



PARTNERS



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*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

These words from God to His people recorded in Jeremiah 29:11 are good words for Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Take them to heart. God has seen us through a challenging year, and he has promised his presence with us wherever we are. That's a great comfort!

Reach back in your memory to reflect with me on this past year. Public worship and Sunday School were just beginning to open back up in January, and confirmation classes resumed meeting in-person rather than online. While we did not host Lenten meals, we did gather for Lenten worship, culminating in Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Seven of our young people were confirmed in their faith in May, and we once again hosted the Red Rock Central Baccalaureate service. Fall ministries kicked off strong, and we certainly enjoyed the Children's Christmas program this past month. All in all, I'm quite impressed with the resilience you all displayed throughout the adjustments made across all ministries this past year.

Then there is the season of transition that we are entering. News is now out that I have accepted a call to a LCMC congregation in Mesa, Arizona. My last Sunday with you will be February 20, soon before Lent begins. I want you to know that I intend to finish well with my ministry among you. While hearts may be heavy because of the upcoming change, the scripture from Jeremiah brings hope that God has a plan and a pastor already in mind for Our Savior's. Please remember to pray for your leaders as they discern the person to recommend as your new pastor. When I came here as your pastor over three years ago, it was only a couple of weeks from when I first heard about the opportunity to when I arrived in Lambertton. There are pastors and interims seeking calls right now; pray that the Lord would provide a wonderful pastor for a new season of Gospel ministry together with you.

I want to thank you as the congregation, and so many people individually, who have made my time here at Our Savior's a wonderful place to serve. Anne and I will always have a special place in our hearts for you, the people of Our Savior's. Your leadership is strong; the congregation is in a place of unity; and the Holy Spirit continues to move in and through us as we love one another and serve those around us. God has a plan; rest in his sovereign grace!



Go in peace and serve the Lord...thanks be to God!

Pastor TODD

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 5, 2022**

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on January 5th, 2022 in Fellowship Hall. Members present were: Cory Blomgren, Susan Jeckell, Kevin Juhnke, Chantel Neperman, John Smith, Kris Vollmer, Janice Werner, Wendy Wondercheck and Pastor Todd Mathison. Absent were Todd Horning and Misty Willhite.

President Blomgren called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: December council minutes were read by Susan. Chantel moved, and Kris seconded to approve as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Chantel reported the December checking balance of \$50,530.31, and savings balance of \$25,851.29. On a motion by John, seconded by Kevin, the report was approved. Motion carried.

Education: Wendy was present on behalf of the Board of Education to give a brief overview of the board's responsibilities, and the need for additional members of the congregation to serve.

Worship & Music: No report.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris presented on Lenten meals and meeting preparations.

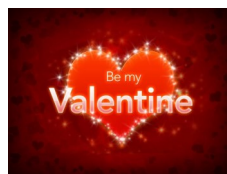
Property: No report.

Old Business: There was a discussion on wish list items to add for the upcoming year. Discussion was had on new sound proof dividers with windows for Fellowship Hall.

New Business: Nominations were discussed, and Chantel presented 2022 budget for review. John moved to approve the budget to present at the Annual Meeting. Kevin seconded it. Motion passes.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported on November and December happenings which included bringing Christmas care packages to our members, the Sunday School program and Luther League party. During this time Our Savior's held a wedding, funeral, 3 baptisms and welcomed 2 additional members to our church family. Wi-fi is now reaching the Youth Lounge and Fellowship Hall. With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chantel, and Janice second. Motion carried. The next Council Meeting will be February 2nd at 6:30pm. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jeckell
Council Secretary



Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of
JoAnn Pfarr

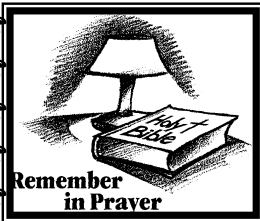


May the strength and hope of God's love be theirs.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of
Shirley Thram

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





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)
- John Stiles (ALS)
- Marcella Dammann (health issues)
- David Rue (health issues)
- Joyce Bittner (small strokes recovery)
- Tom Hoffrogge (another brain bleed surgery recovery)
- Elmer & Rozzie Jeckell (health issues)
- Janet McCloud (health concerns)
- Jean Lange (back screw replacement surgery)

Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Joanne Luttmann who passed away on January 24, 2022.. May the strength and hope of God's love be theirs.

