



PARTNERS



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We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

Second Thessalonians 1:3

Paul's prayer for the church in Thessalonica is my prayer for Our Saviors Lutheran Church. I have mentioned this publicly and privately; I was delighted to find the joy, enthusiasm, and 'get it done' attitude I have encountered here. My first impression of Our Savior's is the same as what Paul wrote in his second letter to the Thessalonians, "Your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing."

As we move forward in partnership, I hope to remain your interim Pastor until you call your next Pastor. I look forward to serving together with you.

I believe the most important thing we can do is pray. I am sure that many of you have been doing just that. Let's partner together in prayer. Here is my prayer list:

- Our Savior's Lutheran Church that your faith might continue to grow and your love for one another would continue to increase.
- For myself as I take on this new responsibility.
- Our Savior's Lay Leadership as they lead the congregation through this time of transition
- For the individual that God is preparing even now to be Our Savior's next Pastor

These are my Prayer requests. Feel free to share with me your prayer request. I look forward to our partnership.

Be Hope-filled, Stay Strong, and God Bless,

Pastor Carl

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES March 8, 2023

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 in the fellowship hall beginning at 7:40, following the Lenten service. Members present were Kevin Graff, Kari Halter, Deb Furth, John Smith, Janice Werner, Kurt Willhite, Courtney Thram, Steve Halter, Brian Benedict and Pastor Carl Billings. Guest present was Char Graff.

President Graff called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: February council minutes were read by Deb. John moved and Steve seconded to approve as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the February checking balance of \$43,205.39 and savings balance of \$45,878.55. On a motion by Steve and seconded by Janice, the report was approved Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Education: Courtney reported that trust paid for the confirmation retreat expenses. Nursery to 5th grade will sing at the March 26 service. They are working on VBS curriculum and waiting to see when the school year ends to set the dates for VBS. Looking at March 23 as a possible date for confirmation interviews. Confirmation classes have been cancelled 5 times so far due to weather so are looking at doing a few longer sessions to make up for the loss of time. Possibilities might be March 21 and 28. Deb moved to pay Pastor Mike double on those dates for his time. Janice seconded. Motion carried

Worship and Music: No report

Life, Growth & Stewardship: No report

Property: Brian noticed that there is a small dent in the garage door at the parsonage. Is not affecting use of the door. Kevin and Brian will work on placement of the railing at the parsonage.

Old Business:

Sunday School Room Dividers: A memorial gift from the family of Kenny Hansen (Helen Hansen's son) has been designated for these dividers. We are still looking at possibilities of what to get for these dividers.

Call Committee Progress: Because we are basically starting over, Char reposted the open pastoral position at OSCL.

Backpack Food Program: Char and Deb gave a brief summary of the program. The school is looking to start the program this spring, and then resume in the fall. 2nd Harvest, the WAFER food shelf out of Wabasso and Red Rock Central are working together to implement this program. OSLC will assist with this program as we are able.

New Business

Pastor Carl Contract: Pastor Carl will be in Lamberton from Wednesdays to Sundays through the Lenten season and from Thursdays to Sundays after that. A contract for Pastor Carl was received and signed for compensation and mileage. John moved to approve the contract with Pastor Carl as written. Courtney seconded. Motion carried.

Council Meetings: Meetings will remain on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Holy Week Church Services:

Palm Sunday service, April 2, will be at 9 AM and will have a procession of palms

Maunday Thursday service, April 6, will be at United Methodist Church

Good Friday service, April 7, will be at 7 PM with communion

Easter Sunday service will be at 9 AM

Communion Assistants

March 12th – Courtney and Steve

April 2nd – Courtney and Kevin

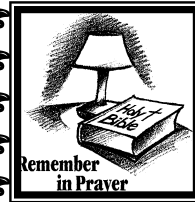
Adjournment: With no further business to conduct, Kurt moved to adjourn. Kari seconded. Motion passed. The next Council meeting will be April 5, 2023. The meeting was closed at 8:35 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary



BUDGET RECAP
as of 3/19/2023

Total Outstanding:	
Accounts Payable	\$0
Estimated Payroll	\$4,100.00
Income:	
2/19/23— 3/19/23	\$13,573.83
In Checking Acct.	\$43,068.93
In Savings Acct.	\$45,878.55
Needed weekly to Meet budget	\$3,200.00



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.

- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
- Janet McCloud (GIST tumor cancer treatment)
- Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)
- Maria Bedner (stage 4 ovarian cancer)
- Harlan Halter (health issues)
- Diane Nalley (broken ankle)



Pray for people affected by other disasters ...

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.

Kinship Radio Women's Conference 2023

Redeemed Grace to Live Every Day Better than Before
Featuring Author: Angela Thomas-Pharr

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato

Registration opens Monday, March 27th
kinshipradio.org or 1-800-810-559 \$40 per person
Worship Music * Mini Sessions * Lunch

APRIL USHER SCHEDULE

- Deb Furth
- Brian Kletcher
- Charlie Dammann
- Dale Gustad



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

Media System Operator Schedule

April 2, 2023	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
April 7, 2023 (Good Fri.)	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
April 9, 2023 (Easter)	Char Graff
April 16, 2023	Charlie Dammann (507-822-3163)
April 23, 2023	Carter Beranek
April 30, 2023	Val Halter (507-276-0008)

A Note from Mission to Mississippi:

On behalf of those who made the trip to Greenville, Mississippi, and on behalf of the people of Greenville who were richly served and who are deeply grateful, I send this word of APPRECIATION!

Some of you made that trip, some of you sent significant money to pay for construction materials and supplies, some of you sent gifts "in kind" such as windows, chocolate chip cookies, quilts etc, and many of you continued in intercessory prayer for the mission. Glory to God! The chief carpenter tells me this: "A home in which an older woman, her adult son and several grand-children lived, received major treatment. A new roof was installed over all, three-fourths of the floors in the house had to be rebuilt, windows were installed, numerous rooms were gutted, insulated, sheet-rocked and painted. New siding for about half the house was added.

One feature encourages us: the adult resident son worked very hard, and indeed finished the project after we left.

Paul Huls tells me, "We had no illness, no injuries, and all the participants traveled the 1,000 miles to Greenville and safely home.

Again, many thanks!

Sincerely, Harvey Pedersen

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Palm Sunday - April 2

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 alter 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.

Prayer Partners - April 2

Prayer Partner's last session will be directly after the church service. All are invited as we learn how to make our palm crosses. The youth will then sing for the residents at the nursing home.

Spend a week at Bible Camp

We encourage our youth to attend any bible camp. These are two area ones:

Shetek Lutheran Ministries -
<https://shetek.org/summer/>
Shetek has early bird pricing until April 1

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries -
<https://www.gllm.org/>
Green Lake includes two sites: Green Lake and St. Andrews
Our Saviors is eligible for the supported fee

First Communion

First Communion class for 5th grade & their parents will be on Sunday, April 30th during the Sunday School time. One parent is to attend with their student. First Communion service will be during worship on Sunday, May 14th!

APRIL ALTAR GUILD



Connie Lambert
Marie Dammann
Connie Albrecht

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



April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday
Bowen Hesse-R & Colton Jeckell
Video: Paige Wondercheck

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023 @ UMC

Good Friday, April 7, 2023
Jake Erickson-R
Video: Max Erickson

April 9, 2023 EASTER SUNDAY
**No 7am service this year*
9:00 A.M. Bowen Hesse-R & Sophie Paplow
Video: Kysha Wani



April 16, 2023
Austin Imker **Video:** Jadyn Beranek

April 23, 2023
Holden Mariner **Video:** Dawson Mariner

April 30, 2023
Max Erickson **Video:** Jake Erickson

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 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.





Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays

- 2nd - Val Halter, Brenda Kreinbring
- 3rd - Joan Blomgren
- 4th - Dale Gustad, Sarah Kronbach
- 5th - Katie Halter, Jami Holman
- 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 - Floyd Bottem, Stephanie Kurtz,
Bernie Senst
- 14th - Madisyn Keck
- 15th - Maria Bedner
- 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 Luttmann
- 30th - Laura Omann

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 & Justtina Erickson
- 30th - Matt & Melissa Bedner

Luther League News!

First and foremost, thank you to everyone that made our Soup and Pie Supper such a success. We had a great turn out and some wonderful fellowship and memories were made. We look forward to seeing what spring has in store for us. NO meeting in March due to Lent and NO meeting in April due to Easter. However, we are planning to work with RRC community education again and do something fun over the summer. SENIORS: be on the lookout for scholarships in your mailbox, they got sent out. AGAIN, thank you to everyone for making Luther League such a success. God Bless!

