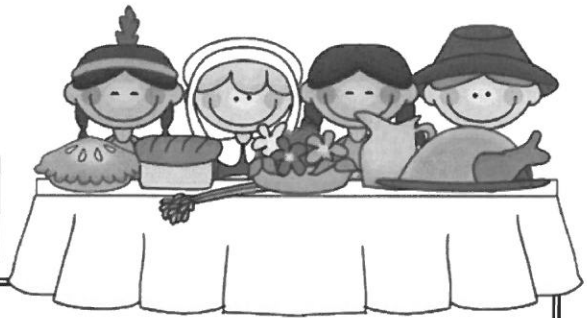




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Dear Friend,

Fall is a most wonderful time of year! The harvest is gathered. The earth turns many shades of dazzling colors. School is (supposed to be) back in full swing.

The holidays are before us. Yet, as this year has presented unanticipated and unprecedented challenges, some find themselves more than anxious about the present, let alone the future. Because of the economic impact of COVID-19, many are hard-pressed by loss of work and income, unemployment, and housing insecurity. Students and teachers alike struggle with distance learning. We all may be experiencing what some experts call "Pandemic Fatigue", meaning that we are tired of the restrictions on our lives imposed by the reality of COVID-19. And then there are families whose lives have been decimated by the tragic loss of loved ones to COVID, let alone the myriad other causes of disease and death present year-after-year.

As Christians, what might the Bible have to say to us in these strange days? I am led to what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in the city of Philippi, as they were being persecuted and faced daunting threats: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"* (Philippians 4:6). Pray. That is a powerful resource that is *always* available to you! But if you are like me, we often worry without praying, which leaves us anxious rather than at peace even in the midst of trouble.

I am struck in particular by two words in this verse, and this is apropos given this time of year: "with thanksgiving". Pray, yes, about everything, but do so "with thanksgiving." Do these words mark your prayer life? How is the state of your prayer life? Does it even exist, beyond quick requests of "Lord, help me!" I am not saying to "be thankful" for everything that happens to you; there is much that happens that is troubling and terrible. But, God invites you to pray about "everything," and to do so marked by a heart full of thanks, not necessarily for what occurs, but with a heart full of thanks to God, Who has promised His presence and peace, even in the valley of the shadow of death.

And what is the result of such prayers? The Scripture continues in verse 7: *"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Now, I think we all could benefit from God guarding our hearts and minds by surrounding us with His peace. Isn't that what you desire? I do. So, join with me in saturating our prayers with expressions of thanks to God, and then look for His peace to be yours, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.



The Lord be with you,

Pastor Todd

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 7, 2020**

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on October 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, abiding by the social distancing guidelines. Members present were: Todd Horning, Cory Blomgren, Sharon Vollmer, Chantel Neperman, Jocelyn Geske, and Pastor Todd. Absent were Brian Kletscher, Brian Werner, Kris Vollmer and Char Graff.

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

Secretary's report – emailed to council. On a motion by Cory, second by Chantel, the regular monthly minutes for September 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Checking Balance \$5,480.31. Savings Balance of \$24,279.10. The parking lot funds remaining from the Trust loan is \$14,504.84. The project needed \$140,000 to complete. Funds donated were \$80,000 and we secured a loan from the Trust account of \$20,000; funds still needed to complete the parking lot is \$40,000. Chantel reported the PPP Forgiveness Program is still in process; the Cares Act county program awarded OSLC \$10,000 to be used for projects. Bills need to be paid by the church first then reimbursed. These funds are available to us until November 16. On a motion by Sharon, second by Jocelyn, the report was approved.

Education: No meeting. Jocelyn reported Sunday School is going well.

Worship & Music: No meeting.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: No report.

Property: The monitors in the sanctuary are tripping the breakers. This issue will be looked into.

Old Business: The Child Protection Policy was approved by the council on a motion by Chantel; second by Cory. Red Rock Central had approached the council asking to use the parking lot for Phy Ed, etc if needed. The insurance company approves this request. SMSU has posted our Organist position for 3 Sundays per month. We will also place a local ad. The new video system should be ready for use November 1<sup>st</sup>. The council reviewed the motion and second regarding the Luther League Turkey Supper and was approved as presented.