FEBRUARY USHER SCHEDULE

- Ralph Price
- Mark Coulter
- Steve Vollmer
- Lefty Coulter



Tom Neperman—Sub



TAXI
Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!

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
- Food is provided once a month

WAFER Inc. - Wabasso Area Food Emergency Relief

Food Shelf
210 County Highway 6
Wabasso, MN, 56293-1402
[\(507\) 342-5567](tel:5073425567)

You can pick up a blue envelope in the pew or use your own envelope and write "WAFER" 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://osclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>
Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!



Thanks for your support!

~ 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.

Ash Wednesday



March 2, 2022

7:00 P.M.
Lent Service

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



LUTHER LEAGUE NEWS

Thank you to the 13 kids and 4 adults that were present at this months Luther League Meeting. We mainly talked about the upcoming Soup & Pie Supper. More details to come on that at next months meeting but we picked out soups we planned and what jobs need to be done. We also talked about doing more random "Sunday Fundays" whether they be bowling, skating, tubing, or just a game/craft day at the church. More to come on that as well. The 150th celebration is coming up and the LL decided to have a booth where they could sell pop, water and our cookbooks that we collected recipes on. We look forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting on the 9th. Also, a huge thank you to Misty Willhite for providing such a blessed meal for us.

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.*

Luther League Families-

Be watching for your letter in the mail regarding the Soup & Pie meal details!

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.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Luther League Soup and Pie Supper Sunday, February 27, 2022 Serving from 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
805 Birch Street in Lamberton, MN

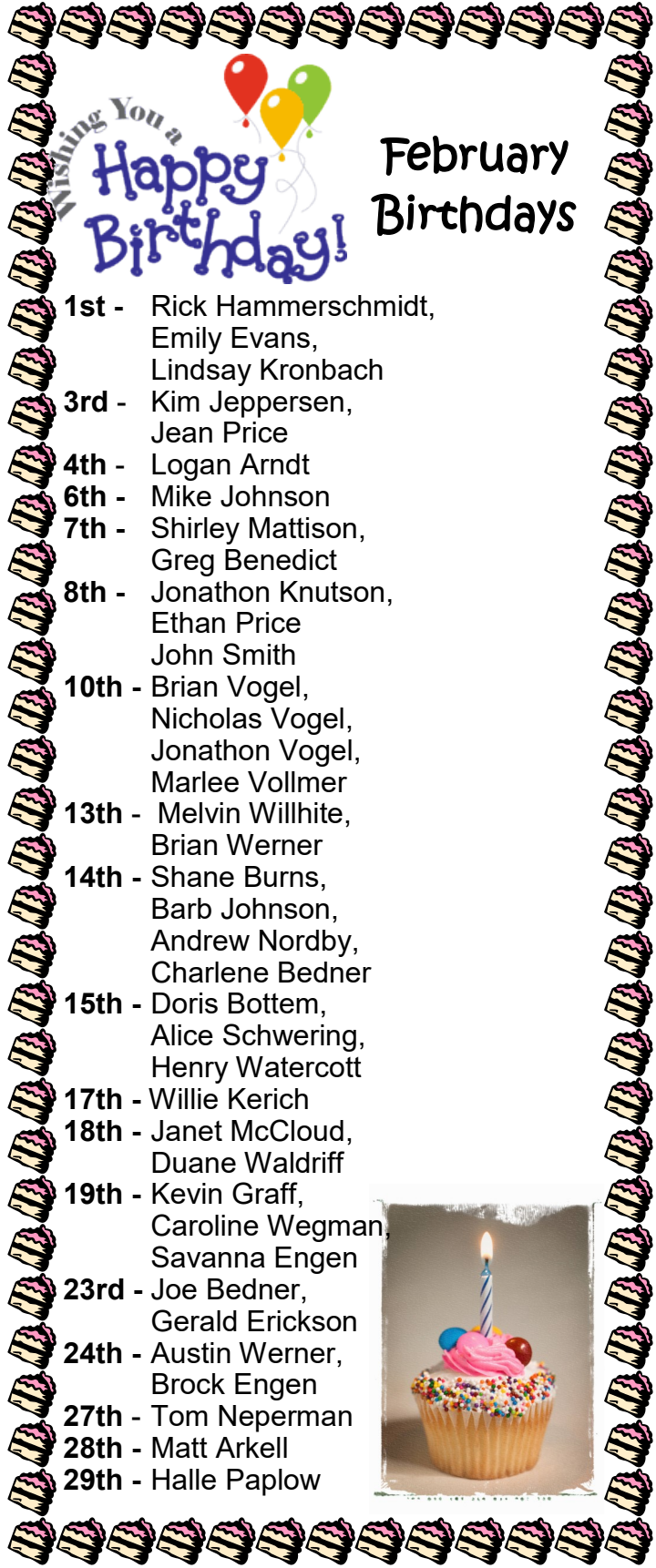
All You Can Eat Homemade Soups:
Chicken Noodle, Sauerkraut, Potato, and Chili. Relish, crackers, beverages, and pie also provided!

