



PARTNERS



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Well, summer is nearly over, school is about to start, and harvest is upon us. What a great time of the year! Yet, I know that we're all still tiptoeing around the Covid-19 pandemic, wondering especially how this will affect school and family. Here is one thing that you can do this month that will be important: pray for our leaders!

The Apostle Paul instructs his young mentee and pastor Timothy this way:

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Our leaders—local and national; in government, education and health—will need wisdom in guiding us in these days ahead. Locally, pray especially for our School Board and our Health professionals, who will be making decisions throughout this entire school year regarding the health and safety of our children and faculty and staff at our schools.

As a congregation, we are looking to our local school to guide our own gatherings. Here's what I mean. Regarding Sunday School: If there is no on-site school on Friday (due to Covid-19), there will be no Sunday School here. If there is no on-site school on Wednesday, Confirmation will be online that week. We will continue holding on-site worship services on Sundays, but will continue to live stream our services and broadcast them on FM radio for those who would rather not come into the church building. And, sadly, church potlucks will not happen in the near term.

I want to thank you all, the congregation of Our Savior's, for the way in which you are serving one another with your willingness to wear face masks inside the church building and to follow social distancing guidelines. Yes, the "look and feel" of worship gatherings and Christian education is different and, frankly, less than what we want, but your desire to be with one another is possible because of your attitude and actions. Thank you!

This is where the next two verses in 1 Timothy 2 are apropos:

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to be lifted up among and through us in these strange days.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,



Pastor Todd

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OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES August 5, 2020

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on August 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, abiding by the social distancing guidelines. Members present were: Todd Horning, Cory Blomgren, Brian Kletscher, Sharon Vollmer, Chantel Neperman, Molly Werner, Jocelyn Geske, Brian Werner and Pastor Todd. Absent was Kris Vollmer.

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 Brian K, second by Chantel, the regular monthly minutes for July 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Checking Balance \$23,711.11. Savings Balance of \$24,279.10. The parking lot fund has a balance of \$44,493.15 at the present time. On a motion by Brian K, second by Cory, the report was approved.

Education: The team met on July 7th. VBS will not be held this year. A decision about Sunday School is yet to be made as we will take guidance from Red Rock Central. Confirmation classes will be held either in-person or via online meeting. There are 9 students who have met all the requirements for Confirmation and were presented to the Council. They are: Charles Dammann, Madelyn Geske, Rachel Holman, Josie Horning, Reilly Hubin, Morgan Huffman, Tucker Juhnke, Delaney Willhite and Lindsey Willhite. On a motion by Molly, second by Chantel to approve these young people for Confirmation to be held on August 30, 2020. Motion carried.

Worship & Music: Molly reported that attendance in-house for worship has been ok. Everyone is abiding by the mask and social distancing guidelines. The online presence has been very good.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: No meeting.

Property: The Bat company is coming back as they are still an issue. Brian has secured a garbage container for the parsonage. He will also be erecting Big Truck signs for the parking lot. Shingling of the parsonage and garage will be done yet this summer/fall. Volunteers are welcome.

Old Business: The council discussed the new parking lot next. Brian reported there were 27 volunteers that worked over 485 hours to get this project completed! The Council wants to thank all of you for your hard work! It was also noted that Carrol Distributing has donated the use of the Power Skreeter.

The Board of Ed is working on the Child Protection Policy that will be adopted prior to the start of Sunday School in September.

The re-opening of church was discussed briefly. We will continue handling things as is.

New Business: There needs to be a change of Authorized signers on the Luther League checking account at First Security Bank. On a motion by Sharon, second by Molly we approved Jeannie Horning as new signer, replacing Julie Senst, who will be removed from the account. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Todd presented a written report of his monthly activities. He presided over one Baptism in July. Meetings and special events during the month of July were: Church Council; Board of Ed; LCMC Augustana District Ambassador Zoom meeting; Ordination Credentials Zoom Meeting; Contemporary Service rehearsal; Grad party and numerous visits, emails and phone calls with congregants.

