



PARTNERS

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From the
Pastor's
Desk...

Look at that cross!

Tommer, an educated Mongolian, helped revise the Mongolian New Testament, although he wasn't a Christian. He refused all efforts by other translators to explain the Scriptures to him. He was simply interested in seeing that the correct words were used. Then Tommer came to the words of Jesus from the cross: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Suddenly Tommer was on his knees praying and crying: "Oh Lord, I see it now. It was all for me." He became a faithful Christian and testified about his faith to many others. Tommer had found what the author of Isaiah 53 recognized—the servant of God suffers for the sins of others. Although the words were written centuries before the crucifixion, there is probably no more beautiful description of Christ's atonement than our reading today.

"He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." The sufferings of any person enduring crucifixion should wring sympathy from us. But only when we understand Christ endured all this for us do we understand God's love.

We think about the crucifixion most frequently during the Lenten season. But we should never let the picture of the suffering Christ fade from our mind. Each of us feels at times that God has forgotten us. We need again to see the suffering Servant bearing our griefs and carrying our sorrows.

Like Tommer, we need to understand that "it was all for me." The crucifixion has worldwide import, but first we must see it as a personal thing, a witness by our heavenly Father that he has truly forgiven us and that he continues to love us.

God, may the sufferings of Jesus cover my sins and the love of Jesus fill my heart. In his name, Amen.

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
February 4, 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, February 4, 2026 in the fellowship hall. Members present were Chad Coulter, Chad Beranek, Bridget Arkell, Deb Furth, Jill Irlbeck, Janice Werner, John Smith, Justina Erickson, Kent Teveldal and Pastor Tom Sahl.

President Beranek called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and Pastor Sahl led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: John S. moved to approve the minutes from January, 2026 as sent out by Deb through email. Chad C seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bridget reported the January, 2026 checking balance of \$12,680.99 and savings balance of \$61,743.64. On a motion by Chad C and seconded by Kent T, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom Sahl went on 6 visits and met with 2 couples about their upcoming marriages. Confirmation classes are going OK. Pastor questioned our practice for Ash Wednesday services. We will have imposition of ashes at Ash Wednesday service on February 18, 2026

Committee Reports:

Education: There will be Prayer Partners on Sunday, February 8, 2026, after worship service with singing at VVM Prayer Partners. 1st communion will be Sunday, April 12, 2026 and confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Worship and Music: No report.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Jill reported they voted at their last meeting to give the \$1,335 left over from the endowment fund from 2024 to the monthly mission account and then to Make-A-Wish. Bridget moved the 3% of balance from the mission endowment (\$1335) be donated to Make-A-Wish. Deb F seconded. Motion carried.

Life, Growth & Stewardship continued:

There will be a Lenten meal before the Ash Wednesday service on February 18, 2026. The committee is looking for hamburger donations for that meal. The Ice Cream Social is set for July 15, 2026. More church directories have been ordered. LGS will have their next meeting May 4, 2026.

Property: No report

Old Business:

Call committee update:

Had a zoom meeting with a candidate, but he has declined our call.

FB Livestream:

We will continue as is for now.

Communion and/or visitor cards:

The use of communion cards will come up again in October as it needs to be changed in the by-laws and this needs to be coordinated with our annual meeting. We will look into having visitor cards available for those visitors that may want to use those for their home congregations.

New Business

Trust committee members:

There was an error in the annual report list of committee members as to who was on trust. Kevin Graff has replaced Chad Beranek on that committee. Janice reported that Char Graff and Doreen Johnson are also off of the worship and music committee.

Luther League Lock-In:

Chad C moved and Jill I seconded to allow the Luther League to use the church for their annual Lock-In. Motion carried.

Communion Assistants

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

February 8, 2026 –

John Smith and Janice Werner

February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday) –

Steve Halter and Chad Coulter

March 1, 2026 –

Gayle Erickson and Jill Irlbeck

Next council meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at immediately after worship services.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, John S moved to adjourn and Kent T seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:52 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

MARCH USHER SCHEDULE

Brian Werner
Gary Polkow
Teagen Werner
Chad Coulter



Mike Vollmer—Sub



TAXI
Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!

Swimming Lesson Assistance

Do you need assistance with swimming lesson fees?

The Life, Growth and Stewardship committee has funds available to assist with swimming lessons. Learning to swim is an important life skill both for recreation and safety. Please reach out to an LGS member, the church office or mention it when you sign up at the city office for swimming lessons if you could use assistance with fees.



