



PARTNERS



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The Christmas story isn't over yet, there is still the visit of the Wise Men to consider. How much time elapsed between the adoration of the shepherds and the visit of the Magi is not known. The mysterious men from the East do not seem to have arrived until after Jesus' presentation at the temple in Jerusalem, forty days after he was born. Unfortunately, little more is known about the Magi than the shepherds.

I had a pastor friend who wanted to keep the manger scene at the church he served accurate. So, he would place the manger scene near the door of the church and would place the Wise Men out in the yard some distance from the manger. Then he would move them gradually closer until after Christmas when they would appear close to Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus.

After their adoration at the manger the wise men disappear from history, leaving a multitude of questions in their wake. They have become one of our most familiar figures in western culture and appear in most of our Nativity scenes each year. They did achieve their purpose in the total story of Christmas, which was to expand it. Up to now the Nativity has been highly local. The story involved mostly the lower classes of one nationality of people from the same area. Now rich gentiles joined the scene in the presence of the Wise Men.

Today the Story of Christmas has been expanded even more to include you too. Today we as Christians are called upon to not only worship this baby Jesus as our Lord and Savior, but we too are to spread the Good news of Jesus to others. The message of Jesus love and forgiveness keeps expanding as more and more people hear it and pass it on to others. So, you have a role in all of this, to keep expanding the story of Christmas to your friends and acquaintances. You see, the story isn't over yet.



**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 7, 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, January 7, 2026 in the fellowship hall. Members present were Chad Coulter, Chad Beranek, Kari Halter, Deb Furth, Kris Vollmer, Janice Werner, John Smith and Pastor Tom Sahl.

Absent: Justtina Erickson and Steve Halter

President Coulter called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and Pastor Tom led the group in devotion.

Secretary's Report: Chad B moved to approve the minutes from December, 2025 as sent out by Deb through email. Janice seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the December, 2025 checking balance of \$20,802.09 and savings balance of \$61,743.64. On a motion by John and seconded by Kris, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom Sahl went on 3 visits. Confirmation classes began again January 7 and they started on the 2nd book about the Lord's Prayer. Pastor reported he will perform a wedding on March 14, 2026. Pastor also requested to have January 20, 2026 off for an appointment. Request granted.

Committee Reports:

Education: No report. They are planning to meet on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

Worship and Music: No report.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris reported they will be meeting February 2, 2026. There is \$1,335 left from Bible camperships from 2 years ago that will be moved to the line item in the budget for retreats/camp scholarships.

Property: John reported purchasing a doorway gate for the parsonage basement stairway. It has arrived and will be installed. The tech person for the media system has been contacted. A bulb for the light that alerts the organist from the ushers has been replaced. Molly will contact person to come and tune the organ.

Old Business:

Call committee update: Have had 1 candidate apply and are working to contact him.

Old Business continued:

OSLC employee annual reviews:

Annual reviews have been done for church secretary, caretaker and custodian.



New Business

Communion and/or visitor cards:

Will be brought up at the annual meeting

FB livestream:

It was brought to council's attention that it is difficult to hear the services on FB. Deb will look into the possibility of getting our services on YouTube.

Building Requests:

There has been a wedding request to use OSLC church for a non-member on March 20, 2027. Chad B moved to allow this couple to rent our church for this wedding using their own pastor. Kris seconded. Motion carries.

Red Rock Central has requested use of the church for testing on April 1 and April 21, 2026. Chad B moved and Kris seconded to allow this request. Motion carried.

Office request:

Nicole requested Tuesday, January 13, Tuesday, January 20 and Wednesday, February 11 to have off for appointments. Kris moved to grant Nicole's request and John seconded. Motion carried. On Tuesday, January 13 and Wednesday, February 11, Pastor will be in the church office. The offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 20.

2026 Budget:

Council completed the proposed budget for 2026.

Kris informed the council that she is now an ambassador for the Augustana District. She will communicate and reach to 3 congregations for updates/concerns/prayers within the Augustana District.

Communion Assistants

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

January 11, 2026 – John Smith and Kris Vollmer
February 1, 2026 – Gayle Erickson and Deb Furth

Next council meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 7PM.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Kris moved to adjourn and Kari seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:00 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth, Council Secretary



BUDGET RECAP
as of 1/18/2026

Total Outstanding:	
Accounts Payable	\$0
Estimated Payroll	\$4,000.00
Income:	
12/14/25— 1/18/26	\$10,440.00
In Checking Acct.	\$17,986.62
In Savings Acct.	\$61,743.64
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.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

Steven Jaeger

May the strength and hope of God's love be theirs.

With Sympathy

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Kari Halter
Val Halter



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

The 7pm service will include the Imposition of Ashes.



