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Dear brothers & sisters in Christ Jesus,

Here we are, in the middle of Lent, toward the end of the dreary days of winter, wondering when things are ever going to get back to "normal" (whatever that is/was). I guess Lent is supposed to be a dark time, a season of shadows, when we focus on repentance, fasting and giving. But I will say that it's not a very attractive face to put on our Christian faith. Who wants to focus on repentance? That doesn't play well in our culture today.

The reality is that Jesus Christ - the true Jesus Christ revealed in the Bible - has never played well with people, not in his day and not in our time.

Here's how the prophet Isaiah described the coming Christ:

"There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care" (Is 53:2-3)

You see, the core of our Christian faith revolves around repentance and forgiveness, confession and absolution. We agree with what God says about us in his holy Word that we have a problem with sin (a fatal problem). When we say that, it's called a "confession".

The good news (that's what the word "gospel" means) is that, hot on the heels of confession comes the extraordinary promise of God's forgiveness - cleansing us from our sin and its death penalty for the sake of Jesus Christ - because of what Christ Jesus has done for us in his death and resurrection.

Now, it's easy for me to rush toward resurrection and give only a fleeting glimpse at Christ's death, but it is essential for us to be captured by the exquisite brilliance of new life in Christ Jesus when placed against the dark backdrop of the price that God paid to redeem us from our sin.

So, let us intentionally walk with our eyes wide open and our hearts tenderly sensitive during these dreary remaining days of winter and of Lent. Yes, we know that the wonder of Easter is waiting for us to celebrate next month, but remember that it is God's light of salvation that shines most brightly when penetrating the darkness of our sin, or as the Bible so aptly puts it:

For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Grace & peace to you in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Pastor TODA

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES February 3, 2021

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on February 3, 2021 at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Members present were: Cory Blomgren, Susan Jeckell, Kevin Juhnke, Chantel Neperman, John Smith, Kris Vollmer, Janice Werner, Misty Willhite and Pastor Todd Mathison. Absent was Todd Horning.

President Blomgren called the meeting to order. Pastor Todd led the group in devotions and prayer.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>: The previous council minutes were read by Susan. On a motion by Kris, seconded by Chantel, the regular monthly minutes for January 2021 were approved. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Checking balance \$46,706.07 and Savings balance of \$14,284.71. On a motion by John, seconded by Kris the report was approved. Motion carried.

Education: Misty reported the team met on January 13th. Sunday School coordinator will be Karen Beranek and Memory Work coordinator will be Misty Willhite. 1st communion has been rescheduled for Feb 14th, and tentative dates for VBS will be June 6-10th, 2021. The confirmation retreat has been cancelled due to COVID. Prayer Partners will not resume this year, but looking to start again in the fall.

Worship & Music: New altar cloths were purchased and displayed from memorial funds from the family of Beverly Willhite. The committee purchased additional matching stoles for Pastor to wear during services. The church has previously not owned these and will be a nice addition. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. Pastor will be available for those who wish to receive ashes at the church in the morning, as well as during services. The Methodist church will be hosting Maundy Thursday services. Services at OSLC on Easter Sunday will be held at 7am and 9am.

<u>Life, Growth & Stewardship</u>: Kris reported no meeting. February mission is WAFER. Please use the blue envelopes to donate!

Property: Kevin reported no news at this time.

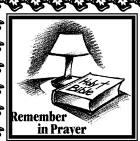
Old Business: Kevin Graff and Pastor Todd installed audio cables. Pastor Todd is working with individuals to work out configuration issues and to strengthen the overall audio, video and live stream moving forward. Contact info for board members was handed out.

New Business: An insurance letter including Summary of Coverage was received, and an audit with Grinnell Mutual has been completed. Mission Endowment fund was discussed further after a brief discussion at the annual meeting. The interest on the Mission Endowment Fund is at \$8800. Life, Growth and Stewardship committee will brainstorm ideas to present to Council on how to use the interest dollars from this fund. VVM has asked OSLC to be a safe place as an Emergency Alternate Location. On a motion by Chantel, seconded by Kevin, OSLC will continue the agreement with VVM as an Emergency Alternate Location. Motion carried.

<u>Pastor's Report</u>: Pastor Todd presented a written report of his monthly activities, with 1 baptism and numerous contacts and phone calls. He reported the return of in-person services, Sunday School, Confirmation and working in the office during the month of January. He will continue to work on the projection system and all media systems to enhance the overall audio/visual/live stream experience.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chantel, second by Kris. The next Council Meeting will be March 3rd at 7:30pm immediately following Lenten services. 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.