New Business: The 2021 budget is in progress.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Todd presented a written report of his monthly activities. He made numerous visits and phone calls to members and the community. He was in attendance at Confirmation Classes, Board of Ed, Sunday School teacher training, Church Council and was on vacation September 24-29. Pastor then reported that our IT company stated we will need to purchase Vimeo Premium to host our live streams on the new system at a cost of \$900/year. This request was approved on a motion by Sharon; second by Cory.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chantel, second by Jocelyn.

The next Council Meeting will be held on November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Vollmer  
Council Secretary



**BUDGET RECAP**  
as of 10/18/2020

**Total Outstanding:**

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

**Income:**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 9/20/20— 10/18/20 | \$5,424.89  |
| In Checking Acct. | \$2,374.92  |
| In Savings Acct.  | \$24,282.15 |

**Needed weekly to**

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Meet budget</b> | \$2,824.62 |
|--------------------|------------|

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Parking Lot Fund          | \$79,810.64 |
| Trust Loan                | \$20,000    |
| Funds Used                | \$85,295.16 |
| Remaining PL Funds Needed | \$35,000    |

**NOVEMBER  
MISSION  
EMPHASIS**

*Share the Spirit!*

Share the Spirit is an opportunity to help families in need to ensure they can celebrate the Christmas holiday. This is not a program just for low-income families. It may be a family who is struggling financially, but it also may be a family that is dealing with some other issue, such as the loss of a loved one, loss of a job, illness or some other life disruption, that could mean a family may miss the holiday.

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!!



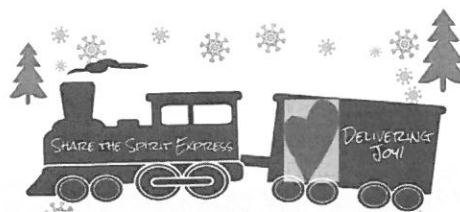
Please note our list of people needing our prayers regularly. This list is much more complete since it addresses ongoing issues while the Sunday bulletin list is aimed at more immediate concerns. We ask that you would keep all these people in your prayers each day.

- 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*
- Arlene Theis (surgery recovery)
- Dorothy Dietl (hospice)
- Ray Gorder (hospice)
- JoAnn Jaeger (macular degeneration -both eyes)
- Mark Coulter (health concerns)
- Jody (Iverson) Hintze (health concerns)
- Dave Rue (health issues)
- Nancy Rue (health issues)

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



SHARE THE SPIRIT



**Food Shelf  
Donation**



We will not have an Ecumenical  
Thanksgiving Eve service this year.

Instead will take a  
monetary collection  
for the food shelf

**On Sunday,  
November 15, 2020.**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Sunday School Teachers Needed

With about 70 students in grades preK-9th grade getting to grow closer in their faith, our team of 11 fantastic volunteer teachers is not quite enough.

Open teaching spots include:

Grade 2 or 3 - We have a pair of teachers that will take one of these grades, so the new teacher(s) can choose. 2nd graders are learning Bible stories through sharing of stories (all from the teachers workbook). 3rd graders just received their new Children's bibles, so they dig into those each week to learn more about the characters in the Bible.  
6 or 7 students

6th grade - This is a part-time position. These 8 students are learning about Bible stories from the New and Old Testament.

Substitutes -This is a great way to learn more about our students, work with a variety of ages, and learn a Bible story with them!

Each grade has a set of curriculum designed just for that age group and a teachers guidebook designed for volunteers (not professional teachers!). The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church office or let the church office know if this is a role you can fill in our church. If you have any questions, ask any Board of Ed member: Karen Beranek, Bridget Arkell, Jocelyn Geske, Misty Willhite, or Wendy Wondercheck

### NEW Board of Ed members:

Our team gets to focus all about sharing God's Word with our young people! Some things we lead include: Sunday School, Prayer Partners, Christmas program, Vacation Bible School, First Communion, Confirmation. This doesn't mean we do all the work - we get to work with other amazing adult and youth volunteers. We meet most months of the year to touch base on what's coming up and how we can make our youth's church experience the foundation for their life as a Christian.

Ideal member size for this team is about 8 and we are the smallest we have been in years with 5. Each member leads different parts so as a member you can choose a role that best fits you. Please talk to Karen, Bridget, Jocelyn, Misty or Wendy if you are curious to learn more.

## SS Announcements continued

### Confirmation parents!

Each week Our Saviors needs a 2nd adult present for our Youth Protection policy requirements. If every family takes 5 hours throughout the whole year, we are than covered. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church offices for open shifts. THANK YOU to the parents who have already served and continue to sign up. NO teaching involved, just being present. Bring something to read or work on.