Lenten Meal will be on Ash Wednesday, February 18th **ONLY**. Join us for food & fellowship prior to the Ash Wednesday Lenten service.

Serving will be from 6pm-6:45pm.

We will be delivering meals to shut-ins. If you do not receive a call and would like a meal delivered, please call the church office before 4pm on Wednesday.

Free will donation will cover the cost of the groceries with any extra donations going towards upcoming projects.

We will NOT have meals during lent other than Ash Wednesday.



Wednesday, February 25, 2026
No Lenten meals this year, only on Ash Wed.
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

**FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS
~Luther League Mission Trip~**

Our youth have selected their Mission Trip for 2026! Our young people in grades 7-12 are going to Loveland in Northern Colorado in July to work with adults and youth in day programs, complete maintenance projects, assist on a horse therapy farm, work at food pantries and clothing closets, and pack international boxes.

Group Missions hosts trips for youth across the United States, so our young people will work alongside youth from other churches, connecting with the communities they are serving. Please pray for these youth as they commit to a week of heart-filled service.



You can pick up an envelope in the pew or use your own envelope and write "LL Mission Trip" 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.

December—Lamberton Cemetery—\$500

Thank you for your support!

FEBRUARY USHER SCHEDULE

Ralph Price
Mark Coulter
Tim Johnson
Lefty Coulter



Tom Neperman—Sub



TAXI

Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

Vernon Pauling

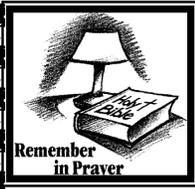
May the strength and hope of God's love be theirs.



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.





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.

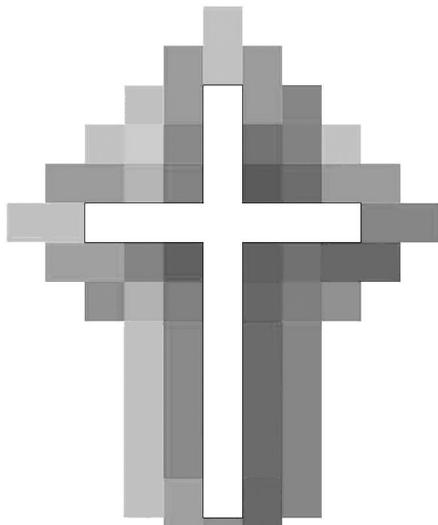
- Ray Arkell (leg blood cot)
- Steve Halter (health issues)
- Marlys Jenniges (health issues)
- Arlene Theis (health issues)
- Jeffrey Kuehl (health issues)
- Diane Nalley (health concerns)
- Briana (Halter) Peterson (cancer surgery)
- Pastor Cathy Tetric Hoffbeck (recovery)
- Jean Lange (health concerns)
- Nancy Rue (health issues)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)

Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



Media System Operator Schedule

February 1, 2026	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
February 8, 2026	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
February 15, 2026	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)
February 22, 2026	Chad Beranek (605-421-1290)
Lenten Service February 25, 2026	Val Halter (507-276-0008)



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

Mark 8:34

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

Ruth Churchill

May the strength and hope of God's love be theirs.

With Sympathy

~ 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.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prayer Partners and N-5 Singing February 8th the Nursery-5th grade students will sing in church. After the service we will have our next Prayer Partners meet up. Please join us for fellowship, juice and snacks!

Confirmation Retreat -

The Confirmation Retreat is offered to all Confirmation Students March 6-8, 2026 at Inspiration Point in Vining, MN. Please reach out to Allison Sauer ASAP (507-626-0845) or to Pastor during Confirmation class if you aren't yet on the list!

OSLC is generously covering the cost of attending, but a \$50 deposit is required from each student to hold their place. If the student attends, the \$50 will be refunded to the student.

Deadline to sign up is February 1, 2026.

We are in need of **one male and on female chaperone/driver** (must be at least 21 years of age). Please let Allison Sauer know if you are interested.

5th grade parents -

First Communion will be held during the worship service on Sunday, April 12, 2026! Please let us know if your child will not be able to make it that Sunday.

9th grade parents -

We are finalizing all dates related to Confirmation and will notify you once they are set!

Sunday School Announcements continued:

Memory Work -

This fall, the Board of Ed reviewed the Memory Work requirements and have adjusted them by age accordingly. Parents - please continue to work on these at home. The Sunday School teachers will try to fit it in to the weekly lessons, but effort at home is greatly appreciated!

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.

