



PARTNERS



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Luke 24:1-53

He is alive!

Dead bodies stay where they are put. No matter what the horror movies say, corpses don't move. A day, a week, 10 years, a century after the funeral, what's left of a body will still be in the graveyard where it was last buried. People can go there on Memorial Day to plant flowers or say prayers, but nothing really changes in cemeteries.

Yet, once in the gray light of early dawn, some women slipped quietly into a graveyard. Their mission was dangerous. They came to give a proper burial to a man who had been executed as an enemy of the government. Watch out! Don't let anyone catch you befriending such a person, alive or dead.

Yet they stole softly onward. In the chilling silence before daybreak, they found their way among the dark shadows. They knew where the body was, and they braved the dim gloom of the garden, eager to finish their task of embalming it. They hoped they would be gone before anyone spotted them.

They were totally unprepared for what they found. The tomb was empty. The body was gone. What were they going to do?

Suddenly, "two men stood by them in dazzling apparel." Ghosts? Spirits? Angels? "They were frightened." Imagine how you would have felt. Most of us would have gone charging out of that graveyard!

But these "men" had a message. They were angels or messengers of God and their word was, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

Aha! They *did* remember! Those strange words never meant much before. Jesus' disciples had never accepted the idea that he would actually die. So they also forgot about his rising. "Why seek the living among the dead?" Indeed, why? Then they began to realize what had happened. All their hopes and dreams had not been swallowed up by the grave. They rushed out to tell the good news to their friends and the rest of the world.

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

Absent: Chad Coulter

President Beranek called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM and Pastor Sahl led the group in a devotional prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: Bridget reported the February, 2026 checking balance of \$7,047.04 and savings balance of \$61,743.64. On a motion by John S and seconded by Janice W, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom Sahl went on 2 visits and met with 2 couples about their upcoming marriages. Pastor Sahl would like Sunday, May 10 off to attend granddaughter's graduation. Arrangements will be made to cover that Sunday.

Committee Reports:

Education: The last day of Sunday School this year be April 26, 2026. There will be Prayer Partners on Sunday, March 29, 2026, after worship service. 1st communion will be Sunday, April 12, 2026 and confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2026. Sunday School students are finishing up memory work. The committee is working on finalizing VBS dates.

Worship and Music: No report. Pastor will contact the Methodist church about participation and attending Maunday Thursday services to be held this year at Our Savior's.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Jill reported no meeting. Their next meeting will be May 4, 2026 at 7 PM

Property: John reported that the shower has been fixed at the parsonage. Salt will be added to the water softener at the parsonage.

Old Business:

Call committee update:

The pastor opening will be reposted as the last deadline has expired. No applicants in the last month.

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.

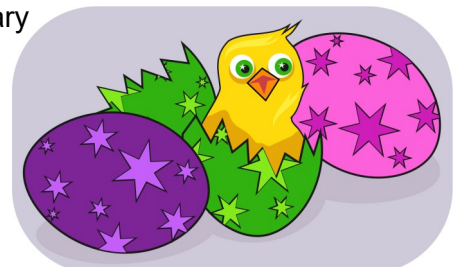
March 8, 2026 – Deb Furth and Bridget Arkell
April 2, 2026 (Maunday Thursday) – John Smith and Janice Werner
April 5, 2026 (Easter Sunday)– John S, Jill Irlbeck and Gayle Erickson

Next council meeting: Jill I. moved and John S. seconded to move the April council meeting to Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7 PM. Instead of April 1, due to a busy Holy Week and to give the treasurer time to finish up the last month's treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Kent T moved to adjourn and Bridget A seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:30 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary





BUDGET RECAP
as of 3/15/2026

Total Outstanding:	
Accounts Payable	\$0
Estimated Payroll	\$4,100.00
Income:	
2/15/26— 3/15/26	\$5,344.44
In Checking Acct.	\$3,790.01
In Savings Acct.	\$61,743.64
Needed weekly to Meet budget	\$3,200.00

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://oslcclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may still mail checks to the church office.

