



# PARTNERS

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Dear Congregation,

Nearly one and a half years ago, we took a congregation-wide survey asking to prioritize our ministry needs. Nearly tied for first place was this need: **to care for those crushed by life's circumstances**. That phrase came from the survey itself, not from our own wording, but it certainly struck a chord across our congregation as a deeply felt need. So, we have put in place some action items to address this need, and while the pandemic has curtailed some of the training involved, we are still committed to meeting this need as best we can.

I find it interesting that, as a congregation that really doesn't like to admit that we have "needs," let alone that life might be "crushing" us, that this was a high priority among us. Life truly can, and does, crush people, and we need each other more than ever when life presses in.

Now, here we are today, nearly six months into the Covid-19 pandemic, and while you might not be directly affected by an infection, the impact of the pandemic is felt by everyone each day. You might not feel "crushed" by Covid-19 (and I pray you never do), but we all are in the "vice grip" of the pandemic that keeps tightening day-after-day. We might have thought that, early on, we could alter our life for a few months; yet now things haven't changed and seem to be getting worse, and we don't know how long this will go on. Add in questions about how to open our schools for the next academic year, and the pressure increases.

As people of God, how should we then live? I am reminded of the words of scripture from 2 Corinthians 4: 8 *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*

*Hard pressed, but not crushed:* that might well describe how you are feeling about now. But catch the context of these verses: 7 *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.... 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.*

Jesus repeated calls for us to "take up our cross daily and follow him." The cross is not just a metaphor; back in the days of Jesus, everyone knew what a cross meant: death! The one who carried a cross was about to die. Do you, as a follower of Jesus Christ, look at how God might be calling you to "die" daily for the sake of Christ? Thankfully for us, this is more of a metaphor than physically dying, but "dying to ourselves" may feel like a death, yet this is what Jesus calls to us each day.

So, when you feel "hard pressed" due to Covid-19 or whatever else may be going on in your life, look for God's invitation to "die to self" that might be calling to you from within daily circumstances. And remember from where - better yet, from Whom - the power to do so comes: it is from God, the purpose of which is that life in Christ Jesus might be revealed in your day-to-day living. May God give you the faith and strength to follow Jesus this day and beyond.



In Christ Jesus,

Pastor TODA

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 1, 2020**

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on July 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, abiding by the social distancing guidelines. Members present were: Todd Horning, Cory Blomgren, Brian Kletscher, Sharon Vollmer, Chantel Neperman, Molly Werner, Jocelyn Geske, Brian Werner and Pastor Todd. Absent was Kris Vollmer.

President Horning called the meeting to order. Pastor Todd led the group in devotions and prayer.

Secretary's report – emailed to council. On a motion by Brian K, second by Chantel, the regular monthly minutes for June 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Checking Balance \$23,1234.86. Savings Balance of \$24,279.10. The parking lot fund has a balance of \$41,288.15 at the present time. On a motion by Molly, second by Brian W, the report was approved.

Education: No meeting. The Council will review the Child Protection Policy at the July meeting.

Worship & Music: No meeting. The Media list has been updated. Molly reported that hymnals, etc have been removed from the pews. The church will follow all social distancing recommendations.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: No meeting.

Property: A new AC unit was installed in the parsonage. The team will be shingling the parsonage and garage in July. Brian W stated the Property team would welcome volunteer labor. Please call Brian at 507-822-0641 if you would be willing to help out!

Old Business: Discussion was again held on the Parking Lot project. The crew will begin pouring cement on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer labor is welcomed for the project as this is a huge undertaking. We are still accepting donations!

The Council again discussed and reviewed a media quote from Computer Lodge for a Dell tower, Stream record device and video equipment for the church in the amount of \$3,892.13 plus installation. On a motion by Sharon; second by Cory this project was approved. The Council feels this will upgrade our online presence as it may be some time before everyone feels comfortable back in the sanctuary and ministering to our congregation is our number one priority.

New Business: None

Communion Assistants: None needed.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Todd presented a written report of his monthly activities. He presided over two Baptisms in June and we welcomed 5 new members on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Meetings and special events during the month of June were: Church Council; preparation for drive in services; reopening task force; moved their son to St Paul; moved Anne and Pastor to Lamberton; travel to Vermont on personal business; held our first reopening service inside the sanctuary on June 28; home visit with a family.

Pastor Todd also noted that the weekly devotions live stream is going well. The hand sanitizing stations will be arriving in early July. The Council would like to thank Brian K and Todd H for the hand sanitizing liquid from Highwater Ethanol; as well as Todd H for the offering buckets and traffic cones for drive-in worship. Also to Steve Halter for coaching the ushers on their expanded Sunday duties.

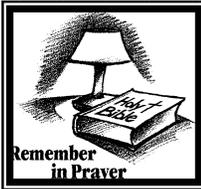
Pastor Todd stated that he and Anne were so very grateful to the 10 people from OSLC who helped them move to Lamberton on June 12 and to those who helped them unload on June 22. Much appreciated!

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chantel Neperman, second by Cory Blomgren.

