



# PARTNERS



SEPTEMBER 2025

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A big warm welcome to Pastor Tom Sahl and his wife, Sandy, from Highmore, South Dakota. Pastor Tom has agreed to be our interim pastor beginning September, 2, 2025. Pastor Sahl is retired, but brings a realm of experience during his pastoral years as well as serving as an interim pastor and pulpit supply pastor since he has retired. Pastor Sahl will be conducting out Sunday services, teaching confirmation classes, doing care visits and working with our church council and committees on church business. Pastor Sahl will be in Lamberton several days/week after he starts and will be living at our church parsonage when he is here.



## Come and join us for Rally Sunday!! September 7th

Following the **10:00am Worship Service**  
we will have a **Potluck!**

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served and we invite everyone to bring a salad or dessert!

No one will be turned away for forgetting to bring something! :)

# **OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES August 6, 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, July 2, 2025 in fellowship hall. Members present were Chad Coulter, Chad Beranek, Kari Halter, Deb Furth, Kris Vollmer, Janice Werner, John Smith, Steve Halter and Justtina Erickson.

President Coulter called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and Deb led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: John S moved and Steve H seconded to approve the June minutes as presented by Deb through an email. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the June checking balance of \$12,730.35 and savings balance of \$61,657.34. On a motion by Chad B and seconded by Deb F, the treasurer's report was approved.

## **Committee Reports**

Care Team Visit report: Care teams are making visits, with most being seen monthly.

Education: Justtina reported that members have been organized supplies in the designated area of the basement. They have a scheduled meeting on 8/20 to organize Sunday School.

Worship and Music: Janice had no report. John Cowan who works with our IT equipment was here to trouble shoot the video and installed updates. The black box has been replaced on 2 of the monitors and a 3<sup>rd</sup> is being ordered to have available for the one that has not been replaced yet.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Directories have been delivered. Ice cream social was a huge success. Grateful to those who attended, helped &/or donated food. \$1603 in donations were received with expense of approximately \$400. This will be used toward the cleaning of church carpets. A potluck with burgers and hotdogs provided will be held on Rally Sunday.

Property: John has talked to REC about removing the pole in the parking lot as its only purpose is to feed the street lights. Updated landscaping of a tree & shrubs in the front of the church (with one more to be planted) as well as 2 shrubs in the courtyard were donated. Mulch (free) from the school was added to an area of the courtyard. Funding of the boiler has been completed (no further funds needed); no word yet on a date for install, John will talk to LPH. Landscaping at the church was cleaned up. Will spray for bugs soon.

## **Old Business:**

### Search for new pastor

Church services are covered August 17 and for the summer we will continue with services as we have now. Pastor Tom Sahl will provide pulpit supply on Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. A text will be sent to the group helping with services to fill in the remainder of Aug. Pastor Mark will be asked for a video sermon for the 31<sup>st</sup> as it's a holiday weekend and may be more difficult to cover.

Call committee: The call committee has sent the job description to the LCMC and it will be posted once verified acceptable. There have been 2 applicants, applications are open until Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, which will be extended as needed.

### Interim and pulpit pastor requests

Letters of request have been sent out with limited response. Pastor Tom Sahl from Highmore SD will provide pulpit supply on Aug 10 and then visit with the council after the service about his interest in the interim position.

## **New Business**

### Pastor Tom Sahl Visit

Available council members will meet at the parsonage Friday, Aug 8 to do some touch up cleaning and make sure necessary supplies are available for his visit. Pastor Tom & his wife will arrive on Saturday beginning with a tour of the church followed by supper and visit with available members. Council members available will meet with Pastor Tom following the Sunday service to discuss his interest.

***Council Meeting Minutes Continued***

**Carpet Cleaning**

Holt's from Windom have been hired and will be here on Monday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>. Furniture will need to be moved out as able. Large items can be left in place. Request in bulletin and announcements for help following services on Sunday, Aug 10 and 17<sup>th</sup>. Office can be moved out after Aug 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting with custodian**

Deb met with Jodene & Holdan to discuss the list of items that need to be completed, weekly as well as over the summer. Windows in the fellowship hall need to be cleaned of bugs prior to carpet cleaning. Floors in the basement need to be waxed prior to the start of the Sunday school year.

**LCMC Convention**

Deb Furth and Kris Vollmer will attend with expenses paid by the church.

**Fall Weddings**

Request Nicole to reach out to the couples with fall weddings to make sure they have arrangements for a pastor; one for sure was meeting with Pastor Cathy. Pastor Carl has agreed to help out and Nicole can supply his number to the couples as needed.

**Annual Meeting**

Date is set for Sunday, January 25, 2026 following the worship service.

