



# PARTNERS



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## Membership

The goal of any church is to grow. Growth is often qualified numerically, but it can and should also be qualified in terms of maturity. Embedded within this goal of most churches is to have casual attendees become members. The question is: what is a member? What constitutes Christian membership? Did you know that church membership is an authentically Christian idea? One of the greatest theologians in the last 150 years is a man named C.S. Lewis. He wrote an essay on membership. He reminds readers that membership is Christian—the concepts of believing and belonging are inextricably linked in the faith of Christianity. Unfortunately, the world has transformed the concept of church membership into a pattern of paying dues, meaningless rituals, silly handshakes, and the like. Perhaps it's helpful for us to have a simple, gentle reminder of what membership is in Christianity. The roots of membership are primarily based in saving faith in Christ. Specifically this means placing our faith in the correct object, which is Christ and him crucified for us. Thus, we no longer live but Christ lives in us (Galatians 2:20). If we have a correct understanding of who God is, and what Christ has done for us, placing our faith exclusively in that. Then the result is saving faith. The invitation of the New Testament for any believing Christian is to find a suitable congregation to be a part of, or in the language of the 12th chapter of Romans, to become a vital organ in a living body.

Becoming a member in a church also offers many other ancillary benefits. The protection and encouragement of a church environment in which one can foster and discover their spiritual gifts. A place where accountability is offered with the expectation that real growth will occur. Along with faith in Christ, we can be invited into a genuine understanding of the means by which God demonstrates his grace to us. Therefore, Baptism and the Lord's Supper become vital components in a fully ebbed picture of what a functioning member in any given congregation might look like. As members continue to assimilate into the greater mission of the church, they can grow in their understanding of why we as a church exist, what we are intended to do, and how we are invited to multiply.

Let us be encouraged by this beautiful picture of what membership in a church, or specifically our church, looks like; a wonderful friendship between God and us and then that friendship transitions among us as well. With that, I'm happy to announce the acceptance of new members into our fellowship: Gary and Penny Mattison; and Brad and Katie Girsh. We welcome them to our church family! May we continue to pray for our church that God will continue to grow us, lead us deeper in relationship with him, and continue to transform us from being strangers to friends as Ephesians 2:19 describes.

*"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:19*

4Him,  
Pastor Steve

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 7, 2024**

*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, August 7, 2024 in fellowship hall. Members present were Kevin Graff, Deb Furth, Steve Halter, Chad Coulter, Kris Vollmer, Courtney Thram and Pastor Steve Walswick. Absent: Brian Benedict, Sharon Vollmer, and Kari Halter

President Halter called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and Pastor Steve led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: July minutes were read by Deb. Kevin moved and Courtney seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Kari, Courtney reported the July checking balance of \$16,222.79 and savings balance of \$66,376.33. It was noted that the ending balance from last month does not match the beginning balance of this month due to the fact that the IRS payroll tax, AFLAC and Culligan were not entered last month. The adjustment was made. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Chad, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve reported that he is changing the rotation of confirmation lessons so that confirmation students have a better basic background. Due to changing our rally day schedule this year, the September Sunday services will be as follows:

- Sept. 1 – Regular church service
- Sept. 8 – Ecumenical service in city park at 11 AM. No regular service at OSLC
- Sept. 15 – Church at 10 AM. Rally Sunday w/communion and new piano dedication
- Sept. 22 – Contemporary service
- Sept. 29 – Regular church service

Courtney will check and adjust the acolyte schedule for the month.

**Committee Reports**

Education: Courtney reported that the education committee will meet on August 20, 2024. **THEY REALLY NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS.** Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church offices. Sunday School and confirmation schedules are being worked on.

Worship and Music: No report

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris reported the ice cream social served 78 in person and had 20 take outs. There was a net profit from the event of \$651.65. The committee will decide at their next meeting where this will be donated. Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 15 with potluck following the service. Missions for June brought in \$1175 for HOSPICE and in July \$75 for school supplies. This week's Bibles, Burgers and Brew will be held at the church with a praise and worship concert by Dave Anderson and Roger Walck entitled "The Rescue Tour."

Property: Mike Vollmer has talked to Al Wacker about checking out what needs to get done with the boiler. Steve will contact Brian Werner about changing the filter in the water fountain. If anyone has interest or would like the floor buffer from the church, please contact the church office.

