



# PARTNERS



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This month marks the beginning of Lent, a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday, which is on February 17.

Lent runs for 40 days. 40 days is an important number in both the Old and New Testaments:

- In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrew people spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.
- According to the New Testament narrative, Jesus' ascension occurred 40 days after his resurrection.

Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and celebration. Many Christians "give something up for Lent" as a way of identifying with the 40 days of fasting that Jesus did in the wilderness upon the beginning of his public ministry (Mt 4:1-11).

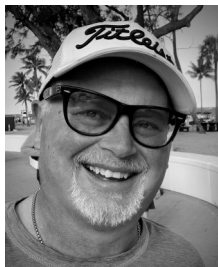
The prophet writes this about fasting: "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing..." (Joel 2:1-14a).

What's great about being a Christian today is that we do know that God is gracious and compassionate, and that he treats us in mercy, not judgment, because the judgment on our sin was borne by Jesus Christ himself. That's what Lent and Holy Week is all about.

So, what might you be giving up for Lent?

How about adding something to your schedule during Lent?

Here's an invitation from your pastor: Join me on Ash Wednesday, either in the morning (between 7-9am in the church sanctuary) or at our evening Ash Wednesday service when you may receive an ash cross placed on your forehead to remember our own mortality and, more importantly, Christ's sacrifice to give you everlasting life! Hope to see you there.



Secure in Christ Jesus,

*Pastor TODD*

## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES January 6, 2021

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on January 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm by Zoom meeting. Members present were: Todd Horning, Kris Vollmer, Jocelyn Geske, Char Graff, Cory Blomgren, Brian Kletscher, Sharon Vollmer and Pastor Todd Mathison. Absent was Chantel Neperman and Brian Werner.

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 Cory, the regular monthly minutes for December 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Checking Balance \$53,495.64 and Savings Balance of \$14,284.15. Within the Checking account balance are 2 generous memorials given to the church in memory of loved ones and excess funds from the parking lot fund that will be paid back to the Trust.

Education: Jocelyn reported the team met on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held on Confirmation; 6<sup>th</sup> grade first communion; Sunday School and team appointments. Karen Beranek will serve as team chair; Misty Willhite will serve on Council.

Worship & Music: Char reported no meeting; the team will meet in January. The family of Beverly Willhite made a memorial to the church to purchase new altar cloths in her memory. We thank them for their generosity! The team is in the process of completing this purchase. Tyler Luttmann has been hired as our new Organist/ Pianist at OSLC. Welcome Tyler! Janice Werner will be representing the WM team on Council for the next year.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris reported no meeting. January mission is Mission to Mississippi. Please use the blue envelopes to donate! Kris reported the Timm family made a generous memorial to the church in memory of Darrel, Verna and Scott Timm. Discussion was held on the use of these funds. It was agreed to look into purchasing partitions for SS classes in Fellowship Hall and the Parking Lot. Thank you to the Timm family for their donation.

Property: No report. Kevin Juhnke has joined the Property team and will serve on Council for the coming term.

Old Business: Updates on the new video system were presented. Kevin Graff and Pastor Todd will run cables on Friday morning; if this does not solve the audio problem, we will hire an audio company to come in and finish the project. Next, by unanimous decision we will be opening Church for onsite worship beginning January 10, 2021 asking everyone to wear masks and social distance. Confirmation will resume January 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday School on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, the offices at church will reopen immediately following the normal office hours schedule.

New Business: Brian K reported all positions for Council are filled except VP and Trust. He is waiting on answers from 2 individuals at this point. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. On a motion by Brian K, second by Sharon, to add Kari Redman to the Luther League checking account held at First Security Bank. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Todd presented a written report of his monthly activities. He performed one graveside funeral service and one Baptism and had communication with numerous people. Pastor reported Mike Stangeland would like to resume Friday morning Bible Study at OSLC. This request was approved by the Council. He also reminded the Council that Lenten Services will begin February 17<sup>th</sup>.

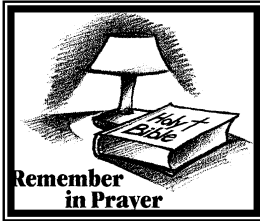
With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Char, second by Cory.