**Copier proposal:** A rep from Marco stopped with a new copier proposal as ours is getting old and parts are hard to find when it needs to be repaired. After discussion, it was determined to continue with the current copier and get some questions answered about when the contact is up and how much more they are going to charge to keep this one. There was information from one other company but more specifics are needed. This topic was tabled.

**Inactive members**

In 2019 letters were sent to members who were inactive stating that if they did not reply we would assume they are no longer interested in membership. However, at that time the council chose not to remove, rather to reach out again, but nothing further was done. The question has come up again about moving them to the former member list.

"Based upon our constitution all members contacted in 2019 who did not respond forfeited their inactive membership and will be moved to former member list." Motion made by Chad B, second by Steve H, all in favor, motion carried. Any member on this list who becomes active in the future can be moved back to the active list. This information can be found in the bylaws part 3, Section C Membership status. Council will also address communion cards at the annual meeting.

**Communion Assistants**

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

August 10<sup>th</sup> – Steve & Val Halter

**Next council meeting:** Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 7pm

**Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, Steve H moved to adjourn and John S seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:35 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Furth  
Council Secretary





**BUDGET RECAP**  
as of 8/17/2025

**Total Outstanding:**

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

**Income:**

7/20/25— 8/17/25 \$8,613.32  
In Checking Acct. \$13,962.42  
In Savings Acct. \$61,657.34

**Needed weekly to Meet budget**

\$2,824.62

**Congratulations**

to the following 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who will be receiving Bibles from the board of education on Sunday, September 14:

*Oliver Benedict  
Alayna Erickson  
Asher Erickson  
Charlotte Imker  
Chase Imker  
Brady Jeckell  
Noah Keck  
Jackson Milton  
Brayden Vollmer*



**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.



**SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD**

Bridget Arkell  
Leah Teveldal

**Kid-Friendly Worship!**

Children are welcome to worship at Our Savior's! Children's Bulletins provided every Sunday, and a Children's Message during each worship service. A nursery with a window to the sanctuary is provided in case your child needs a quiet place to rest or play.



**Media System Operator Schedule**

September 7, 2025	Chad Beranek (605-421-1290)
September 14, 2025	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
September 21, 2025	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
September 28, 2025	Val Halter (507-276-0008)

**SEPTEMBER ACOLYTE & VIDEO SCHEDULE**

**9:00 A.M. Worship Service**



**September 7, 2025**

**10:00 A.M. Worship—Rally Sunday!**

Abby Thram & Sam Thillen  
**Video:** Dawson Rue

**September 14, 2025**

Zoey Keck & Braedon Mariner  
**Video:** Abby Thram

**September 21, 2025**

Braylen Braulick  
**Video:** Lindsey Guggisberg

**September 28, 2025**

Bentley Werner  
**Video:** Quintin Willhite

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



**Christmas Program**  
**Save the Date:**  
**December 14**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### RALLY SUNDAY - September 7 Sunday School at 9:00 am Church service at 10:00 am

September 7th is **Rally Sunday!** This means the first week of Sunday School for the year. All children who are three years old - 9th grade get to attend Sunday School. Children should meet in the front of the church at 9:00 a.m. to hear announcements and meet their teacher. We will then kick off our Sunday School year with some fun activities. Remember that church service is at 10:00 a.m. on this special Rally Sunday.

Beginning on **September 14th**, Sunday School time will be after the 9 am church service from 10:00 - 10:45 am. We will begin with music in the front of the church for Nursery - 5th graders each week. We are looking forward to a great year!

**Confirmation students and parents** - please meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 am on Sunday, **September 7th**. Following a brief opening with the Sunday School children, there will be a meeting. Pastor Tom will be there.

### Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to all who have signed up to teach Sunday School! We are still in need of teachers and substitutes. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board for more details and prayerfully consider giving of your time to this important service. There will be a meeting for all Sunday School teachers on Wednesday, **September 3rd** at 6:30 pm. Curriculum and classroom lists will be handed out as well as our annual Child Protection training. Please let a Board of Ed member know if you cannot attend this meeting.

Teachers should attend Rally Sunday when you will meet your students and work with them on a fun project. There will be no classroom lessons on this special Sunday. Installation of teachers will be held on Rally Sunday, September 7th during the 10:00 am church service.

## Confirmation Class Schedule

Confirmation classes will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 10th**.

8th @ 3:20pm

7th and 9th @ 4:25pm

Much more information will be shared at the Confirmation student and parent meeting on Sept 7th at 9:00 am at church. **Please plan to attend.**



## PRAYER PARTNERS WANTED:

The sign-up sheet for Prayer Partners will be passed around during church on the Sundays in September and posted on the office bulletin board. Please consider signing up and enjoy getting to know the youth of our congregation! Prayer Partners meet four times during the Sunday School year right after church. There is a time for visiting along with a snack. We supply an activity or coloring sheet to do while you visit and get to know your partner. Our Sunday School children really enjoy this time and look forward to this.