**Address found on last page of newsletter.*



Noisy Offering

Noisy offering collected in March was \$32.36!

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

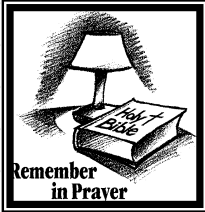
Lent Services

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)






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 (recovery, ACL tear)
- Nancy Rue (surgery to remove cancer on face)
- 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 recovery)
- Pastor Cathy Tetrick Hoffbeck (recovery)
- Jean Lange (health concerns)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)

Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



APRIL ALTAR GUILD



Connie Lambert
Marie Dammann
Connie Albrecht

Media System Operator Schedule

April 2, 2026 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
April 3, 2026 <i>Good Friday</i>	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
April 5, 2026 <i>Easter</i>	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)
April 12, 2026	Chad Beranek
April 19, 2026	Jodi Smith
April 26, 2026	Ethan Willhite

Board of Education News

—**Last Day** of our 2025-2026 Sunday School year is April 26th. Thank you for joining us and sharing your children.

—**Memory Work** - please continue to work with your child on their memory work and let their teacher know once it is complete. Certificates will be handed out during the Church service on April 26th.

—**Sermon Notes** - keep submitting them. They can be completed all year long to get caught up. Unfortunately, no working ahead toward future years' goals.

—**First Communion** is April 12th for our 5th graders. Please join us as we recognize them.

—**Confirmation Sunday** is May 3rd. What an accomplishment for our 9th graders, please join the celebration!

9th graders and parents please take note of these Important Dates:

—Interviews have been moved to April 8th, beginning at 5:30pm.

—Practice and Pictures are April 29th at 4:00pm.

—**Vacation Bible School** dates are set for June 7th - June 11th.

We need volunteers to help make this happen, please consider spending an evening or two with us!



—**Camperships:** Contact Nicole at the church office for any final Campership questions.



APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS ~Ronald McDonald House Charities~

Keeping families together and near the medical care they need through a network of local Chapters

Helping a sick child fight their illness takes a big enough emotional toll on a family. Adding a financial strain can make it all almost too much to bear. RMHC can help address those problems, whether they involve housing that's near a hospitalized child, the expense of staying together in another city, or even getting basic medical and dental care in a vulnerable community.

You can pick up an envelope in the pew or use your own envelope and write "Ronald McDonald House" 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!