The next Council Meeting will be held on February 3, 2021 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 (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*  
 Dorothy Dietl (hospice)  
 JoAnn Jaeger (macular degeneration -both eyes)  
 Mark Coulter (health concerns)  
 Dave Rue (health issues)  
 Nancy Rue (health issues)  
 Todd Mattison (medical issues)  
 Quintin Willhite (health issues)  
 Tiana Iverson (on-going chemo)



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

## FEBRUARY USHER SCHEDULE

Ralph Price  
 Mark Coulter  
 Steve Vollmer  
 Lefty Coulter



Tom Neperman—Sub



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

## Lent Services



**Ash**  
**Wednesday,**  
 February 17, 2021

### 7-9 A.M. Imposition of Ashes

in Sanctuary for those who wishing to receive a mark of ashes on their forehead as a token of penitence and mortality throughout their day. Just stop in, Pastor will be in the nave of the church, it will only take a few minutes.



### 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

*The 7pm service will also include the Imposition of Ashes.*

Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 17, 2021  
 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 @ UMC

Good Friday, April 2, 2021  
 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, April 4, 2021  
 7:00 A.M. Easter Sunrise Service  
 9:00 A.M. Easter Service



**FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD**

Kari Halter \* Val Halter

**Media System Operator Schedule**

February 7, 2021	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
February 14, 2021	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
February 17, 2021 Ash Wed.	Dominic Smith
February 21, 2021	Karli Arkell (507-829-2448)
February 28, 2021	Val Halter (507-276-0008)

**Lifetouch**


The Lifetouch Church Photography business has permanently stopped operations. As a valued mobile directory customer, we understand the importance of this tool to your community, especially during this unprecedented time. To provide you time to transition, our mobile directory offering will be available to you through June 30th, 2021.

If you would like to download the information in your mobile directory, create a PDF by visiting the Family view section of the mobile directory and click the Download icon.

We are incredibly grateful to have photographed your families, and we hope this extended timeframe will ease your transition.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [LCDDesign@lifetouch.com](mailto:LCDDesign@lifetouch.com) by January 31, 2021.

Thank you,  
Lifetouch



**~ 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.

**FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS**

**~WAFER~**

Do you ever wonder what Wafer is?  
It's a great question!



Wafer stands for:  
Wabasso area Food  
Emergency Relief.  
So what does it do?

Food is distributed to those who need it. The emergency food is typically made available through donations and volunteers.

**Specialization**

- People with low income
- Residents of southwest two-thirds of Redwood County
- No ID required

**WAFER Inc. - Wabasso Area Food Emergency Relief**

**Food Shelf**

210 County Highway 6  
Wabasso, MN, 56293-1402  
(507) 342-5567

Let's help support our local groups in something so important! Use the blue envelopes provided and simply put them in the offering plate with Wafer written on the outside!!



**Thanks for your support!**

If you desire to promote this mission for February, please use the BLUE envelopes provided in the pews and mark the envelopes, "WAFER". You can put them into the offering plate.





### **BUDGET RECAP** as of 1/10/2021

#### **Total Outstanding:**

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

#### **Income:**

In Checking Acct. \$39,820.92  
In Savings Acct. \$14,284.71

#### **Needed weekly to Meet budget**

\$2,824.62

#### **Parking Lot Funds Update**

Parking Lot Expenses \$102,172.66  
Funds Raised \$94,214.51  
Borrowed Funds from Trust \$7,958.15

#### **Remaining Parking Lot**

**Funds Needed \$5,651.15**

## **LUTHER LEAGUE NEWS**

Luther League was finally able to meet on January 13<sup>th</sup> with 13 students and 4 adults attending. We were notified in early January that Todd and Jeannie Horning are stepping down as co leaders. Thank you to both of them for all of their support with our youth. Trudi Juhnke has offered to join our team and we are looking forward to having her join us.

We are looking at doing a Heggie's pizza fundraiser soon and are praying that the weather and Covid, will allow us to hold the Soup and Pie supper in early March, with a few changes. Watch for details in bulletins and the church Facebook page. Our next meeting will be held February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:05pm.

