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That's not Fair

Do you recall moments in your childhood that perhaps will resemble something like this? You were in an argument with one of your siblings (over who knows what) and in the middle of that your parent bursts in the room to attempt to adjudicate the argument. In a moment of sheer frustration you and/or your sibling cry out, "That's not fair!" In response to your parents' verdict pertaining to the argument. In that moment you feel wronged. You feel as if the entire judicial system has worked against you and that you truly do not have a voice and justice is truly blind. You think your parents have stopped loving you and that no one cares. In moments like this, perhaps you cry out to God in desperation as He is the only one who could potentially help you. This hypothetical situation may cause us to ask the obvious question: is God fair? Meaning, is God equitable in all of his dealings with humanity? Is there a sensitive equality in the mind and heart of God?

The reason I asked this is because at times it seems as if God doesn't really care or based on circumstances of life it seems like some people get a raw deal. So again, I asked the question: is God fair? The answer might surprise you because in his mercy never is his chief objective fairness—meaning he's not concerned necessarily that the scales of justice balance perfectly; rather, he is willing to treat his son unfairly so that we may receive grace. I'm sure at some point you have seen someone forgiven of some heinous sin and thought to yourself that doesn't seem fair. In reality life is never fair. Equality, getting what you deserve, is not the essence of faith, rather it is Christ in your stead getting what you deserve. We are thus declared forgiven by God because of Christ, this is pure grace but at no point is God being fair. He is a God who is "...*slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love*,..." Exodus 34:6. So the next time you find yourself in the midst of a political discussion or argument that seems to have no resolution, or a situation that seems unfair, know that on the cross Christ was treated unfairly for you so that you may receive a pardon from God leading to eternal life. Therefore we declare, Thanks be to God!

4Him,

Pastor Steve

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 1, 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 Monday, July 1, 2024 in fellowship hall. Members present were Kevin Graff, Deb Furth, Sharon Vollmer, Steve Halter, Chad Coulter, Kari Halter, Kris Vollmer, Courtney Thram and Pastor Steve Walswick. Absent: Brian Benedict

President Halter called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and Pastor Steve led the group in prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the June checking balance of \$15,816.30 and savings balance of \$66,376.33. On a motion by Sharon and seconded by Kris, the treasurer's report was approved. Pew Bibles are arriving a few at a time.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve reported that he will be on vacation July 11 – July 17 and July 29 – August 4. Pastor is looking for replacements for Sunday services and Bibles, Burgers and Brews for those times. Pastor Stangeland will do BBB on July 11. A representative from the Gideons has been asked to do the July 14th services. Pastor met with the care team on Sunday, June 30, after church services. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the care team, but was not able to attend the meeting, should contact Pastor. He is also working on updating the list of members that might need or be interested in using those services. It was suggested that the care team make visits in groups of 2.

Committee Reports

Education: Courtney reported that VBS went well. Attendance averaged 43 students/night. They raised \$985.52 from coin wars. Those funds were donated to the Jake Grunewald family. Sunday School preparation is underway with schedules starting September 15 to coincide with Rally Sunday. Pastor is working on the confirmation schedule with Nicole. Board of Education is looking for volunteers to help out with teaching Sunday School. They are willing to take any amount of time people are willing to give them.

Worship and Music: Sharon reported they have not met. The media schedule is done and has been given to Nicole. Henle printing out of Marshall can re-spiral and laminate the covers of Our Savior's song books for \$5 to \$6/book. Discussed how many we need to have done. No decision was made at this time. A question was raised about the wedding policy for non-members renting our church. We will contact OSLW about updates that might need to be made.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris reported LGS has tried to meet again, but with low attendance. They will reschedule another meeting in order to decide about the mission endowment. Bibles, Burgers and Brew averages about 25/week. Rally Sunday will be September 15. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for volunteers to help for the ice cream social to be held on Wednesday, July 17 from 5 to 7 PM. Ads and posters are planned to be distributed soon. Bible camp scholarships were handed out June 30 totaling \$1700 and there is startup money left for next year. Lenten meal profits will be put toward a new microwave for the kitchen.

