



PARTNERS



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"He did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus." Romans 3:26

In my experience, people either like history and the study of it or they do not. So, by that logic, most people either like the history of Lutheranism, or it bores them to tears. Where would you be on this continuum?

One of my goals as your pastor is to cultivate a genuine appreciation for one of the contributions of Martin Luther. He had the courage to stand up against the entire religious establishment of his day when he nailed what we would call the 95 theses on the Wittenberg Church door. On October 31, he did this act with the working assumption that it may cost him his own life. But, he did it because he so deeply believed in, and was committed to, a proper understanding of the Bible.

Luther's study of the Bible led itself to an understanding that God was much more caring than he had been taught, more gracious than the church understood, and far more benevolent than we can ever imagine. For Luther, his life would've been a small price to pay for theological accuracy. It would be noteworthy to point out that the first of the 95 theses in part, read, "The entirety of the Christian life should be about repentance."

I invite you to allow this to guide your thoughts during this season as we contemplate and celebrate the reformation. This will allow us to continue to live in the repentance and faith that is most pleasing to God. We can once again stand in deep appreciation for the legacy and ministry of Martin Luther. His attempts to simply reform the church as he knew it, have prompted invaluable benefits for the church as we know it today. Thanks be to God for how he uses so many people in so many unique ways, including Luther.

For Him,
Pastor Steve

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES September 6, 2023

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on September 6, 2023 in fellowship hall. Members present were Kevin Graff, Deb Furth, John Smith, Janice Werner, Steve Halter, Courtney Thram, Kurt Willhite, Brian Benedict, and Pastor Steve Walswick. Absent: Kari Halter.

President Graff called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and Pastor Steve led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: August council minutes were read by Deb. John moved and Courtney seconded to approve the minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin reported, in the absence of Kari, the August checking balance of \$46,111.65 and savings balance of \$45,980.85. On a motion by John and seconded by Brian, the treasurer's report was approved. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

We are so happy Pastor Steve has arrived to be with us at OSLC. He will contact the wedding couple for next summer and Valley View Manor for what has to be done with those events. Steve volunteered to go with Pastor Steve to introduce and meet parishioners for visits from the pastor.

Committee Reports

Education: Courtney reported that the early dismissal times at the school this year have put a bit of a wrench in confirmation scheduling. They have combined the 7th and 8th grades for confirmation as there are only 9 students in those classes. Schedule for confirmation this year will be 9th grade from 3:20-4:20 PM and 7th & 8th grade from 4:25-5:25 PM on regular school dismissal on Wednesdays. On early dismissal days, 9th grade will meet from 1:35-2:20 PM and 7th and 8th grade from 2:25-3:10 PM. Adjustments will be made if necessary. Storden/Jeffers said thank you for the offer to have their confirmation students join us, but at this time they are handling their own.

Education report continued:

Karen Beranek will be done on the Education committee at the end of December, so they are looking for someone to replace her. Beginning May, 2024, and each year after, 6th grade students will be trained to begin to acolyte during the summer. Sunday School will start this Sunday, Sep.10, at 9 AM and 10 AM on Sundays following. The plan is to try to get to VVM more often to sing during the year. Several classes are being combined in order to have enough teachers.

Worship and Music: Janice reported no meeting. Council thanked Janice for doing a thorough cleaning at the church parsonage.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kurt reported they met Monday, August 21, 2023. Pastor Carl and Pastor Steve will be in contact with each other as to what has been done with the Caring Callers team and how Pastor Steve wants to proceed with that. Welcome packets are available at the usher table and will also be available at the city library/community center soon. Sound bites are in the monthly newsletters. \$700 was paid to the city of Lamberton for swimming lessons and \$210 was taken in for school supplies to be purchased and taken to RRC. For mission endowment, the committee voted to donate \$5000 to the Table Ministry in Sioux Falls. Council will discuss in new business. The ice cream social had a profit of \$467.64, with \$90 still needing to be subtracted for advertising. Rally Sunday will be held Sept. 10th with burgers and hotdogs being served after church with other dishes being donated from church members. Sign-up sheet for coffee after church services is posted on the bulletin board by the church offices. Thrivent doesn't donate matching funds any more. Instead, members may request a debit card, which can then be used for the needed activity.

Property: Brian reported they caulked the parsonage shower in the basement to prevent leaking as a quick fix. May need to look into this further in the future. We need to replace vanity light fixture in the upstairs bathroom and a new chandelier for the kitchen. Will ask Barb, Pastor Steve's wife, what they would like.

