



PARTNERS

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Dear OSLC Council,

It is with both a heavy yet grateful heart that I submit to you this letter of resignation as pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. As you are now aware, I have accepted a call to a LCMC congregation in Mesa, Arizona. While I sense the call from the Lord to this congregation, it is sad to be leaving the people of Our Savior's. You are a wonderful congregation to serve.

Here is a brief description of how this came to be. I was not looking to leave Our Savior's, but I submitted my name for consideration with this congregation after being asked by their search firm a second time to consider being a candidate. The congregation voted January 9 to call me, I accepted, and then I contacted our Council President and my secretary that same day with the news. I spoke in person with our Council President and Vice President on January 12 discussing this change. After discussion for a few days, we agreed that my last Sunday at Our Savior's would be February 20.

I believe Our Savior's is in a "good place" - there is a spirit of unity, harmony, a *esprit de corp* of serving together and being served. Leadership is strong, yet I am hopeful that more leaders will step forward to serve in needful ways. I have worked with the Board of Education to make sure our Confirmation students continue their instruction while setting the table for new pastoral leader to step in and complete their instruction this year.

Thank you for calling me to serve you as your pastor. It has been very rewarding. Our Savior's will always hold a special place in my heart, and my prayers will be with you throughout the years.

Sincerely in Christ,

Todd Mathison

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
February 2, 2022**

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on February 2, 2022 in Fellowship Hall. Members present were: Cory Blomgren, Kevin Graff, Kari Halter, Susan Jeckell, John Smith, Kurt Willhite and Pastor Todd Mathison. Absent were Kevin Juhnke & Janice Werner. President Smith called the meeting to order. Pastor led us in devotions.

Secretary's Report: January council minutes were read by Susan. Cory moved, and Kevin seconded to approve as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the December checking balance of \$55,754.59, and savings balance of \$25,851.29. On a motion by Cory, seconded by Kurt, the report was approved. Motion carried.

Education: The confirmation curriculum will be continued on as written for the next teacher to step in and complete the year for this year's confirmands.

Worship & Music: No report

Life, Growth & Stewardship: No report

Property: No report

Old Business: Continuously looking to fill Youth Leader and Board of Education roles. The current council treasurer laptop has become near obsolete. Pastor will clean and reset the unused media laptop for the council treasurer to use moving forward.

New Business: Pastor Mathison presented his Letter of Resignation to the Council. Kevin moved to accept as read, Kari second it. Motion carries. Coffee and cake will be served on Pastor's last Sunday with us, Feb 20th. Discussion was had on hiring an LCMC interim or pulpit supply. Cory had spoken with a candidate that may be interested in stepping in one of these roles. Council will plan to meet with this candidate next week to discuss options and availability.

Call committee was briefly discussed, and will be addressed at the next meeting. Cory moved and Kurt second to approve Kari Halter, the incoming Council Treasurer, to sign checks. Motion passes.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported on January events and happenings. First Communion will be held February 13th. As also noted in his Letter of Resignation, Pastor shared again he accepted call to Victory Lutheran Church in Mesa, AZ. His last Sunday with Our Savior's will be February 20, 2022. He will be reaching out to the property committee to complete a parsonage walk through to view items of the Mathison's that they won't be taking with them, to see if they should continue to stay in the parsonage.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kurt, and Cory second. Motion carried. The next Council Meeting will be March 2nd after Ash Wednesday service. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jeckell
Council Secretary

Call Committee Team Invite!

We are seeking individuals in to join the call team! We would like to have a wide range of members from high schoolers to the oldest! If you are interested please contact John Smith or any council member.

Pew Bible Goal Reached!

Thank you to everyone who has given towards our new Pew Bibles! **We have reached our goal!!**

We plan to wait to purchase them until we have a full-time Pastor in place.





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)
- John Stiles (ALS)
- Marcella Dammann (health issues)
- David Rue (health issues)
- Joyce Bittner (small strokes recovery)
- Tom Hoffrogge (another brain bleed surgery recovery)
- Elmer & Rozzie Jeckell (health issues)
- Janet McCloud (GIST tumor cancer treatment)
- Jean Lange (back screw replacement surgery)
- Briana Halter Peterson (surgery recovery)

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 2022 Mission trip!! More information to come on their trip as it gets closer!



You can pick up a blue envelope in the pew or use your own envelope and write "LL Mission Trip" 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!





Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

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, Kirk Engen
- 7th - Nancy Kissner, Lincoln Hesse
- 8th - Sharon Furth, Dominik Smith, Shanice Churchill, Carter Churchill
- 9th - Mark Coulter, Isaac Wondercheck
- 10th - Marlon Pfarr, Jared Lang
- 11th - Shayla Frericks
- 12th - Taylor Price, Brandon Vogel
- 13th - Blaine VanMeveren, Tim Johnson, Mackenzie Knutson, Alexis Benedict
- 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, Jan Benedict
- 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
- 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

We had another great turn out at Luther League this month, 13 students and 4 adults. We talked in depth about the upcoming soup and pie supper and went over any questions, jobs and what soups will be served. We enjoyed a warm meal and then put together 30 valentines to give to members of the church who have lost a loved one or have made a special mark on one of the youths lives. We had some discussion about the 150th celebration this June and are willing to sell water/soda/cookbooks possibly a day during the celebration. We then talked about the next meeting in MAY and hope to see everyone at the soup and pie supper at the end of February. Next meeting is MAY 11th, 2022. God Bless!





BUDGET RECAP
as of 2/11/2022

Total Outstanding:

Accounts Payable \$0
Estimated Payroll \$4,100.00

Income:

In Checking Acct. \$42,500.00
In Savings Acct. \$25,851.29

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.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS!



World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 4th
"I Know the Plans I Have for You"

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 England Wales & Northern Ireland promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships service and celebrations.



Media System Operator Schedule

All Lenton Services	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
March 6, 2022	Carter Beranek (507-822-4575)
March 13, 2022	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
March 20, 2022	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
March 27, 2022	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)



MARCH

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mason Huffman-R & Dominic Senst

March 6, 2022

Shadae Knutosn-R & Jake Erickson

Video: Holden Mariner

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Braiden Davis-R & Jake Erickson

March 13, 2022

Ethan Willhite-R & Bowen Hesse

Video: Sophie Paplow

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mason Huffman-R & Teagen Werner

March 20, 2022

Shadae Kntuson-R

Video: Austin Imker

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Braiden Davis-R & Dominic Senst

March 27, 2022

Ethan Willhite-R & Holden Mariner

Video: Braylon Bedner

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Shadae Knutson-R

& Treyton Knutson



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

**Board of Education
NEWS:**

Thank you to the 9th grade confirmation students and their mentors for painting the youth lounge. Next time you're in church, check it out in the previous kitchen basement.

Please pray for our Confirmation students attending their Confirmation Retreat at Lake Carlos the first weekend in March. Thank you to the Church Council and Trust committee for financially supporting this experience for our youth.



VBS Dates: June 5-9 in the evenings

March Lent Services

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 9, 2022
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 16, 2022
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 23, 2022
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal
7:00 P.M. Lent Service

Wednesday, March 30, 2022
6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal
7:00 P.M. Lent Service



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, APRIL 10th.

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. Please make checks payable to OSLC.

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

I WANT ____ Flowering Plant at \$18 each (Assorted such as Mum/Begonia/Calandiva, no reserved)

I WANT ____ Lily (Lilies) at \$18 each

TO BE GIVEN

IN MEMORY OF _____
OR
IN HONOR OF _____

BY _____ Enclosed is \$ _____



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!</p>						
<p>6 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>7 Offices Closed</p>	<p>8 1:30 OSW Exec. Board 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p>9 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Offices Closed</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>.....Confirmation Retreat</p>						
<p>13 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship</p> <p><i>* Daylight Saving Time Begins *</i></p>	<p>14 Offices Closed</p>	<p>15 6:30 BOE Meeting</p>	<p>16 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Offices Closed 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>21 Offices Closed Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Offices Closed 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>28 Offices Closed</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation 4:15 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p>31</p>		<p>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Psalm 51.10</p>

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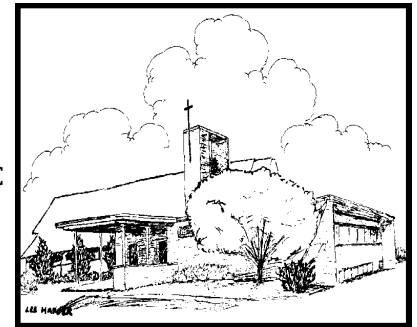
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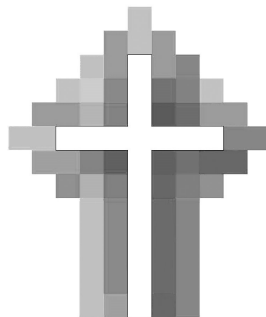
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Worship Services:

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

Cable Broadcast of Services:

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



**"If any want to be my followers,
let them deny themselves and
take up their cross and follow me."**
Mark 8:34

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.**