

# PARTNERS

MAY 2021

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Dear Our Savior's family,

The month of May brings with it some important ministry milestones. One might call these special ceremonies a "remembrance" - a time to fix in our hearts and minds God's faithfulness to us. I'm reminded of the Old Testament account of the prophet Samuel erecting a stone as a remembrance of God's help to Israel. That monument was called "Ebenezer".

It turns out that there is a powerful biblical story behind that word. The term "Ebenezer" is a Hebrew word, and its origin is explained 1 Samuel 7:12. *The Philistines attacked the nation of Israel, but God gave his people victory over their enemies. After they won the battle, the prophet Samuel set up a stone on the battlefield, between two cities of Judah called Mizpah and Shen. When he set it up, he said to the nation, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."*

The word Ebenezer literally means "stone of help." The stone that Samuel erected was a constant reminder to the nation of Israel that God had protected them and led them to victory. God was their helper, in other words, and the Ebenezer was a visual reminder of that truth. Whenever the Israelites walked past that stone, they would remember God's kindness to them and praise him for it.

We are celebrating a number of "Ebenezers" this month at Our Savior's. May 2 is Confirmation Sunday. Seven confirmands will confirm their faith in Jesus Christ. It's a significant milestone in the students' lives, for their families, and for us as their church family. I hope you plan to attend. It'll be a great celebration!

Our 5th grade students will be participating in their First Communion on Sunday, May 9. This is a huge marker in the faith of these young people. It's also Mother's Day, and we'll be recognizing our precious moms during the service.

We will be recognizing our graduating High School seniors on May 16. What a great accomplishment for our young people! As I write this, I'll be meeting with the Red Rock Central administration and staff regarding Baccalaureate. We did not host the Baccalaureate service last year due to Covid. I am hopeful we will be able to this year. It's a meaningful time with the students, their families, and the larger church community. Keep an eye out for announcements regarding this event, presently scheduled for May 23.

God has made the most precious promises to us, first and foremost is God's salvation given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God the Holy Spirit is present with us today, and has promised to be our comforter and helper. May you know God's active power and love in your life and the lives of your loved ones, whereby you may declare, as God's people have done throughout the centuries: *"Thus far the Lord has helped us."*



God's grace and peace to you in Christ Jesus,

Pastor TODA

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 7, 2021**

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on April 7, 2021 in Fellowship Hall. Members present were: Cory Blomgren, Todd Horning, Susan Jeckell, Chantel Neperman, John Smith, Kris Vollmer, Janice Werner and Pastor Todd Mathison. Absent were Kevin Juhnke and Misty Willhite. President Blomgren called the meeting to order. Pastor Todd led the group in an opening Easter devotion.

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

Treasurers Report: Chantel reported checking balance \$37,450.68 and savings balance of \$29287.23. On a motion by Todd, seconded by John the report was approved. Motion carried.

Education: Education committee met on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss Sunday School curriculum, they will meet again in April.

Worship & Music: 43 beautiful blooming plants and 16 Lilly's adorned the worship services this Easter Sunday in memory/honor of loved ones. The committee sent a floral bouquet from our congregation to the funeral services of Pastor Stew Carlson.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Met on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The group brainstormed potential avenues for use of the Mission Endowment fund. Kris presented a program, connected to the Augustana district, that supports new and upcoming churches. The committee has researched a specific community in Sioux Falls, that has a great start to setting up a new church, and one that connects all ages and backgrounds. They will continue to follow the group and look to attend services to learn more. The committee also shared together thank you notes they have received and discussed Stewart's Ministry- which is a training to reach out to community members who need help and support. April's mission is the Lamberton Swimming Pool for passes and lessons.

Property: Jess Bittner repaired the trim on the steps.

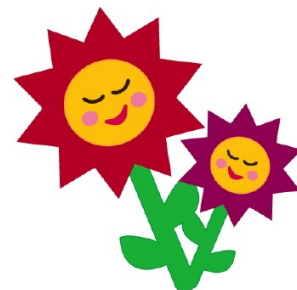
Old Business: Please continue to reach out to anyone who may be interested in being a Luther League advisor, as this is such an important role to be filled.

