



PARTNERS



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Dear Friend,

As we enter into the season of Advent and Christmas, I remember words that our Lord Jesus spoke to his disciples (and to us): *Seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom (Luke 12:31-32).* The reason I am mindful of these promises from God is that they speak in direct confrontation to the uncertainty we face in our immediate context: Covid, national & regional elections, along with the myriad other challenges each of us face in our own unique life journey.

One of the main themes of Advent is this: "God with us." That's what the word Emmanuel means: "God with us." Let me make it more personal: "God with you!" Do you feel that? Know that deep down? Or might God feel distant from you these days? Well, that's where regular time in God's word, in worship of our Lord Jesus, and in service to one another and our neighbors becomes vital, because that is where the kingdom of God is revealed. So this Advent season, grab ahold of God's promise to be with you - in all things - and even in a season of "social distancing," remain connected to God and to his people.

As we look ahead to December, here are a few things to keep in mind. First, the Church Council will be meeting early in the month to continue to monitor and make decisions regarding gathering for worship on-campus or remote only. We will always have the live stream going, which is critical especially for those who should not venture out into social settings, like church. So if that is you, please be blessed in staying at home and joining us online. At this point in time, I am not sure what will happen on Christmas Eve. If we would be on-campus, I would anticipate going to two services on Christmas Eve to help with social distancing. But we may not be able to meet on-campus, and we will then provide a meaningful experience online for you and your family connected together online. We will do our best to get word out as soon as possible so please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for details.

In the meantime, there is much ministry that occurs without being seen. I am so grateful to serve a congregation where members reach out to one another. I have found that, when I get down because of the isolation the pandemic produces, the best way to come out of that is by connecting with someone else and serving them in whatever way I can. It feels counterintuitive to what I feel, but God is able to rejuvenate my own spirit when he uses me to minister to someone else. I think you will find it to be similar for you, also. Remember, "God with us" may be most realistically experienced by you being with someone else in the name of Jesus Christ.



Merry Christmas, and the Lord be with you,

Pastor Todd

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES November 4, 2020

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, abiding by the social distancing guidelines and by Zoom meeting. Members present were: Todd Horning, Brian Werner, Chantel Neperman, and Pastor Todd onsite; and Char and Sharon joined by Zoom meeting. Absent were Brian Kletscher, Kris Vollmer, Cory Blomgren and Jocelyn Geske.

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 Chantel, second by Brian W, the regular monthly minutes for October 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Checking Balance \$800.56. Savings Balance of \$24,282.15. The parking lot balance is \$14,514.84. Chantel reported the Forgiveness part of the PPP loan has been submitted and she has also completed the County CARES Act information. On a motion by Brian W, second by Sharon the report was approved.

Education: No report.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Char reported new Acolyte robe sashes have been ordered.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris submitted a written report to the council. She stated there has been increased giving for missions for RRC. The team was able to purchase several new graphing calculators for the math classes. Great job!

Property: Brian reported the team will be trimming the trees by the Parking lot before winter. The council would like to give a big thank you to Julie Senst for raking the lawn and cleaning up around the parsonage. We sure appreciate you, Julie!!

Old Business: Again, we discussed the opening for an organist. Pastor Todd will be getting an ad in the local papers. The new video system is still a work in progress. There are problems with the audio feed from the old system to the balcony jack that needs to be addressed prior to rolling it out. Onsite worship and Sunday School will start on November 8th; Confirmation classes go onsite November 11th. Due to RRC going remote learning the week after Thanksgiving, it was determined we will have online worship on November 29th and online Confirmation on December 2nd.

New Business: Chantel presented the preliminary 2021 budget to the council and asked everyone to look it over and we will amend/approve it at the December meeting. Char suggested we perform annual performance reviews with the staff at OSLC. This will be reviewed further with the Council.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Todd presented a written report of his monthly activities. He performed 2 funerals and made numerous visits and phone calls to members and within the community. He was in attendance at Confirmation Classes, Board of Ed, Church Council, online LCMC Annual Meeting, Online Here We Stand Conference, LCMC Augustana District Ambassadors' online meeting and First Communion Training with the 6th graders. He was also able to attend an RRC Jr High football game.

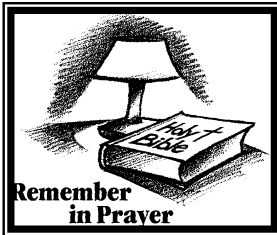
With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chantel, second by Brian W.

The next Council Meeting will be held on December 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm. It is to be determined if this meeting will be in-person or online.

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 (health issues)
 Larry Lange (health issues)
 James Voigt, *Jeannie Horning's dad*
 (Hodgkin's Lymphoma)
 Savannah Rausch, (large B cell lymphoma)
Bruce & Barb Anderson's granddaughter
 Arlene Theis (surgery recovery)
 Dorothy Dietl (hospice)
 JoAnn Jaeger (macular degeneration -both eyes)
 Mark Coulter (health concerns)
 Jody (Iverson) Hintze (health concerns)
 Dave Rue (health issues)
 Nancy Rue (health issues)
 Todd Mattison (medical issues)
 Darrell Holmberg (health issues)
 Connie Lambert (health issues)



Pray for people affected by COVID-19 and other disasters ...

DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS ~Lamberton Cemetery~

Our December mission is the 'Lamberton Cemetery'. The Lamberton Cemetery is a public cemetery for our local churches. Donations are used to support the Lamberton Cemetery board in maintaining the cemetery and developing projects.



You can pick up a blue envelope upon entering the church before service or use your own envelope and write "missions" 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'.

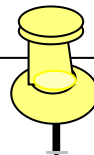
<https://oslcclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>
 Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!

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.



Annual Report

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE BY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH!!!**

Please have them emailed or dropped off at the church office. Thanks!



BUDGET RECAP
as of 11/22/2020

Total Outstanding:

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

Income:

10/18/20— 11/22/20	\$4,283.97
In Checking Acct.	\$4,914.43
In Savings Acct.	\$19,282.15

Needed weekly to

Meet budget	\$2,824.62
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Parking Lot Fund	\$83,844.51
Trust Loan	\$20,000
Funds Used	\$85,295.16
Remaining PL Funds Needed	\$30,000

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.

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



December 6, 2020

Blake Paplow & Braiden Davis
Video: Mason Huffman

December 13, 2020

Corey Arkell & Ella Erickson
Video: Jake Erickson

December 20, 2020

Video: Courtney Bedner

Thursday, December 24, 2020
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Carter Beranek & Austin Imker
Video: Shadae Knutson



December 27, 2020

Eva Redman & Ethan Willhite
Video: Addison Irlbeck

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

NOMINATING TEAM

Can't believe it is that time of year already but it is! The Nominating Team will be working on finding candidates for different positions on the council. When they call you, say Yes!". Also, members for other teams are needed. Contact the chairperson of the various Teams if you would like to be part of a Team.

The members of the
Nominating Team for this year are:
Brian Kletscher (Chr.), Jocelyne Geske,
Brian Werner



**DECEMBER
ALTAR GUILD**
Janice Werner
Susan Jeckell

Our heartfelt sympathy to the
family and friends of



**Gene Hildreth
Ruth Kronback**
May the strength
and hope of
God's love be theirs.

Wishing You a **Happy Birthday!**

December Birthdays

1st - Tim Osland
 2nd - Cole Werner, Casey Vogel
 3rd - Justin Kreuger, O Detta Manthei
 4th - Avery Anderson
 5th - Deb Lingle, Anne Mathison
 6th - Chad Beranek, Cory Churchill
 7th - William Buetow
 8th - Janine Frank
 9th - Mikaela Smith
 10th - Jedidiah Kronback, Jaxon Anderson
 11th - Perry Kronback
 13th - Stephanie Mattison, Jon Bergemann
 14th - Vernon Pfarr
 15th - Larry Kronback
 16th - Alayna Erickson, Asher Erickson
 18th - Chad Coulter, Darlo Harnack, Jaden Prechel, Derek Werner, Scarlet Carter
 19th - Faun Johnson
 20th - Lisa Willhite, Kysha Wani
 21st - Darrell Holmberg, Ron Koch, Cooper Churchill
 23rd - Hailey Teveldal
 25th - Heather Brand, Reagan Pfarr
 26th - Sean Burns, Jordan Vollmer
 27th - Char Graff
 29th - Morgan Mattison, Steve Wegman

~ 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.

December Anniversary Celebration

3rd - Duane & Virginia Waldriff
 14th - Larry & Jean Lange
 15th - Charlie & Bonnie Peterson
 22nd - Kent & Leah Teveldal
 29th - Mark & Karin Hewitt

2020 Contributions

The financial personnel please ask that you have your 2020 contributions into the church office on **Sunday, January 10th** to allow them to credit your accounts and process those reports for the Annual Meeting in a timely fashion.

Thank you!!

DECEMBER USHER SCHEDULE

John Smith
 Dominik Smith
 Derek Werner
 Dave (Jill) Irlbeck

Justin Thram—Sub

TAXI
 Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!

LUTHER LEAGUE

November Meeting Minutes

Luther League met on November 11th with 8 students and 3 adults present. We enjoyed pizza, pop, dessert and fellowship. We had another great year selling wreaths, thank you to those who supported our group and we hope you they give you JOY this holiday season! Donations were sent to Share the Spirit and WAFER Food Shelf. With the current Governor's order, we won't be able to have our Christmas party in December. We will shoot for having a FUN day soon.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!



OSW

The Women of Our Savior's had their annual Thankoffering fundraiser this past month. As we did not meet, anyone wishing to donate can still do so by mailing their donation to the treasurer: Wendy Mattison at 22977 110th Street, Revere, MN 56166, or to the church at Box 67, Lamberton, MN. Hopefully we will be able to meet in the new year to distribute the donations. Praying for all to stay well, stay home, and wear a mask.!!!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on
whom His favor rest." (Luke 2:14)*

Advent is a season of anticipation - a season of waiting, praying, serving, and living as a witness to God's reign in this world.

