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Men at Work

Summer is the season of road construction. It seems like someone's always working on some stretch of highway in the state of Minnesota. Although the sign reads "Men at Work," many of those construction zones are dormant at some time during the week. Most work areas do not have crews working 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

What about God? Has he ever taken a break? We're told in the creation story of Genesis 1 that after the six days of creation, God declared all things to be very good and rested on the Sabbath. What does that constitute? Does it mean that there can be certain times in your life where if you needed something from God, he would be unavailable or unable to help? During the season of Easter, I found myself reading a little bit more on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. In his book entitled *The Forgotten God*, Francis Chan says that the Holy Spirit is always working. This caused me to think if the Holy Spirit is constantly working and his attributes are shared with the other two members of the Trinity, that must mean that the other two members of the Trinity are working also. And working on our behalf!

In John 5:17 Jesus says, "*I am working and my father is working.*" This gives further proof of the continual trinitarian efforts for you. We are never expected to labor continually. We can rest in the completed work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit collectively working for our Good.

4Him,
Pastor Steve

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

May 1, 2024

These minutes were recorded at the last council meeting and will be approved at the next meeting.

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 in fellowship hall. Members present were Kevin Graff, Deb Furth, Sharon Vollmer, Steve Halter, Chad Coulter, Kari Halter, Brian Benedict, Kris Vollmer, Courtney Thram and Pastor Steve Walswick.

President Halter called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and Pastor Steve led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: April minutes were read by Deb. Kris moved and Chad seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the April checking balance of \$29,195.23 and savings balance of \$66,260.91. On a motion by Sharon and seconded by Courtney, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve reported a good Augustana District Convention on April 27. One of the goals of the district is to try to make the district more cohesive. Pastor will keep us informed as plans become more concrete. Reminder that there is a convention in Marion, Iowa, September 29 - October 2, 2024, and OSLC members are encouraged to volunteer to be delegates. Confirmation Sunday is ready to go and plans are in place for baccalaureate. Pastor is encouraged to try to get care teams up and running.

Committee Reports

Education: Courtney reported that confirmation will be Sunday, May 5 at 10:00 AM. Practice and pictures were held today, May 1. Our last Sunday School session for this year is May 12. The 6th grade class will receive their acolyte training that day. A huge thank you was extended to the Women's Group for their donation to the camperships.

Also, a thank you to LGS committee for adding camperships as a mission donation. All the support is appreciated. Board of Ed. is actively seeking help for Bible School week. Bible School will run Sunday, June 9 to Thursday, June 13 with outside community students also invited to join us. There is a sign-up sheet on the office bulletin board.

Worship and Music: Sharon reported they met April 21. The HELO box has been replaced on the media system. There was discussion about a possible summer outdoor movie night, an ecumenical service and possibly a tractor service. Dedication of the new piano will be Sunday, May 19.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris reported LGS committee met Sunday, April 7, after church. Lenten meals, headed up by Misty Willhite and Mindi Hesse, went very well and averaged 20 – 25 people/week and 11-14 take outs for shut-ins. The committee is looking to possibly purchase a larger, more powerful microwave with money left over after expenses of the Lenten meals. Mission endowments of \$1300 and where that should go were discussed. Suggestions were to do more locally, use towards OSLC missions, or the local ministerium. This was tabled until there is more information and more committee input. Mission emphasis in May will be toward Bible camp scholarships. The committee encourages more people to serve and stay for coffee fellowship after church services on Sundays. The ice cream social is set for Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

Property: Brian reported the faucet and trap in the men's bathroom has been replaced. The courtyard needs some attention with plants and possibly paint. Kevin moved and Chad seconded to approve money to fix up the courtyard. Motion carried. Kevin, Steve H. and Deb did the lead pipe check at the church and parsonage required by the city. Discussion was held as to whether to replace the boiler system or replace parts that are needed right now, not knowing how long the repair would last. More information will be brought to the next council meeting.

Council minutes continued...

Old Business

Curtain/Divider Discussion: Representatives from two different companies have been to the church to assess our curtain situation. At the time of our council meeting, both companies are still working on quotes for us on this project.