Please sign up!





Wishing You a  
**Happy Birthday!** September Birthdays

- 1st - Arlene Nordby
- 2nd - Todd Mattison, Darren Rue, Paisley Jeckell
- 3rd - Zachary Valentin, Gage Mattison
- 4th - Darold Coulter
- 6th - Nick Lingle, Charlotte Imker, Chase Imker
- 8th - Scott Field, Jake Erickson,
- 9th - Madelyn Geske, David Prechel, Andy Petersen
- 10th - Dean Lingle, Diane Nalley,
- 11th - Samantha Prechel, Vicki Kletscher
- 13th - Joe Pfarr, Megan Benedict, Brian Benedict
- 14th - Cory Hoffrogge
- 15th - John Valentin, Grace Guggisberg
- 16th - Mason Irlbeck, Sheila Krueger, Mike Vollmer, Cash Willer
- 17th - Gayle Erickson, Noah Neperman, Tyler Luttman, Nicole Churchill
- 18th - Darrell Knutson
- 19th - Roxie Pfarr, Molly Werner
- 20th - Michael Flaig, Tom Hoffrogge,
- 22nd - Austin Irlbeck
- 23rd - Marie Dammann, Mindi Hesse
- 25th - Nathan Erickson, Lynn Keck, Kevin Lange
- 26th - Thomas Blomgren, Ralph Price, Easton Schroeder
- 27th - Isaac Anderson
- 28th - Brittany Holman, Grifyn Redman,
- 29th - Casey Petersen, Alicia Vogel
- 30th - Judie Harnack, Kris Vollmer

September



- 6th - Roger & Sandy Polkow
- 7th - Clayton & Emily Senst
- 10th - Tony & Allison Sauer
- 11th - Nathan & Sally Erickson
- 14th - Michael & Kari Redman
- 15th - Richard & Bridget Arkell
- 19th - Kevin & Trudi Juhnke
- 28th - Johnny & Abby Pistulka

**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.



**SEPTEMBER USHER SCHEDULE**

Brian Benedict  
Bowen Hesse  
Max Erickson  
Daniel Kronbach



Sub: Cole Werner



**TAXI**

Please call an Usher by Fridays for a ride!

## SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS ~The Table Ministry~

OSLC has supported The Table Ministry over the past 5 years, a “church plant”, as they began a ministry “from scratch” in Sioux Falls. “Church in a Bar” as they were dubbed began their journey at Shenanigan’s Pub. Pastor Todd was Pastor Erica’s mentor as she began this ministry as the first LCMC congregation in Sioux Falls. In 2024 they moved to a new location in Sioux Falls where they don’t need to store their worship supplies in a trailer in Pastor Erica’s driveway every week. They have a new “home”. Please consider providing financial and prayer support for them as they continue to be a place where people feel welcome and serve their community. Check “mission” on the envelopes available in the pews, or you can donate online via our website or use the link below and select ‘mission’.  
<https://oslclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

You can learn more about them at [www.thetableministry.org](http://www.thetableministry.org) or on Facebook at [thetableministriouxfalls](https://www.facebook.com/thetableministriouxfalls)

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!  
Thanks for your support!



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

July—RRC School Supplies—\$351.17

*Thank you for your support!*



## Noisy Offering

Noisy offering collected in August was \$76.23!

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

## OSW MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

Women of Our Savior's will meet  
Tuesday, September 9, 2025  
Meeting 2 p.m. at the church

Bible Study is “Praying Like Jesus, the Messiah,” Lesson 5.  
Truth circle has the offering meditation and serve lunch.

## ~ 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.

## Coffee Fellowship Resumes Sept. 14!

Coffee will be served after the worship service.

Volunteers will be needed to make the goodies and serve during coffee fellowship!

Watch for the sign-up sheet to be passed around the congregation soon!



## Community Bible Study

Pastor Mike Stangeland will be holding Bible Study here on Friday mornings at 9am beginning Friday, September 5th.



Everyone is welcome to join us for this exciting gathering!

## Overflow/Office Hall Refresh

Look for some changes, updates and new additions when we gather on Rally Sunday!

A seating area has been added to the overflow area. Use this for gathering at coffee, resting with your children when they need a break or just a place to relax & gather your thoughts.

A coffee bar is available. We will still offer pots of coffee and goodies following church services but coffee, tea & cocoa will be available at all times at this new area. See additional notes.

The hallways have been refreshed with new mirrors, changes to locations of bulletin boards and announcement/sign up areas. All décor may not be in place by rally Sunday but we hope you will notice and appreciate the changes that have happened.

