



# PARTNERS

NOVEMBER 2025  
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Thank you all for making Sandy and I feel so welcome in the Lamberton community and to Our Savior Lutheran Church in particular. We enjoy coming to Lamberton and being part of such a warm and friendly group of people.

It seems that I am not supposed to get too settled in to this community as one of my responsibilities is to keep the call process moving and finding my replacement. We are looking forward to news in that area soon.

The parsonage is working out very well as our home away from home. I know whoever comes to be your next pastor will appreciate such a nice place to live.

I am thankful for the way this congregation continues to pitch in so that the work of the congregation continues our calling to share Christ with our neighbors. The sunday school is going strong, The kids sure enjoy singing. The Luther League and confirmation class have big plans for several projects including a mission trip next summer. We have also seen that a few new folks have visited our worship services recently and that several of you have greeted them.

Keep up your prayers and support as we continue to make Jesus known. I am confident that God has great plans ahead.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Tom Sahl

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church Monthly Meeting Minutes October 1, 2025

*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, October 1, 2025 in the overflow area. Members present were Chad Coulter, Chad Beranek, Kari Halter, Deb Furth, Kris Vollmer, Janice Werner, John Smith, Steve Halter, Justtina Erickson and Pastor Tom Sahl.

President Coulter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and Pastor Tom led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: John moved to correct the motion from the September meeting pertaining to donating the endowment funds from "The Table Ministry" to "The Banquet". Chad B seconded. Motion carried. Steve moved to approve the minutes from September as corrected. Kari Seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the September checking balance of \$10,324.09 and savings balance of \$61,703.98. On a motion by Kari and seconded by Steve H, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom Sahl reported holding 6 confirmation classes and making 5 visits. He is working on making more visits. He will be attending the LCMC convention from Oct. 5-8, 2025 in Lakeville, MN.

### **Committee Reports:**

Education: Justtina reported that Prayer Partners will meet on Sunday, October 12, 2025 after the church service. The Sunday School students will also sing at the nursing home after Prayer Partners.

Worship and Music: Janice had no report.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris reported that they served approximately 75 people on Rally Sunday.

Property: John reported that both Lamberton Heating and Plumbing and Anderson Electric have been at the church working on the boiler installation. Lefty Coulter has sprayed at the parsonage. Pastor Tom requested that the showerhead in the main floor bathroom be looked at in the parsonage. It seems to be leaking. Steve moved that the property committee check with Jess Bittner to install linoleum on the landing by the Southwest entrance to the church. Chad seconded. Motion carried. There is enough linoleum left from the southeast entrance landing.

### **Old Business:**

#### Call committee update

Chad B reported that they have had 7 applicants up to this time. They have conducted 3 interviews through zoom. There is an interest in a couple of candidates and the committee is checking into them further through references and possibly asking them to do a service for us.

Copier Update: The copy machine company contacted us and told the cost will go up in the future. We will continue with our copier as is for now.

### **New Business**

#### December 14, 2025 worship service:

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be on December 14, 2025. Kris moved to not have communion on Sunday, December 14, due to the Christmas program on that Sunday. Kari seconded. Motion carried. There will be communion on December 7 and 24.

#### Request for March wedding:

Alex Kircher has requested to be married in our church on March 14, 2026. Pastor Tom will perform the ceremony if he is still here.

#### Former membership List:

A list of members that have been moved to the inactive list was presented. Any of these members can be moved back to active status at their request.