Pew Bibles: Deb will check with Nicole to make sure pew Bibles get ordered. We are planning to order 150 Bibles for the church as well as for those who chose to order Bibles personally.

New Business

No new business

Communion Assistants

Congregation members are encouraged to sign up on the bulletin board outside the offices if they would like to assist with communion.

- May 5, 2024 (10 AM Confirmation service) – Kari Halter and Chad Coulter
- May 12, 2024 – Deb Furth and Sharon Vollmer
- June 2, 2024 – Kris Vollmer and Steve Halter

Next council meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 (In the absence of Deb, Kris Vollmer will serve as acting secretary at this meeting)

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Sharon moved to adjourn and Kris seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary

SAVE THE DATE to attend this yummy event!



*Our Savior's Annual
Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, July 17th*

We will be looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve!



BUDGET RECAP
as of 5/19/2024

Total Outstanding:

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

Income:

4/21/24— 5/19/24	\$8,881.32
In Checking Acct.	\$26,349.35
In Savings Acct.	\$66,260.91

Needed weekly to Meet budget

\$3,200.00

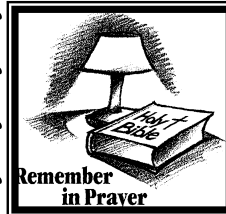
Online Giving

To assist you with your stewardship ministry, you may make a gift online! You may visit our website or use the link.

<https://oslclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may still mail checks to the church office.

**Address found on last page of newsletter.*



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.

- Maria Bedner (new treatments as cancer has spread, stage 4 ovarian cancer)
- Paula (Mattison) Meidl (bone marrow transplant)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
- Joyce Hoffrogge (multiple myeloma)
- Kim Churchill Oelfke (stroke & cancer)
- Vicki Churchill Schenk (cancer treatments)
- Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)



Pray for people affected by other disasters ...

Bibles, Burgers & Brew

Get ready for a midweek pick-me-up that's as down-to-earth as it gets! Bibles, Burgers & Brews is back and better than ever, and we want you to be a part of the excitement. Picture this: a cozy atmosphere where you can kick back, relax, and connect with your community over some good grub and great company.



Who's invited? Everyone! Whether you've been going to church your whole life or you're just curious about what it's all about, you'll find a warm welcome here. No church? No worries! Consider this your personal invitation to join us for an evening of laid-back worship, real-life stories, and genuine fellowship.

But before we dive into the heart of the evening, fuel up with some mouthwatering burgers and your drink of choice, prepared by The Legion's very own Tim. And yes, that includes a cold one if you're in the mood! Because let's face it, there's nothing like good food and good company to lift your spirits. There is a small fee for the burger bar and beverages are on your own.



Once you've satisfied your cravings, settle in as we kick off the service at 7:10 pm.

From uplifting music to a message straight from the heart of the Bible, we've got something for everyone. And the best part? You can enjoy it all in the company of neighbors, friends, and maybe even a few new faces.

At our table, there's room for everyone—families, friends, and solo adventurers alike. We're not just a community of believers; we're a family, united by our faith and our shared love for one another. So whether you're looking to deepen your spiritual journey or simply connect with like-minded souls, you'll find a home here.

So why wait? Mark your calendar, grab your loved ones, and come join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, and plenty of fun. Bibles, Burgers & Brews is calling your name, and we can't wait to see you there!



Beginning Thursday, June 6th and continuing through August. We will not meet on July 4th.



JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Sharon Vollmer
Jean Price

Join us for Vacation Bible School!
We "Gotta Move" with the Go Fish Guys!



All students entering Kindergarten this fall through those just finishing 6th grade are invited to join in the fun! Older youth can come as helpers!

Sunday, June 9- Thursday, June 13
from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Each night, youth will sing, dance, learn about a bible story and create during craft time. We know schedules may be busy, so while we would love for you to join us all five nights, please come to as many as work. If you have a friend who isn't a member at Our Saviors and would like to join us, super - bring them along! Do let Nicole at the church office know their name and grade so we can add them to our list.