The next Council Meeting will be held on August 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Vollmer  
Council Secretary



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.

- Marcella Dammann (health Issues)
  - Randy Hammerschmidt (recovery)
  - Larry Lange (health issues)
  - James Voigt, *Jeannie Horning's dad* (Hodgkin's Lymphoma)
  - Savannah Rausch, (large B cell lymphoma) *Bruce & Barb Anderson's granddaughter*
  - Ray Arkell (broken hip recovery)
  - Tiana Iverson (cancer surgery recovery) *Judy Kuehl's great niece*
  - Quintin Willhite (surgery recovery)
  - Arlene Theis (surgery recovery)
  - Dorothy Dietl (hospice)
  - Ray Gorder (hospice)
  - JoAnn Jaeger (macular degeneration -both eyes)
- Pray for people affected by COVID-19 and other disasters ...



**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](https://www.thrivent.com/choicevote) or call 800-847-4836.

**AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS**

**~Suicide Awareness~**

Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death in Minnesota and tenth nationally. In 2017, 783 Minnesotans died by suicide. From 1999-2017, suicide deaths steadily increased from 9.0 per 100,000 in 1999 to 13.8 per 100,000 in 2017.

RRC has plans to bring in a speaker for students on suicide awareness. Our goal is to help support this effort to bring the need for support and awareness to the students and families of RRC. This is a topic people don't like to talk about but education is needed to slow the growth and help those who are hurting and don't see a way out. Please support the effort to keep people safe.

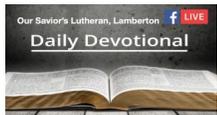


If you desire to support our mission, please use the mark your donation as "Suicide Awareness." You can put them into the offering bucket. You may also make your donation through our online giving on our website and select 'Mission'.

Thanks for your support!

**Live Streaming Public Worship continues!**

We will continue to live stream our public worship services even as we look to re-gather again in a safe manner.



**The Daily Devotional**

Weekday devotions with Pastor Todd, hosted on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/lamberton.oslc/>



**AUGUST ALTAR GUILD**

Mary Jo Vollmer  
Judy Harnack

## Confirmation Sunday

You are invited to attend and be part of the Confirmation service on **Sunday, August 30, 2020!** The worship service time is changed to **10:00 A.M.** that morning.

*Blessings to: Charles Dammann, Madelyn Geske, Rachel Holman, Josie Horning, Reilly Hubin, Morgan Huffman, Tucker Juhnke, Delaney Willhite, and Lindsey Willhite as they confirm their faith in the Lord!*

## Confirmation prep

**Interviews** will be the evening of Wednesday, August 19

**Rehearsal and pictures** will be Wednesday, August 26 at 3:15 - 4:00

## Sunday School Registration

**Please email or call the church office by August 15th** if you are a **non-member** or if you know of someone that would like to have their child included in our Sunday School classes or have a child who will be **Age 3 by August 31, 2020.**

*This ensures we have them enrolled here at Our Savior's. This will also give the Board of Ed time to order the correct number of books and classroom supplies needed for each grade level.*

**Sunday School classes begin on Rally Day, Sunday September 13th** with classes at **9AM** that morning. After that Sunday, the regular class time will be held from 10:00-11:00 A.M.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board of Education will be taking the lead from the RRC School District on how this fall will look for safety protocols. If RRC is in-person, our first Sunday School session is tentatively planned for Sept 13.

This year we may likely move to a 2 volunteers/classroom concept so please think about teaching, co-teaching, or assisting. Thank you for your patience as we navigate balancing our youth and teacher safety and sharing God's word with our youth.

## Vacation Bible School will return in 2021

We know how much fun we all have during VBS week! We also know we want to keep everyone safe and enjoying their summer!

## Confirmation Classes

Youth in grades 7-9 this year will continue with Wednesday afternoon classes. If RRC is in-person, classes will be held at Our Saviors. If RRC is distance learning, classes will be via Google Meet. A detailed schedule will be shared with those families in late August.

## Board of Ed Members

The Board of Education gets to plan all things youth education at Our Saviors. We are in need of new members to fill a few specific roles. As you think about your role in Our Saviors family, think about if this is a way to serve. If intrigued, contact any Board of Ed member: Karen Beranek, Bridget Arkell, Jocelyn Geske, Misty Willhite, Wendy Wondercheck



**BUDGET RECAP**  
as of 7/19/2020

**Total Outstanding:**

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

**Income:**

6/21/20— 7/19/20 \$9,681.17  
In Checking Acct. \$21,932.68  
In Savings Acct. \$24,279.10

**Needed weekly to Meet budget**

\$2,824.62  
Parking Lot Fund \$41,608.15  
Estimated PL Funds Needed \$140,000

**Media System Operator Schedule**

August 2, 2020	Sam Dammann (507-648-3311)
August 9, 2020	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
August 16, 2020	Dominic Smith
August 23, 2020	Karli Arkell (507-829-2448)
August 30, 2020	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)

**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://osclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may still mail checks to the church office.  
*\*Address found on last page of newsletter.*