Property: No report



July 1, 2024 Council Minutes Continued

Old Business

Curtain/Divider Discussion: It was asked if we could find a way to repair the hole in the divider between the sanctuary and the overflow. Anyone who donated money toward the curtains are asked if they would like to redesignate their donation toward other projects that need attention such as possibly the new boiler or upcoming roof repairs.

New Business

Lion's Club Walking Path – Kris reported that the Lion's Club has put money towards a walking path that would go around the new school area, down to the swimming pool and back towards the school on the sidewalk. They have asked permission that walkers be allowed to go through our church parking lot to the sidewalk as part of that path. Sharon moved to allow the walkers to walk through the parking lot to the church sidewalk. Courtney seconded. Motion passed

Communion Assistants

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

- July 7, 2024 – Steve and Val Halter
- July 14, 2024 – Mike and Kris Vollmer
- August 4, 2024 – Deb Furth and Sharon Vollmer

Next council meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Kris moved to adjourn and Chad seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary



**Bibles, Burgers and Brew
To Host Gospel Concert Musicians**

**THE RESCUE TOUR
Dave Anderson & Roger Walck**



Bibles, Burgers and Brew is hosting Dave Anderson and Roger Walck for an evening worship concert on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7:10 p.m. Our Savior's Lutheran Church is located at 805 Birch Street, Lambertton.

Dave and Roger have a combined 100 years experience in music ministry! The audience will often be invited to sing along with Dave and Roger.

In addition to their music experience they are ambassadors for the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry. Shepherd's Canyon Retreat provides week-long counseling retreats for men and women in full-time ministry who are in the midst of burnout, stress, depression, and conflicts of all kinds. The Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry is based in Arizona.

On August 13, 1993, Dave Anderson, his wife Barbara, and five others survived a plane crash in the Bering Sea. The seven missionaries were in 41-degree water for about an hour. Their rescue has been called the most dramatic air/sea rescue in aviation history. At the concert at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Dave will share highlights from their crash and rescue story.

The public is invited to this event at a 7:10pm worship concert at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 805 Birch Street Lambertton. This event, hosted by the area Bibles, Burgers, and Brew group will gather on August 8th at Our Savior's rather than the American Legion. Join us prior to the concert for a meal from 6-6:45pm, prepared by the Lambertton Legion for \$10. A free-will offering will be received in support of the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry.

Sunday School Registration

Please email or call the church office by August 7

All youth in grades nursery (3-year-old preschool) - 9th grade are invited and encouraged to join us for Sunday School!

*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, 2024.***

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Help Needed!
The Board of Ed is in need of teachers and substitute teachers for the 2024-25 school year. Many of our teachers share a class, so neither have to commit to every week! Even if you can only teach once a month, to give your child's teacher a break, that would be helpful!



High schoolers: YOU make great teachers! Or our younger classes can use an assistant to help out the teacher. This could also be a shared position, so you wouldn't have to commit every week.

Please consider helping out with the education of our youth. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

OSLC Ice Cream Social

Thank you to all who attended or picked up take out meals. Our social was a huge success! Many thanks to those who donated hamburger for the BBQ and the potato salad. Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen & dining room. Our volunteers are the best, many hands make light work. The proceeds will go to a project chosen by the Life, Growth, & Stewardship committee, which will be announced after the next meeting.



Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

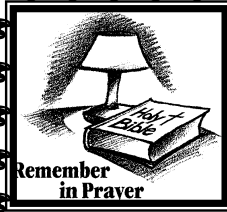
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May the strength and hope of God's love be theirs.

Media System Operator Schedule

August 4, 2024	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
August 11, 2024	Trenton Blomgren
August 18, 2024	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
August 25, 2024	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)



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.

- Maria Bedner (palliative care, 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 treatments)
- Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)



Pray for people affected other disasters ...

~ 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, 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.

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS

~Suicide Awareness~

August's Mission is Suicide Awareness. Minnesota's suicide prevention efforts are based on the belief that suicides are preventable, mental illness is treatable, and recovery is possible. The goals of the Minnesota Suicide Prevention Plan include:

- Supporting healthy and empowered individuals, families, and communities to increase protection from suicide risk.
- Coordinating the implementation of effective programs by clinical and community preventative services providers to promote wellness, build resilience, and prevent suicidal behaviors.
- Promoting suicide prevention as a core component of health care services.
- Increasing the timeliness and usefulness of data systems relevant to suicide prevention and improving the ability to collect, analyze and use this information for action.
- Sustaining suicide prevention efforts.