Students will receive a light supper as part of the VBS program thanks to the very generous Women's Circles.

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.



June Media Operator Schedule

June 2, 2024	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
June 9, 2024	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
June 16, 2024	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)
June 23, 2024	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
June 30, 2024	Val Halter (507-276-0008)

"Stewardship Sound Bites"

THE SECRET TO STEWARDSHIP!

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7 NIV84)

Stewardship is a tough thing for us Christians to grow into. It challenges us at the very line between faith and reason. God has created us to be logical creatures who can do math, and He has created us as spiritual beings who trust in His ability to do things beyond what our mind can comprehend. At this line between reason and faith, we need to know that God in His word always tells us that His word rules/wins. We are called to be obedient to His word even if that obedience doesn't make sense to our reason and logic. But, when it comes to my stewardship, I can't help but do the math. If I give a percentage of my time, talents, and treasures to the Lord, then the net result will be that I have less time, talents, and treasures to be used as I see fit. Whether I give an hour a week or \$100 a week, my mind tells me that I will have less time or money that week.

The problem with this train of thought is that it is a train of human thought. God works in a different scope of economy. God is never a one-for-one transactor. He is always quantumly transacting. He can sow 100 seeds and harvest from 150 plants. He can touch one life, and through that life touch millions. Our God can take our hour or our \$100 and bless us in such a way that we never miss it. Somehow He makes it all work out because that is what He promised to do.

So what's the secret to proper stewardship? Start with your heart, not your head. Paul says in our verse today, "Give what you decided in your heart to give." True stewardship is a faith thing, not a reason and logic thing. God calls us to move as our heart tells us to move and not as our logical minds might move. Second, he tells us "not to give reluctantly or under compulsion." We need to freely give in such a way that left hand doesn't want to pull out of the offering plate what the right hand just put in. We need to give as the Lord is moving us to give. It ought to be as freely given and God's grace is freely given to us. Last, Paul tells us to be "cheerful" givers. Stewardship should be an opportunity, not an obstacle. We ought to be giving God back some of the time, talents and treasures He has given us in a spirit of joy. We ought to be thankful that the Lord provides us the opportunity to thank Him in this awesome way.

May the secrets of stewardship move us to be cheerful givers!

Borrowed from: www.firmlyrooted.church

Luther League Scholarship Winner

Luther League is awarding a scholarship to three OSLC seniors this year to help them with continuing their education!

Congratulations Corey Arkell, Addison Irlbeck, & Eva Redman!!

Bible Camp Scholarships

Parents of children going to Bible Camp this summer, please contact the church office after June 1st to inquire about availability of camp scholarships available through OSW and May mission giving.



Please join us for our Vacation Bible School Program!

Come see what we've been learning all week!

VBS Program June 13th @ 7:30 P.M.

Join us for rootbeer floats following the program!

Everyone welcome!!

JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS

~Hospice~

Hospice serves as a beacon of comfort and compassion for patients and families navigating the challenges of terminal illness. It's more than just healthcare; it's a holistic approach that addresses not only the physical aspects but also the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of each individual as well as their families.

A dedicated team, comprised of skilled physicians, nurses, hospice aides, social workers, bereavement counselors, and volunteers, works tirelessly to ensure that every patient and family receives personalized attention and support. Whether it's managing pain, providing companionship, or offering guidance through difficult decisions, we are committed to walking alongside those in need every step of the way.

One of the most remarkable aspects of hospice care is its accessibility. Regardless of age or financial circumstances, services are available to all who require them, delivering care in the comfort of their own home or in a setting that feels like home.

Hospice teams rely on the generosity of individuals like you to continue the mission of providing comfort, dignity, and quality of life to those facing the end of life journey.

Your support can make an immediate and profound difference in the lives of patients and families during their most challenging moments. Together, we can ensure that no one faces the end of life alone and that each person receives the compassionate care they deserve.

You can use the envelope in the pews or your own envelope and write "Hospice" 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'.