**Old Business**

Pew Bibles – Donation stickers will be put inside the pew Bibles. Members who ordered Bibles for personal use will be contacted. The Bibles were about half the price as we thought, so those who ordered Bibles for personal use have the option of getting a return.

**New Business**

Wedding – A non-member has requested using our church for a wedding in May of 2025. Council approved the request after a discussion of our current wedding policy. Kevin moved that we follow the guidelines of the present wedding policy, with the addition that we update our policy to include a deposit upon the booking of the wedding, with a portion of the deposit being returned if the church is left in order after the wedding. Kris seconded. Motion passed.

**Council minutes continued**

Vacation Day request – Nicole has asked to have off on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024. Kris moved to allow the request and to close the church office for that day. Courtney seconded. We will ask Nicole to include the office closing in the bulletin and on the newsletter calendar.

**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 11, 2024 – Deb Furth and Gayle Erickson  
 September 1, 2024 – Steve and Val Halter

**Next council meeting:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024

**Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, Kris moved to adjourn and Deb seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
 Deb Furth  
 Council Secretary



**Floor Buffer available!**

We have a floor buffer that we do not use anymore. Anyone is welcome to have it. Please let the church office know if you are interested.



**BUDGET RECAP**  
 as of 8/13/2023

**Total Outstanding:**

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

**Income:**

7/21/24— 8/18/24 \$14,411.07  
 In Checking Acct. \$12,727.12  
 In Savings Acct. \$66,376.33

**Needed weekly to**

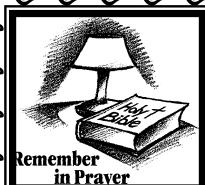
**Meet budget** \$2,824.62

**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.



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.

- Judy Dagner (heart health)
- Maria Bedner (hospice, stage 4 ovarian cancer)
- Paula (Mattison) Meidl (bone marrow transplant) recovery
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
- Joyce Hoffrogge (surgery, multiple myeloma)
- Kim Churchill Oelfke (stroke & cancer)
- Vicki Churchill Schenk (cancer treatment)
- Briana Halter Peterson (health concern)
- Pray for people affected other disasters ...



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**RALLY SUNDAY - September 15**  
**Sunday School at 9:00 am**  
**Church service at 10:00 am**

September 15th 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 22nd**, 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 15th**. Following a brief opening with the Sunday School children, there will be a meeting. Pastor Steve will be there and we will go over confirmation requirements for the year.

**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 11th** 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 15th during the 10:00 am church service.

**Confirmation  
Class Schedule**

Confirmation classes will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 18th**.

7th @ 3:20pm  
8th & 9th @ 4:25pm

Much more information will be shared at the Confirmation student and parent meeting on Sept 15th at 9:00 am at church. Please plan to attend.

**Save the Date** Christmas Program  
**Save the Date:**  
**December 15**

**Church Office Closed**

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, September 3, 2024  
Sorry for any inconvenience!

**Community Bible Study**

Pastor Mike Stangeland will be holding Bible Study here on Friday mornings at 9am beginning Friday, September 6th. Everyone is welcome to join us for this exciting gathering!





## Congratulations

to the following 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who will be receiving Bibles from the board of education on Sunday, September 22:

*Kali Bedner  
Cameron Bergemann  
Casen Churchill  
Jace Engen  
Jade Engen  
Tate Engen  
Miles Leonard  
Brenner Sauer  
Finley Thram*



