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“So, what are you giving up for Lent?”

It’s a question Christians ask each other this time of year. Lent is a 40 day season leading up to Easter Sunday that begins on Ash Wednesday. Now, if you’re counting, there are actually 46 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (the day before Easter Sunday). Well, Lent is considered a 40-day season as the Sundays do not figure into the total; Sundays are a smaller feast day to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. So, Lent is a season when Christians often “give something up” during those 40 days.

Giving something up for Lent, however, doesn’t make God love you any more than he does already - He loves you completely now in Christ Jesus! We do give something up, if we choose to, to better focus our heart, mind and body on the suffering of our Lord Jesus and upon his death on a cross - all leading up to the joyous glory of resurrection Easter Sunday!

So, what might you give up this season of Lent? If you so desire, give up something that you don’t want to give up - that will give its absence a stronger focus on what Christ Jesus did for you in his suffering and death. I do not need to make a list of common things to give up; you know what it is for you that will make the most impact. Just be honest with yourself, take a deep breath, and commit to giving it up for Lent.

For all of us, whatever we do for Lent, I invite you to make the extra effort and invest the extra time to be part of our Lenten meals and services. They begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Come to the sanctuary early that day if you wish to wear ashes on your forehead at work, school or home. I will be in in the sanctuary from 7-9am for any who wish to have ashes placed on their foreheads. Weekly Lenten meals on Wednesdays begin that evening also, followed by 30-minute Lenten Services where we will focus on what Jesus’ death and resurrection mean in our lives today.

Whatever you do, remember Who it is that truly gave something up - for you - Jesus Christ:

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
(Philippians 2:5-11)



Pastor TODD

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
February 5, 2020**

Members present: Todd Horning, Brian Kletscher, Brian Werner, Chantel Neperman, Molly Werner, Cory Blomgren and Sharon Vollmer. Absent was Jocelyn Geske, Kris Vollmer and Pastor Todd.

President Horning called the meeting to order.

Secretary's report – emailed to council. On a motion by Brian K, second by Cory, the minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report – Checking Balance \$12,159.24. Savings Balance of \$24,266.01. On a motion by Sharon, second by Brian K, the report was approved. The parking lot fund has a balance of \$16,392.15 at the present time. On a motion by Brian K, second by Todd, Chantel will need to be added to the Accounts at First Security Bank and Bridget will be removed. Motion carried. Chantel will take care of this item ASAP.

Education: Met on January 19th. Discussed the Christmas program, Sunday School, Prayer Partners, Worship Notes, Memory Work and Confirmation. Prayer Partners meet on February 9th. There is a Confirmation retreat March 6-8 at Luthercrest near Alexandria.

Worship & Music: No meeting. Molly stated the WM team could use more members.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: No meeting. The team is working on Lenten Meals.

Property: Sam Furth has joined the Property Team. Work is still being done on the parking lot fundraiser. There are a number of items that need to be completed in the church to satisfy the Insurance company requirements.

Old Business: Brian W. updated the Council on the items that need to be completed for the Insurance Company. They are as follows: Emergency light; Panic bar on the North Door; and secure all TVs on carts. These items will be done ASAP. The Leadership Gathering scheduled for February 9th at the Parsonage has been cancelled due to Pastor's illness. We hope to reschedule in the near future.

New Business: No new business.

Communion Assistants: Ash Wednesday: Molly/Sharon March 1: Brian and Vicki K.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Todd presented a written report of his activities in his absence. He presided over 2 funerals in January. He again made many visits or calls to members. Meetings and Activities he attended were: VVM Service; Church Council; Praise Team practice; Augustana District Ambassador meeting; Board of Ed. He also attended numerous RRC events including monitoring the Spelling Bee at RRC for 2 days. Pastor Todd noted that he is very grateful to the Trust Fund for full scholarships for all Confirmation students and chaperones for the upcoming retreat. Due to Pastor being with the Confirmation class, Pastor Harvey will conduct the worship service on March 8th.