Old Business

Parsonage needs: Will need to upgrade bathrooms in the near future.

Office chairs: Pastor Steve should pick out a new office chair from Lambertson News Office. Nicole's chair is in need of repair or replacement, as well.

Office help Sept. 8 – 22: Misty Willhite will be in the church office during Nicole's vacation.

Pew Bibles: John informed us that we have collected money for Bibles in the pews and are waiting to decide what version to get. We asked Pastor Steve to think about this and let us know his recommendation.

BBB report: A report was read about Bibles, Burgers and Brew, our summer mid-week church service. Report will be in the newsletter.

New Business

Donations to table ministry: In a conversation with Rich Arkell, we were informed that we have Thrivent interest dollars we could use for the recommended donation from the LGS committee for the Table Ministry. Kurt moved to withdraw \$5000 from mission endowment to give the Table Ministry out of Sioux Falls. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Steve Walswick contract: Pastor Steve was given a contract for his position based on what Pastor Todd had when he left. Deb moved to approve the contract as presented and John seconded. Motion passed.

RRC Back Pack Food Program: Kevin, Jason Willhite and Deb picked up food from Wabasso Food Shelf for this program on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023 and delivered to RRC. See article in newsletter about that program.

Communion Assistants

Sept. 10 – Courtney and Deb

October 1 – John and Steve

Next council meeting: Wednesday, October, 4, 2023

Adjournment: With no further business to conduct, Brian moved to adjourn and Kurt seconded. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary

RRC Back Pack Program

In February, 2023, OSLC and other area churches were contacted by Rachel Karnitz, counselor at RRC, for possible help with storage and picking up food for a Back Pack Program for Red Rock Central School. At that time, the OSLC council decided we would be interested in assisting with that program, if possible. Since that time, the school has found room for storage, but a few OSLC members have assisted twice in picking up food from the Wabasso food shelf facility and delivering to RRC. In the future, assistance might be needed for this. Food is delivered the 1st Tuesday of each month to the food shelf facility and needs to be brought back to RRC. Rachel Karnitz will assist with this to let us know. We may need volunteers from our church with some transportation.

So what is the Back Pack Food Program? Backpack food programs offer families free groceries for weekends and school breaks. Food backpacks include healthy, easy-to-prepare food for kid-friendly meals. Food banks partner with schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, and community centers to distribute backpacks to kids. The Feeding America network hosts over 10,000 Backpack Programs across the United States. Every Backpack Program is unique. Most backpacks include enough food to make a few healthy meals. That way, kids return to school on Monday, ready to learn. Backpacks may include:

- Breakfast items like cereal, oatmeal, or granola bars
- Easy to prepare meals like mac and cheese, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, or canned soup
- Bread
- Milk or juice
- Fresh or canned fruit
- Fresh or canned vegetables
- Snacks

Our local food program is sponsored by WAFER and food is ordered through 2nd Harvest Heartland Food Bank at a lower cost.



BUDGET RECAP
as of 9/24/2023

Total Outstanding:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts Payable | \$0 |
| Estimated Payroll | \$4,000.00 |
| Income: | |
| 8/13/23— 9/24/23 | \$10,063.89 |
| In Checking Acct. | \$46,069.73 |
| In Savings Acct. | \$45,980.35 |
| Needed weekly to Meet budget | \$2,824.62 |

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://osslclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may still mail checks to the church office.
*Address found on last page of newsletter.

Media System Operator Schedule

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| October 1, 2023 | Char Graff (507-829-0105) |
| October 8, 2023 | Char Graff (507-829-0105) |
| October 15, 2023 | Char Graff (507-829-0105) |
| October 22, 2023 | Char Graff (507-829-0105) |
| October 29, 2023 | Char Graff (507-829-0105) |

OCTOBER USHERSCHEDULE

Allan Werner
Lucas Erickson
Braiden Davis
Tony Sauer

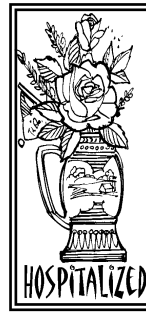


Bob Halter—Sub



TAXI

Please call an Usher by Fridays for a ride!



~ 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.

HOLY BAPTISM

“Through Baptism make this child to be your faithful follower and witness to your Gospel.”



BAPTISM

Lydia Grace Benedict

Infant daughter of Brian & Alexis Benedict

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.



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“Through Baptism make this child to be your faithful follower and witness to your Gospel.”