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.



ATTENTION 2023 SENIORS!

The Luther League Scholarship form has been mailed out to each senior. If you would like to apply, return the completed form to the church office by April 3rd.

JOIN OUR



Luther League
is looking for more
adults to
join their youth
advisor team!

They are short team members and Trudi will be done in May so they need more to join in the fun right away! Contact Kari Redman 507-676-3071 or the church office if you are interested!

Lenten Services

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023
7 P.M. @ UMC

Good Friday, April 7, 2023
7:00 P.M. Good Friday Service (C)

Sunday, April 9, 2023
9:00 A.M. Easter Service



**Please note we will only have one Easter service this year.*

APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS ~Ronald McDonald House~

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 a blue 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!



When we celebrate Easter, we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ Our Lord and the promise that we, too, if we believe will be raised. It's also a time to remember loved ones who have died in Christ, believing and trusting in God's promise of salvation.

We will have lilies or an assortment of flowering plants for Easter in memory of those we love. We'll print in the bulletin all those who gave plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you want a plant please fill out the form below.

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd.

If you mail your form, please call or email the church office to make sure we receive your order in time! oslclamberton@centrytel.net

PLANTS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Please make checks payable to OSLC.

Let's fill the church with flowers and let their beauty enhance our Lord's resurrection!

I WANT _____ Flowering Plant at \$20 each (Assorted such as Mum/Begonia/Calandiva, no reserved)

I WANT _____ Lily (Lilies) at \$20 each

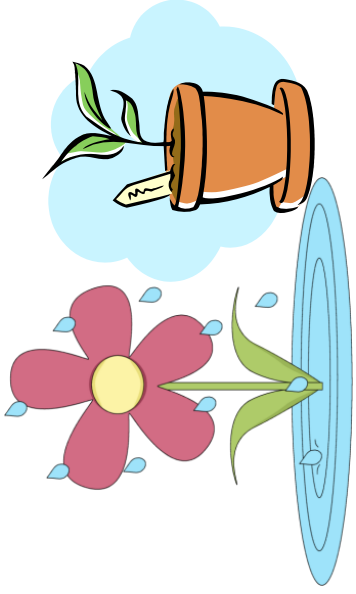
TO BE GIVEN

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

BY _____ Enclosed is \$ _____



April 2023



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>						1
<p>2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 Worship / Communion **S. Processional—All Students (N-6) 10:00 Prayer Partners 10:30 Kids Sing at VVM</p>	<p>3 <i>Offices Closed</i> <i>Luther League Scholarship Deadline</i></p>	<p>4 8:00 RRC Testing</p>	<p>5 <i>No Confirmation, Holy Week</i> 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>6 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service @ UMC</p>	<p>7 <i>Church Office Closed</i> GOOD FRIDAY 9:30 VVM Services 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Service</p>	8
<p>9 Easter 9:00 Easter Service <i>No Sunday School</i></p>	<p>10 <i>Offices Closed</i></p>	<p>11 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p>12 3:45 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 8th Grade Confirmation 5:45 9th Grade Confirmation</p>	<p>13 6:30 BOE Meeting</p>	<p>14 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	15
<p>16 9:00 Worship / Communion 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>17 <i>Offices Closed</i> Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	<p>18 3:45 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 8th Grade Confirmation 5:45 9th Grade Confirmation</p>	<p>19 No confirmation</p>	<p>20 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>21 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	22
<p>23 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>24 <i>Offices Closed</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	29
<p>30 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School First Communion Class Coffee Fellowship</p>						

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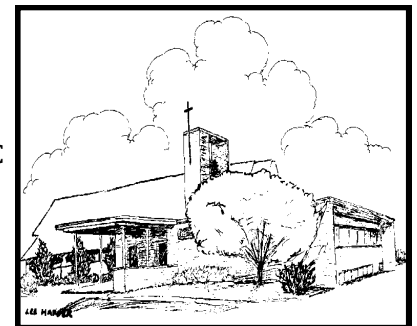
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Worship Services:
Sundays: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
(Sept.-May)

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.