Motion by Chantel to adjourn, second by Cory. Motion carried.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at approximately 7:30 pm following Lenten services.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

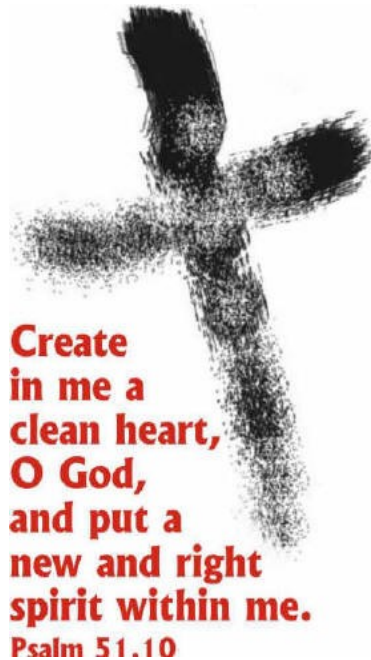
Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Vollmer
Council Secretary



BUDGET RECAP
as of 2/16/2020

Total Outstanding:	
Accounts Payable	\$0
Estimated Payroll	\$4,100.00
Income:	
1/19/20— 2/16/20	\$10,566.30
In Checking Acct.	\$11,360.44
In Savings Acct.	\$24,266.01
Needed weekly to Meet budget	\$3,200.00

SUNDAY,
MARCH
8TH
DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
BEGINS!



**Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit within me.**
Psalm 51.10

World Day of Prayer

United Methodist Church will be hosting
World Day of Prayer on
Friday, March 6th at 1:00pm.

Light refreshments will follow.
Please join us!



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.*

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal

7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal

7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal

7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

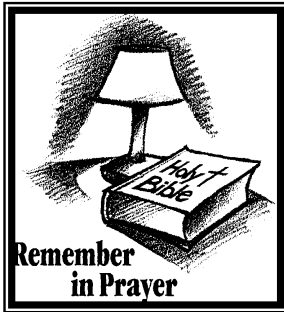
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal

7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal

7:00 P.M. Lent Service



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)
- Gary Evers (stent surgery recovery)
- Verna Timm (hospice)
- James Voigt, *Jeannie Horning's dad* (Hodgkin's Lymphoma)
- Savannah Rausch, (large B cell lymphoma)
Bruce & Barb Anderson's granddaughter
- Linda Horning (shoulder replacement surgery)
Monticello Care Center
Attention—Linda Horning
1104 East River St
Monticello, MN 55362

Jeanette Hildreth (dislocated shoulder)

Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



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.



**MARCH MISSION EMPHASIS
~Luther League Mission Trip~**

Our March Mission is to assist our Luther League for their 2020 Mission trip!!

The Luther League will be going to Kansas City Missouri from June 14th to the 19th on our mission trip. They currently have 12 youth and 3 chaperones going on this trip. While in Kansas City, the group will serve with local organizations on both sides of the state line that strive to provide basic needs for community members. They will serve residents of all ages through tutoring, assisting with reading programs, maintaining community gardens, and assisting at local community kitchens. During the week, students may serve all or part of the week at a food shelf, clothing distribution center, soup kitchen, children's program, or elderly care facilities. In the evenings, they will engage with a long term friend of the community who will share more about the neighborhoods they will be serving, experience the sites and history of the city through a scavenger hunt and have some time on their own to enjoy local attractions and some great BBQ! If there are any more youth that would still like to go please let Julie know.



If you desire to promote this mission for March, please use the BLUE envelopes provided in the pews and mark the envelopes, "LL MISSION TRIP". You can put them into the offering plate.
Thanks for your support!

**Board of Education
NEWS:**

Singing - Our youth in Nursery - 6th grade will be singing during the church service on **March 1.**

Prayer Partners Rescheduled - We had to cancel our February Prayer Partners due to MN weather so we are rescheduling for March 1 - the whole Congregational 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 big better. Prayer Partners will be followed by Sunday School class. Our last session of the year is April 5 followed by the youth visiting the VVM Care Center to sing for them.



