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## *How Can We Know?*

**H**OW CAN we know that there is a God and that he has created us to be his sons and daughters? How can we be so sure that he went to the lengths of a cross to forgive our sins and give us a right to an eternal kingdom, and that upon death he will usher us into its fullness?

We can know this, said Jesus, because the Spirit will confirm this truth in our hearts. No laboratory can do it; no logic can do it. This truth lies beyond the reaches of reason alone. The great story of the Bible will find its way into our hearts only as the Holy Spirit does this miraculous work within us. The truth captures us and holds us.

Nor is the truth some vague idea. Jesus said, "I am the truth." We are held fast by a *person*, not by an idea. A young man who was hard-pressed to keep his faith among his agnostic friends expressed it when he said, "I couldn't let Jesus go."

For most of us the alternative to believing is intolerable. What if there is no God who cares, and we are caught as cogs in a cold machine without a heart and without meaning? Deep down, perhaps all people really want to believe. They have longings and yearnings for something more than can be seen and measured. They want the kind of God we have in Jesus Christ.

Year in and year out, for nearly 2000 years, the church has simply told the biblical story, and the Holy Spirit has used the telling to etch the faith into the hearts of people. The story has enabled believers to walk upright through the swirling storms of life. It has given them courage and hope and love.

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 6, 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, May 6, 2026 in the fellowship hall. Members present were Bridget Arkell, Deb Furth, Jill Irlbeck, John Smith, Kent Teveldal, and Chad Coulter.

Absent: Chad Beranek, Janice Werner, Justtina Erickson & Pastor Tom Sahl

Vice-President Tevedal called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and Deb F led the group in prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: Bridget reported the April, 2026 checking balance of \$4,540.20 and savings balance of \$61,774.10. On a motion by Jill I and seconded by Deb F, the treasurer's report was approved.

In the absence of Pastor Sahl, there was no pastor report.

**Committee Reports:**

Education: In the absence of the Education rep, there was not education committee report.

Worship and Music: In the absence of the Worship and Music rep, there was not worship and music committee report.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Jill reported they met on Monday, May 4. The date was set for the ice cream social to be held Wednesday, July 15, 2026. They will be asking for hamburger donations and will also decide where the proceeds will be donated. A suggestion was made to possibly donate towards the mini split for the office air conditioners.

Property: John reported the estimated cost for mini splits for the office air conditioners is about \$7000 plus the electrical work. Chad C moved to proceed forward with the mini split pending approval of the request for building funds and approval from the trust committee and possibly the profits from the ice cream social. John S seconded. Motion carried. A request for an estimate for replacing the carpet in the sanctuary was made and was estimated at approximately \$10,000 to \$11,000.

**Old Business:**

Call committee update:

There was one applicant, but it didn't work out.

Grove Street Project:

Tabled until the next meeting

Worship Service on May, 10, 2026:

Karen will be delivering the children's sermon as well as the regular sermon (sent by Aaron Deutsch) and John Smith will do the rest of the service.

**New Business**

No new business

**Communion Assistants**

Congregation members are encouraged to sign up on the bulletin board outside the offices if they would like to assist with communion. May 10, 2026 – Gayle Erickson and Janice Werner

**Next council meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 7 PM.**

**Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, Chad C moved to adjourn and Jill I seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:27 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Furth

Council Secretary

## JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS ~Harvest Heartland~

Hunger is a growing reality across our communities, and more families than ever are relying on food assistance. Yet when we come together with compassion and purpose, we help remove the stigma and make it easier for neighbors to seek support. Providing food is about more than meeting a basic need—it brings relief, restores dignity, and offers hope during difficult times. By sharing these resources and spreading the word, we ensure that those who are struggling know they are not alone and that help is within reach.

You can use the envelope in the pews or your own envelope and write "Harvest Heartland" 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>



**Mission**  
offering

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

## Noisy Offering



Noisy offering collected in May was \$59.54!

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.**

April—Ronald McDonald House—\$3,750

## Ice Cream Social Newsletter 2026

Our annual Ice Cream Social is more than a summer event—it's an opportunity to gather together as a church family and community. Take time to visit with friends, hear what's new in each other's lives, share stories from the summer, and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun. Whether you reconnect with familiar faces or meet someone new, we hope you'll join us for good conversation, sweet treats, and meaningful community.

We'll be serving our famous potato salad, special baked beans, and classic BBQ—recipes that keep folks coming back year after year.