We hope to have our traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light Service in-person at 5PM on Thursday, December 24th. We may have two services, so watch our online calendar or Facebook page for changes. We will have the Sacrament of Holy Communion along with the celebration of the Birth of Christ. If we cannot meet in-person, we will still live stream it on our Facebook page! Please follow us on Facebook for updates!

The day has finally come. All the waiting, prayers, hopes, dreams, struggles, joy, and pain is over. We've made it to the manger. We've made it to the fulfillment of God's promise and prophecies. The Savior has been born and we can all celebrate!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Communion Celebration

Join us in prayer and celebration for our youth receiving their first communion on Sunday, December 6.



Braylon Bedner
Jadyn Beranek
Treyton Knutson
Sophie Paplow
Dominic Senst
Kysha Wani
Marshal Willhite
Paige Wondercheck

If services move online for December 6, we will celebrate in January.

Christmas Program

The tradition of the Sunday School youth sharing the story of the birth of Jesus will take place throughout the Sunday's in December rather than one big program.

Thank you for praying with us as we navigate keeping all of our congregation members, youth, and community healthy. While the story may be shared differently, the message is as strong as ever. Youth will be asked during their Sunday School time. Parents, connect with their teacher at pick up. Participation is limited and totally voluntary, so if your family would rather pass this year, just let your child's teacher know.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes will continue on December 6, 13, and 20. Updates will be posted on the Our Saviors Lutheran Church Facebook page, so please "like" that if you haven't already. In general, if services are moved online, no class will be held. On those Sunday's you are invited to join us on Facebook live at 10 am for a short children's message from Pastor Todd.

Thank you to those families who have kept their children home if they are not feeling well, sick, or in quarantine. Our teachers are doing the same. Our classrooms are designed with extra space this year and masks are required to limit contact exposure.

No classes on December 27

SS Announcements continued

Confirmation Classes

A huge thank you to the youth for switching between in-person and online classes this fall. You have done a great job being engaged regardless of how you are meeting. Please keep checking your email for future updates. December 2 classes are planned for online. If you prefer to join online for any reason, let Pastor Todd know and he can set you up with a link to zoom in. No Class December 23 or 30.

January means new opportunities to join a Ministry Team.

The Board of Ed has shared the need for new members for the past year with no new members stepping forward. A huge thanks to Bridget Arkell for her many years of service.

2021 Board of Ed members:

Karen Beranek, Misty Willhite and Wendy Wondercheck along with the 2020 retired Board of Ed members: Bridget Arkell, Trudi Juhnke, Jodi Smith, and Leah Teveldal encourage you to ask any of us about this ministry team. We are open to multiple new team members, along with volunteers who would like to commit to a shorter timeframe (i.e. VBS planner, Christmas program coordinator, etc).



Media System Operator Schedule

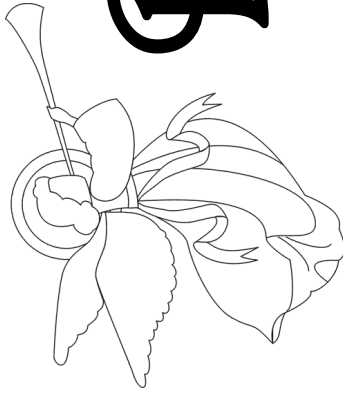
December 6, 2020	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
December 13, 2020	Dominic Smith
December 20, 2020	Karli Arkell (507-829-2448)
December 27, 2020	Val Halter (507-276-0008)



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.



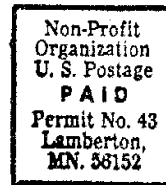


2020 DECEMBER

JESUS is
the Reason
for the Season.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>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.</i></p>						
6 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School	7 Offices Closed, Working from Home	1 Offices Closed, Working from Home Email the church office or contact Pastor Todd on his cell phone as needed! 10:00 Staff Meeting	2 3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Church Council	3 *****	4 *****	5
13 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School	14 Offices Closed, Working from Home	8 10:00 Staff Meeting	9 3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation	10 *****	11 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	12
20 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School	21 Offices Closed, Working from Home <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Articles Due!!</u>	15 10:00 Staff Meeting	16 3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 BOE Meeting	17 *****	18 ***** 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	19
27 9:00 Worship	28 Offices Closed, Working from Home	22 10:00 Staff Meeting	23 *****	24 Offices Closed ***** 5 P.M. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service (C)	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> ***** 	26
	29 10:00 Staff Meeting	30 *****	31 ***** 	31 *****	***** Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS!	

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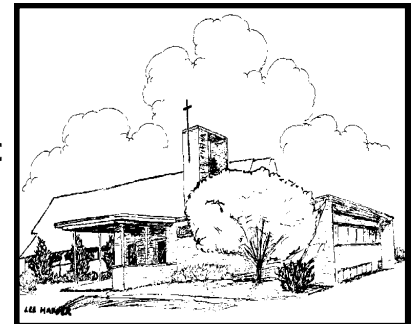


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osclamberton@centurytel.net

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.