Marcella Dammann (health Issues)
Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
Larry Lange (health issues)

James Voigt, *Jeannie Horning's dad* (Hodgkin's Lymphoma)

Savannah Rausch, (large B cell lymphoma)

Bruce & Barb Anderson's granddaughter

Dorothy Dietl (hospice)

Mark Coulter (health concerns)
Todd Mattison (medical issues)
Tiana Iverson (on-going chemo)

Nicole Worthley (back surgery recovery)

Jean Lange (back surgery)

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



~ 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.

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 2021 Mission trip!!



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

Thanks for your support!

"If any want to be my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Mark 8.34

MARCH USHER SCHEDULE

Brian Werner Gary Polkow Mike Vollmer Chad Coulter



Zak Zimmermann—Sub



TAXI

Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!



March Birthdays

- 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, Kirk Engen
- 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 Liam Kenney,
 - Cameron Bergemann
- 15th Sharon (Dave) Vollmer, Emma Jeckell, Everly McCullough
- **16th** Dan Wendland, Triston Kronbach
- 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

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31st - Kaelynn Kronbach

March



James & Bonnie Holman

10th - Brian & Vicki Kletscher

18th - Elliot & Emily Evans

23rd - Steve & Val 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.

MARCH ALTAR GUILD



Sharon Vollmer **Courtney Thram** Kris Vollmer

Luther League News

Luther League met February 10th with 15 leaguers and 5 adults. With much thought, we have decided to not hold the Soup and Pie supper this year for many reasons. We will hopefully be back at it next year! All of the leaguers present were interested in going tubing at Mount Kato this year, we will be going March 7th after Sunday school.

We are all looking forward to being together as a group and having FUN!! The

lock in has been postponed to sometime this summer.

Stay safe and WARM!!





BUDGET RECAP

as of 2/21/2021

Thank you!

Total Outstanding:

Accounts Payable \$0

Estimated Payroll \$4,100.00

Income:

1/17/21—2/21/21 \$8,566.00 In Checking Acct. \$23,363.61 In Savings Acct. \$29,284.71

Needed weekly to

Meet budget \$3,200.00

Parking Lot Complete!

Our Parking Lot Fundraising is complete! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our project! It would not have been possible without all the donation and hard work of our volunteers!!

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.

World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 5th "Build on a Strong Foundation"

We will not have an in-person event this year but you can pray on your own. This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu call us to worship with the words "Build on a strong foundation," inspired by Matthew 7:24-27.

Media System Operator Schedule

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March 3, 2021 (Wed)	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
March 7, 2021	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
March 10, 2021 (Wed)	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
March 14, 2021	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
March 17, 2021 (Wed)	
March 21, 2021	Dominic Smith
March 24, 2021 (Wed)	
March 28, 2021	Karli Arkell (507-829-2448)



MARCH

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

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 Blake Paplow-R & Ethan Willhite

March 7, 2021

Carter Beranek-R & Austin Imker Video: Bowen Hesse

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 Addison Irlbeck-R & Holden Mariner

March 14, 2021

Ella Erickson-R & Jake Erickson Video: Braiden Davis

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 Courtney Bedner-R & Ethan Willhite

March 21, 2021

Corev Arkell-R Video: Teagen Werner



Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Blake Paplow-R & Trenton Blomgren

March 28, 2021

Eva Redman-R & Shadae Knutson **Video:** Austin Imker

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



SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME **BEGINS!**



Board of Education NEWS:

Sunday School Kids singing

Youth in grades 1-3 will practice first three weeks of March at the beginning of Sunday School time and sing during the March 28 Sunday service

Grades 4-6 will practice in April and sing during the April 15 service.

Thank you to Pastor, Tyler, and the teachers for bringing back some special music to our Sunday services.

Processional of the Palms!

Youth will lead the laying of the psalms on Sunday, March 29th. Those in grades nursery - 6th grade will be meeting in fellowship by 8:45 am.



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School - June 6-10

Lent Services

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 7 P.M. @ UMC

Good Friday, April 2, 2021 7:00 P.M. Lent Service @ UMC

Sunday, April 4, 2021 7:00 A.M. Easter Sunrise Service 9:00 A.M. Easter Service



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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 flowering plants 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.

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 28th.