## 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!



### 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.



## SEPTEMBER ACOLYTE & VIDEO SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Worship Service



**September 1, 2024**  
Austin Werner & Quintin Willhite  
Video: Halle Paplow

**September 8, 2024**  
*Ecumenical Service in the City Park*

**September 15, 2024**  
10:00 A.M. Worship—Rally Sunday!  
Lincoln Hesse  
Video: Lindsey Guggisberg

**September 22, 2024**  
Abby Thram  
Video: Aron Van Meveren

**September 29, 2024**  
Max Erickson  
Video: Isaac Wondercheck

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

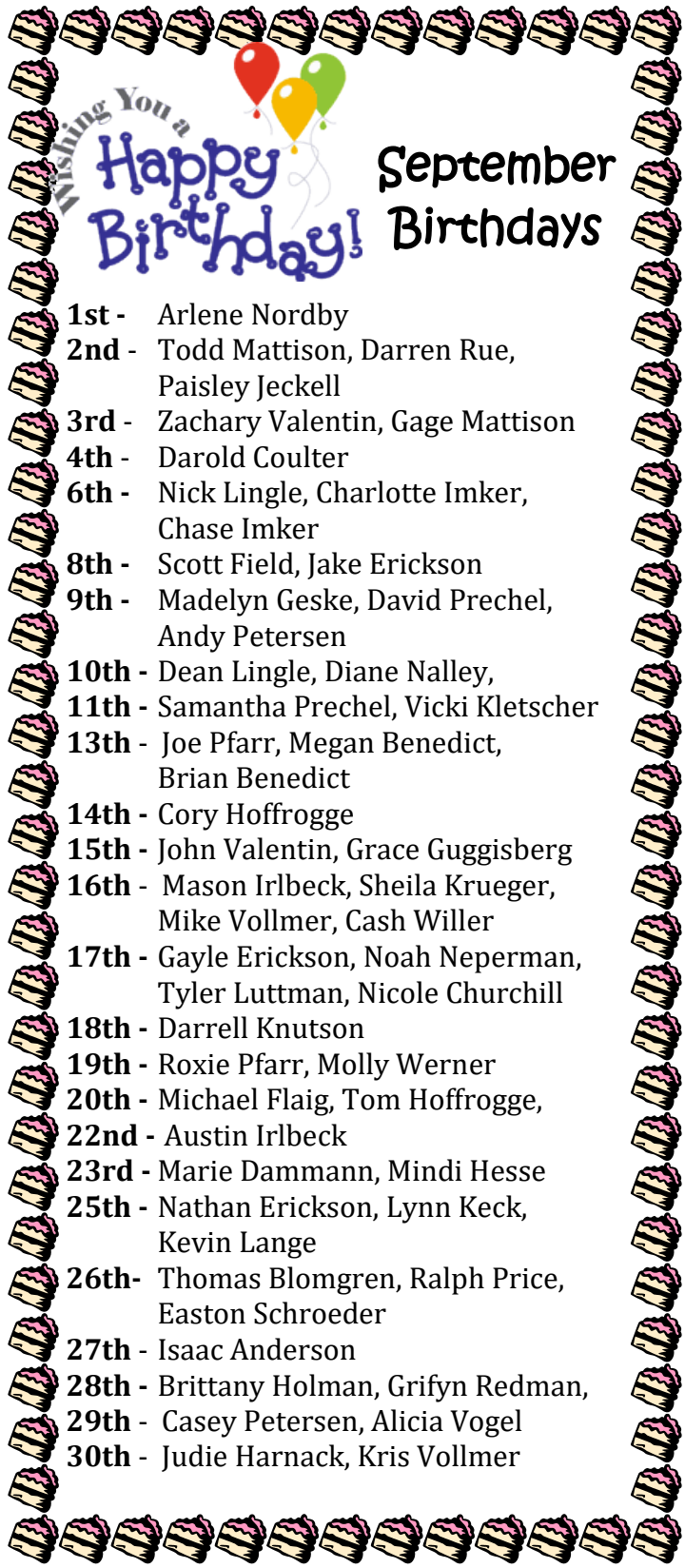


### SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Bridget Arkell  
Leah Teveldal

### Media System Operator Schedule

September 1, 2024	Chad Beranek (605-421-1290)
September 8, 2024	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
September 15, 2024	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
September 22, 2024	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
September 29, 2024	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)



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 Luttmann, 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** Anniversary Celebration


- 1st - Nick & Heather Hacker
- 3rd - Bryce & Katie Ahrendt
- 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**

Pete Valentin  
 Brian Benedict  
 Bowen Hesse  
 Daniel Kronbach



USHERS

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 4 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. Now after 4 years they are moving to a new location in Sioux Falls where they won’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>



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—\$75

*Thank you for your support!*

**OSW MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**

Women of Our Savior's will meet  
Tuesday, September 10  
Meeting 2 p.m.

Election of officers will be held for the next year. Love circle has the offertory and lunch. OSLC Women, please plan to attend! It's YOUR church group!!

~ 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. 22!***

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!



**Come and join us for Rally Sunday!!  
September 15th**



Following the **10:00am Worship Service** we 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! :)

**A Note from The Table Ministry in Sioux Falls, SD**

Greetings from Sioux Falls, friends -

I hope this letter finds you reflecting on a restful, memorable summer. Moments of peace with family & friends.

