9th grade
are invited and encouraged to join
us for Sunday School!

**Please email or call the church
office by August 5** 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, 2026.

Registering ensures we have your child
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.

AUGUST ACOLYTE & VIDEO SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Worship Service 

August 2, 2026

Halle Paplow & Kynslee Neu

Video: Baylee Engen

August 9, 2026

Dawson Rue & Brekken Sauer

Video: Levi Jeckell

August 16, 2026

Kylee Leonard **Video:** Kynslee Neu

August 23, 2026

Madisyn Keck **Video:** Gracelyn Keck

August 30, 2026

Abby Thram **Video:** Bentley Werner

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



BUDGET RECAP as of 6/21/2026

Income:

6/21/26— 7/20/26	\$13,766.69
In Checking Acct.	\$13,587.24
In Savings Acct.	\$61,804.91
Needed weekly to	
Meet budget	\$4,389.00



Noisy Offering

Noisy offering collected in July was
\$75.97!

Loose change Sunday is held the 2nd Sunday
of each month. Funds collected are donated to
the mission of the month!

**Thank you for supporting our monthly
missions! Here's how much we helped
the mission last month.**

June—2nd Harvest Heartland—\$250

Thank you for your support!

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.

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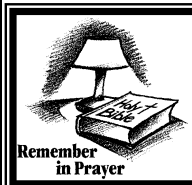
August 2, 2026	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
August 9, 2026	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
August 16, 2026	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)
August 23, 2026	Chad Beranek (605-421-1290)
August 30, 2026	Val Halter (507-276-0008)

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.*



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.

Diane Nalley (health concerns)
Sandy Gustad (chemo treatments)
John Meidl (back surgery recovery)
Paula Meidl (ongoing health issues)
Austin Imker (recovery, ACL tear)
Nancy Rue (health issues)
Ray Arkell (leg blood clot)
Marlys Jenniges (health issues)
Arlene Theis (health issues)
Briana (Halter) Peterson
(cancer surgery recovery)
Pastor Cathy Tetrick Hoffbeck (recovery)
Jean Lange (health concerns)
Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



HOLY BAPTISM

*"Through Baptism make this child to be
your faithful follower and
witness to your Gospel."*



Avery Nicole
Infant daughter of
Jordan & Andrea Clarke

~ 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.

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
July 1, 2026**

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 Wednesday, July 1, 2026 in the fellowship hall. Members present were Deb Furth, Jill Irlbeck, Mike Vollmer, Chad Coulter, Chad Beranek, Janice Werner, Justina Erickson and Kent Tevedal.

Absent: Bridget Arkell & Pastor Tom Sahl

President Chad Beranek called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and Deb Furth led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Chad C moved to approve the minutes from June, 2026 as sent out by Deb through email. Kent T seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: In Bridget's absence, Deb read the reported checking balance as of June 25, 2026, to be \$6075.99 and savings balance of \$61,774.10. On a motion by Mike V and seconded by Jill I, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report: In Pastor's absence, there was no report, but it was stated that he did perform a burial service on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Pastor was absent due to a storm that went through Highmore, SD. He plans to be here by the weekend.

Committee Reports:

Education: Justina reported that VBS was completed. Numbers were a little down. There was no committee meeting.

Worship and Music: Janice reported that the acolyte robe ropes were purchased and have arrived.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Jill reported they are working on the ice cream social.

Property: In John's absence, Mike Vollmer reported that the church sanctuary speakers were on and making lots of noise. They were turned off and need to be checked before Sunday. No one has volunteered to care for the rose bushes on the south side of the church. Kent will take care of trimming them for now. The softener at the church is fixed. The sanctuary air conditioner needs to be placed as the current one is on its last leg. A quote of \$27,636.80 was received from Lamberton Heating and Plumbing. The current AC cannot be repaired, so some duct work needs to be done. Mike V moved to replace the AC unit with the bid from LH&P. Chad C seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Call committee update:

July 19, 2026, Pastor Tim Rake will conduct the worship service. Pastor Rake is a potential candidate for a permanent pastor for OSLC. Transportation arrangement have been made for his arrival and departure.

Grove Street Project:

The project will begin next week. In a letter receive from the City of Lamberton, it was stated that the city council will be meeting to adopt the assessment on July 13th at 7pm at the community center. The bill for the parsonage can be paid in full within 30 days of the adoption with no interest OR payment over 20 years @5.875% interest. The total for the parsonage is \$14,053.72. (Down from the original estimate of \$19,501.64)

Sanctuary carpet: Jess Bittner will be contacted as to what carpet will be best for the sanctuary. So far, there have been \$700 donations towards this project.

LCMC delegates: One person has agreed to be a delegate at the gathering, and council would support another one if someone is interested.

New Business

July 19 arrangements and agenda: Pastor Rake will arrive in Minneapolis on Saturday, July 18. A meal for members of church council and the call committee with Pastor Rake will be held at the church at 6 PM as well as a job interview. Pastor Rake will conduct the worship service on Sunday, July 19. There will be coffee that day after church so OSLC members can meet and greet Pastor Rake. Pastor will be invited to stay at the church parsonage on Saturday night.

Communion Assistants

Congregation members are encouraged to sign up on the bulletin board outside the offices if they would like to assist with communion.

July 5, 2026 – Gayle Erickson and Deb Furth

July 12, 2026 – Mike Vollmer and Jill Irlbeck

August 2, 2026 – Gayle Erickson and Chad Coulter

Next council meeting will be Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 7 PM.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Chad C moved to adjourn and Kent T seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:20 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary



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STUFF

Every fall I start stirring in my stuff. There is closet stuff, drawer stuff, attic stuff, and basement stuff. I separate the good stuff from the bad stuff, then I stuff the bad stuff anywhere the stuff is not too crowded until I decide if I will need the bad stuff.

When the Lord calls me home, my children will want the good stuff, but the bad stuff, stuffed wherever there is room among all the other stuff, will be stuffed in bags and taken to the dump where all the other people's stuff has been taken.

Whenever we have company they always bring bags and bags of stuff. When I visit my son, he always moves his stuff so I will have room for my stuff. My daughter-in-law always clears a drawer of her stuff so I will have room for my stuff. Their stuff and my stuff . . . it would be so much easier to use their stuff and leave my stuff at home, with the rest of my stuff.

This fall I had an extra closet built so I would have a place for all the stuff too good to throw away and too bad to keep with my good stuff. You may not have this problem, but I seem to spend a lot of time with stuff . . . , food stuff, cleaning stuff, medicine stuff, clothes stuff, and outside stuff. whatever would life be like if we didn't have all this stuff.

Now there is all that stuff we use to make us smell better than we do. There is the stuff to make our hair look good. Stuff to make us look younger. Stuff to make us look healthier. Stuff to hold us in and stuff to fill us out. There is stuff to read, stuff to play with, stuff to entertain us, and stuff to eat. We stuff ourselves with the food stuff.

Well, our lives are filled with stuff . . . good stuff, bad stuff, little stuff, big stuff, useful stuff, junky stuff, and everyone's stuff. Now when we leave all our stuff and go to heaven, whatever happens to our stuff won't matter. We will still have the good stuff God has prepared for us in heaven.

Maggie Callendar,