Thank you to the Trust Fund and Committee for providing funding for our youth in grades 7-9 to attend a Confirmation Retreat. 17 youth and 5 adults along with Pastor Todd will engage in the two night retreat "Pause, Play, Refresh" at Luther Crest Bible Camp hosted by the Augustana District.

Board of Education Membership :



We have OPEN positions for starting in 2020!

This team provides leadership for all things education including Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation, and Prayer Partners. 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 to learn more.



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

ASH WEDNESDAY—February 26, 2020
Reilly Hubin-R & Eva Redman

March 1, 2020

Josie Horning-R & Blake Paplow
Video: Braiden Davis

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Morgan Huffman-R & Mason Huffman

March 8, 2020

Tucker Juhnke-R & Eva Redman
Video: Carter Beranek

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Lindsey Willhite-R & Addison Irlbeck

March 15, 2020

Delaney Willhite-R
Video: Ethan Willhite

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Rachel Holman-R & Shadae Knutson

March 22, 2020

Reilly Hubin-R & Courtney Bedner
Video: Braiden Davis

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Delaney Willhite-R & Ella Erickson

March 29, 2020

Morgan Huffman-R & Blake Paplow
Video: Mason Huffman

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Lindsey Willhite-R & Corey Arkell



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



- March Birthdays**
- 1st - Elaine Frank, Kellie Valentin, Melissa Bedner
 - 2nd - Josie Horning
 - 3rd - Kim Grunewald
 - 4th - Clinton Lingle, Vernon Pauling
 - 5th - Roger Sackett
 - 6th - Lee Ann Kronback, Brian Kletscher
 - 7th - Nancy Kissner, Lincoln Hesse
 - 8th - Sharon Furth, Dominik Smith, Shanice Churchill
 - 9th - Mark Coulter, Isaac Wondercheck
 - 10th - Marlon Pfarr
 - 11th - Shayla Frericks
 - 12th - Taylor Price, Brandon Vogel
 - 13th - Blaine VanMeveren, Tim Johnson, Mackenzie Knutson, Alexis Osland
 - 14th - Ray Gorder, Liam Kenney, Cameron Bergemann
 - 15th - Sharon (Dave) Vollmer, Emma Jeckell, Everly McCullough
 - 16th - Dan Wendland
 - 17th - Sue Nelson, Harper Erickson, Jackson Leach
 - 18th - Finley Thram
 - 19th - Bill Bedner, Ronda Dolezal, Griffin Willhite
 - 20th - Sam Halter, Bonnie Holman
 - 21st - Linda Horning, Wade Kissner, Shane Keck
 - 23rd - Jill Irlbeck, Emily Tammen, Colton Jeckell
 - 24th - Pam Vogel
 - 25th - Karen Irlbeck, Ryon Zimmermann
 - 28th - Susan Jeckell
 - 29th - Jodene Mariner, Lynn Story
 - 30th - Helen Hansen, Shadae Knutson
 - 31st - Kaelynn Kronbach



March



- 4th - James & Bonnie Holman
- 10th - Brian & Vicki Kletscher
- 18th - Elliot & Emily Evans
- 22nd - Jo Runck & Gene Hildreth
- 23rd - Steve & Val Halter

Our Savior's Women Group Minutes

Our Savior's Women met Feb. 11, 2020. Judy Harnack opened with devotions. The secretary's report & treasurer's report were given.

Thank yous were acknowledged from several recipients of donations last fall. The Catholic Women Group asked for help making up birthday bags for the young children of parents that use "WAFER" at Wabasso. A motion was made to give \$50.

Reminder to the officers that we serve bars Ash Wednesday.

A discussion was held on the poor turn out of members at the June birthday part at VVM. We need to come up with entertainment also.

We will try to get the Sahlstrom family singers for Guest Night in May.

Wendy Mattison led the new Bible study on the Holy Spirit.

Mary Jo served lunch.

Lenten Suppers

Life, Growth & Stewardship team is planning meals to precede Lenten Services beginning Wednesday, February 26.