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

February: Luther League Mission Trip— \$300

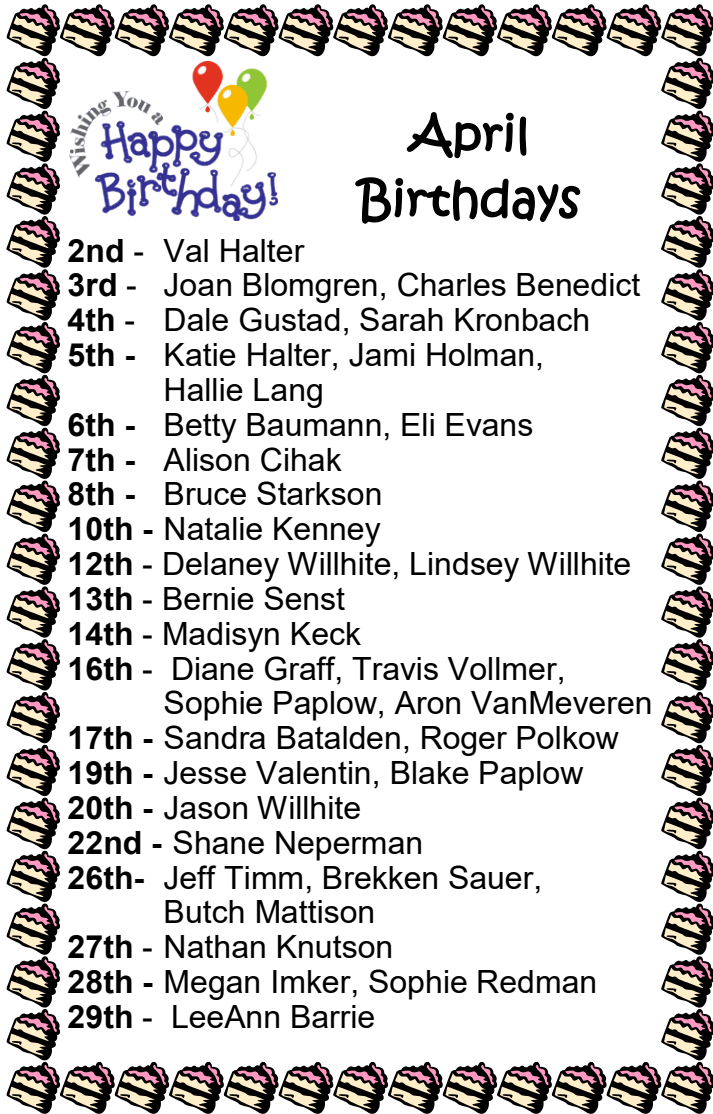
Thank you for your support!

APRIL USHER SCHEDULE

Deb Furth
Dale Gustad
Aron Van Meveren
Bob Halter
Steve Halter—Sub



TAXI
Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!



April Birthdays

- 2nd - Val Halter
- 3rd - Joan Blomgren, Charles Benedict
- 4th - Dale Gustad, Sarah Kronbach
- 5th - Katie Halter, Jami Holman, Hallie Lang
- 6th - Betty Baumann, Eli Evans
- 7th - Alison Cihak
- 8th - Bruce Starkson
- 10th - Natalie Kenney
- 12th - Delaney Willhite, Lindsey Willhite
- 13th - Bernie Senst
- 14th - Madisyn Keck
- 16th - Diane Graff, Travis Vollmer, Sophie Paplow, Aron VanMeveren
- 17th - Sandra Batalden, Roger Polkow
- 19th - Jesse Valentin, Blake Paplow
- 20th - Jason Willhite
- 22nd - Shane Neperman
- 26th - Jeff Timm, Brekken Sauer, Butch Mattison
- 27th - Nathan Knutson
- 28th - Megan Imker, Sophie Redman
- 29th - LeeAnn Barrie



April



- 2nd - Jason & Misty Willhite
- 13th - Shane & Chantel Neperman
- 17th - Cory & Joan Blomgren
- 18th - Glen & Chris Pfarr
- 20th - Jess & Leah Bittner, Brian & Nicole Kramin
- 25th - David & Jill Irlbeck
- 26th - Lucas & Justina Erickson
- 30th - Matt & Melissa Bedner

APRIL ACOLYTE & VIDEO SCHEDULE



9:00 A.M. Worship Service

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026
7:00 PM @ OSLC

Braedon Mariner-R & _____
Video: _____

Good Friday, April 3, 2026 @ 7pm
Braedon Mariner-R
Video: Isaac Wondercheck

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
Zoey Keck-R & Abby Thram
Video: Madisyn Keck