BAPTISM

Traycten Curtis Pistulka

Infant son of John & Abby Pistulka

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

PRAYER PARTNERS

It is not too late to sign up yet to connect with one of our youth. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the offices. Please consider signing up and enjoy getting to know the youth of our congregation! Prayer Partners meet 4 times during the Sunday School year right after church. There is a time for visiting along with a snack. We supply an activity or coloring sheet to do while you visit and get to know your partner. This year's dates are Oct. 15th, Nov. 12th, Feb. 4th, and March 24th. Our Sunday School children really enjoy this time and look forward to this. Please sign up!

**Christmas Program
Save the Date:
December 17**



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



October 1, 2023

Braylon Bedner & Lincoln Hesse

Video: Max Erickson

October 8, 2023

Jadyn Beranek & Zoey Keck

Video: Colton Jeckell

October 15, 2023

Braedon Mariner

Video: Dawson Mariner

October 22, 2023

Quintin Willhite

Video: Marshal Willhite



October 29, 2023

Sophie Paplow

Video: Lincoln Hesse

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

YOUTH WAFER

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

6:00 P.M. @ Our Savior's

OSLC Luther League Hosts this year but we have no one to lead! If you could help head the WAFER event, please contact Kari Redman or the church office. We will need to provide the meal for the kids and the transportation with two hay racks for the kids to ride around town picking up food shelf items.

Please watch the bulletin and our Facebook page for updates!

Our Savior's Women Group Minutes

Our Savior's Women met September 12, 2023. We watched a video that went with our Bible study.

Every one accepted her positions for the coming year.

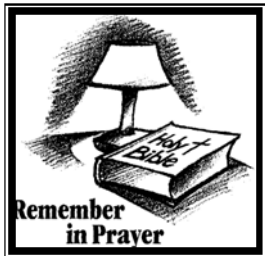
We will be sending letters for Thankoffering.

Some discussion on a new Bible study as the present one will be ending soon.

Closed with offering and meditation.

Lunch was served by Love circle.

Secretary, Judie Harnack



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.

- Kim Churchill Oelfke (stroke & cancer)
- Vicki Churchill Schenk (cancer treatments)
- Maria Bedner (stage 4 ovarian cancer)
- Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)

Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



Bibles, Burgers & Brew 2023 Recap

Location: Lamberton Legion except for one week at the Lamberton Lanes. A burger bar was provided each week along with steak fries and salad. A pizza buffet was enjoyed the week at the Lanes.

BB&B was held for 11 weeks between June 8th and August 24th, one week was canceled as there wasn't a venue able to accommodate us.

The format was opening with prayer followed by a song, the message, a second song and a closing prayer.

Messages given

- Pastor Billings: 6
- Pastor Hoffbeck: 3
- Father Jeremy: 1
- Pastor Erica Varcoe (guest): 1

Pastor Erica of The Table Ministry in Sioux Falls was asked to fill in on a week when both Pastor Carl & Kathy were going to be unavailable. A pulpit supply fee and mileage was paid. Council approved this and the Methodist Church was going to ask the council to contribute. As of this time I am unaware if they have met.

Music was sometimes challenging as we struggled to get volunteers to play piano or other instruments. One week OSLC's former praise band provided music, a few weeks with piano players and the rest of the weeks you tube videos with lyrics were used.. The old blue OSLC song books were used some weeks which worked well.

Attendance ranged from 19 to 42 with the average being 27.

A news story was printed in the Lamberton News in May as well as information sent to each church in town prior to starting. Facebook was used weekly as a reminder and to give updates and changes. The Lamberton News was very helpful in printing changes as well.

Those who attended enjoyed the fellowship and feedback was positive to bring this back next summer. There was some feedback from members of the Catholic church that they weren't sure this was intended for them. They were reassured that this is a non denominational worship service including the church and unchurched.

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS ~Salvation Army~

Your gift today will meet the greatest need in your community - providing essential help where it's needed most. Join us in fighting to cure hunger, overcome poverty, provide housing, equip families, empower youth, partner with adults, combat addiction, fight for justice, and help disaster survivors. Your gift will be used locally, based on the ZIP code provided (Lamberton). Thank you for giving generously!

If you desire to support our mission, please use the blue envelopes provided in the pews and mark the envelopes, "Salvation Army". You can put them into the offering plate. 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!



Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

October Birthdays

- 1st - Kameron Iverson, Alan Werner
- 2nd - Rozzie Egenes, Dawson Rue
- 3rd - Evan Blomgren, Steven Jaeger, Rachel Holman,
- 4th - Sean Jaeger
- 6th - Erik Posz, Dennis Theis, Jadyne Beranek, Alex Thillen
- 7th - Chantel Neperman, Linda Brand
- 8th - Kelly Arndt, Justin Thram, Grayson Pfarr
- 9th - Ray Arkell, Bob Halter, Jeannine Holmberg, Alan Baumann, Zoey Keck
- 10th - Sandy Gustad, Nathan Mattison
- 11th - Barb Anderson, Beverly Pfarr
- 14th - Cody Bedner, David Irlbeck (Jill's)
- 15th - Dale Petersen, Anita Weber, Pete Valentin
- 17th - Kaytlin Bedner
- 18th - Wayne Rue, Roger Zimmermann
- 19th - Nancy Rue
- 20th - Chase Layman,
- 22nd - Kayla Casey
- 23rd - Mackenzie Irlbeck
- 24th - Sherry Field, Steve Halter, Coen Price
- 25th - Charles Nordby, Trudi Juhnke
- 26th - Corey Arkell, Meridith Flaig, Ben Matter, Chris Pfarr
- 27th - Kerri Zimmermann, Georgia Johnson
- 30th - Sawyer Jeckell
- 31st - Kynslee Neu



October



- 1st - Brad & Julie Kircher
- 4th - Greg & Meghan Benedict
- 6th - Clinton & Paige Lingle
- 8th - Terry & Mary Neperman
- 10th - Brian & Pam Vogel
- 15th - Bill & Charlene Bedner
- 16th - Bob & Kari Halter
- 17th - David & Gretchen Thillen
- 18th - Steve & Caroline Wegman
- 19th - Harlan & Yvonne Halter
- 20th - Charles & Arlene Nordby
- 21st - Jonathon & Susan Knutson

YOUTH WAFER

Our Savior's will be hosting the annual
'Trick or Treat' for WAFER food shelf
on
Wednesday October 25th

Youth from UMC, Church of Christ, St Joseph's will join the OSLC Luther League to pick up donated food for the Wabasso Area Food Emergency Relief.

Please leave your light on and your nonperishable food items outside of your residence by **6:00 on Wednesday October 25.**

You may also leave donations at OSLC before that evening as well. If you prefer you may also donate cash or checks (made out to WAFER).



OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Kristi Werner
Chantel Neperman

A Prizewinning Pumpkin

Find the prizewinning pumpkin!

Read the clues.