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

PLANTS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

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Let's fill th	ne church with flowers	and let their beauty enhance our Lord's resurrection!				
I WANT	Flowering Plant at \$1	7 each (Assorted such as Mum/Begonia/Calandiva, no reserved)				
I WANT	Lily (Lilies) at \$17 ea	ch				
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ing. Amen.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlast-

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will seated at the right hand of the eather. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

en and earth.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heav-

The Apostles' Creed

neighbor's.

workers, or his livestock, or anything that is your

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

 $8.\ \mbox{You}$ shall not be ar false witness against your neighbor.

7. You shall not steal.

6. You shall not commit adultery.

5. You shall not kill.

4. Honor your father and your mother.

who take his name in vain).

3. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain (for the Lord will not hold guiltless those

I. You shall have no other gods before me.

The 10 Commandments



Practice Martin Luther's Prayer-form this Lent by following these steps:

Pray first thing in the morning and last thing at night. First, say the 10 Commandments (provided on back). Next, recite the Apostles' Creed (provided on back).

Read the prayer and lesson for the day (provided inside). When you read the Scriptures, really listen to the words. Reflect on their teachings, discover the brokenness presented in them, repent of the sins they remind you of and then give thanks to God for his loving forgiveness.

Rest in the Lord: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10a). Continue with your day. As you work, let your thoughts be of God.

Lent Readings and Prayers

Conclude each prayer with: ... through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Tuesday Wednesday Sunday Monday Thursday Friday Saturday Read Feb. Read Feb. Read Feb. Read Feb. INRI Jonah Matthew Psalm 2 Peter 3:1-10 6:1-6, 16-21 130 1:2-11

This Week's Prayer: Almighty merciful God, you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts that we might obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through Your Son ...

Read Feb. 1 Samuel Psalm Matthew Romans 2 Corinthians | Psalm 91:1-13 Romans 17:40-51 32:1-7 4:1-11 5:12-19 6:1-10 10:8b-13

This Week's Prayer: O Lord God, you led the Israelites to the promised land. Guide the people of your Church today that, following our Savior, we may walk through this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son ...

Read Feb. Read Mar. Read Mar. Read Mar. Read Mar Read Mar. Read Mar. **Jeremiah** Philippians John 3:1-17 Psalm 121 Psalm 102 Matthew Genesis 26:8-15 3:17-4:1 15:21-28 32:22-32

This Week's Prayer: Merciful Father, it is your glory to always have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways. Lead them and us to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through your Son ...

Read Mar. Psalm 85 Luke 13:1-9 Romans 5:1-8 Jeremiah 1 Corinthians Exodus 17:1-7 John 4:5-30, 26:1-15 10:1-13 39-42

This Week's Prayer: Eternal Lord, through your Son, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son ...

Read Mar. Psalm Luke 15:1-3, 2 Corinthians Psalm 51 Isaiah 12:1-6 John 6:1-15 Exodus 5:16-21 119:73-80 11-32 16:2-21

This Week's Prayer: God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son ...

Read Mar. Read Mar. Read Mar. Read Mar. Read Mar Read Mar. Read Mar. Psalm 42 Hebrews Luke 20:9-20 Romans John 11:1-53 Isaiah Genesis 9:11-15 8:1-11 43:16-21 22:1-14

This Week's Prayer: Redeeming Lord, we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son ...

Read Mar. Read Mar Read Mar. Read Mar. Read Apr. Read Apr. Read Apr. Matthew Philippians 1 Timothy Psalm 5 IN RI Matthew Exodus 1 Peter 27:11-54 2:5-11 6:12-14 24:3-11 3:17-22

This Week's Prayer: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son ...

Easter Sunday — The Resurrection of Our Lord: Read Job 19:23-27
Today's Prayer: O God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through your Son ...





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Sat	Closed 6 nunity	e Closed 13	e Closed 20	e Closed 27	All events are contingent upon public health guidelines regarding COVID-19. Please refer to the church online calendar,
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Mon	1 Offices Closed 9:30 VVM Services	8 Offices Closed	15 Offices Closed	22 Offices Closed Newsletter Articles Due!	29 Offices Closed 8:00 RRC Testing
Sun	Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!	7 9:00 Worship/Communion w/ Firth Communion! 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Luther League Tubing Trip	14 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School ** Daylight Saving Time Begins **	21 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School	28 Palm Sunday 9:00 Worship **S.S. Processional—All Students (N-6) Sunday School Choir (1-3) Sings

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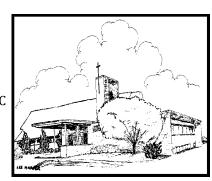
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oslclamberton@centurytel.net

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.

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.



take up their cross and follow me."