### **Communion Assistants**

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

October 5 – John Smith and Gayle Erickson

October 12– Janice Werner and Kris Vollmer

November 2 – Janice Werner and Gayle Erickson

*Council Minutes Continued:*

**Next council meeting:** Wednesday,  
November 5, 2025 at 7 PM.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, Steve  
moved to adjourn and Chad B seconded.  
Motion carried.  
Adjourned at 8:05 PM. Closed with the  
Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Furth  
Council Secretary



**BUDGET RECAP**  
as of 10/19/2025

**Total Outstanding:**

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

**Income:**

9/21/25— 10/19/25 \$15,270.37  
In Checking Acct. \$16,912.09  
In Savings Acct. \$61,703.98

**Needed weekly to**

**Meet budget** \$2,824.62

**NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD**



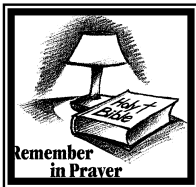
Deb Furth  
Jan Benedict

**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.



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)  
Ray Arkell (leg blood cot)  
Briana (Halter) Peterson (cancer surgery)  
Ruth Churchill (health issues)  
Pastor Cathy Tetrick Hoffbeck (recovery)  
Ruth Clarken (health concerns)  
Jean Lange (health concerns)  
Jeffrey Kuehl (health issues)  
Nancy Rue (health issues)  
Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)

Pray for people affected  
by other disasters ...



**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.



**Media System Operator Schedule**

November 2, 2025	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
November 9, 2025	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
November 16, 2025	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
November 23, 2025	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
November 30, 2025	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)



## 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
- 26th - Carter Beranek
- 28th - Stephen Jeckell
- 29th - Kelly Pfarr
- 30th - Byron Anderson

## November



- 13th - Brian & Lexi Benedict
- 26th - Darold & Sharon Coulter

### NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS "Inspiration Point"



Mission  
offering

#### OUR MISSION

To provide time, space, and Biblical teaching so people encounter and follow Christ.

Inspiration Point currently hosts more than 9,000 people each year for camps, retreats, reunions, and special events. With 75 people serving on summer staff and 18 other staff members working year-round, camp programs are frequent and well-attended. Since its inception, thousands of lives have been significantly, even eternally, impacted through this ministry. As the future unfolds, Inspiration Point continues to seek additional ways to serve and spread the good news of God's love in Christ to the world.

Inspiration Point, located in Vining MN is the camp where OSLC confirmation students attend a retreat yearly. Please consider supporting the camp.

If you desire to support our mission, please use the envelopes provided in the pews and mark the envelopes, "Inspiration Point". 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://oslclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>  
Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!

### Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service



Wednesday,  
November 26, 2025  
at St. Joseph's Catholic  
Church @ 7 pm

*Light refreshments will be  
served following the service.*

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

September—The Table Ministry—\$525

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thank you so much to the confirmation parents for providing snack and the role of helper on their assigned Wednesday class times. We greatly appreciate it!



**Sunday School students** will be singing during 9am church service on Sunday, November 16th.

## Prayer Partners:

Sunday, November 16th at 10am. Everyone is invited to join us for treats from 10-10:30am. All Sunday School students will then walk over to the nursing home to sing for the residents.

## Christmas Program:

Join us on Sunday, December 14th at 10:30am as our youth share with us the story of Jesus's birth. The youth will begin practicing music in November. Please help them make it to as many practices as possible. If your child(ren) won't be able to participate in the December 14th Christmas program, please let their teacher know.



## NOVEMBER ACOLYTE & VIDEO SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M.

**Worship Service**



**November 2, 2025**

Halle Paplow & Bentley Werner

**Video:** Dawson Rue

**November 9, 2025**

Levi Jeckell & Abby Thram

**Video:** Braedon Mariner

**November 16, 2025**

Isaac Wondercheck

**Video:** Grifyn Redman



**November 23, 2025**

Lincoln Hesse

**Video:** Izabella Britt

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025**

Worship Service @ St. Joseph's

**November 30, 2025**

Chloe Coners

**Video:** Braylen Braulick

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

## NOVEMBER USHERSCHEDULE

Chad Beranek  
Jason Willhite  
Marshal Willhite  
Roger Polkow



Steve Halter—Sub



**TAXI**

Please call an Usher by Fridays for a ride!