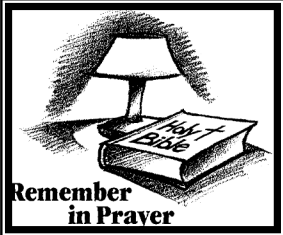
New Business: Brief discussion on use of funds from a donation gifted to the church. A small portion was put towards the parking lot fund, but still a good amount yet to use. The property committee will be asked to present ideas. Emily Evans has asked to be removed from the Auditing committee. We will be looking to fill her role by November for year end auditing. Discussion was held on the prospect of an updated church photo directory.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Todd reported two funerals this month and several Holy Week home visits. He thanks Trudi for all the Easter baskets he was able to deliver to members during these special visits. The first live service with the new projection system will be April 18<sup>th</sup>, which will enhance the entire livestream experience. We thank Pastor for all the hard work he has put in to making this possible. First Communion with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will be held May 12, training on April 14<sup>th</sup>. (6<sup>th</sup> grade First Communion was held in March after not being able to last year with COVID shutdowns). Confirmation classes with the younger grades have concluded for the year and look forward to our 9<sup>th</sup> graders being confirmed in May.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chantel, second by Susan. The next Council Meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

- Marcella Dammann (health Issues)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
- Larry Lange (health issues)
- 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 recovery)
- Helen Nyberg (back issues)
- Kenneth Vollmer (health issues)
- Fred Henkel (health concerns)
- John Stiles (health issues)
- Marlis Engen (blood clot in both lungs)



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



## MAY MISSION EMPHASIS ~Ronald McDonald House~

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Keeping families together and near the medical care they need through a network of local Chapters

Helping a sick child fight their illness takes a big enough emotional toll on a family. Adding a financial strain can make it all almost too much to bear. RMHC can help address those problems, whether they involve housing that's near a hospitalized child, the expense of staying together in another city, or even getting basic medical and dental care in a vulnerable 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://osclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!

**Thanks for your support!**

### MAY USHER SCHEDULE

- Sam Furth
- Greg Benedict
- John Mariner
- Cory Blomgren



Bob Halter—Sub



### TAXI

Please call an Usher



### MAY ALTAR GUILD

- Cheryl Van Meveren
- Wendy Wondercheck

### May Media Operator Schedule

- May 2, 2021 Val Halter (507-276-0008)
- May 9, 2021 Char Graff (507-829-0105)
- May 16, 2021 Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
- May 23, 2021 Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
- May 26, 2021 Dominic Smith

## OSLC Worship & Music Team Meeting 04.14.2021

Present: Pastor Todd, Sharon Vollmer, Janice Werner, Char Graff

### Old Business

1. Update on Bible Translation Comparison - The Church Council, Board of Education and the Worship/Music Team are reviewing these versions so that we as church leadership might make a decision sometime this summer on choosing a better Bible translation version for OSLC - which will help us when ordering Confirmation Bibles for the incoming 7th grade class. And uses in our public worship services, Bible studies, etc. A decision will be made by July so that Confirmation Bibles can be ordered.

2. The Mother's Day picture presentation has not seen much interest. We decided not to continue with this item this year.

### New Business

1. Request support visit from sound system company to reconnect sound board – the sound board is not working correctly, giving feedback, and needs to be looked at. The team recommended that Rhapsody Music be contacted to come and do an assessment and realignment of the sound board; he will email the team a service visit quote for approval. Pastor will call and arrange the visit. The new projection media system will be up and running this Sunday!

2. Summer Music team for Sunday Service & Saturday concert-in-the-park - July 17 & 18 – the team approved Stones Cry from Centerville, South Dakota for a Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> concert in the park at 7pm and a Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> worship service on campus. Pastor will contact the Windom River City Eatery to line up a food truck for the park event. The group does not charge, and collects a free will donation.

3. Processional Communion distribution – the team approved beginning safe processional communion beginning in May. The altar guild will set up disposable wine cups and bread pieces in disposable cups. We will adjust as we go.

