



PARTNERS



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Dear Congregation,

One of the things that impressed me about Our Savior's from the first time I arrived here as your pastor is the number of volunteers and leaders across the congregation. Some roles are quite visible, from Sunday School teachers and Prayer Partner mentors, to ushers, lectors, acolytes, and musicians. Others are more behind-the-scenes: Altar Guild, coffee & food preparers, worship techs and proofreaders, volunteers who prepare mailings or beautify the sanctuary with seasonal decorations, and even those who knit baptismal cloths. There are so many more that could be mentioned. Then there are the leadership roles of Church Council and the Ministry Teams of Christian Education, Life-Growth-Stewardship, Worship & Music, Property, Trust Fund, Youth, and Our Savior's Women. It's really quite remarkable!

The Bible describes this in 1 Corinthians 12:

¹²Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ....¹⁴Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many....¹⁸In fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body....²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

You are important! God has a purpose for you as a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church! And we are all connected to each other. This means that when you hurt, we hurt; when you rejoice, we rejoice with you. We need each other. If we are not exercising the gifts God has given us and to which He has called us, others miss out on what God has provided for them—through you!

So, whatever your gift or role is within the body of Our Savior's, know that it is something God has given to you for the benefit of others. And what better way to love one another and to also follow in the footsteps of our Savior than by serving one another in love and sacrifice—just as God has loved us all in Christ Jesus.



Joyfully Serving in Christ Jesus,

Pastor TODD

P.S. The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26, with Ash Wednesday and our first Lenten meal and ½ hour Lenten service that evening. Look for details in the bulletin and online.

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 8, 2020**

Members present: Brian Kletscher, Bridget Arkell, Char Graff, Todd Horning, Brian Werner, Jocelyn Geske, Sharon Vollmer and Pastor Todd. Absent was Chad Beranek and Mindi Hesse. Guest was Chantel Neperman.

Pastor Todd opened with devotions.

President Kletscher called the meeting to order.

Secretary's report – emailed to council. On a motion by Todd, second by Char, the minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report – Checking Balance \$8,840.53. Savings Balance of \$24,266.01. On a motion by Sharon, second by Todd, the report was approved. The parking lot fund has a balance of \$13,174.50 at the present time.

Education: No meeting. The Christmas Program was a great success!

Worship & Music: No meeting. The media list is complete.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: No report.

Property: The altar lights have been replaced and look great! The Parking Lot poster is ready to hang up to mark our fundraising progress. There were a number of complaints about the snow removal on the parking lot that will be addressed.

Old Business: The 2020 Budget was reviewed by the council. On a motion by Todd; second by Brian W, the budget was approved as submitted. Motion carried. Next, a motion was made by Char, second by Sharon to approve the finalizing of the ballot to be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

New Business: The Council will extend a formal request to the Trust Committee to fund the Confirmation Class and Chaperones for a March 9 retreat. A motion was made by Todd; second by Brian W. Motion carried.

Communion Assistants:
February 2: Bridget/Sharon
February 9: Sharon/Todd.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Todd presented a written report of his activities. He again made numerous visits or calls to members. Meetings and Activities he attended were: VVM Worship Service; Church Council; New Member Recognition; OSW Singing Christmas Carols at VVM; Luther League Christmas Party at the Parsonage; Christmas Eve Candlelight service; concerts at RRC and RRC Girls BB. On a motion by Todd; second by Brian W. the Housing Allowance Worksheet provided by Pastor Todd was approved for the year 2020.

Motion by Char to adjourn, second by Bridget. Motion carried.

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

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Vollmer
Council Secretary

Thrivent Choice Dollars

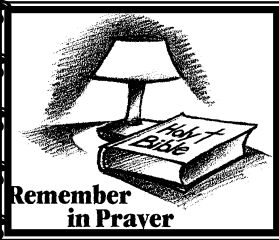
As always, Our Savior's Lutheran Church is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible to direct Choice Dollars, we ask you to consider our congregation as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds. For more information about how to designate Choice Dollars visit: Thrivent.com/choicevote or call 800-847-4836.



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.





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.

- Ardell Coulter (health issues)
- Marcella Dammann (health Issues)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (recovery)
- Darlo Harnack (health issues)
- Larry Lange (health issues)
- Beverly Willhite (health issues)
- Gary Evers (stent surgery recovery)
- Vi Evers (hospice)



Pray for people affected by other disasters ...
Our troops, and those from OSLC

Lent Services

Ash Wednesday,
February 26, 2020

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.

6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal

7:00 P.M. Lent Service

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

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Luther League

Soup and Pie Supper
Sunday, February 23, 2020
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, Chili, and Vegetable Beef. Relish, crackers, beverages, and pie also provided!

Cost:

- Individuals: \$8.00
- Family: \$30.00
- Take-Out and Delivery Orders: \$8.00



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.



FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Kari Halter * Val Halter

FEBRUARY USHER SCHEDULE

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



Tom Neperman—Sub



TAXI

Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Singing - Our youth in Nursery - 6th grade will be singing during the church service on February 16.

Prayer Partners - February 9th - the whole Congregation is invited to join us for our third Prayer Partners this year. Prayer Partners is directly after worship and lets our adult/youth partners get to know each other a bit better.

Board of Education Membership



Welcome to our newest member:
Wendy Wondercheck

The Board of Education gives a HUGE thanks some of our team members who are stepping down after 3-13 years of service to the team.

Thank you to Jodi and Leah for your 10 and 13 years of amazing service to our youth and to the Board of Ed. Additional members will be stepping down in Dec 2020, so working ahead to fill those spots! The second thanks to them for building in a transition period.