We would like to invite anyone from the congregation to help serve meals and clean up after. A couple people each week would be appreciated. "Many hands make light work". If you willing to serve please contact Kris Vollmer at 507-828-1252 or by email at kvollmer0815@gmail.com.

MARCH USHER SCHEDULE

Brian Werner
Gary Polkow
Mike Vollmer
Chad Coulter



Zak Zimmermann—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 or call 800-847-4836.



Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

Beverly Willhite
Violet Evers



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



MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Sharon Vollmer
Courtney Thram

Luther League Meeting Minutes

Luther League was unable to have their monthly meeting in February due to weather. We will be having our Soup and Pie Supper later in February, and hope all that attend will enjoy homemade soup and pie. We are still planning a Mount Kato tubing fun day in March. No meeting will be held in March, we will discuss any items at our Lock In held at the church on March 20th.

Leaguers, watch for details on our upcoming events via text and the bulletin board!

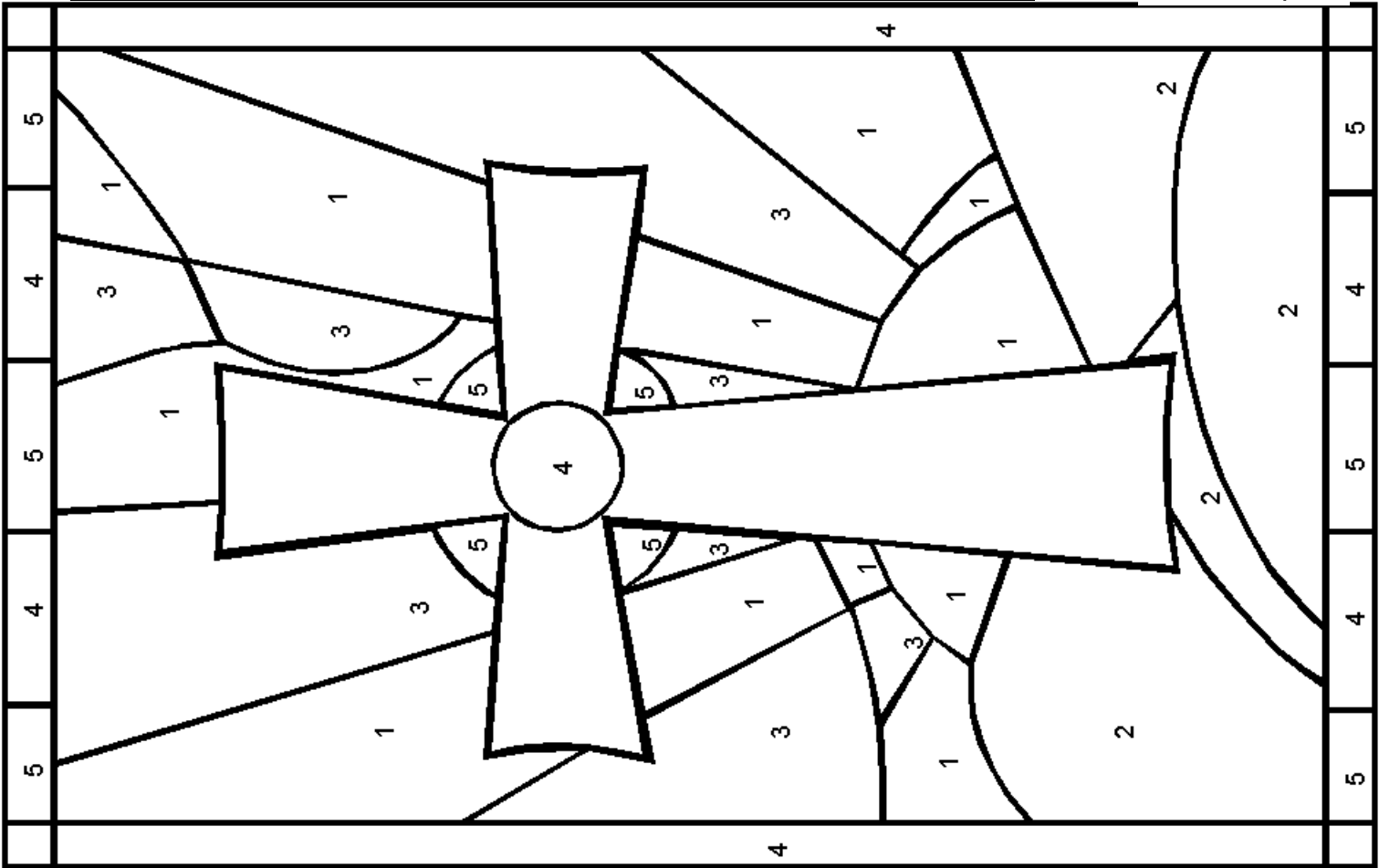
The Family of Beverly Willhite would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards, visits, food, memorials, and flowers at the time of our loss. We especially want to thank Pastor Todd & Chaplain Noel for the beautiful church service. Thank you to all the workers at Our Savior's who served the lunch. The outpouring of support is truly appreciated. God Bless. No local thank-you's will be mailed.

