



PARTNERS

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I will always thank God for you

Perhaps you've heard that I submitted my letter of resignation to the Church Council. Through a season of serious contemplation, I came to the realization that it was time for me to move on. With that realization, I accepted a call to serve Grace Lutheran Church in Erhard, Minnesota. This was truly not an easy decision. When I accepted the call to serve you as pastor here at Our Savior's, my intention was to embark on a long and fruitful ministry among you. Perhaps I had lofty expectations about what to expect and how things would go. Even though when I began, my assumption was that we were a really good fit, over time it has occurred to me that perhaps I am not the best candidate to be your servant leader. It is fair to say that the Church Council and I have struggled with issues relating to marriage and how the Bible is applied to one's life. For me, it is quite simple. The Word of God is our only source for all doctrine and conduct. It must serve as an authoritative foundation for all elements of life. If it's not the final word, it's no word at all. My fervent belief is that we must take the word of God in its totality or we can't take it at all. The Bible does not contain the Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God, and that Word is authoritative in all elements of life. It is authoritative in the verses that we like and the verses that we don't like.

My faith teaches me to be very optimistic about the future. I'd like to share some of that optimism with you. I think Our Savior's has an incredible opportunity for ministry. It is my belief that because of the unique and strategic way where God has placed you, you are in an incredibly powerful position to serve your neighbor in and around Redwood County. The Gospel is the eternal hope for all of humankind. As that life-giving Gospel message is shared with more and more people, the rule and reign of God continues to advance. It is this Gospel inundation of which I hope you continue to passionately pursue. "He who began a good work will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:6. In you, God will continue to see his mission as it comes to fruition in the hearts and lives of countless people in whom you encounter. May God richly bless you now and forever. Amen

Pastor Steve

PS...I strongly believe that I, as a pastor, am called to finish well. So whatever that looks like for the end of my pastorate among you, I want to do everything with passion, fervor, and great enthusiasm. Also this comes with a unique interest in the saving of souls. Please know that I am always open for any of you who need to process this information, as well as what may be the implications for you. I wish you God's rich peace.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES March 5, 2025

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 5, 2025 in fellowship hall. Members present were Pastor Steve Walswick, Chad Coulter, Kari Halter, Deb Furth, Kris Vollmer, Janice Werner, John Smith and Chad Beranek. Absent: Steve Halter and Justina Erickson

President Coulter called the meeting to order at 7:54 PM and Pastor Steve led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Corrections to secretary's report as printed in the March newsletter: Prayer partners will meet March 23, Ash Wednesday meals will begin March 5, and next council meeting will be March 5. Chad B moved and Kari seconded to approve the minutes as corrected that were sent out to council members by Deb Furth prior to the meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the February checking balance of \$7,855.33 and savings balance of \$66,559.66. On a motion by John and seconded by Kris, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve submitted a written report of his activities for February, which included 13 personal contact visits, 2 communion visits, 3 pastoral care visits, Board of Ed meeting, Life, Growth and Stewardship committee meeting, an LCMC Theological Conference, Confirmation retreat, meetings for Augustana District Certification, conducted a VVM service and attended a community event.

Committee Reports

Education: Justina reported to President Coulter by text that March 23 will be the last prayer partner meeting and kids will sing in church; April 13 is Palm Sunday and kids will bring in palms at the beginning of church; 6th grade will have acolyte training during Sunday School to be able to acolyte during the summer; they are working on dates and coordinating with Pastor on presenting memory work;

Education Report continued:

and the last day of Sunday School will be May 11. Next Board of Ed. is Tuesday, April 9th at 6 PM.

Worship and Music: No report. Will be meeting on Tuesday, March 11.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris reported that they started Lenten meals tonight (March 5) and they are working on the directory.

Property: John reported that they put an igniter on the boiler and are waiting for a quote on the boiler.

Old Business:

Action Plan: A brief discussion was held regarding how the action plan was going. Exec committee will meet with Pastor after Easter.

Care Teams: There will be a care team meeting after church on Sunday, April 6. This is open to anyone who would like to be a member of this group and do visits for our members who are shut-in or in need.

Boiler: A boiler igniter was installed.

OSLC personnel job descriptions and evaluations:

The exec committee met with the church secretary, custodian and caretaker before the Lenten meal on March 5 to go over job descriptions and job tasks. Meetings went well. Council decided to hire help for the custodian as she is having trouble getting all the work done. Chad B moved to hire Holden Mariner as an assistant custodian at a rate of \$11.50/hour, upon his agreement to take the job. John seconded. Motion carried. All job descriptions will be kept on file in the church office and evaluations will take place annually moving forward.

Overflow renovation: This is a work in progress. Kris reported some of the confirmands and their mentors will be painting on Saturday, March 8.

Retreat/camp scholarships line-item on budget:

Kris moved and Chad B seconded to make the retreat/camp scholarships a line item in the budget moving forward. Motion carried.