### First Communion

November 1, 2020

Join us in celebrating the first communion of our sixth grade youth!

Braylon Bedner  
Jadyn Beranek  
Treyton Knutson  
Sophie Paplow  
Dominic Senst  
Kysha Wani  
Marshal Willhite  
Paige Wondercheck



## LUTHER LEAGUE NEWS

There was no October meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 11th at 6:05pm.

Wreath delivery will be the week of Thanksgiving.



Happy Thanksgiving  
Everyone!!



**NOVEMBER ACOLYTE  
& VIDEO SCHEDULE**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Worship Service**



**November 1, 2020**

Blake Paplow & Austin Imker

**Video:** Bowen Hesse

**November 8, 2020**

Carter Beranek & Holden Mariner

**Video:** Corey Arkell



**November 15, 2020**

**Video:** Teagen Werner

**November 29, 2020**

Addison Irlbeck & Ethan Willhite

**Video:** Eva Redman

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

**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.



**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.



**~ 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.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

**Ray Gorder**

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



Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

**Darlo Harnack**

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

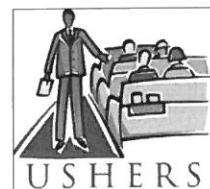




### NOVEMBER USHER SCHEDULE

Chad Beranek  
Ethan Price  
Mike Johnson  
Roger Polkow

Steve Halter—Sub



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

### 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.



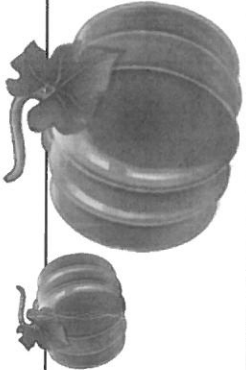
### NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD



Deb Furth  
Nancy Kissner

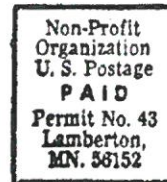


# November 2020

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat       |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|-----------|
| <b>1 All Saint's Sunday</b><br>9:00 Worship/Communion<br>10:00 Sunday School<br><i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i><br> | <b>2</b><br>Offices Closed, Working from Home<br><i>Email the church office or contact Pastor Todd on his cell phone as needed!</i> | <b>3</b><br>10:00 Staff Meeting   | <b>4</b><br>3:15 7th Grade Confirmation<br>4:15 8th Grade Confirmation<br>5:15 9th Grade Confirmation<br>7:00 Church Council | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>9:00 Worship/Communion<br>10:00 Sunday School   | <b>9</b><br>Offices Closed, Working from Home   | <b>10</b><br>10am Staff Meeting<br>1:30 OSW Exec. Bd<br>2:00 OSW Meeting                              | <b>11</b><br>3:15 7th Grade Confirmation<br>4:15 8th Grade Confirmation<br>5:15 9th Grade Confirmation<br>6:05 Luther League | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>                                    | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>9:00 Contemporary Worship<br><i>Food Shelf Monetary Collection</i><br>10:00 Sunday School  | <b>16</b><br>Offices Closed, Working from Home<br><b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!!!</b>   | <b>17</b><br>10:00 Staff Meeting  | <b>18</b><br>3:15 7th Grade Confirmation<br>4:15 8th Grade Confirmation<br>5:15 9th Grade Confirmation<br>6:00 BOE Meeting   | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b><br>9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School  | <b>23</b><br>Offices Closed, Working from Home  | <b>24</b><br>10:00 Staff Meeting  | <b>25</b>  | <b>26 OFFICES CLOSED</b><br><br><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>                        | <b>27</b>                                    | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School  | <b>30</b><br>Offices Closed, Working from Home  | <b>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!</b> |    | <b>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.</b> |  |           |



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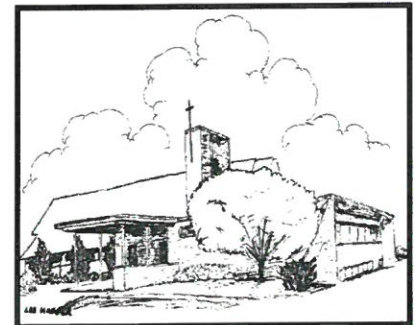


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### **Worship Services:**

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.

**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.