**Volunteers:** a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the offices. There is something for everyone, including prep, serving, & clean up. Last year several younger members (confirmation and older SS kids) helped with the dining room, carrying drinks and picking up trays, that worked out great, we hope you will help again this year!

Do you have **ground beef** that you could donate for the BBQ? We need 20 lb. We appreciate donations in any amount. Contact the office or Kris Vollmer. We need it at the church by Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up sheets will be placed on the bulletin board outside the office.



**BUDGET RECAP**  
as of 5/17/2026

<b>Income:</b>	
4/19/26— 5/17/26	\$8,347.20
In Checking Acct.	\$5,872.93
In Savings Acct.	\$61,774.10
<b>Needed weekly to</b>	
<b>Meet budget</b>	\$4,389.00

**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.*



**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.

**Attention Thrivent Members!**

If you are a Thrivent member who can sign up for a Thrivent Action Team card, we would love your help! The Life, Growth, & Stewardship team could some cards for groceries for the Ice Cream Social.

Please contact Kris Vollmer if you have questions. 507-828-1252



Please join us for our  
**Vacation Bible School Program!**

Come see what we've been learning all week!

**VBS Program June 11th**  
**@ 7:30 P.M.**

Join us for rootbeer floats following the program!

**Everyone welcome!!**

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.

- 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)
- Diane Nalley (health concerns)
- Briana (Halter) Peterson (cancer surgery recovery)
- Pastor Cathy Tetric Hoffbeck (recovery)
- Jean Lange (health concerns)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)

Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



Wishing You a

# Happy Birthday!

## June Birthdays

- 1st - Aaron Geske, Wyatt Kronbach
- 2nd - Quintin Willhite, Brayden Vollmer
- 3rd - Lucas Erickson, McKoy Knutson
- 4th - Brad Gisch
- 6th - Carol Giersdorf, Max Erickson, Levi Jeckell
- 8th - Eleanor Evans
- 10th - Corrie Vollmer, Brenda Anderson, Randy Hammerschmidt, Karen Neperman, Deb Thram
- 12th - Brian Kramin
- 13th - Brenner Sauer
- 15th - Bill Pfarr, Todd Horning
- 18th - Rich Arkell
- 19th - David Vollmer, Karen Vogel, Jenna Paplow
- 20th - Jean Lange
- 22nd - Mary Jo Vollmer
- 25th - Kurt Willhite
- 26th - Allison Rue, Jon Keck, Michelle Koppen
- 29th - Jocelyn Geske, Braedon Mariner
- 30th - Lydia Benedict



## June



- 4th - Justin & Courtney Thram  
Ryan & Wendy Wondercheck
- 5th - Jay & Jocelyn Geske
- 9th - Darren & Allison Rue
- 11th - Kevin & Char Graff
- 12th - Butch & Sandy Danielowski  
Timothy & Jessica Johnson
- 14th - Bruce & Barb Anderson
- 16th - Lynn & Betty Keck
- 17th - Mike & Barb Johnson
- 20th - Todd & Jeannie Horning
- 21st - Tom & Karen Neperman
- 23rd - Karl & Judy Dagner
- 25th - Dale & Sandy Gustad
- 27th - Brad & Katie Gisch
- 29th - Wade & Molly Werner  
Jon & Ashley Keck
- 30th - Dave & Sharon Vollmer

### Parsonage Property Grove Street Project

The City of Lambertton is currently in the initial stages of infrastructure improvements to Grove Street, where the parsonage property is located.

These improvements will result in special assessments to the properties along Grove Street once the project moves forward. The current estimated assessment for the parsonage property is \$19,501.64. Property owners will have the option to either pay the full amount upfront or have the cost spread out over time (with interest) on the property tax bill. The city will determine whether the repayment period will be 10 or 15 years, and that decision is still pending. Council members will use the next month to think about how to handle this.

If anyone has an opinion on this or would like to make a donation towards this project, please talk to one of your council members.



### JUNE USHER SCHEDULE

- Rich Arkell
- Roger Zimmermann
- Dave Vollmer
- Holden Mariner



Tim Osland—Sub

TAXI: Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!

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



**June 7, 2026**  
Halle Paplow & Grifyn Redman  
**Video:** Sam Thillen

**June 14, 2026**  
Izabella Britt & Ethanite Britt  
**Video:** Wyatt Kronbach

**June 21, 2026**  
Baylee Engen  
**Video:** Isaac Wondercheck

**June 28, 2026**  
Isaac Wondercheck  
**Video:** Sawyer Jeckell



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

**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.

**Sanctuary Building Improvements**

Some members of the congregation have expressed interest in updating the sanctuary carpet. The property committee has obtained an estimate: new carpet and installation will total approximately \$10,400 (\$7,400 for the carpet and \$3,000 for installation). To support this project, the church is establishing a dedicated fund. If you would like to contribute, please use the envelopes in the pews for your donation and mark it 'carpet'.