April 12, 2026
Braylen Braulick & Bentley Werner
Video: Quintin Willhite

April 19, 2026
Levi Jeckell
Video: Lindsey Guggisberg



April 26, 2026
Chloe Coners
Video: Halle Paplow

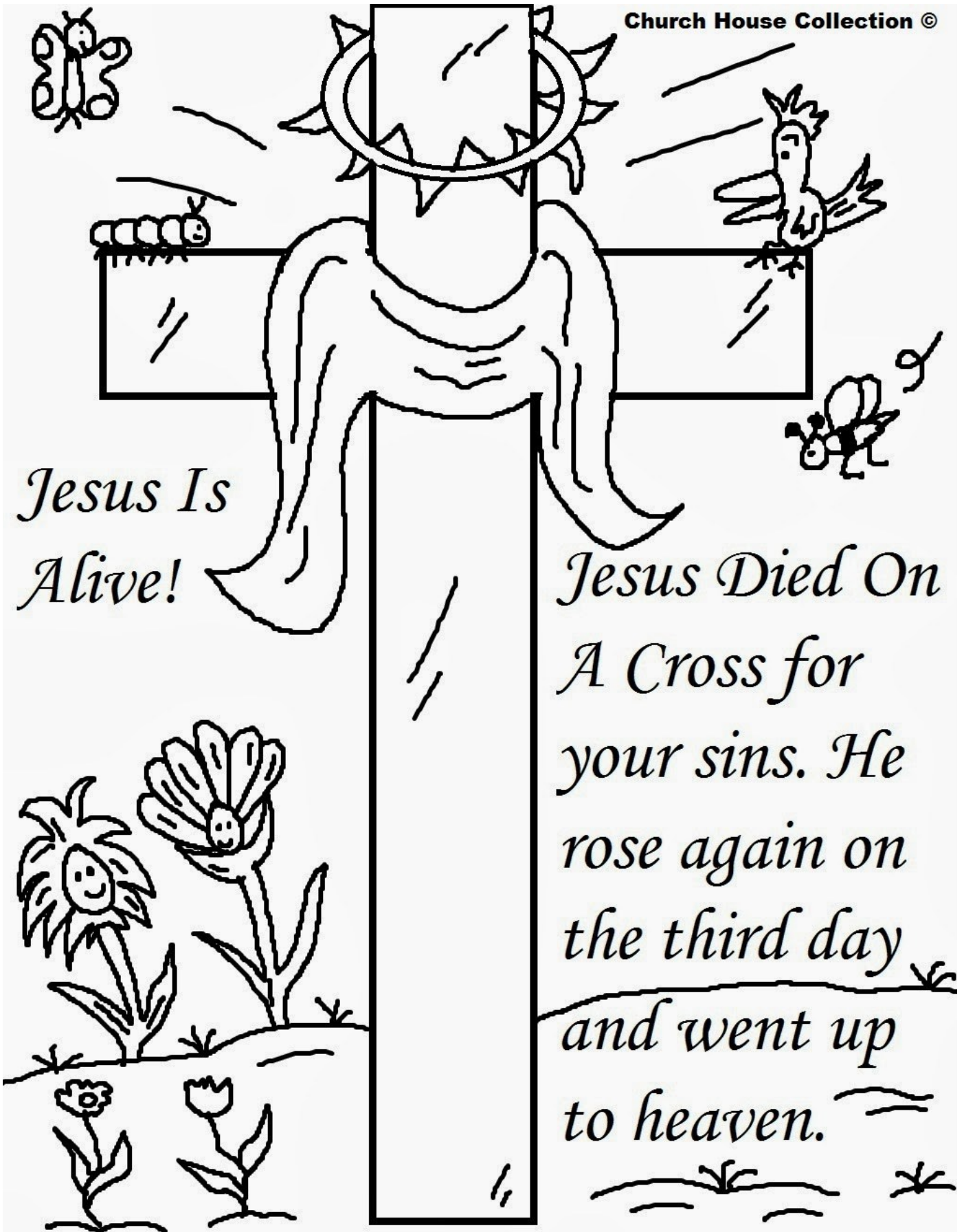
Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement for your designated worship service.
Thank you!!