New Business

Membership: With the upcoming directory happening, a discussion was held about the different types of membership in our church and what determines each category as defined in our constitution. The discussion was tabled until our next meeting.

Camperships: Chad B moved to pay up to \$250/child for summer Bible camps, not to exceed the total amount for this year. Janice seconded. Motion carried.

Red Rock Central testing: Kari moved to allow Red Rock Central to use our church for testing purposes on April 2 and 8, 2025. Kris seconded. 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.
March 9, 2025 – Steve Halter and Janice Werner

Next council meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 (after the Lenten service)

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Chad B moved to adjourn and John seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:05 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth

Council Secretary

APRIL ALTAR GUILD



Connie Lambert
Marie Dammann
Connie Albrecht



BUDGET RECAP as of 3/16/2025

Total Outstanding:

Accounts Payable	\$0
Estimated Payroll	\$4,100.00

Income:

2/16/25— 3/16/25	\$13,585.10
In Checking Acct.	\$12,988.16
In Savings Acct.	\$66,559.66

Needed weekly to

Meet budget	\$3,200.00
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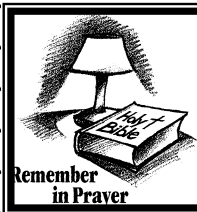
Online Giving

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.*



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.

Jeffrey Kuehl (health issues)
David Rue (hospice)
Nancy Rue (health issues)
Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
Paula (Mattison) Meidl (bone marrow transplant) recovery
Kim Churchill Oelfke (stroke & cancer)
Vicki Churchill Schenk (cancer treatments)
Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)

Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Palm Sunday - April 13

We are excited to have our youth in grades nursery - 6th grade join in our Palm Sunday service by carrying the palm leaves up to the altar during the first song. Have your children meet in the fellowship hall before the service. They will then sit with their family. We could use a couple adults/older youth to walk up with the youngest ones. Meet us in fellowship that morning.

Confirmation (9th graders):

Confirmation interview will be held on April 2nd for 9th graders. Their parents and mentors are encouraged to attend. Confirmation pictures and rehearsal will be on April 30th at 4pm (on the students need to attend). The confirmation Service is on May 4 at 10am. No Sunday School that day.

First Communion

First Communion Instruction for 5th grade students and their parents will be during Sunday School time on March 30th. First communion for those 5th graders will be during the church service on April 6th.

God Bless Ethany Britt, Izabella Britt, Baylee Engen, Wyatt Kronbach, Sawyer Jeckell, Gracelyn Keck, Kynslee Neu, Brekken Sauer.

Sunday School:

Students are working hard on their memory work. We encourage parents to go over memory work with their children at home. We are so proud of your children and their accomplishments. We will be passing out certificates soon. The last day of Sunday School is May 11th.

Bible Camp News

There are some great opportunities to attend Bible Camp this summer. Some information is posted on the bulletin board and scholarship options are available. Please contact the church office once you have registered for Bible camp.

SS Announcements continued:

Upcoming Dates -

- April 2nd Confirmation interviews for 9th graders, parents, and mentors
- April 6th First Communion for 5th graders
- April 13th Students will carry in palms on Palm Sunday
- April 20th No Sunday School Easter Sunday
- April 30th Confirmation picture day and rehearsal at 4pm - only the 9th grade students need to attend
- May 4th- Confirmation Service 10am. No Sunday School
- May 11th last day of Sunday School
- May 18th - 10am Senior Recognition Fellowship following Worship Service
- June 8-12th Tentative Vacation Bible School dates - looking for volunteers!

Save
the
Date



Summer 2025 Bible Camp

Are you interested in going to Summer Bible Camp?

Check out some of these area camps who offer fun and educational programs. Our Savior's is willing to assist youth who are going to a bible camp in 2025 by paying for half of their camp registration costs (up to a maximum of \$250). There are a limited number of camperships available so register asap. **Once you register for a bible camp, please let the church office know where you are going and the cost of registration so we can put you on the list. Checks will be handed out at a later time.**

Green Lake Bible Camp - Spicer, MN - www.gllm.org

Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp - Lake Shetek - <https://shetek.org>

Lost Timber Bible Camp - Chandler, MN - 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.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please contact Judy Kuehl, 752-7128, 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.



April Birthdays

- 2nd - Val Halter, Brenda Kreinbring
- 3rd - Joan Blomgren, Charles Benedict
- 4th - Dale Gustad, Sarah Kronbach
- 5th - Katie Halter, Jami Holman, Hallie Lang
- 6th - Betty Baumann, Eli Evans
- 7th - Alison Kircher
- 8th - Bruce Starkson
- 10th - Natalie Kenney
- 11th - Jordan Matter
- 12th - Bonnie Peterson, Delaney Willhite, Lindsey Willhite
- 13th - Stephanie Kurtz, 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
- 30th - Laura Omann

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.