*Faithful Lord, Father of Love pour down  
your grace upon these children.*

*The Our Savior's family  
extends its warm  
congratulations and God's  
blessings to:*



**Nathan & Macie Mattison**



# Turkey Supper



The annual  
Luther League  
Turkey Supper  
will be held

**Sunday, November 2**  
**Serving from 4:30 – 6:30 pm**

The menu includes turkey,  
potatoes, gravy, stuffing, con  
or green beans, apple  
raspberry salad, cranberry  
sauce, rolls and dessert.

Enjoy great company  
and no dishes!  
Hope to see you all there!

## Attention Grain Check Givers

The financial secretaries ask that grain checks sent to the church have a name on them or that the donor contact the church stating that a check is coming. This allows the donation to be credited to your financial statement of giving." Without a name on the check, the grain company must be contacted or the check will go in as loose offering.

## *Our Savior's Women Group Minutes*

Our Savior's Women met October 14, 2025. We watched the final video in this series and will start a new one on "Paul's Letter to the Philippians."

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given.

Thankoffering letters have been sent. There is still some time to contribute.

Judy Kuehl will purchase a new kitchen mop.

Committee chair persons are:

Secretary—Judie Harnack  
Treasurer—Judy Kuehl  
Mission Community—Brenda Anderson  
Cards—Vonnie Halter  
Funeral Take Down—Al & Janice Werner  
Nominating—Jeannine Holmberg  
Nursery—Kari Halter  
Sewing—Elaine Frank & Judy Dagner



Secretary,  
Judie Harnack

## 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.



## LCMC 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering and Convention

### Our Help and Hope

“At this milestone anniversary gathering, we are looking back at God’s help in ages past & claiming God’s hope in the years to come.”

### *Report from Kris Vollmer*

I attended the conference with Pastor Tom & Sandy and Deb Furth. We participated in worship ranging from contemporary music with a full band to a hymn sing with piano accompaniment. Each day began with Bible Study. There were meetings, keynote speakers, and breakout sessions. And we ate, a lot! This was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LCMC so there was cake, and Deb learned that I LOVE CAKE! We met new people, visited with old friends & I marveled at what started with 6 congregations 25 years ago and has bloomed to over 1000 in 2025, including almost 200 international congregations. Lamberton OSLC was one of the six founding churches, this I didn’t know. Julie Smith, who was a pastor in Springfield and pulpit supply for OSLC several times was installed as the new Service Coordinator, overseeing the day-to-day operation of LCMC, communicating the vision & values of the association & equipping congregations.

Not having background in LCMC (I transferred from an ELCA church and did not receive any instruction as there was no pastor at the time) the conference was a sort of introduction for me to LCMC. My understanding of the “why” is so much more now and my curiosity and desire for more understanding has been piqued. Here are some of my key take aways.

#### Primacy of Congregations

- LCMC exists to support congregations; not to be a ruling body or something bigger
- LCMC lives in the congregation
- Be good neighbors to one another

#### Flat Structure

- No hierarchy
- Seek to equip and empower churches to do for themselves what is needed & carry out their mission
- Accountability to one another

#### What we’ve (LCMC) learned

- Congregations could use a little help; in the early days avoided “interfering”; it is possible to be “responsive”; help them find the tools & to connect to others
- Need to be in relationship to one another to be accountable to one another; district can help

**LCMC 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering and Convention Report Continued**

Where we are going  
 More deeply in core commitment  
 (values)  
 Freedom in Christ  
Care for one another; be  
 accountable; get to know your  
 neighbor churches

Where we are sent  
 Our congregation – strengthen  
 Outward to nearest neighbors and  
 ends of the earth

**LCMC**

“L” Lutheran  
 500 years of history  
 Small Catechism and Augsburg  
 Confession provide the  
 framework of LCMC

“C” Congregations  
 The church lives in the local  
 congregations  
 LCMC exists to support the  
 congregations of the association

“M” Mission  
 Move out, step forward

“C” Christ  
 That’s what it’s about

**Youth Mission Trip**

Our youth have selected their  
 Mission Trip for 2026!