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 of-fice. 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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

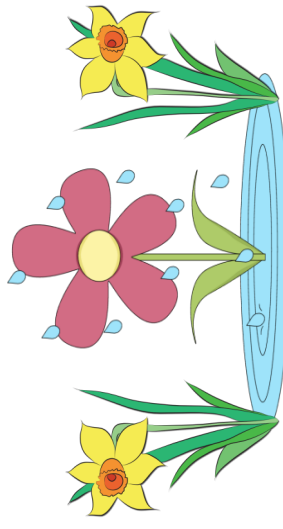
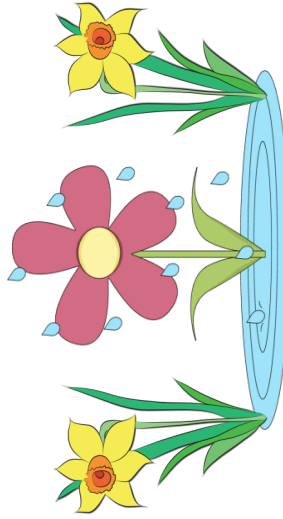
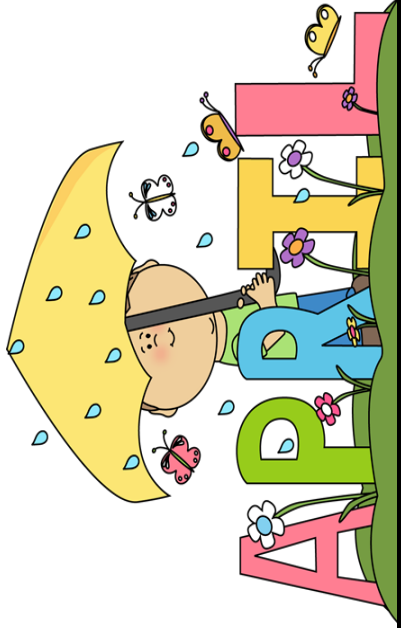
As always, Our Savior's Lutheran Church is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible to direct Choice Dollars, we ask you to consider our congregation as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds. For more information about how to designate Choice Dollars visit: Thrivent.com/choicevote or call 800-847-4836.


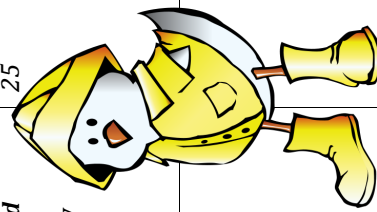
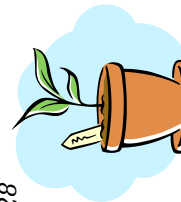




*Jesus Is
Alive!*

*Jesus Died On
A Cross for
your sins. He
rose again on
the third day
and went up
to heaven.*



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 RRC Testing <i>No Confirmation Class</i></p>	<p>2 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service @ OSLC</p>	<p>3 <i>Offices Closed</i> GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Tenebrae Service</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Easter 9:00 A.M. Easter Service (C) <i>No Sunday School</i></p> 	<p>6 <i>Offices Closed</i></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 <i>No 7th & 8th Confirmation Class</i> 5:30 9th Grade Confirmation Interviews 6:00 Luther League 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:00 Worship/Communion First Communion 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>13 <i>Offices Closed</i></p>	<p>14 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p>15 <i>No Confirmation Class</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>20 <i>Offices Closed</i> Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	<p>21 RRC Testing</p>	<p>22 <i>No Confirmation Class</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> 
<p>26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School- <i>Last day of SS!</i> & Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>27 <i>Offices Closed</i></p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29 4:00 9th Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures</p>	<p>30</p>		<p>2026</p>

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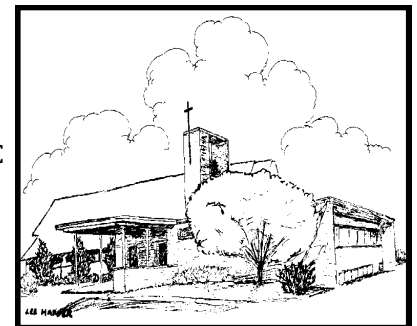
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Worship Services:

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 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.