Pastor reported the streaming and projection hardware has been ordered and will be installed ASAP. The internet connection at the church needed to be upgraded to handle the new equipment.

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

The next Council Meeting will be held on September 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm. *NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Vollmer
Council Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK THIS FALL!

RALLY SUNDAY is September 13th!!

Sunday School will meet following the worship service. Confirmation students and parents will meet at this time as well.

Church will be at 9:00am and will include the Installation of Teachers.

Due to covid regulations, we will not have a potluck meal this year.

Congratulations

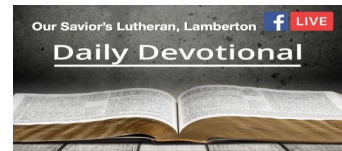
to the following 3rd graders who will be receiving Bibles from the board of education on Sunday, September 20th:

- ◆ Braylen Braulick
- ◆ Levi Jeckell
- ◆ Halle Paplow
- ◆ Dawson Rue
- ◆ Samuel Thillen
- ◆ Abby Thram
- ◆ Isaac Wondercheck



If you cannot be in church that day, please contact Karen Beranek @ 605-421-9879 or the church office.

The Daily Devotional



Weekday devotions with Pastor Todd, hosted on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/lamberton.oslc/>

First Communion

Each spring our 5th grade students receive instruction and get to partake in Communion for the very first time. These now 6th graders will have this experience this fall.

Classroom instruction with Pastor Todd - Tuesday, October 20th 3:15 - 4:15 at church

First Communion - Sunday, November 1st at 9 am service

Church-Wide Bible Reading Plan

Get into God's Word daily! Join with others from across the congregation in a daily Bible reading plan called "The Moravian Texts." The Moravians were early to the Reformation, and theirs is the longest ongoing Protestant Bible Reading Plan, available in print, delivered to your email inbox (free – www.moravian.org), or on the app called "Daily Moravian Texts" Scripture comes daily in two forms: 1) a two-verse combo from the OT & NT (anyone can do this!), and 2) longer passages from the OT and NT that will have you read through your Bible over 2-years. Let God's Word get into you!



Lector Readers needed! Email the church office if you can help!

OSW MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

Our women's group will not meet in September. They will begin the monthly meetings on **Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 2pm.**
The officers meet at 1:30pm.

Bible Study will also resume then.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Teachers Needed!

Due to class sizes grades 4-5 and 8-9 are together. All other grades Nursery - 7th grade are one grade. PreK and K will need an assistant each week. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office or email osclamberton@centurytel.net with the grade level you prefer and if you'd like to teach every week or share with another teacher.



Sunday School - Week One

Our first week with the youth is on Rally Sunday which is **September 13 at 10 am**. Meet in the sanctuary following the 9 church service. Nursery - 6 grade will meet their teacher, check out their new room and play BIBLE BINGO



Confirmation students (grades 7-9) and their parents will learn more about what the confirmation year will look like. Please make every effort to attend this meeting (students and parents). We will meet in the sanctuary.

Confirmation classes will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 16th.**

Note Schedule Change

7th @ 3:15pm * 8th @ 4:15pm * 9th @ 5:15pm

Prayer Partners

Prayer Partner Sundays allow our youth and adults to join together in such a unique way, where our fellowship hall is just buzzing with great chats, laughter and a few cookie crumbs. Due to safety precautions in response to COVID-19, Prayer Partners is on pause at this time. I know - we are super bummed too. Please continue to keep your partners from previous years in your prayers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS continued:

Keep our youth healthy

All classrooms are set up, allowing for six feet of distance between each person. We will follow the same mask protocol in the classroom as RRC to maintain consistency for our students. Any snacks in classrooms will be single serving pre-packaged, no homemade items please. Bathrooms are for one person at a time. And as always, stay home if not feeling well.

If your family would prefer to learn from home, let the church office know and a student book will be provided.

