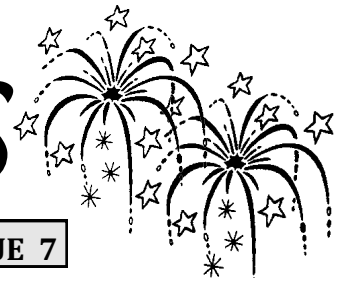




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From the  
Pastor's  
Desk...

Dear friend,

As we enter into the second half of 2021, I am so glad that we, as a congregation, are back to pre-pandemic worship practices. We're back with processional communion - definitely a body-of-Christ practice as we partake of the same loaf together - and even to passing the offering plates once again. Yes, we're in the middle of vacation time, and I affirm time you are away with family and friends to relax and refresh. But I would like you to begin thinking about what worship rhythms mean for you and your family.

This past Sunday (as I write this), we affirmed and recognized the fathers during worship. I reflected on the influence a father has on his family. From a study done by Promise Keepers (a men's ministry), the influence of a father on his children's spiritual lives cannot be overstated.

- If a father does not go to church, only 1 child in 50 will become a regular worshiper.
- If a father does go regularly, 2/3s to 3/4s of their children will attend church as adults.

Impact of Sunday School attendance:

- When both parents attend Bible study in addition to the Sunday service, 72% of their children attend Sunday school when grown.
- When only the father attends Sunday school, 55% of the children attend when grown.
- When only the mother attends Sunday school, 15% of the children attend when grown.
- When neither parent attends Sunday school, only 6% of the children attend when grown.

Impact of Christian conversion:

- If a child is the first person in a household to become a Christian, there is a 3.5% probability everyone else in the household will follow.
- If the mother is the first to become a Christian, there is a 17% probability everyone else in the household will follow.
- However, when the father is first, there is a 93% probability everyone else in the household will follow.

All this to say: The impact of a father's spiritual life on his children's Christian faith is HUGE!

The shut-down during Covid has given us all reason to seriously consider what is important in our lives, and many are making substantive changes in lifestyle and commitments. May I, as your pastor, strongly encourage you to begin making plans now to make regular attendance at worship a high priority for you and your family. Now is the time to "re-up" your commitment to strengthen your own spiritual life, and to make a lasting impact for Christ upon your children and grandchildren.

We will continue to live stream our Sunday services, which is a great way to stay connected during vacation season. But do not underestimate the importance of in-person worship, where you connect with your church family and strengthen the spiritual lives of you and your family - including your church family! I miss seeing many of you, and I hope to see more of you in the months ahead.



Sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Todd

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 2, 2021**

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on June 2nd, 2021 in Fellowship Hall. Members present were: Cory Blomgren, Susan Jeckell, Chantel Neperman, John Smith, Janice Werner and Pastor Todd Mathison. Absent were Todd Horning, Kevin Juhnke, Kris Vollmer and Misty Willhite.

President Blomgren called the meeting to order. Pastor Todd led the group in an opening devotion.

Secretary's Report: May council minutes were read by Susan. On a motion by Chantel, seconded by John, the regular monthly minutes for May 2021 were approved. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Chantel reported on the checking balance of \$34,400.54 and savings balance of \$29,287.23. On a motion by John, seconded by Janice the report was approved. Motion carried.

Education: Vacation Bible School preparations are underway.

Worship & Music: The new funeral banner in memory of Pastor Stew Carlson has arrived-thank you Julie Sens for the thoughtful memorial gift. Pastor will be fine tuning the video for streaming during services for improved quality.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: June's mission is the Ronald McDonald house.

Property: The new furnace has not yet been installed in the parsonage.

Old Business: Continuing to work on an Auditing committee replacement. Pool passes have been distributed. Erica from The Table of Ministry in Sioux Falls will be visiting our congregation on June 20<sup>th</sup> to share a message and visit afterwards.

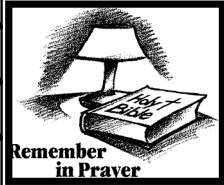
New Business: A concern of vehicles parking on the lawn during soccer practices was discussed and will look at placing No Parking signs in this area during this season next year. As COVID19 restrictions are being lifted, the council discussed returning services back to our regular ways. This will include processional communion distribution, with a sign-up sheet posted for communion assistant volunteers, and passing of the offering plate. There was also discussion on moving the May Council meeting to the last week of April to be able to approve the confirmands prior to Confirmation Sunday.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Todd presented on a big month that included the return of very special in-person church services including Confirmation, First Communion, Mother's Day, Senior recognition & Baccalaureate, and a baptism! Requests for use of Fellowship Hall have been made, and all have agreed ok to use now that restrictions have been lifted. Looking forward to June VBS, visiting Sioux Falls Church Plant, and Erica coming to speak at Our Savior's.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chantel, second by Janice. The next Council Meeting will be July 7th at 7:00pm. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Jeckell  
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.

- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
- Larry Lange (health issues)
- Mark Coulter (cancer surgery recovery)
- Jean Lange (back surgery recovery)
- John Stiles (ALS)
- Marlis Engen (stage 4 pancreatic cancer)
- Marcella Dammann (heart attack)

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



**BUDGET RECAP**  
as of 6/20/2021

**Total Outstanding:**

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

**Income:**

5/23/21— 6/20/21 \$16,448.68  
In Checking Acct. \$19,412.92  
In Savings Acct. \$44,287.23

**Needed weekly to**

**Meet budget** \$2,824.62

Parking Lot Fund \$40,068.15  
Estimated PL Funds Needed \$140,000

**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://osclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may still mail checks to the church office.  
*\*Address found on last page of newsletter.*



**JULY ALTAR GUILD**

Judy Dagner  
Sandy Danielowski



**The Daily Devotional**

Weekday devotions with Pastor Todd, hosted on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/lamberton.oslc/>

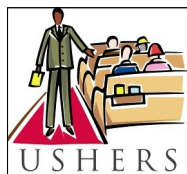


**PRAYER CHAIN**

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.

**JULY USHER SCHEDULE**

- John Luttmann
- Travis Vollmer
- Darrell Knutson
- Isaac Anderson



Jeff Coulter—Sub



**TAXI**

Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!

**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.





## July Birthdays

- 1st - Todd Anderson, Roger Pfarr
- 2nd - Samuel Dammann, Chloe Casey
- 4th - Tyler Denham, Jerry Field, Ed Jeckell, Maison Price
- 5th - Courtney Thram, Kevin Juhnke
- 6th - Nicole Kramin
- 7th - David Irlbeck (Karen's),
- 8th - Kari Halter, Yvonne Halter, Dakota Menter
- 10th - Doug Brand, Brad Senst, Signe Pederson, Casen Churchill
- 11th - Brittany Matter, Eva Redman, Ethan Willhite
- 12th - Conner Bottger
- 13th - Deb Furth, Julie Senst
- 14th - Danielle Schrupp, Abigail Thram
- 15th - Bridget Arkell, Tyler Horning
- 16th - Gavin Hesse, Hudson Hacker, Grayson Kenney
- 17th - Jess Bittner, Taylor Mattison, Rick Manthei
- 19th - Gary Polkow
- 21st - John Luttmann
- 22nd - Tim Furth, Kent Teveldal, Addyson Marozik
- 23rd - Judy Kuehl, Chris Paplow, Paige Wondercheck
- 24th - Ed Erickson, Jr.,
- 25th - Ginnie Waldriff, Abby Pistulka, Serenity Schrupp, Tucker Juhnke
- 26th - Allison Sauer, Camden Churchill
- 27th - Julie Kircher,
- 28th - Harlan Halter, Janice Werner, Ty Jeckell
- 29th - Jeff Coulter, David Jaeger
- 30th - Tony Sauer
- 31st - Dulcie Brand, Douglas Iverson, Avery Kenney

## July



- 9th - Michael & Megan Watercott
- 11th - Travis & Corrie Vollmer
- 13th - Kirk & Savanna Engen
- 15th - Guy & Marie Dammann
- 16th - Steven & Emily Tammen
- 17th - Doug & Linda Brand
- 18th - Floyd & Doris Bottom, Andrew & Claryssa Olson, Dave & Lisa Prechel
- 25th - David & Karen Irlbeck
- 30th - John & Jodi Smith



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

**July 4, 2021**

Mason Huffman & Jake Erickson  
**Video:** Shadae Knutson

**July 11, 2021**

Braiden Davis & Holden Mariner  
**Video:** Austin Imker

**July 18, 2021**

**Video:** Teagen Werner

**July 25, 2021**

Trenton Blomgren  
**Video:** Ethan Willhite

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



### Media System Operator Schedule

July 4, 2021	Dominic Smith
July 11, 2021	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
July 18, 2021	Charlie Damman (507-587-8272)
July 25, 2021	Val Halter (507-276-0008)



### ~ 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.

**BOARD OF ED NEWS:**

**VBS  
Thank You!**

Thank you to all the volunteers - teachers, group leaders, craft and game leaders, sandwich makers, and more and to the youth for their positive energy each night for making a very successful 2021 Praise VBS program! Thank you to all the parents who made it a priority to share your children with us for the week!