This means we have OPEN positions for anyone interested in starting in 2020 - February, May, or even January 2021.

Please chat with any of the Board members: Karen Beranek (chair), Bridget Arkell, Jocelyn Geske, Trudi Juhnke, Misty Willhite, Wendy Wondercheck or outgoing members: Jodi Smith, and Leah Teveldal. This team provides leadership for all things education including Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation, and Prayer Partners.

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



February 2, 2020
Corey Arkell & Josie Horning
Video: Blake Paplow

February 9, 2020
Lindsey Wilhite & Charlie Dammann
Video: Delaney Willhite



February 16, 2020
Video: Rachel Holman

February 23, 2020
Tucker Juhnke & Madelyn Geske
Video: Ella Erickson

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Reilly Hubin-R & Eva Redman
Video: Carter Beranek

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

Media System Operator Schedule

Feb. 2, 2020	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
Feb. 9, 2020	Sam Dammann (507-648-3311)
Feb. 16, 2020	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
Feb. 23, 2020	Karli Arkell (507-829-2448)



BUDGET RECAP
as of 1/19/2020

Total Outstanding:	
Accounts Payable	\$0
Estimated Payroll	\$4,000.00
Income:	
12/15/19— 1/19/20	\$17,996.09
In Checking Acct.	\$7,860.31
In Savings Acct.	\$24,266.01
Needed weekly to Meet budget	\$2,824.62

LUTHER LEAGUE NOTES
January Meeting Minutes

Luther League met on January 8, 2020 with 23 students and 5 adults present. Discussion was held about possibly going to Mount Kato again with the majority interested. We will look into dates that will work. There was also discussion on the lock in that will be held at church in March and what fun things we can do, follow up will happen next meeting on February 13th. We also talked about the Soup and Pie Supper coming up on February 23rd, shift times and assigned soups will be mailed out. We hope that the weather cooperates with us this year and everyone can come enjoy our home-made soup served with crackers and pie.

Students listened to a devotional based on Faith, about how it isn't natural for us and that faith really is the gift of God. He is the ultimate craftsman, and we are his clay.

We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Luther League Families!

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

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of
Caroline Danielowski
Ernest Trapp



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

Parking Lot Update:

OSLC Members—

Our Savior's parking lot resurfacing is planned to take place the summer of 2020. As you know, after looking at the maintenance expense of asphalt, your church council has discussed moving forward with the removal of asphalt and laying concrete for its new surface at an estimated cost of \$140,000.

This capital project will, of course, be a major investment for our church and we will not be able to pull it off without the support of the entire congregation. When the new council leadership takes over in February, they will be preparing a fundraising push so that we can have the majority of the funds raised by late spring/early summer 2020.

We ask that each of you prayerfully plan your contribution for the parking lot resurfacing project. You may begin your contributions at any time; the trust committee is holding the gifts in a separate fund—so far just over \$12,000 has been given. Please mark your gift "Parking Lot Fund" so that we can be sure it gets to the right place. Many thanks for helping to maintain Our Savior's Church.



Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

February Birthdays

1st - Rick Hammerschmidt,
Emily Evans, Lindsay Kronbach

3rd - Kim Jeppesen, 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

13th - Melvin Willhite, Brian Werner

14th - Shane Burns, Barb Johnson,
Andrew Nordby, Charlene Bedner

15th - Doris Bottem, Alice Schwering,
Henry Watercott

17th - Willie Kerich

18th - Janet McCloud, Duane Waldriff

19th - Kevin Graff, Caroline Wegman

23rd - Joe Bedner, Gerald Erickson

24th - Austin Werner

27th - Tom Neperman

28th - Matt Arkell

29th - Halle Paplow

February Anniversary Celebration

5th - Tom & Joyce Hoffrogge

12th - Dean & Elaine Beermann

26th - Ray & Jeanette Hildreth

27th - Tom & Cathy Halter

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 WITH AN ID

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!!



If you desire to promote this mission for February, please use the BLUE envelopes provided in the pews and mark the envelopes, "WAFER".



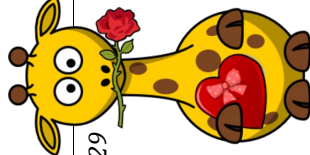
You can put them into the offering plate.
Thanks for your support!



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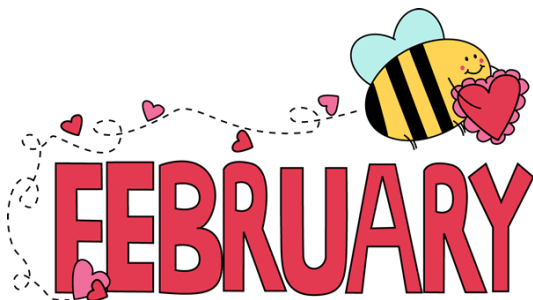
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion 10:15 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Offices Closed</i></p> <p>Pastor Todd gone to Augustana Theological Conf</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Offices Closed</i></p> <p>9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p>
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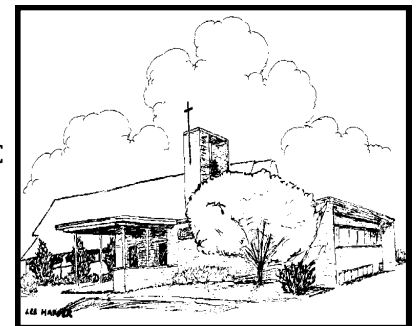
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Worship Services:

Sundays: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School 10:15 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.**