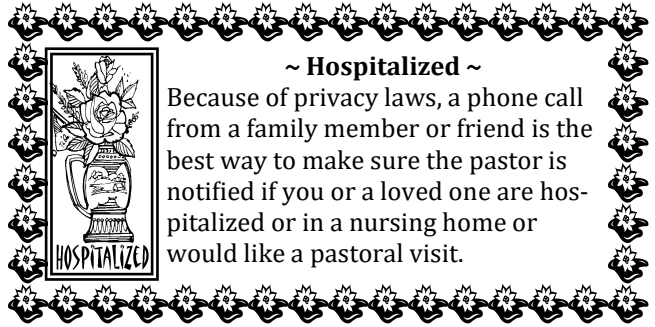
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Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!

Thanks for your support!



Mission
offering



~ 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.

LUTHER LEAGUE NEWS

The information about the Luther League Valleyfair trip will be coming out soon. Save the date for August 1st IF any Luther Leaguers would like to attend that with Summer Rec.

Luther League will be doing the dance recital concession stand on June 8th. Show times are 11, 2 and 5. A work schedule has been texted to all members. We will be getting ready for the concession stand on June 7th. Everyone meet at the church at 1pm to make puppy chow, cut and wrap bars and haul items to the school.

Our Savior's Women News

Our Savior's Women met May 14, 2024. We ended this part of our year with a potluck at noon. We won't meet again until September.

We watched a video on "the office of the keys," discussion followed.

Our group has the birthday party for the residents of VVM on Tues, June 25. We need to provide lunch and entertainment.

Judie Harnack, Secretary

Thank you for supporting our monthly missions! Here's how much we helped the mission last month.

April—Ronald McDonald House—\$3,250



Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

June Birthdays


- 1st - Aaron Geske, Krista Kronback, Xander Menter, Wyatt Kronbach
- 2nd - Quintin Willhite, Brayden Vollmer
- 3rd - Lucas Erickson
- 6th - Carol Giersdorf, Max Erickson, Levi Jeckell
- 7th - Vincent Menter
- 8th - Kylee Manthei, Eleanor Evans
- 10th - Kylie Redenius, Corrie Vollmer, Brenda Anderson, Randy Hammerschmidt, Karen Neperman, Deb Thram
- 11th - Aaron Furth
- 12th - Brian Kramin
- 13th - Brenner Sauer
- 15th - Bill Pfarr, Todd Horning, David Kurtz III
- 16th - Steven Rue
- 18th - Rich Arkell, Kalen Manthei
- 19th - Zachary Kircher, David Vollmer, Karen Vogel, Jenna Paplow
- 20th - Trent Mattison, Jean Lange
- 22nd - Mary Jo Vollmer
- 24th - Steven Winseth
- 25th - Kurt Willhite
- 26th - Allison Rue, Jon Keck, Michelle Koppen
- 29th - Jocelyn Geske, Braedon Mariner
- 30th - Lydia Benedict



June



- 4th - Justin & Courtney Thram
Ryan & Wendy Wondercheck
- 5th - Dave & Rozzie Egenes
Jay & Jocelyn Geske
- 9th - Darren & Allison Rue
- 11th - Kevin & Char Graff
- 12th - Butch & Sandy Danielowski
- 14th - Bruce & Barb Anderson
- 16th - Lynn & Betty Keck
- 17th - Mike & Barb Johnson
- 18th - Steve & Meredith Flaig
- 20th - Todd & Jeannie Horning
- 21st - Tom & Karen Neperman
- 23rd - Karl & Judy Dagner
- 25th - Dale & Sandy Gustad
- 28th - Chad & Denise Mattison
- 29th - Wade & Molly Werner
Jon & Ashley Keck
- 30th - Dave & Sharon Vollmer

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.

JUNE USHER SCHEDULE

- Rich Arkell
- Roger Zimmermann
- Dave Vollmer
- Holden Mariner
- Tim Osland—Sub



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

Our Savior's Women Info

Each circle has been assigned to help with sandwiches & milk for Vacation Bible School.

Please check your book to see which evening your circle will serve, and help out if you can at 6:30pm.