Keep our youth safe

Our Savors reviewed and updated our youth protection policy in conjunction with our insurance company. This affects all adults who volunteer with someone under age 18. This includes teachers, advisors, and mentors. The two main changes for this special group of volunteers is:

- Confidential background check
- Mandatory 30 minute training

Please understand that these two important pieces are not designed to make it harder to volunteer, but truly a way to ensure both our youth and our volunteers can participate.

Training Options

In person - Wednesday, Sept 9 at 6:30 pm
Zoom - Thursday, Sept 10 at 8:00 pm





BUDGET RECAP as of 8/16/2020

Total Outstanding:

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

Income:

In Checking Acct. \$17,433.49
In Savings Acct. \$24,279.10

Needed weekly to

Meet budget \$2,824.62

Parking Lot Fund \$58,190.64
Estimated PL Funds Needed \$140,000

Media System Operator Schedule

September 6, 2020	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
September 13, 2020	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
September 20, 2020	Char Graff (507-829-0105)
September 27, 2020	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)



~ 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.

Community Bible Study

Pastor Mike Stangeland will be holding Bible Study here on Friday mornings at 9am. All are welcome to attend!

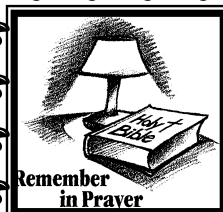
Online Giving

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.*



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 (recovery)
Larry Lange (health issues)
James Voigt, Jeannie Horning's dad (Hodgkin's Lymphoma)
Savannah Rausch, (large B cell lymphoma)
Bruce & Barb Anderson's granddaughter
Ray Arkell (broken hip recovery)
Tiana Iverson (cancer surgery recovery)
Judy Kuehl's great niece
Arlene Theis (surgery recovery)
Dorothy Dietl (hospice)
Ray Gorder (hospice)
JoAnn Jaeger (macular degeneration -both eyes)




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

Shirley Mattison has moved into The Maples in Springfield. Her new address is:
Shirley Mattison
301 S Cty Rd 5 Apt. 202
Springfield, MN 56087

Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays


1st - Larry Lange, Arlene Nordby
 2nd - Todd Mattison, Darren Rue
 3rd - Kenny Vollmer, Zachary Valentin
 4th - Darold Coulter
 6th - Nick Lingle, Charlotte Imker, Chase Imker
 8th - Scott Field, Jake Erickson,
 9th - Madelyn Geske, David Prechel, Andy Petersen
 10th - Dean Lingle, Diane Nalley,
 11th - Samantha Prechel, Vicki Kletscher
 13th - Joe Pfarr, Megan Benedict
 14th - Cory Hoffrogge
 15th - John Valentin, Grace Guggisberg
 16th - Mason Irlbeck, Sheila Krueger, Mike Vollmer, Cash Willer
 17th - Gayle Erickson, Noah Neperman, Tyler Luttman
 18th - Darrell Knutson
 19th - Roxie Pfarr, Molly Werner
 20th - Michael Flaig, Tom Hoffrogge,
 22nd - Austin Irlbeck
 23rd - Marie Dammann, Mindi Hesse
 25th - Kathy Fenger, Nathan Erickson, Lynn Keck, Kevin Lange
 26th - Thomas Blomgren, Ralph Price, Lillian Evans, Easton Schroeder
 27th - Isaac Anderson
 28th - Brittany Holman, Grifyn Redman,
 29th - Casey Petersen, Alicia Vogel
 30th - Judie Harnack, Kris Vollmer



September Anniversary Celebration

1st - Nick & Heather Hacker
 5th - Jeff & Nichole Kuehl
 6th - Roger & Sandy Polkow
 7th - Clayton & Emily Senst
 10th - Tony & Allison Sauer
 11th - Nathan & Sally Erickson
 14th - Michael & Kari Redman
 15th - Richard & Bridget Arkell
 19th - Kevin & Trudi Juhnke
 25th - Glen & Karen Vogel
 28th - Johnny & Abby Pistulka

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





SEPTEMBER USHER SCHEDULE

Bob Halter
 Sam Halter
 Pete Valentin

Mike Johnson—Sub

TAXI
 Please call an Usher by Fridays for a ride!