## Coffee Bar

We now have a place to officially call a coffee bar. This area will host Sunday morning coffee fellowship following services but will also be a permanent fixture with beverages available at all times. There are some “rules” that go along with this exciting update.

It is suggested that the Keurig be used by adults only

Any beverage made with the Keurig should be in the provided cup with a lid secured

One of the options of the Keurig is a hot water dispenser; this allows us to provide tea bags & cocoa packets as new options

Flavored as well as regular coffee K-cups are available as well as flavored and plain creamer

When the water reservoir is empty the last person to use it should refill from the drinking fountain by the office. We want ONLY FILTERED water used in the Keurig.

K-cups, tea & cocoa cost more than a pot of coffee, so we are suggesting a donation of \$.50 to \$1 for coffee/coffee & creamer/tea/cocoa.

There is a donation box on the coffee bar.

Additional supplies are stored with in the coffee bar.

Coffee will be will be allowed in the sanctuary during the services using the cups with lids on. A discussion was held with the church council and met with approval.

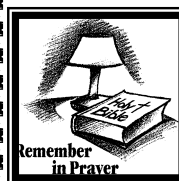
## Food Shelf (WAFER)

In the past we have had boxes by the office to drop off items for the food shelf. As part of the refresh plan the boxes have been replaced with baskets under the entry table.

Only non-perishable items can be placed in these baskets. Please be mindful of expiration dates as items may not be delivered immediately.

Is there anyone in our congregation who currently volunteers at WAFER?

Would you be willing to deliver food items to WAFER on a regular basis? Please contact the office if this is something you would be willing to do.



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.

**Pastor Cathy Tetrack Hoffbeck** (ATV accident)  
*Cathy was moved to a rehab facility on Tues, August 12th. Here is her address in case you wish to send her a card.*

Regency Hospital  
Cathy Hoffbeck  
Room 204  
1300 Hidden Lakes Parkway  
Golden Valley, Mn 55442

**Justin Lemcke** (Hospice: stage 4 Pancreatic cancer)

**Jean Lange** (health concerns)

**Briana (Halter) Peterson** (health concerns)

**Kim Churchill Oelfke** (hospice: stroke & cancer)

**Jeffrey Kuehl** (health issues)

**Ruth Churchill** (health issues)

**Ruth Clarken** (health concerns)

**Ray Arkell** (recovery, broken leg)

**Nancy Rue** (health issues)

**Randy Hammerschmidt** (health issues)

**Vicki Churchill Schenk** (cancer treatments)

Pray for people affected other disasters ...

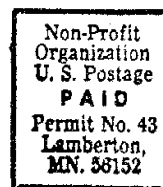




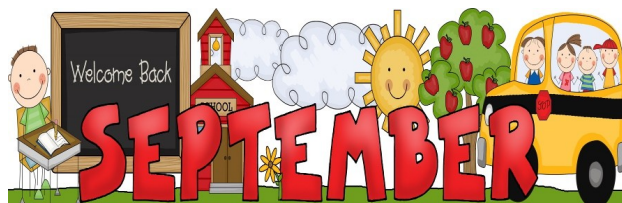


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!</p>	<p>1 Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>2 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3 6:30 SS Teacher/Helper Meeting 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Church Office Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 <b>RALLY SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Sunday School &amp; Confirmants &amp; Parents' Meeting (Everyone meets in the Sanctuary) 10:00 Worship/Communion Installation of Teachers Potluck Food &amp; Fellowship</p> 	<p>8 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>9 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p>10 3:20 8th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th &amp; 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Luther League</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Church Office Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 9:00 Worship/Communion 3rd Graders receive Bibles 10:00 Sunday School &amp; Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>15 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 No Confirmation Class</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Church Office Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School &amp; Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>22 Church Office Closed 8:00 A.M. Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 No Confirmation Class</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Church Office Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 Wedding of Macie Weber &amp; Nathan Mattison</p>
<p>28 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School &amp; Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>29 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p>				

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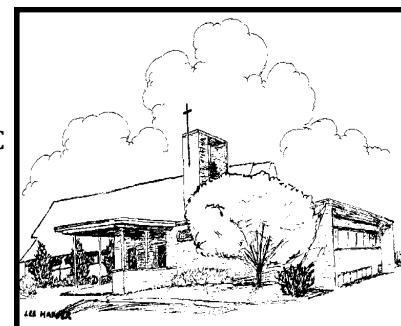


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Church Email: [oslcamberton@centurytel.net](mailto:oslcamberton@centurytel.net)  
Website: [www.oslcamberton.com](http://www.oslcamberton.com)

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

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

### **Worship Services:**

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



**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 Tuesdays mornings.**

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**Please have your Newsletter articles or calendar items into the church office as designated on the monthly calendar.**