MAKE A Noisy Offering

"JOYFUL NOISE!" Noisy offering collected in February was \$66.77!

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



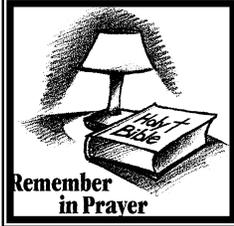
Luther League Lock-in

March 6th from 7pm to midnight...watch for more details to come!

FUN & GAMES

Media System Operator Schedule

March 1, 2026	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
March 4, 2026 Lenten Service	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
March 8, 2026	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
March 11, 2026 Lenten Service	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
March 15, 2026	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)
March 18, 2026 Lenten Service	Chad Beranek (605-421-1290)
March 22, 2026	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
March 25, 2026 Lenten Service	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)



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.

- Austin Imker (basketball leg injury)
- Judy Kuehl (afib issues)
- Ray Arkell (leg blood cot)
- Marlys Jenniges (health issues)
- Arlene Theis (health issues)
- Jeffrey Kuehl (health issues)
- Diane Nalley (health concerns)
- Briana (Halter) Peterson (cancer surgery)
- Pastor Cathy Tetrick Hoffbeck (recovery)
- Jean Lange (health concerns)
- Nancy Rue (health issues)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)



Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



~ 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.

MARCH ALTAR GUILD



Courtney Thram
Kris Vollmer



Acolytes

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

March 1, 2026

Zoey Keck—R & Madisyn Keck
Video: Kylee Leonard

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

_____ -R
Video: Braylen Braulick

March 8, 2026

Quintin Willhite-R & Lindsey Guggisberg
Video: Grifyn Redman

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Lincoln Hesse-R
Video: Levi Jeckell

March 15, 2026

Braedon Mariner-R
Video: Bentley Werner

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Zoey Keck-R
Video: Halle Paplow

March 22, 2026

Zoey Keck-R
Video: Sam Thillen

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Quintin Willhite-R
Video: Madisyn Keck

March 29, 2026

Lincoln Hesse-R
Video: Dawson Rue



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



Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

- 1st - Elaine Frank, Kellie Valentin, Melissa Bedner
- 2nd - Josie Horning
- 3rd - Kim Grunewald
- 5th - Roger Sackett
- 6th - Lee Ann Kronback, Brian Kletscher, Kirk Engen
- 7th - Nancy Kissner, Lincoln Hesse
- 8th - Sharon Furth, Dominik Smith, Shanice Churchill, Carter Churchill
- 9th - Mark Coulter, Isaac Wondercheck
- 10th - Marlon Pfarr, Jared Lang
- 12th - Taylor Rose
- 13th - Blaine VanMeveren, Tim Johnson, Mackenzie Knutson, Alexis Benedict
- 14th - Liam Kenney, Cameron Bergemann
- 15th - Sharon (Dave) Vollmer, Emma Jeckell, Everly McCullough
- 16th - Triston Kronbach
- 17th - Harper Erickson
- 18th - Finley Thram
- 19th - Bill Bedner, Griffin Willhite
- 20th - Sam Halter, Bonnie Holman
- 21st - Linda Horning,
- 23rd - Jill Irlbeck, Colton Jeckell
- 24th - Pam Vogel
- 25th - Karen Juhnke, Ryon Zimmermann
- 28th - Susan Jeckell, Jan Benedict
- 29th - Jodene Mariner, Lynn Story
- 30th - Helen Hansen, Shadae Knutson
- 31st - Kaelynn Kronbach, Ashley Keck



March



- 4th - James & Bonnie Holman
- 10th - Brian & Vicki Kletscher
- 18th - Elliot & Emily Evans
Gary & Penny Mattison
- 23rd - Steve & Val Halter

**MARCH MISSION
WAFER Food Assistance**

Matthew 25:35 (NIV)
"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

WAFER provides **free food to low-income residents** living in the **southwest two-thirds of Redwood County**.

- **Hours:** Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
- **Emergency food** is available **once per month**
- **Location:** Enter through the **Cedar St. door**

If you or someone you know is in need, please take advantage of this resource.

You can use the envelope in the pews or your own envelope and write "WAFER" 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!

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

January — Trinity Missions — \$950.00
(formerly Mission to Mississippi)

Thank you for your support!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS!



Board of Education News

Youth Singing in Church

Our Nursery-5th students will be singing during the church service on Palm Sunday, March 29th.