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



Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Dawson Mariner-R **Video:** Braedon Mariner

April 6, 2025

Aron Van Meveren-R & Halle Paplow

Video: Lincoln Hesse

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Max Erickson-R **Video:** Dawson Rue

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

Austin Werner-R & Dawson Mariner

Video: Braedon Mariner

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

7pm @ UMC

Good Friday, April 18, 2025 @ 7pm

Zoey Keck **Video:** Madisyn Keck

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Colton Jeckell-R & Quintin Willhite

Video: Levi Jeckell

April 27, 2025

Aron Van Meveren **Video:** Sam Thillen



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

March Lent Services

Wednesday, April 2, 2025
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, April 9, 2025
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025
9:00 A.M. Worship
**S.S. Processional—All Students (N-6)

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025 @ UMC
7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday, April 18, 2025
7:00 P.M. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 20, 2025
9:00 A.M.
Easter Service (C)



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://oslclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving> Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!



Thanks for your support!

Missed the directory photo sessions?



If you were not able to make the schedule directory photo sessions, you can call Holly Rohlik (507-360-6958) to schedule a personal session or submit a photo. All directory photos must be submitted before May 1, 2025.

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

February: Kinship Christian Radio — \$231.67

Thank you for your support!

Media System Operator Schedule

April 2, 2025 Lenten Service	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
April 6, 2025	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
April 9, 2025 Lenten Service	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
April 13, 2025	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
April 17, 2025 Maundy Thursday	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)
April 18, 2025 Good Friday	Chad Beranek (605-421-1290)
April 20, 2025 Easter	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
April 27, 2025	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)

Directory Book Donations

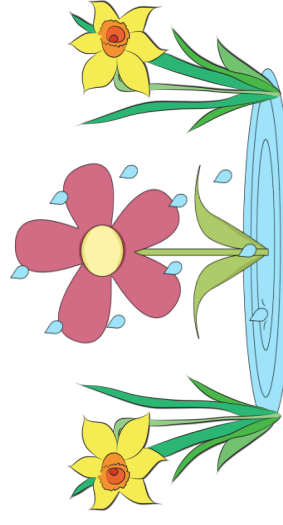
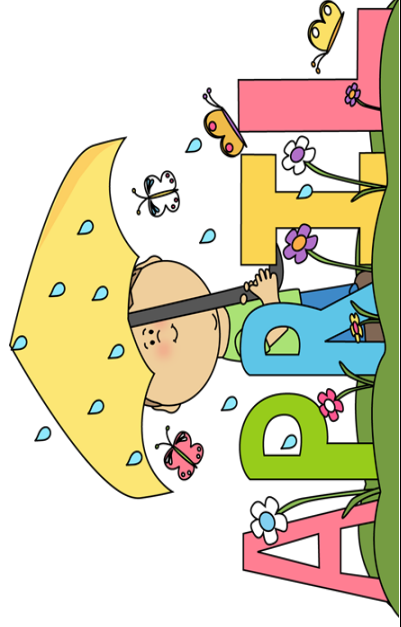
We've had an overwhelming response to the new church directory! The council originally budgeted for 125 copies, but due to high demand, we have exceeded that number. To ensure everyone who wants a directory receives one without exceeding our budget, we welcome any donations—big or small. Your generosity will help make this possible. Thank you for your support!

APRIL USHER SCHEDULE

Deb Furth Gary Mattison
Evan Blomgren Dale Gustad
Steve Halter—Sub

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





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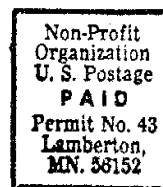
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<p>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2 <i>No 7th & 8th Class</i> 4:30 9th Grade Confirmation Interviews 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lent Service 7:30 Church Council</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	
<p>6 9:00 Worship / Communion First Communion! 10:00 Care Team Training, Sunday School, Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>7 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>8 8:00 RRC Testing 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p>9 3:20 7th Grade Confirmation 4:25 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Luther League 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lent Service</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 Worship/Communion **S.S. Processional—All Students (N-6) 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>14 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 <i>No Confirmation</i></p>	<p>17 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service @ UMC</p>	<p>18 <i>Offices Closed</i> GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Tenebrae Service</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Easter 9:00 A.M. Easter Service <i>No Sunday School</i></p>	<p>21 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 9:00 VVM Services</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 3:20 7th Grade Confirmation 4:25 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>28 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 4:00 9th Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures</p>		<p>2025</p>	

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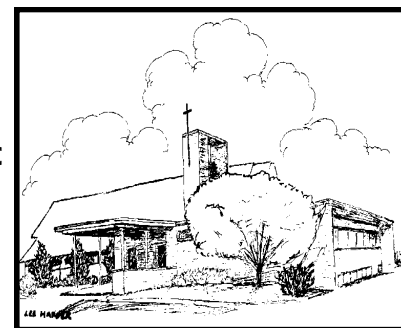


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Worship Services:

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.