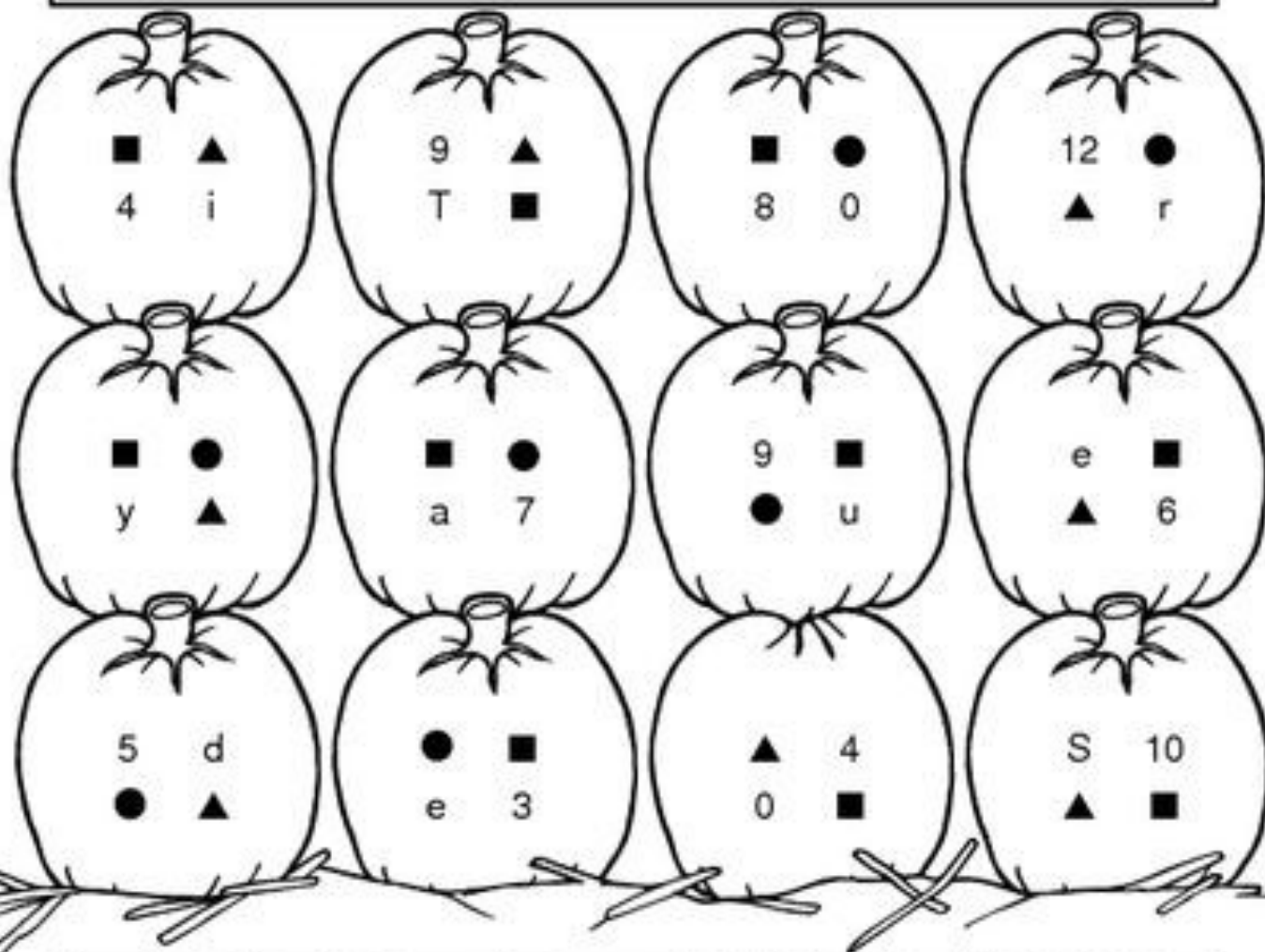
Color orange the pumpkins that did not win.

Draw a big blue ribbon on the prizewinning pumpkin; then color the pumpkin.



The prizewinning pumpkin...

- has a stem.
- has a \blacksquare .
- has a numeral.
- has a vowel letter.
- does not have a \blacktriangle .
- has a \bullet .
- has an odd numeral.
- has a numeral greater than 5.
- does not have a u.



Bonus Box: On the back of this paper, draw a large pumpkin. Inside the pumpkin write the first letter of your first name, your age, and the last letter of the month in which you were born. Color the pumpkin's stem your favorite color.





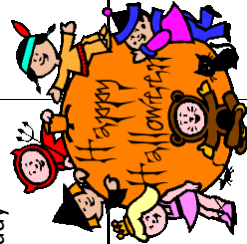
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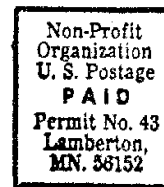
Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!



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| 1 | 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship | | | 4 | 1:35 9th Grade Confirmation 2:25 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Church Council | 5 | | 6 | Offices Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study | 7 | |
| 8 | 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship | 9 | Offices Closed | 10 | 1:30 OSW Exec. Bd 2:00 OSW Meeting | 11 | 3:20 9th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation | 12 | | 13 | Offices Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study |
| 15 | 9:00 Contemporary Worship SS Choir sings during worship! 10:00 Prayer Partners 10:30 SS Sings at Nursing Home | 16 | Offices Closed | 17 | | 18 | *** MEA*** NO Confirmation Class—MEA | 19 | | 20 | Offices Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study |
| 22 | 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship | 23 | Offices Closed  NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!!!! | 24 | | 25 | 3:20 9th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 WAFER Food Drive | 26 | | 27 | Offices Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study |
| 29 | Reformation Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship | 30 | Offices Closed | 31 |  | | | | | |  |

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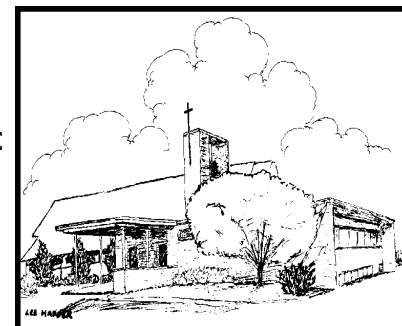


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Sundays: 10:45 A.M.
Sunday School: 9:45 A.M. (Sept.-May)

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Lamberton—WED: 4:00 P.M.
Springfield—WED: 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.