Our young people in grades 7-12 are going to Northern Colorado to work with adults and youth in day programs, complete maintenance projects, assist on a horse therapy farm, work at food pantries and clothing closets, and pack international boxes. Group Missions hosts trips for youth across the United States, so our young people will work alongside youth from other churches, connecting with the communities they are serving. Please pray for these youth as they make their decision to commit to a week of heart-filled service.

**REFORMATION**

***Moments with Martin Luther***

In response to news that he was called to Rome in order to recant of his criticisms of the papacy and the abuses of the Church, Martin Luther wrote the first of three documents which expressed the major concerns of the nascent Reformation movement. In a treatise entitled “*Address to the Nobility of the German Nation*” (August, 1520), Luther sought to gain the attention of Emperor Charles V and other Christian nobles in the land by pointing out the three “walls” that insulated the Church and the Pope from taking seriously any reviews that would lead to reform.

The walls Luther spoke of were three tenets of the church that protected them punishment or the assessment of those who charged abuse. The Pope claimed: 1) Worldly power has no jurisdiction over the Church; 2) No one is permitted to admonish the Pope with the Scriptures because only the Pope can interpret the Word; 3) No one but the Pope had the authority to call a council therefore the Pope and the Church can never be questioned in public. Drawing on the biblical story of Joshua’s victory at Jericho, Luther called on Christian leaders, saying, “Now may God help us, and give us one of those trumpets that overthrew the walls of Jericho, so that we may blow down these walls of straw and paper.”

Through Luther’s writing to the Christian nobility he opened up a whole new perspective, saying, “All Christians are priests to one another,” “All are to be concerned with the Word of God,” “Christ is the head of the Church,” and “If God spoke by an ass against a prophet, why should He not speak by a pious man against the Pope?” His words brought encouragement to common believers.




**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.



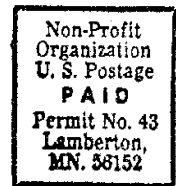


# November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!</i>						
<b>2 All Saint's Sunday!</b> 9:00 Worship/Communion w/Baptism of Blakely Erickson 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 4:30—6:30 Luther League Turkey Supper <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 	<b>3 Offices Closed</b> 7:00 LGS Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 3:20 8th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Church Council	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Offices Closed</b> 9:00 Community Bible Study	<b>1</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship	<b>10 Offices Closed</b>	<b>11</b> 2:00 OSW Meeting	<b>12</b> 3:20 8th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Luther League Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Offices Closed</b> 9:00 Community Bible Study	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 Contemporary Worship SS Choir (N-5th) Sings during worship! 10:00 Prayer Partners 10:30 SS Sings at Nursing Home	<b>17 Offices Closed</b> NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 3:20 8th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 9th Grade Confirmation	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Offices Closed</b> 9:00 Community Bible Study	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal <i>(N-5; 6th-9th regular lessons)</i> Coffee Fellowship	<b>24 Offices Closed</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>No Confirmation</i> 7:00 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Joseph's	<b>27 Offices Closed</b> 	<b>28 Offices Closed</b>	<b>29</b> 
<b>30</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal & Coffee Fellowship						

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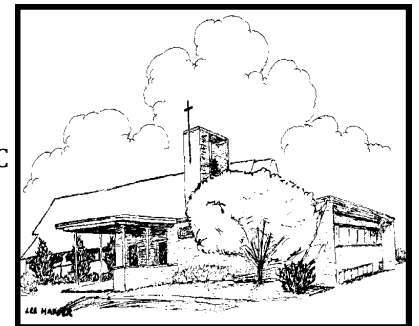
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Website: [www.osclamberton.com](http://www.osclamberton.com)

### **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—WED: 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**

- ◆ 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.