Take outs and deliveries within Lamberton are available! Please call the Our Savior's



Lutheran Church at 752-7334.

Proceeds will support Luther League activities.



Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

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 Schwing,
Henry Watercott
- 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

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.




Our Savior's Women Group

Our Savior's Women met January 11, 2022. We opened with devotions and the Bible Study on the Holy Spirit.

The handbooks will be out soon. We have no chairman this year so please note the obligations of your circles.

Coffee was served by offices.

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD



Kari Halter

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Val Halter

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

First Communion

We are very excited to join our 5th grade youth in celebrating their First Communion on Sunday, February 13th.

*Lincoln Hesse
Braedon Mariner
Quintin Willhite*

Prayer Partners

Feb 13
10 am
Everyone is welcome to join in making Valentines!

N-6 Sing During Worship!

Feb 27

Memory Work

All youth in our Sunday School program have been working on their memory work. Parents - take a minute to ask them what they are working on. They should have each received a booklet in September with their assigned memory work.

Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation Retreat is for all Confirmation students on March 4-6 at Luther Crest Bible Camp near Alexandria. Check-in is Friday evening and concludes late Sunday morning. Transportation and the registration fee is provided at no cost to our students to attend thanks to generous donations to our Trust Fund. Families - **please let Pastor know by Feb 9** if your student will be attending. Thank you to Jason Willhite for volunteering to chaperone. We are in need of one more male and one female chaperone (at least 21 years old). Please let Pastor know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

**FEBRUARY ACOLYTE
& VIDEO SCHEDULE**

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service



February 6, 2022

Austin Imker & Teagen Werner

Video: Braiden Davis

February 13, 2022

Treyton Knutson & Kysha Wani

Video: Shadae Knutson



February 20, 2022

Video: Paige Wondercheck

February 27, 2022

Trenton Blomgren & Marshal Willhite

Video: Ethan Willhite

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



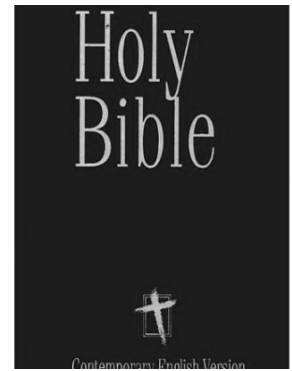
Media System Operator Schedule

February 6, 2022	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
February 13, 2022	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
February 20, 2022	Karli Arkell (507-829-2448)
February 27, 2022	Charlie Damman (507-587-8272)
February 28, 2021	Val Halter (507-276-0008)

New Pew Bibles!