### **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.*

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

*"Through Baptism make this child to be  
your faithful follower and  
witness to your Gospel."*

**Georgia Ann**  
Infant daughter of  
Timothy & Jessica Johnson



### **PRAYER CHAIN**

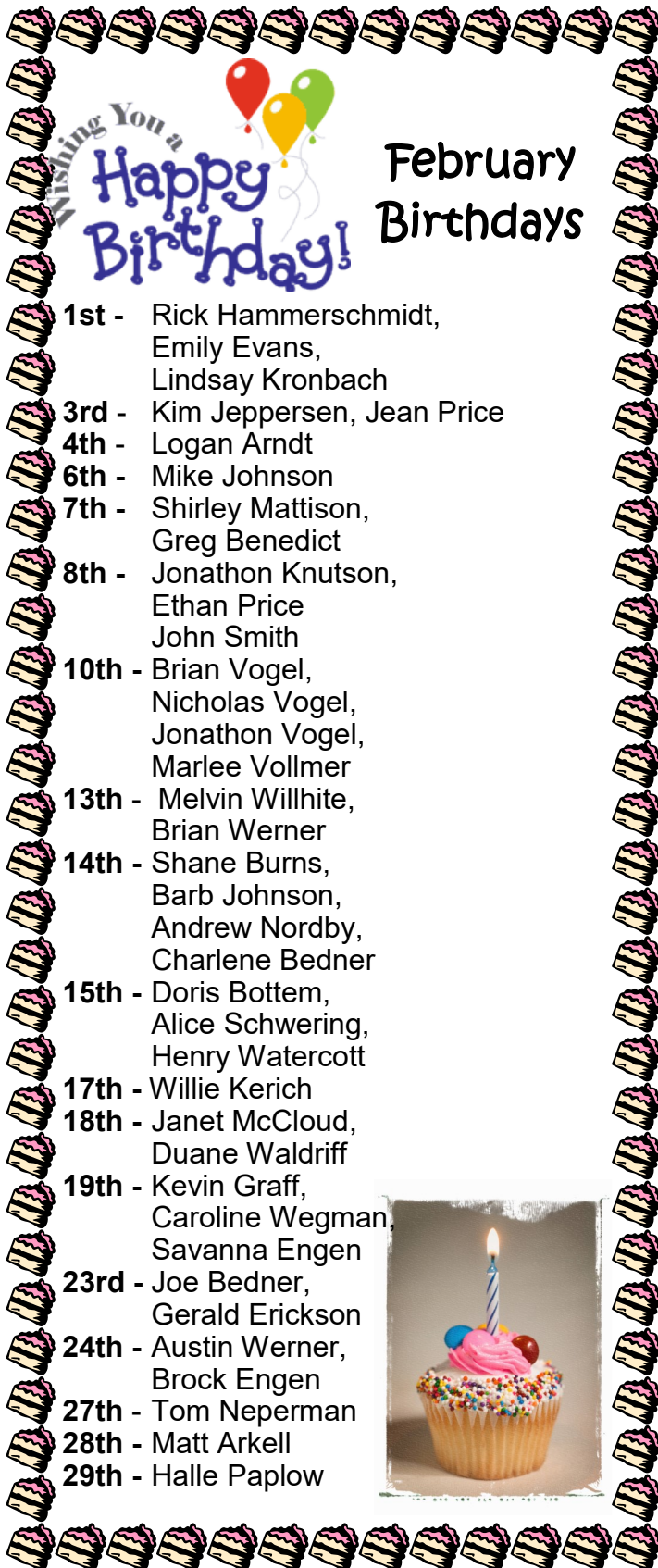
If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please contact Judy Kuehl, 507-822-1716, or the church office. Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer chain and/or included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for two (2) Sundays unless request is renewed. Thank you.



### **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](http://Thrivent.com/choicevote) or call 800-847-4836.





## February Birthdays

- 1st - Rick Hammerschmidt,  
Emily Evans,  
Lindsay Kronbach
- 3rd - Kim Jeppersen, Jean Price
- 4th - Logan Arndt
- 6th - Mike Johnson
- 7th - Shirley Mattison,  
Greg Benedict
- 8th - Jonathon Knutson,  
Ethan Price  
John Smith
- 10th - Brian Vogel,  
Nicholas Vogel,  
Jonathon Vogel,  
Marlee Vollmer
- 13th - Melvin Willhite,  
Brian Werner
- 14th - Shane Burns,  
Barb Johnson,  
Andrew Nordby,  
Charlene Bedner
- 15th - Doris Bottem,  
Alice Schwering,  
Henry Watcott
- 17th - Willie Kerich
- 18th - Janet McCloud,  
Duane Waldriff
- 19th - Kevin Graff,  
Caroline Wegman,  
Savanna Engen
- 23rd - Joe Bedner,  
Gerald Erickson
- 24th - Austin Werner,  
Brock Engen
- 27th - Tom Neperman
- 28th - Matt Arkell
- 29th - Halle Paplow