4. Music worship updates needed – to assist OSLC's worship music, Pastor has been trying out [loopcommunity.com](http://loopcommunity.com) songs to provide background instrumentation for worship songs, and is pleased with the sound. The team approved building up a song library at \$20/song; Pastor will purchase up to 25 songs this year for a total of \$500; Janice will take to council. Next budget items include an ear queuing system for musicians to use with the Loop songs to know when to come in on a song; this will be a cost of \$500. We'd also like to update the video camera in the future to take advantage of the improved video an audio in recordings. The monitor switch on the projection system has been malfunctioning and needs to be assessed; we may need to replace.

5. New Funeral Banner – a donor is looking at the possibility of helping us to replace our funeral banner. Janice will research banners and offer choices to the team for approval; when a cost is determined we will consult with the donor.

6. Baccalaureate – Pastor Todd will be meeting with RRC HS Principal and Music Director regarding Baccalaureate. The team supported going forward with baccalaureate while meeting CDC safety requirements.

7. New pew Bibles and hymnals – the team began discussion on these items.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

### PRAYER CHAIN



If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please contact Judy Kuehl, 752-7128, 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.

## Senior Recognition

May 16th we will be honoring our seniors during the worship service!

*Our seniors are:*

*Mason Irlbeck, Brandon Knutson,  
Damian Osland, Ethan Price,  
Dominick Smith, Griffin Willhite,  
& Ryon Zimmermann*

**Congratulations and best wishes  
in your future endeavors!  
God's blessings be with you!!**



## BUDGET RECAP as of 4/18/2021

### **Total Outstanding:**

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

### **Income:**

3/21/21— 4/18/21	\$18,350.97
In Checking Acct.	\$35,714.23
In Savings Acct.	\$29,287.23

**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.*

## *Our Savior's Women Meeting Minutes*

Our Savior's Women met April 13, 2021. The treasurer & secretary reports were given.

It was decided to send \$100 to the family of Pastor Stew, in his memory.

There was a request from the prom committee to borrow the white table clothes. It was agreed to allow this, but they must be returned laundered and ironed.

The Bible Study, on the works of the Holy Spirit, was led by Wendy M. After closing with prayer, Jeannine Holmberg served lunch.

Judie Harnack, Secretary

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



**10:00 A.M. May 2, 2021**  
**Confirmation Sunday**  
Braiden Davis & Teagen Werner  
**Video:** Trenton Blomgren

**May 9, 2021**  
Shadae Knutson & Holden Mariner  
**Video:** Austin Imker

**May 16, 2021**  
**Video:** Ethan Willhite

**May 23, 2021**  
Teagen Werner  
**Video:** Trenton Blomgren



**May 30, 2021**  
Shadae Knutson  
**Video:** Jake Erickson

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



**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**First Communion**

Join us in celebrating these young people as they receive their First Communion during our May 9 service!

*Max Erickson, Colton Jeckell,  
Dawson Mariner, Aron Van Meveren,  
& Austin Werner*

**HELP WANTED!**

We are looking for teachers, group leaders, window painters, craft, games, skit, and media leaders for Vacation Bible School. Please consider helping us with this fun and important week! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers for preparing and teaching each week and to the parents for sharing their kids with us! We had a great year and have never been so excited to have class each week. Due to Confirmation, no class on May 2. May 9 will be our last Sunday School time. We have something fun planned, so be sure to join us!

**Memory Work**

All Nursery - 6th graders who completed their memory work will be honored during the Sunday, May 9 church service with a certificate. So proud of these youth for making time to learn more about God's message to us. If you child has completed their memory work do let their teacher know.

**New Summer Camp in Wabasso, MN**

Redemption Ranch will hold a Spark of Faith Day Camp this summer! Check out more details on their website [www.Redemptionranchmn.org](http://www.Redemptionranchmn.org) or Facebook *Redemption Ranch MN* or contact Nancy Zollner-Director 605-695-7366 with

**Vacation Bible School is ON with the Go Fish Guys!**



This year we will raise our voices and action in Praise of God. **All students entering Kindergarten this fall through those just finishing 6th graders** are invited to join in the fun Sunday, June 6 - Thursday, June 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We know schedules may be busy, so while we would love for you to join us all five nights, please come as many as work. If you have a friend who isn't a member at Our Saviors and would like to join us, let Nicole at the church office know name and grade.