Thank You

The Family off Beverly Willhite

~ 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.



When we celebrate Easter, we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ Our Lord and the promise that we, too, if we believe will be raised. It's also a time to remember loved ones who have died in Christ, believing and trusting in God's promise of salvation.

We will have lilies or an assortment of mums/begonias/calandivas for Easter in memory of those we love. We'll print in the bulletin all those who gave plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you want a plant please fill out the form below.

Plants may be picked up following the second Easter service. *Mums/begonias/calandivas will be an assortment of plants and an assortment of colors (no reserved).*

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH.

If you mail your form, please call or email the church office to make sure we receive your order in time! osclamberton@centrytel.net

PLANTS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

Let's fill the church with flowers and let their beauty enhance our Lord's resurrection!

I WANT ____ Mum, Begonia, Calandiva (assorted plants/colors, no reserved) \$15 each

I WANT ____ Lily (Lilies) \$15 each

TO BE GIVEN

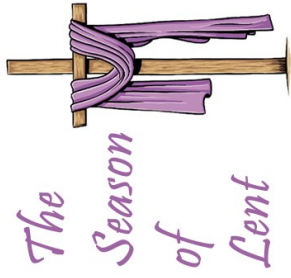
IN MEMORY OF _____

OR



IN HONOR OF _____

BY _____

Enclosed is \$ _____



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion Sunday School Choir (N-6) Sings 10:00 Prayer Partners 10:30 Sunday School</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Office Closed 10:00 VVM Services</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service 7:30 Church Council</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Offices Closed 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study 1:00 World Day of Prayer Service @ UMC Confirmation Retreat *****</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion 10:15 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship ***** ** DAYLIGHT SAVING **</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Church Office Closed 8:30 RRC Testing</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 OSW Exec. Board 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Offices Closed 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Offices Closed 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study Luther League Lock-In *****</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Church Office Closed Newsletter Articles Due! </p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30 RRC Testing 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3:15 8th Grade Confirmation 4:15 7th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Offices Closed 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00-12:00 Baby Shower for Tegan Halter</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting</p>			<p>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!</p>	

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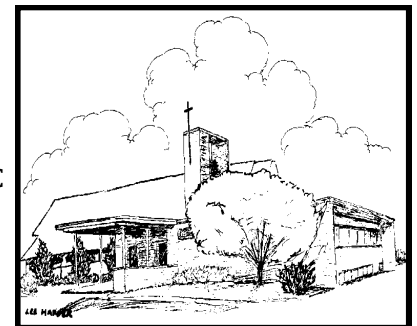
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oslclamberton@centurytel.net



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.

Worship Services:

Sundays: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School 10:15 A.M.
(Sept.-May)

Cable Broadcast of Services:

Lamberton -Wednesday: 4:00 P.M.
Springfield -Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.

- ◆ **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.**