## February



- 5th - Tom & Joyce Hoffrogge
- 12th - Dean & Elaine Beermann
- 26th - Ray & Jeanette Hildreth
- 27th - Tom & Cathy Halter

### FEBRUARY ACOLYTE & VIDEO SCHEDULE

#### 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

**February 7, 2021**

Corey Arkell & Addison Irlbeck

**Video:** Trenton Blomgren

**February 14, 2021**

Bowen Hesse & Austin Imker

**Video:** Ethan Willhite

**Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

Eva Redman-R & Mason Huffman

**February 21, 2021**

Ella Erickson-R

**Video:** Jake Erickson



**Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

Courtney Bedner-R & Holden Mariner

**February 28, 2021**

Corey Arkell-R & Shadae Knutson


**Video:** Trenton Blomgren

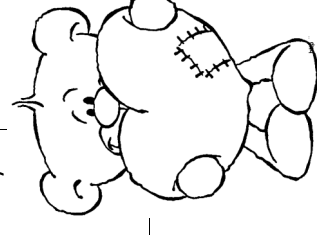
Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement for your designated worship service. Thank you!!



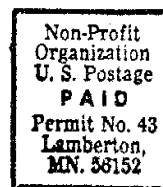
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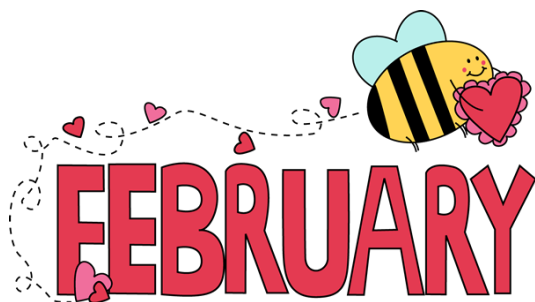
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!</b></p>	<p><b>1 Offices Closed</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b> 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5 Church Office Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b> 9:00 Worship/Communion Drive-In Service Available (FM 90.3) Live Streaming on our Facebook page 10:00 Sunday School</p>	<p><b>8 Offices Closed</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 OSW Exec. Board 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b> 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:05 Luther League 7:00 BOE Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12 Church Office Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14 Transfiguration Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship/Communion w/ First Communion! Drive-In Service Available (FM 90.3) Live Streaming on our Facebook page 10:00 Sunday School</p>	<p><b>15 Offices Closed</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>17 Ash Wednesday</b> 7-9 A.M. Imposition of Ashes 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation <b>7:00 Ash Wednesday Service</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19 Church Office Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> 9:00 Contemporary Worship Drive-In Service Available (FM 90.3) Live Streaming on our Facebook page 10:00 Sunday School</p>	<p><b>22 Offices Closed</b>  <b>Newsletter Articles Due!</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>24</b> 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26 Church Office Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> 9:00 Worship Drive-In Service Available (FM 90.3) Live Streaming on our Facebook page 10:00 Sunday School</p>			<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>			



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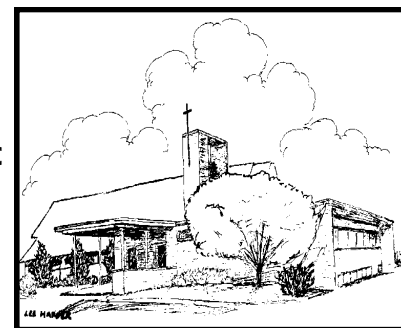


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**Pastor Todd Mathison**

### **Church Office Hours:**

9 a.m.-Noon, 1-4p.m. Tues-Thurs  
Church Phone: 752-7334

Church Email: [osclamberton@centurytel.net](mailto:osclamberton@centurytel.net)  
Website: [osclamberton.com](http://osclamberton.com)

### **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.**