The Table Ministry has news. Our mission to **Meet People Where They Are** has offered us a transition that is worth sharing.

Someone once said that if you're not growing and evolving, you're standing still. And if there is anything we know to be true about The Table is that we're rarely "standing still."

**The Table is MOVING! The Table is MOVING ... to our own space!**

We knew our time at Shenanigans was temporary. And are FOREVER grateful for the tables where God built His church. But what we weren't planning was an unexpected partnership and a building to call our own.

<https://www.keloland.com/news/local-news/a-church-in-a-bar-has-a-new-home/>  
(Stay tuned for another news story from later this week!)

So, this note. To say thank you for ALL you've done for The Table the past 3.5 years. The prayers, financial gifts, the preached gospel when we felt like we were sinking, and the care you showed me and our entire congregation. Always showing curiosity and compassion.

It is hard to sum up everything that summer brought for The Table.

I can give you the short version of a long story. (How our need for space + the local Military Alliance's dream of bringing a spiritual presence to their campus can only be explained by God's orchestrating crossed paths!)

I can give you the mixed emotions of leaving the only place you've ever known as a church home. (And how excited we are for the first worship in a new space...THIS WEEKEND!)

I can give you the tally of all of the work it takes to move. (And the beauty of our community showing up to (literally) build a church.)

And I can give you THANKSGIVING. (Bigger than I can even describe!)

For continuing to cover us in prayers. Encouragement. Collegiality.

And the financial support your congregations give so generously. We can NOT continue to grow (and move!) without your gifts. You've helped us set tables for people of all ages. All seasons. You've helped us to create a space that is safe. And preaching Good News into the messiness of life.

So many months we have worried. Wondered. Doubted. Prayed. And then your check shows up. God knows. And is using YOU.

[Support Us \(thetableministry.org\)](https://thetableministry.org)

**As always, we invite you to check out our Facebook page ([Facebook](#)) and/or to reach out anytime with questions and/or conversation. Hear our current needs. Share stories. And continue to support us - in anyway that is possible with your church.**

Keep in touch! I look forward to visiting with many of you at the Annual Gathering. God bless you, friends - YOU are an important part of our story.

Peace,

**Erica Varcoe**

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**Sunday School**  
*Learn & grow together with Jesus*

# September

**LEARNING IS FUN!**

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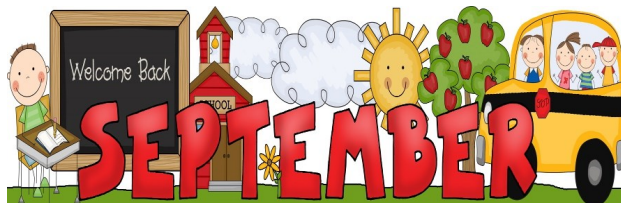
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship/Communion	2 Church Office Closed	3 Church Office Closed	4 7:00 Church Council	5	6 Church Office Closed	7
8 11:00 Ecumenical Service in the Lamberton City Park	9 Church Office Closed	10 2:00 OSW Meeting	11 6:30 SS Teacher/Helper Meeting	12	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 <b>RALLY SUNDAY</b> 9:00 A.M. Sunday School Confirmants & Parents' Meeting (Everyone meets in the Sanctuary) 10:00 Worship/Communion Piano Dedication Installation of Teachers Potluck Food & Fellowship	16 Church Office Closed	17	18 3:20 7th Grade Confirmation 4:25 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation	19	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 9:00 Contemporary Worship <b>3rd Graders receive Bibles</b> 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship	23 Church Office Closed 8:00 A.M. Newsletter Articles Due!	24	25 3:20 7th Grade Confirmation 4:25 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation	26	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 9:00 Worship	30 Church Office Closed		*Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!			

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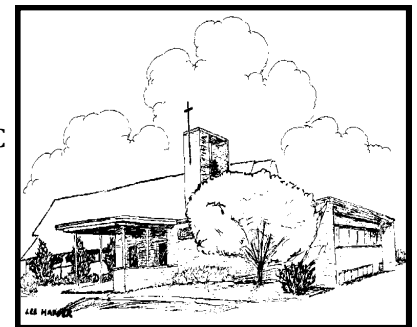
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**The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is to demonstrate Christ's Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of this church and the community.**

### **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)



**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.**