The leadership of Our Savior's has recommended the Contemporary English Version of the Bible for church wide use. Starting after Easter back in April, members of the Church Council, Worship & Music team, and the Board of Education have been comparing 3 versions to consider:

- ESV (English Standard Version) - closest to the NRSV which we have previously used; the ESV is the version used in the new ReClaim hymnal, Confirmation and Sunday School curriculum;
- NIV (New International Version) - close to ESV with more contemporary wording and grammar;
- CEV (Contemporary English Version) - written in more current wording and grammar;



Each week, the leadership reviewed the upcoming Sunday's texts in a side-by-side comparison. After six months of review, the leadership has recommended that OSLC use the CEV in our public worship, and our incoming 7th Grade Confirmation students have now received their Confirmation Bibles in CEV format. We have been using the CEV in our public worship for the past two months.

We are now launching the effort to pay for these new Pew Bibles in a similar way that funds were raised for the new hymnals. Please use this form to contribute to the Pew Bibles. Soon you will be able to look up the scripture passages during our worship services with a Pew Bible near you.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17).

New Pew Bible Donation Sheet

I wish to donate a Pew Bible (\$15 each):

Given by: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

General Use: Listed on label Anonymous

To Take Home (personal use)

Please detach this portion and turn in with your donation. You may put in the offering plate, drop off or mail to the church office. If paying by check, please write 'Pew Bible' in the memo.

If wishing to donate multiple Bibles in memory/honor of this same person, please specify the quantity. **Please use one form per person.** If you need more forms, you may pick them up from the usher table or the church office.

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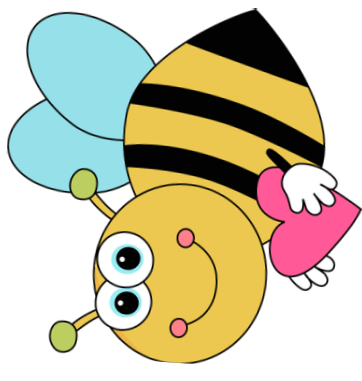
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 and what it means
 to me...

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what is love?




HOW
I SHOW GOD
LOVE.

Name: _____



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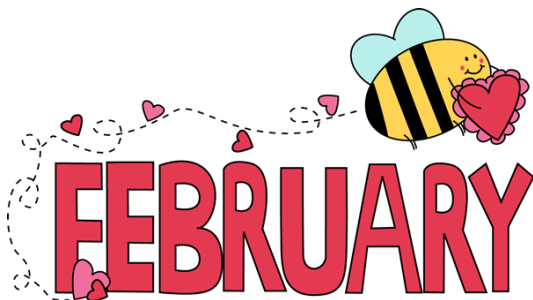
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!</p>		<p>1 11:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Visitation 2:00 Funeral for Shirley Thram</p>	<p>2 7:30 RRC Testing 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>7 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:30 VVM Services</p>	<p>8 11:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 OSW Exec. Board 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p>9 <i>Confirmation Retreat Registration Deadline</i> 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:05 Luther League</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p>12 10:00 Baby Shower for Kelsi Holman</p>
<p>13 9:00 Worship/Communion w/ First Communion! 10:00 Prayer Partners 10:30 Sunday School</p>	<p>14 <i>Offices Closed</i> </p>	<p>15 11:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>16 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:30 BOE Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 <i>Pastor Todd's Last Sunday</i> 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>21 <i>Offices Closed</i> Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation</p>	<p>24 </p>	<p>25 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p>26 </p>
<p>27 <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> 9:00 Worship N-6 Kids Sing During Worship! 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship 4:30-6:30 LL Soup & Pie Supper</p>	<p>28 <i>Offices Closed</i></p>					

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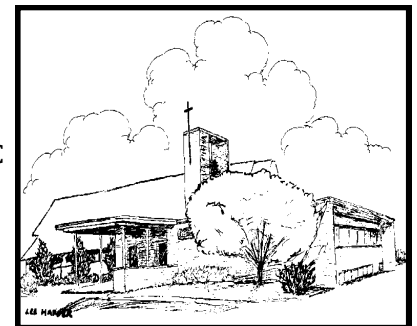
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Sundays: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School: 10:00 A.M. (Sept.-May)

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 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.**