Prayer Partners

Please join us for our final Prayer Partners of this Sunday School year on Palm Sunday, March 29th. We'll have snacks and an activity before we head over to the Nursing Home to share our songs with the residents.

Memory Work

We're in the final countdown for Memory Work! We've been working hard in Sunday School but encourage parents to check in with your child(ren) to provide some assistance at home. Please reach out with any questions!

Service Notes

7th-9th graders - continue to work on your Sermon Notes. Lent is an excellent time to get caught up.

SAVE THE DATES!

— April 12th our six 5th graders (Chloe C., Cooper C., Harper E., Ty J., Kaelynn K., and Sophie R.) will be receiving their First Communion. We are excited to celebrate this milestone with them.

— Last Day of the 2025-2026 Sunday School year is April 26th.

— Confirmation Sunday is set for May 3rd. Please note worship will be at 10:00 that morning. More information to come for Confirmands and their parents.

— VBS will be held Sunday June 7th - Thursday June 11th 6:00pm-8:00pm. Many more details to come!!

Bible Camp Info



Check out some of these area camps who offer fun and educational programs!

- Water's Edge Ministries, formerly Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, Spicer, MN
Register at: GLLM.org
- Inspiration Point Christian Camp & Retreat Center
Register at: IPOINT.ORG 218.338-5379
- Shetek Lutheran Ministries
Register at: <https://shetek.org/summer/>
- Lost Timber Bible Camp
Register at: <https://www.losttimber.org/>
- Camp Grace, Chandler, MN - campgracemn.org

These are only a few of the camps in our area. You are welcome to go to the camp of your choice.



Bible Camp Scholarships

Once you register for a bible camp, please let the church office know. Camp scholarships (up to \$250) are available but you will need to register and get reimbursed.

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.





BUDGET RECAP
as of 2/15/2026

Income:

1/18/26— 2/15/26	\$7,714.05
In Checking Acct.	\$13,741.57
In Savings Acct.	\$61,743.64

Needed weekly to Meet budget

\$4,389.00

Lent Services

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026
9:00 A.M. Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026
7:00 P.M. Service at OSLC (C)

Good Friday, April 3, 2026
7:00 P.M. Service

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
9:00 A.M. Easter Service (C)

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.*



When we celebrate Easter, we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ Our Lord and the promise that we, too, if we believe will be raised. It's also a time to remember loved ones who have died in Christ, believing and trusting in God's promise of salvation.

We will have lilies or an assortment of flowering plants for Easter in memory of those we love. We'll print in the bulletin all those who gave plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you want a plant please fill out the form below.

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 29th

If you mail your form, please call or email the church office to make sure we receive your order in time! oslclamberton@centrytel.net

PLANTS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Please make checks payable to OSLC.

Let's fill the church with flowers and let their beauty enhance our Lord's resurrection!

I WANT ____ Flowering Plant at \$20 each (Assorted such as Mum/Begonia/Calandiva, no reserved)