**SEPTEMBER ACOLYTE
& VIDEO SCHEDULE**

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service



September 6, 2020

Ethan Willhite & Shadae Knutson

Video: Blake Paplow

September 13, 2020

Courtney Bedner & Ella Erickson

Video:

September 20, 2020

Video: Corey Arkell

September 27, 2020

Eva Redman & Addison Irlbeck

Video: Ethan Willhite

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

No Coffee Fellowship

We will not have coffee fellowship until covid regulations change and we are able to open up further. Thank you for your continued patience and doing your part to help us protect the health of our community!

Luther League News!

Hey Luther Leaguers,

We're still working out the kinks for our monthly meetings, please bear with us as we're working on upcoming dates. Hopeful to meet in October.



SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD



Bridget Arkell
Leah Teveldal

HOLY BAPTISM

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

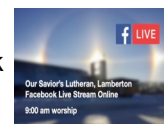
Brynlee Marie Halter

*Infant daughter of
Sam & Tegan Halter*



Live Streaming Public Worship continues!

We will continue to live stream our public worship services even as we look to re-gather again in a safe manner.



You can also access the worship service later in the week on our website under 'live streaming - online worship services'. www.oslclamberton.com

**Adult Sunday School
Starts September 20**

Pastor Todd will lead a Bible Study on "Know What You Believe & Why."

Meets during the Sunday School hour.

**SEPTEMBER
MISSION
EMPHASIS**



September's Mission will be designated to school supplies for Red Rock Central! Yes, we did this in July but we did not have a good response and would like to do better.

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'.

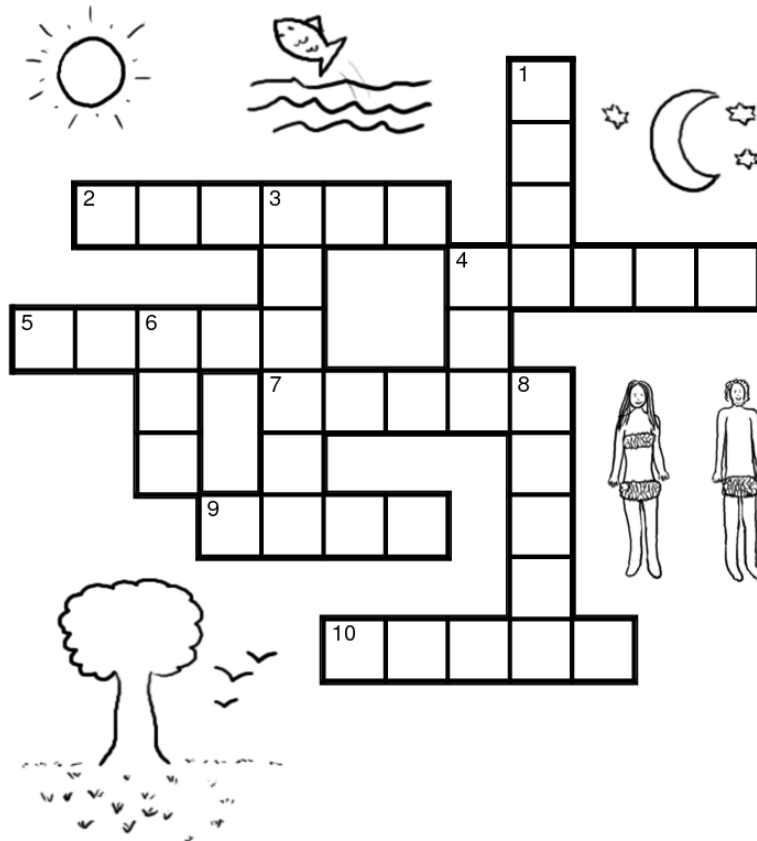
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We have received a list from the school of supplies that they are in need of for classrooms and it is long! Let's join together as a congregation and show our support for our future generation to be successful in school!