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

**Confirmation Sunday**

You are invited to attend and be part of the Confirmation service on Sunday, May 2, 2021! The worship service time is changed to **10:00 A.M.** that morning. There will NOT be Sunday School that day.

*Blessings to:*

*Corey Arkell, Courtney Bedner,  
Carter Beranek, Ella Erickson,  
Addison Irlbeck, Blake Paplow,  
& Eva Redman as they  
confirm their faith in the Lord!*



MAY Birthdays

- 1st - Sandy Polkow, Daniel Kronbach
- 2nd - JoAnn Jaeger, Kierra Petersen, Guy Dammann, Emily Senst
- 4th - Denise Mattison
- 8th - Sam Furth
- 12th - Chet Churchill, Sally Erickson, Leah Teveldal
- 13th - Sharon Coulter, Marissa Koppen, Kegan Zimmermann, Heather Hacker
- 14th - David Thillen
- 15th - Brenna Pfarr, Eleanor Benedict
- 16th - Brynlee Halter
- 18th - Dawson Mariner
- 22nd - Myron Bedner, Jeff Frank, Mary Neperman, Megan Watercott, Kari Redman, Jace Engen, Jade Engen
- 24th - Katie Furth, Austin Krueger, Jeff Kuehl, Marshal Petersen, Braiden Davis
- 25th - Alex Kircher
- 26th - Tom Halter, Susan Knutson
- 27th - Amber Bergemann
- 28th - Tyler Beerman, Alexandra Eidem, Wendy Mattison
- 29th - Steve Vollmer
- 30th - Judy Dagner



May



- 8th - Pete & Kellie Valentin
- 12th - Tim & Stacy Osland, Steve & Alice Schwering
- 14th - Larry & Lee Ann Kronback
- 16th - Jon & Amber Bergemann
- 19th - Dean & Deb Lingle
- 21st - Lynn & Pat Story
- 26th - Roger & Roxie Pfarr
- 27th - Todd & Wendy Mattison
- 29th - Chris & Susan Jeckell
- 31st - Vernon & Jo Ann Jaeger



**LUTHER LEAGUE**  
April 2021 Meeting

There were 8 students and 4 adults present. We started with the table prayer, ate a delicious meal and talked about how life is going. Cheryl read devotions and we all listened to the song Known by Tauren Wells, and followed with discussion about how we are all loved and known. We received thank you's from the Easter basket deliveries and there were 4 brave kids who read them for us (reading cursive isn't the easiest for teens these days) they did really good. We talked about upcoming events that we are hoping we can do this summer and had some good laughs! Our next meeting, which is the last one this year, is May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.



### 2021 Usher Schedule

Below is the New! Usher schedule for 2021. If you are unable to do the month assigned, you must call Steve Halter or Bob Halter. Numbers are listed below.

2021 Usher List

	January		February		March		April
Usher 1	Mike Redman	Usher 1	Ralph Price	Usher 1	Brian Werner	Usher 1	Deb Furth
Usher 2	Nathan Erickson	Usher 2	Mark Coulter	Usher 2	Gary Polkow	Usher 2	Brian Kletcher
Usher 3	Griffin Willhite	Usher 3	Steve Vollmer	Usher 3	Mike Vollmer	Usher 3	Charlie Dammann
Usher 4	Kurt Willhite	Usher 4	Lefty Coulter	Usher 4	Chad Coulter	Usher 4	Dale Gustad
Sub 1	Steve Halter	Sub 1	Tom Nepperman	Sub 1	Zach Zimmermann	Sub 1	Steve Halter
	May		June		July		August
Usher 1	Sam Furth	Usher 1	Ryan Zimmermann	Usher 1	John Luttmann	Usher 1	Tim Osland
Usher 2	Greg Benedict	Usher 2	Roger Zimmermann	Usher 2	Travis Vollmer	Usher 2	Damian Osland
Usher 3	John Mariner	Usher 3	Rich Arkell	Usher 3	Darrel Knutson	Usher 3	Tom Halter
Usher 4	Cory Blomgren	Usher 4	Dave Vollmer	Usher 4	Isaac Anderson	Usher 4	Todd Mattison
Sub 1	Bob Halter	Sub 1	Tim Osland	Sub 1	Jeff Coulter	Sub 1	Darren Rue
	September		October		November		December
Usher 1	John Smith <i>Bob H</i>	Usher 1	Alan Werner	Usher 1	Chad Beranek	Usher 1	John Smith
Usher 2	Sam Halter	Usher 2	Tucker Juhnke	Usher 2	Ethan Price	Usher 2	Ryan Wondercheck
Usher 3	Pete Valentin	Usher 3	Lucas Erickson	Usher 3	Jason Willhite	Usher 3	Kevin Juhnke
Usher 4	Daniel Kronbach	Usher 4	Brandon Knutson	Usher 4	Roger Polkow	Usher 4	Dave (Jill) Irlbeck
Sub 1	Bob Halter	Sub 1	Steve Halter	Sub 1	Steve Halter	Sub 1	Justin Thram