I WANT ____ Lily (Lilies) at \$20 each

TO BE GIVEN

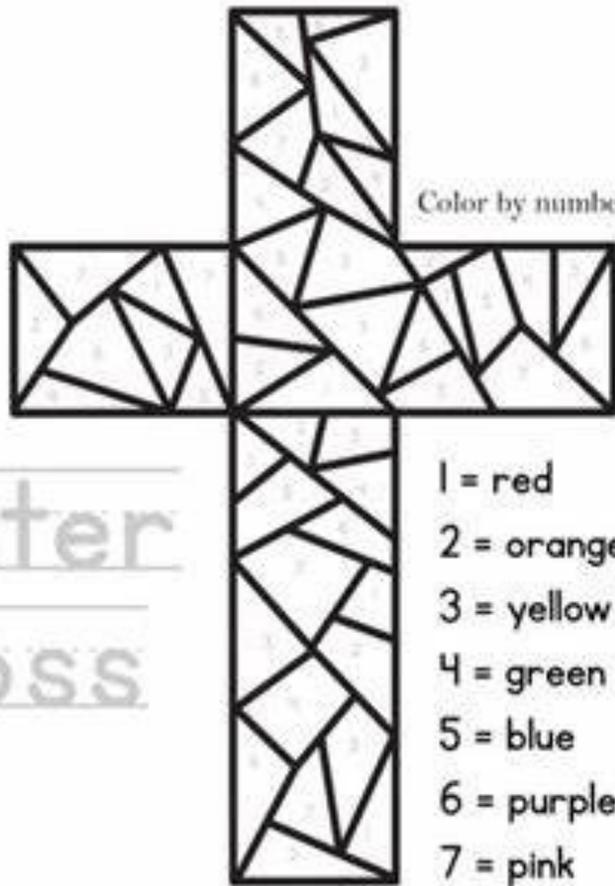
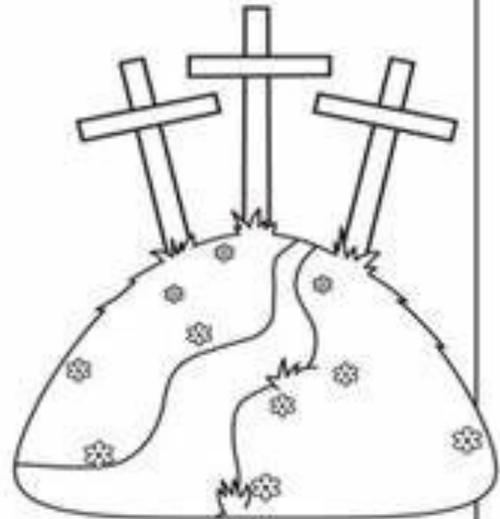
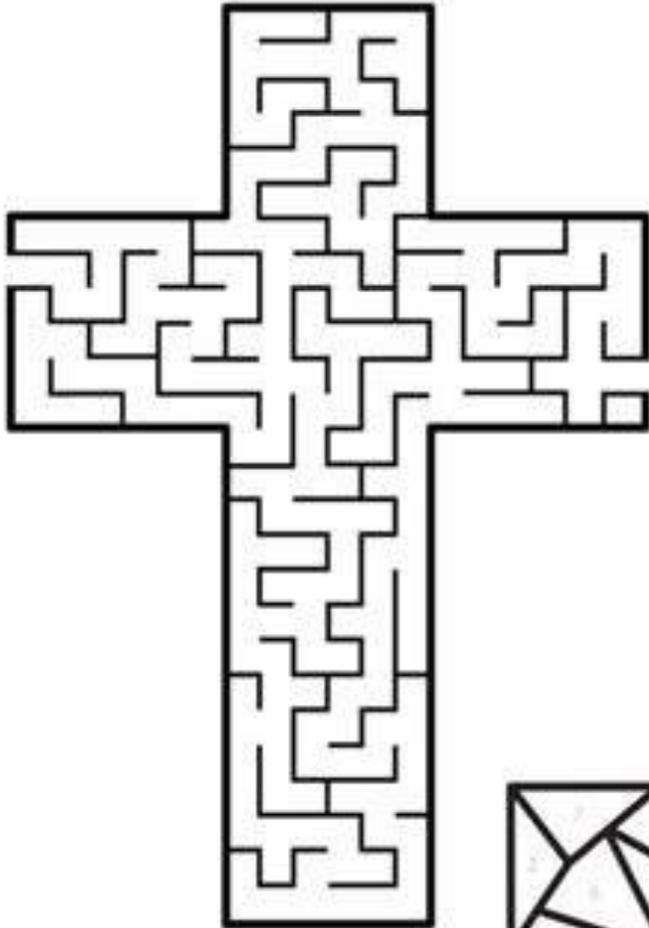
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OR

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BY _____ Enclosed is \$ _____

Easter Cross Maze



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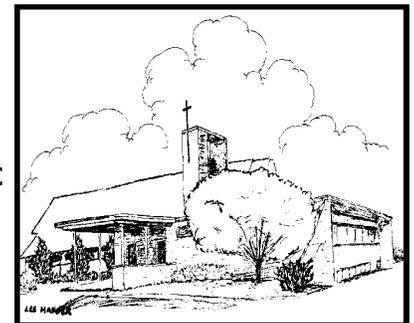
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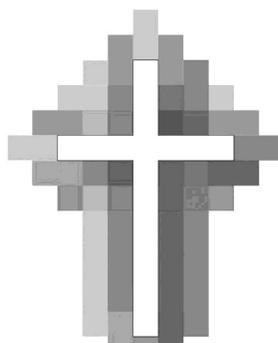
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Worship Services:

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

Cable Broadcast of Services:

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



**"If any want to be my followers,
let them deny themselves and
take up their cross and follow me."**

Mark 8:34

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 as designated on the monthly calendar.**