Donations will be used to support local and/or statewide efforts to decrease suicide.



If you desire to support our mission, please use the envelopes provided in the pews and mark the envelopes, "Suicide Awareness." You can put them into the offering plate.

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.

June—Hospice—\$1,175

Thank you for your support!



BUDGET RECAP
as of 7/21/2024

Total Outstanding:

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

Income:

6/16/24— 7/21/24	\$12,792.96
In Checking Acct.	\$14,013.71
In Savings Acct.	\$66,376.33

Needed weekly to

Meet budget	\$2,824.62
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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://oslclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may still mail checks to the church office.

**Address found on last page of newsletter.*



AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Judie Harnack
Jill Irlbeck

RALLY SUNDAY
is September 15th!!



Sunday School classes begin on Rally Day: Sunday, September 15

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.



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



August 4, 2024
Dawson Mariner & Braedon Mariner
Video: Braylen Braulick

August 11, 2024
Max Erickson & Lindsey Guggisberg
Video: Lincoln Hesse

August 18, 2024
Colton Jeckell
Video: Levi Jeckell



August 25, 2024
Madisyn Keck
Video: Zoey Keck

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 - Chris Neperman
- 2nd - Cory Blomgren, Damian Osland, Karen Beranek
- 4th - Melissa Hoffrogge
- 5th - Karlynn Churchill
- 6th - Arlene Theis, Paul Clarcken
- 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, Noah Keck, Landon Vollmer
- 27th - Ryan Wondercheck
- 28th - Stacy Osland
- 29th - Misty Willhite
- 30th - Dallin Petersen, Terry Neperman
- 31st - Bruce Anderson, Daniel Schrupp, Courtney Bedner, Braylen Braulick



August



- 1st - Shawn & Shelly Willhite
- 3rd - Pete & Sharon Furth
- 4th - Samuel & Tegan Halter
- 7th - Charly & Deb Furth
Roger & Kerri Zimmermann
- 11th - Dan & Mindi Hesse
Allan & Janice Werner
- 12th - Cory & Shanice Churchill
- 14th - Cole & Nicole Churchill
- 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
- Darren Rue

Steve Halter—Sub



TAXI
Please call
an Usher by
Fridays for a ride!

Divisions of the Bible

Old Testament – Law

Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy
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Use the code to learn how each book got its name.

Genesis means .

Exodus means .

Leviticus is named for the who taught God's laws.

Numbers is about the people.

Deuteronomy means because Moses told the people about the laws again.

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Genesis People

The book of Genesis contains stories about many people. Find all these people in the puzzle.

ADAM	N A B R A H A M	
EVE	A O S A R A H A	ISAAC
CAIN	L J A C O B O D	REBEKAH
ABEL	E E O H U I H A	ESAU
NOAH	H R I S A A C U	JACOB
ABRAHAM	C A I N E E T A	LEAH
SARAH	A B E L S P V S	RACHEL
	R E B E K A H E	JOSEPH

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!				1 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	2 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	3
4 9:00 Worship/Communion	5 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	6	7 7:00 Church Council	8 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew with Special Guests, The Rescue Tour @ Our Savior's	9 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	10
11 9:00 Worship/Communion	12 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	13	14	15 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	16 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	17
18 9:00 Contemporary Worship	19 <i>Church Office Closed</i> Newsletter Articles Due!	20	21	22 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	23 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	24
25 9:00 Worship	26 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	27	28	29 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	30 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	31

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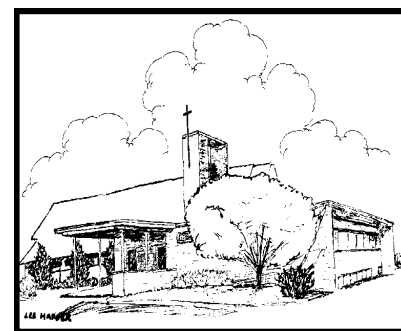
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Sundays: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
(Sept.-May)

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 announcements into the church office by 10am Tuesday mornings.

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