Creation Activity Worksheet

by SundaySchoolResources.co.uk



Across

- 2 God created the moon on this day (6)
- 4 The earth was this before the creation (5)
- 5 God created these on the 5th day (5)
- 7 God created these on the 3rd day (5)
- 9 The name of the Garden the man and woman lived in (4)
- 10 God created this on the 1st day (5)

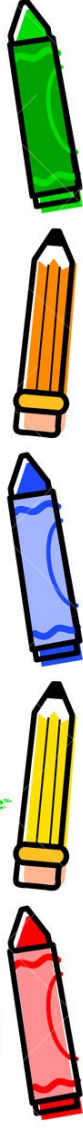
Down

- 1 The name of the man that God created (4)
- 3 God did this on the 7th day (6)
- 4 The name of the woman that God created (3)
- 6 God created the woman by taking this from the man (3)
- 8 God created land creatures on this day (5)

ANIMALS
 BEGINNING
 CREATION
 EARTH
 GARDEN
 GOD
 HEAVENS
 LIGHT
 MAN
 PLANTS
 SEA
 STARS
 WOMAN

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September 2020



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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.

6 9:00 Worship/Communion
Drive-In Service Available
Live Streaming on our Facebook page

7 Church Office
Closed
LABOR DAY

13 **RALLY SUNDAY**
9:00 Worship/Communion
Installation of Teachers
Drive-In & Live Streaming on FB
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
Confirmants & Parents' Meeting
(Everyone meets in the Sanctuary)

14 Church Office
Closed

20 9:00 Contemporary Worship
3rd Graders receive Bibles
Drive-In & Live Streaming on FB
10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Adult Sunday School

21 Church Office
Closed
NEWS/LETTER
ARTICLES DUE!!!

27 9:00 Worship
Drive-In & Live Streaming on FB
10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Adult Sunday School

28 Church Office
Closed

1 10:00 Staff Meeting

2 7:00 BOE Meeting

3

4 Offices Closed

5

8 10:00 Staff Meeting

9 6:30 S.S. Teacher/Helper Meeting (in-person)
7:00 Church Council

10 8:00pm Zoom SS Teacher/Helper Meeting

11 Offices Closed
9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study

12

15 10:00 Staff Meeting

16 3:15 7th Grade Confirmation
4:15 8th Grade Confirmation
5:15 9th Grade Confirmation

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18 Offices Closed
9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study

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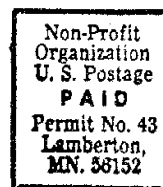
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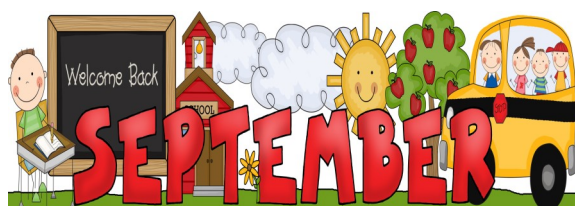
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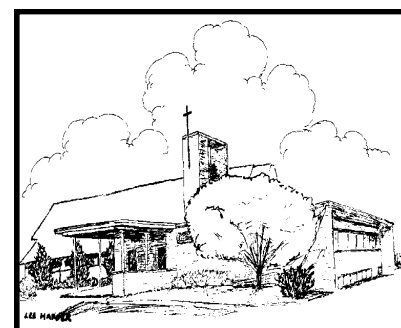
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Website: www.oslclamberton.com

Cable Broadcast of Services:

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

Worship Services:

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



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 9am Tuesdays mornings.

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☺ Please have your Newsletter articles or calendar items into the church office as designated on the monthly calendar.