**VBS Coin Battle Winners**

The big winner of the coin battle this year is the Redwood County Veteran's Service! They will be able to use our funds for men and women who served during active service, specifically those who received injuries.

As for our local winners, the boys brought in \$471.75, with the girls donating \$370 for a total of \$841.75 to the Veterans!



**JULY MISSION EMPHASIS**

~RRC School Supplies—Financial Aid~



This has been a well-supported mission to aid RRC in making sure all students have the supplies they need to be successful in their school work. We receive a list of needed supplies from the school and go shopping for them after we have received mission donations during the month of July. Please consider helping the children and families in our community.

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://oslcamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>  
Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!



**Thanks  
for your support!**

**LUTHER LEAGUE NEWS**

Luther League hasn't met for a June meeting, however we do have a few upcoming events to put on your calendars. We'll be doing a burger feed with the Wabasso Roadhouse in the Lamberton City Park July 17th during a concert. ALL are encouraged to help serve during the meal. Start time is 6 pm so please be at the park ready to help serve around 5:45. The second event is a "Sioux Falls Fun Day." We will be serving lunch to the less fortunate hosted by the Banquet and then once we're done serving the meal and cleaning up we will head to Wild Water West for an afternoon of mini golf, bumper boats and water slides. Information will be sent out on that soon so please RSVP and we're requesting a permission slip with that also. Excited for a jam packed July and eager to meet our upcoming youth!



# Stones Cry

SOUND  
of the  
TRUMPET

Luke 19:40

Finnesgards

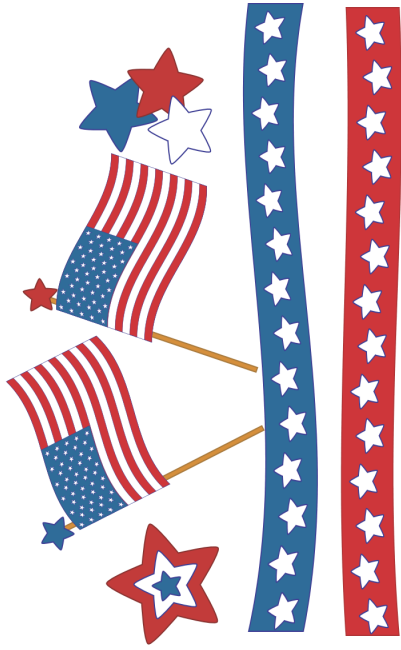
Come for a time of worship and reflection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Music will include worship and inspirational songs in an easy listening style. Joel, June, and their children Joy (15) and Josiah (13) will be sharing with a wide variety of instruments and singing.

**Central Park-Lamberton, MN**  
**(Sat) July 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM**  
(OSLC Youth Burger Feed Fundraiser)

**& Our Savior's  
Lutheran Church**  
**July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM**  
(Free-will offering will be received)

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord *Psalms 150:6 (ESV)*  
Stones Cry (Sound Of The Trumpet)  
[www.stonescry.net](http://www.stonescry.net)

**Luther League will be  
hosting a Burger Feed  
Fundraiser!!**  
They will be serving Wabasso  
Roadhouse Burgers  
from 6-7:30pm.  
Cost is \$9/meal, \$3/extra  
burger. Meal includes:  
burger, beans, chips,  
cookie & drink.



# JULY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:00 Worship /Communion	5 <b>Offices Closed</b> 9:30 VVM Services	6 10:00 Staff Meeting	7 7:00 Church Council	8	9 <b>Offices Closed</b>	10
11 9:00 Worship/Communion	12 <b>Offices Closed</b>	13 10:00 Staff Meeting	14	15	16 <b>Offices Closed</b>	17 6:00 LL Burger Feed & Stones Cry Concert
18 9:00 Contemporary Worship w/Stones Cry	19 <b>Offices Closed</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Articles Due!</b>	20 10:00 Staff Meeting	21	22	23 <b>Offices Closed</b>	24 LL Trip to The Banquet & Wild Water West in SF
25 9:00 Worship	26 <b>Offices Closed</b>	27 10:00 Staff Meeting	28	29	30 <b>Offices Closed</b>	31



Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!

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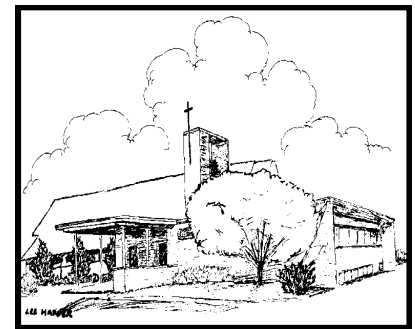
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**Pastor Todd Mathison**

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Website: www.oslclamberton.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 announcements into the church office by 10am Tuesday mornings.**

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