**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.

**~ 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.

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



**August 2, 2020**  
Shadae Knutson & Courtney Bedner  
**Video:** Braiden Davis

**August 9, 2020**  
Ella Erickson  
**Video:** Corey Arkell

**August 16, 2020**  
**Video:** Eva Redman

**August 23, 2020**  
Carter Beranek  
**Video:** Addison Irlbeck

**August 30, 2020**  
Mason Huffman  
**Video:** Braiden Davis



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

Wishing You a  
**Happy Birthday!**

**August Birthdays**

1st - Elaine Beerman, Chris Neperman, Isadora Hewitt

2nd - Cory Blomgren, Damian Osland, Alvin Wille, Karen Beranek

4th - Melissa Hoffrogge

6th - Arlene Theis, Paul Clarken

9th - Michael Koch

10th - Cody Denham

11th - Mary Gorder, Connie Lambert, Kelsi Holman, Craig Polkow, Braylon Bedner

12th - Oliver Benedict

13th - Gary Evers

14th - Jason Hoffrogge

16th - Breyten Sauer

17th - Glenn Pfarr, Aubrey Willhite

18th - Suzanna Kronback

20th - Brandon Knutson, Sharon Vollmer

21st - Steven Burns, Trenton Blomgren

23rd - Abby Furth, David Rue, Heath Wendt, Wendy Wondercheck

24th - Michael Watercott

26th - Andrew Coulter, Ruth Churchill,

27th - Ryan Wondercheck, Breyten Sauer

28th - Stacy Osland

29th - Misty Willhite

30th - Dallin Petersen, Terry Neperman

31st - Bruce Anderson, Daniel Schrupp, Courtney Bedner, Braylen Braulick



**August Anniversary Celebration**

1st - Shawn & Shelly Willhite

3rd - Pete & Sharon Furth

4th - Samuel & Tegan Halter

6th - Tom & Marlys Jenniges

7th - Charly & Deb Furth  
Roger & Kerri Zimmermann

11th - Dan & Mindi Hesse  
Allan & Janice Werner

12th - Cory & Shanice Churchill

14th - Joel & Kathy Fenger

15th - Paul & Bobbie Willer  
Michael & Kris Vollmer

18th - Brandon & Kayla Casey

20th - John & Jodene Mariner

21st - Kris & Megan Imker

23rd - Chris & Amy Paplow  
Daniel & Lindsay Kronbach

26th - Ed & Gayle Erickson  
Kurt & Lisa Willhite

29th - Ed & Janet Jeckell  
Rick & O Detta Manthei  
Ralph & Jean Price

**AUGUST USHER SCHEDULE**

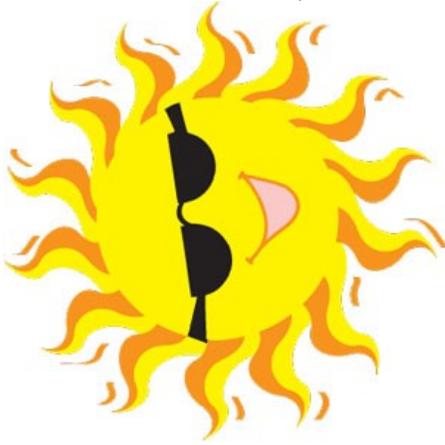
Tim Osland  
Damian Osland  
Tom Halter  
Todd Mattison



Darren Rue—Sub



**TAXI**  
Please call  
an Usher by  
Fridays for a ride!



# August 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 Worship/Communion Drive-In Service Available Live Streaming on our Facebook page	3 Offices Closed, Working from Home <i>Email the church office or contact Pastor Todd on his cell phone as needed!</i>	4 Offices Closed, Working from Home	5 7:00 Church Council	6	7	8
9 9:00 Worship/Communion Drive-In Service Available Live Streaming on our Facebook page	10 Offices Closed, Working from Home	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 Contemporary Worship Drive-In Service Available Live Streaming on our Facebook page	17 Offices Closed, Working from Home <b>Newsletter Articles Due!</b>	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 Worship Drive-In Service Available Live Streaming on our Facebook page	24 Offices Closed, Working from Home	25	26	27	28	29
30 <b>10:00 Confirmation Service</b> Drive-In Service Available Live Streaming on our Facebook page						

*All events are contingent upon public health guidelines regarding COVID-19. Please refer to the church online calendar, it is updated as decisions are made.*

**\*Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!**

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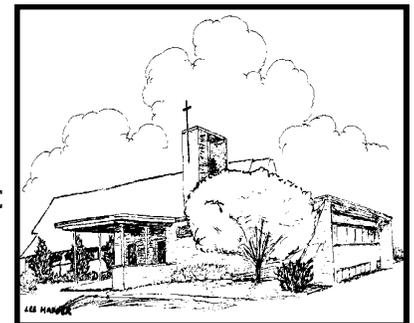
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### **Church Office Hours:**

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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: 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.



**Please have bulletins announcements into the church office by 10am Tuesday mornings.**

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**Please have your Newsletter articles and/or calendar items into the church office as designated on the monthly calendar.**