- June 9 - Charity
- June 10 - Hope
- June 11 - Grace
- June 12 - Truth
- June 13 - Love



March 21, 2024

Dear friends and partners in Mission to Mississippi (now known as "Trinity Missions")

We are grateful for your participation in this project! We know that some of you have given the time and talent to travel the 1000 miles to Greenville, some have given generously the money to buy building materials and supplies, some have given in kind: quilts and cookies and other items; some have covered the group and the enterprise with prayer, ALL OF WHICH produced a great blessing to the Edwards family.

In the photos above: top left is the kitchen on Sunday evening; the large photo is the Edwards family in the kitchen TUESDAY evening! What a transformation! The Edwards' are: the home owner, Virginia in the center. She has two adult sons, Randy & Bennie, both who worked diligently and skillfully with our team.

Left to right: Benny, Belinda, Virginia, Rosalyn and Randy.

The top photo is the presentation of quilts to Mrs. Edwards & her sons. Again, along with the family THANKS BE TO GOD!



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

June 2, 2024

Zoey Keck & Braylen Braulick
Video: Madisyn Keck

June 9, 2024

Austin Werner
& Aron Van Meveren
Video: Lindsey Guggisberg

June 16, 2024

Levi Jeckell
Video: Colton Jeckell

June 23, 2024

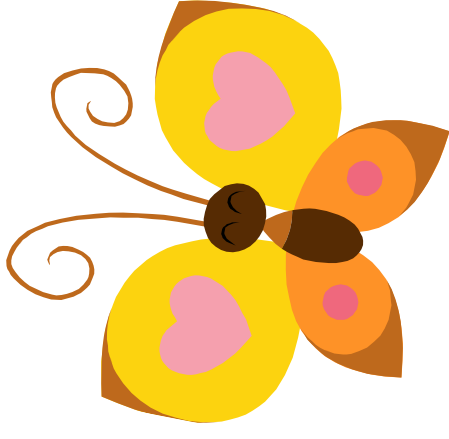
Zoey Keck
Video: Madisyn Keck

June 30, 2024

Halle Paplow
Video: Quintin Willhite

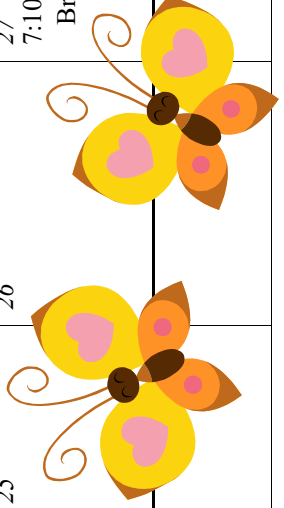


Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement for your designated worship service. Thank you!!



2024

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!						
2	9:00 Worship/Communion	3 Church Office Closed	4	5 7:00 Church Council	6 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	7 Church Office Closed	8
9	9:00 Worship/Communion 6:00 Vacation Bible School Starts!	10 Church Office Closed 6:00 VBS	11 6:00 VBS	12 6:00 VBS	13 6:00 VBS 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion 7:30 VBS Program w/Rootbeer Floats! Everyone Welcome!	14 Church Office Closed	15
16	Happy Father's Day!! 9:00 Contemporary Worship	17 Church Office Closed <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Articles Due!</u>	18	19	20 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	21 Church Office Closed Wedding Rehearsal	22 2:00 Wedding of Sophia Bellig & Mitch Willhite
23	9:00 Worship	24 Church Office Closed	25	26	27 7:10 Bibles, Burgers & Brew @ Legion	28 Church Office Closed	29
30	9:00 Worship						



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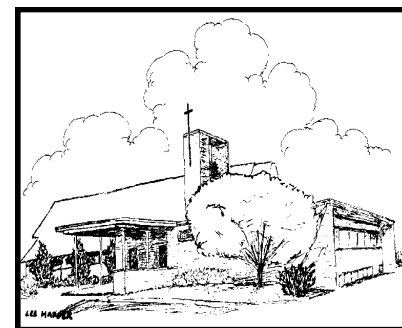
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Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
(Sept.-May)

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.