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

1st - Emily Evans, Lindsay Kronbach
 3rd - Jean Price
 6th - Mike Johnson
 7th - Greg Benedict
 8th - Jonathon Knutson, Ethan Price, John Smith
 10th - Brian Vogel, Nicholas Vogel, Jonathon Vogel, Marlee Vollmer
 13th - Melvin Willhite, Brian Werner
 14th - Barb Johnson, Charlene Bedner
 15th - Doris Bottem
 17th - Willie Kerich
 19th - Kevin Graff, Caroline Wegman, Savanna Engen
 21st - Paislee Shroeder
 23rd - Joe Bedner, Gerald Erickson
 24th - Austin Werner, Brock Engen
 27th - Tom Neperman
 28th - Matt Arkell
 29th - Halle Paplow



February Anniversary Celebration

5th - Tom & Joyce Hoffrogge
 26th - Ray & Jeanette Hildreth
 27th - Tom & Cathy Halter

FEBRUARY ACOLYTE & VIDEO SCHEDULE

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

February 1, 2026
 Madisyn Keck & Kylee Leonard
Video: Zoey Keck

February 8, 2026
 Braedon Mariner & Grifyn Redman
Video: Dawson Rue

February 15, 2026
 Bentley Werner
Video: Abby Thram

February 18, 2026
 Quintin Willhite-R & Sam Thillen
Video: Isaac Wondercheck

February 22, 2026
 Lincoln Hesse-R
Video: Izabella Britt

Wednesday, February 25, 2026
 Braedon Mariner-R
Video: Chloe Coners

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

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Jeannine Holmberg**

May the strength and hope of God's love be theirs.

With Sympathy

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Luther League

Soup and Pie Supper

(Eat in, take out, or deliveries within Lamberton city limits)

Sunday, February 22, 2026
Serving from 4:30 – 6:30 pm



Our Saviors Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
805 Birch Street in Lamberton, MN

ALL YOU CAN EAT HOMEMADE SOUPS!

Chicken Noodle, Sauerkraut, Chili,
Bean and Ham, and Cheeseburger

Includes: Milk, Water, and/or Coffee, Crackers and Pie



Cost:

- Individual: \$12.00
- Immediate Family: \$45.00
- 5 Years Old and Under Free
- Take – Out and Delivery Orders:
\$12.00 per meal

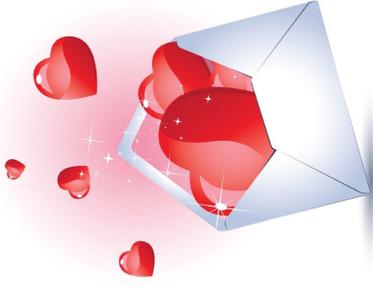
***Deliveries within Lamberton city limits are available!**

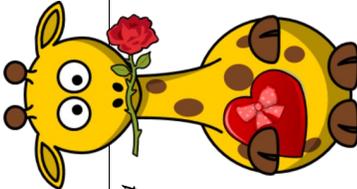
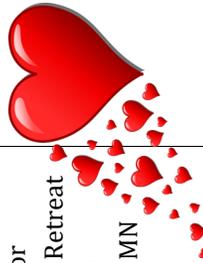
**Please Call Our Savior's Lutheran Church
At 507-752-7334 to place your order**

Proceeds will support Luther League Activities



FEBRUARY 2026



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!</i>							
1	9:00 Worship/Communion w/baptism of Maverick Neperman 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship	2 <i>Offices Closed</i>	3	4 3:20 8th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Church Council	5	6 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	7
8	9:00 Worship/Communion SS Choir (N-5) Sings during worship! 10:00 Prayer Partners 10:30 SS Sings at Nursing Home	9 <i>Offices Closed</i>	10 2:00 OSW Meeting	11 3:20 8th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Luther League	12	13 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	14 
15	9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship	16 <i>Offices Closed</i> <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Articles Due!</u>	17	18 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 3:20 8th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (C)	19	20 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	21
22	9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 4:30-6:30 LL Soup & Pie Supper	23 <i>Offices Closed</i>	24 	25 3:20 8th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Service (<i>no meal</i>)	26	27 <i>Offices Closed</i> Youth leave for Confirmation Retreat at Inspiration Point, Vining, MN	28 

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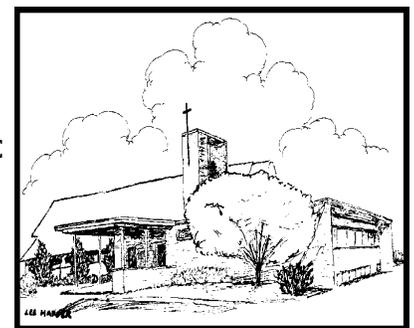
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The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is to demonstrate Christ's Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of this church and the community.

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

Cable Broadcast of Services:
Lamberton -WED: 4:00 P.M.
Springfield -Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.



- ♦ **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.**