**Join us for Vacation Bible School!**  
**Let's "SHINE" for Jesus with the Go Fish Guys!**



**All students entering Kindergarten this fall through those just finishing 6th grade are invited to join in the fun. Older youth can come as helpers!**  
**Sunday, June 7- Thursday, June 11 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Each night, youth will sing, dance, learn about a bible story and create during craft time. We know schedules may be busy, so while we would love for you to join us all five nights, please come to as many as work.

If you have a friend who isn't a member at Our Saviors and would like to join us, super - bring them along! Do let Nicole at the church office know their name and grade so we can add them to our list.

Students will receive a light snack as part of the VBS program thanks to the very generous Women's Circles.

We are still looking for volunteers and encourage parents to sign up to help us out for an evening or two. We could especially use help with the music and media operation. Sign up on the bulletin board!

Plan to join us as we wrap up the week with a short program and root beer floats Thursday at 7:30pm!"



**JUNE ALTAR GUILD**

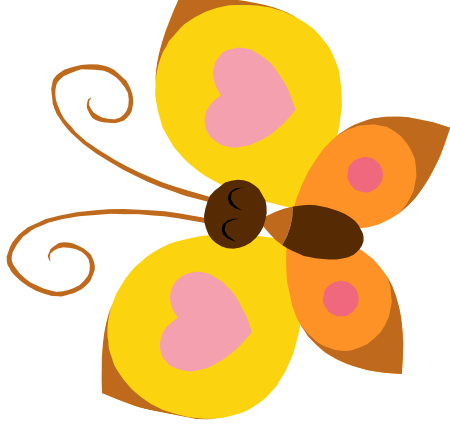
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Jean Price

**June Media Operator Schedule**

June 7, 2026	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
June 14, 2026	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
June 21, 2026	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
June 28, 2026	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)



it's **June**  
Happy Summer

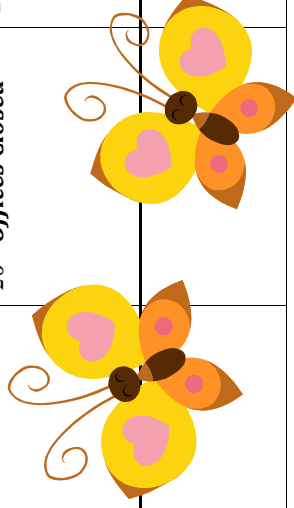


2026

**Sun**      **Mon**      **Tue**      **Wed**      **Thu**      **Fri**      **Sat**

Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!

	1 <i>Offices Closed</i>	2 <i>Offices Closed</i>	3 7:00 Church Council	4	5 <i>Offices Closed</i>	6
7 9:00 Worship/Communion 6:00 Vacation Bible School Starts!	8 <i>Offices Closed</i> 6:00 VBS	9 6:00 VBS	10 6:00 VBS	11 6:00 VBS 7:30 VBS Program w/Rootbeer Floats! <b>Everyone Welcome!</b>	12 <i>Offices Closed</i> Wedding Rehearsal	13 Wedding of Jenna Paplow & Joe Kaseforth
14 9:00 Worship/Communion	15 <i>Offices Closed</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Offices Closed</i>	20
21 <b>Happy Father's Day!!</b> 9:00 Contemporary Worship	22 <i>Offices Closed</i> <u>Newsletter</u> <b>Articles Due!</b>	23	24	25	26 <i>Offices Closed</i>	27
28 9:00 Worship 12:00 Baptism of Avery Clarke	29 <i>Offices Closed</i>	30				



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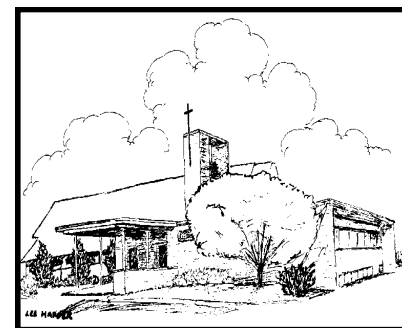
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Website: [www.oslclamberton.com](http://www.oslclamberton.com)

### **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 -Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.

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**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/or calendar items into the church office as designated on the monthly calendar.**