Steve Halter 507-276-0007  
 Bob Halter 507-626-0846

As of 3-29-21

**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.

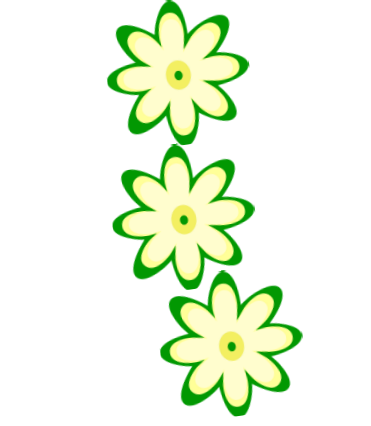


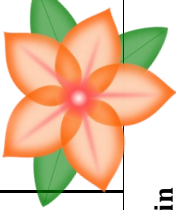



**~ Hospitalized ~**

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.







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>All events are contingent upon public health guidelines regarding COVID-19. Please refer to the church online calendar, it is updated as decisions are made.</i></p>						
2 <b>10:00 Confirmation Service (C)</b> <i>*No Sunday School Classes</i>	3 <b>Offices Closed</b> 9:30 VVM Services	4 10:00 Staff Meeting	5 6:00 Luther League 7:00 Church Council	6 	7 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	8 
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 Worship/Communion <b>*Fifth Grader's First Communion!</b> 10:00 Sunday School <i>*Last Day of SS Classes*</i>	10 <b>Offices Closed</b>	11 10:00 Staff Meeting 2:00 OSW Meeting	12 	13 	14 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	15 
16 9:00 Contemporary Worship <i>*Senior Recognition during service!</i>	17 <b>Offices Closed</b>	18 10:00 Staff Meeting	19 	20 	21 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	22 
23 9:00 Worship <i>w/Baptism of Carter Churchill</i> 7:00 P.M. Baccalaureate	24 <b>Offices Closed</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Articles Duell!</b>	25 10:00 Staff Meeting	26 	27 	28 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study 7:00 P.M. RRC Graduation	29 
30 9:00 Worship	31 <b>Offices Closed</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>				<b>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!</b>	

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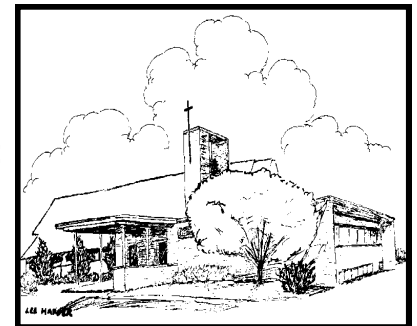
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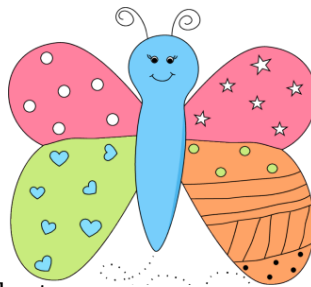
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**The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is to demonstrate Christ's Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of this church and the community.**

**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 a designated on the monthly calendar.**

### **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.