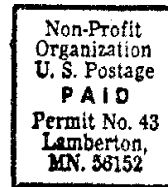


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Worship Services:

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.

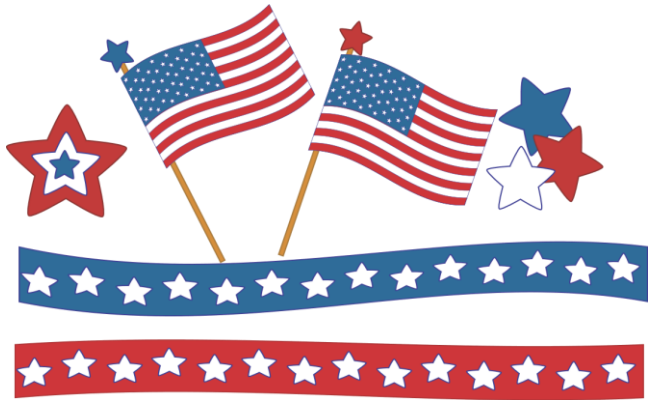


The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is to demonstrate Christ's Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of this church and the community.

Please have bulletins announcements into the church office by 10am Tuesday mornings.

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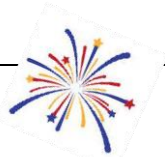
Please have your Newsletter articles and/or calendar items into the church office as designated on the monthly calendar.



July



2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!</i>						
			1 7:00 Church Council	2	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4  <i>Happy 4th of July</i>
5 9:00 Worship/Communion	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11
12 9:00 Worship/Communion	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14	15 5:00-7:00 ICE CREAM SOCIAL	16	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18
19 9:00 Contemporary Worship w/Pastoral Candidate, Timothy Rake	20 <i>Office Closed</i> <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Articles Due!</u>	21	22	23	24 <i>Office Closed</i> Graveside Service 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal	25 3:30 Wedding of Brooke Hoffbeck & Evan Blomgren
26 9:00 Worship 	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28	29 	30 	31 	

Our Saviours Lutheran Church

Ice Cream Social

"Here's the Scoop"

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

5-7pm

Serving our
♥ famous recipes ♥
of BBQ, Beans and
Potato Salad
.....
with ice cream floats
and sundaes for dessert

♥ FREE WILL DONATION ♥

 Call 752-7334
for TAKE OUT or DELIVERY!

Great Food. Sweet Treats. Good Company.
→ Everyone Welcome! ←

The Free Will Donations from the Ice Cream Social will go towards the mini split air conditioners which have been installed in the church offices.

JULY MISSION EMPHASIS

~Lamberton Area Community Foundation~

The Lamberton Area Community Foundation strives to make the community an even better place to live, give, and thrive by awarding grants to worthy organizations and projects through its own general endowment. It helps donors reach their charitable goals and provides flexibility by accepting a broad range of gifts. Donors can give to the causes they care about most by giving to existing funds or creating a new fund that they are interested in supporting.

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

Thank you for supporting our monthly missions! Here's how much we helped the mission last month.

May—Hospice—\$3,500

Thank you for your support!

Sanctuary Carpet Update!

We are moving forward with the project and putting a committee together to select the carpet. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Jill Irlbeck 507-640-3020. The estimate for new carpet and installation will total approximately \$10,400 (\$7,400 for the carpet and \$3,000 for installation). To support this project, the church is establishing a dedicated fund. If you would like to contribute, please use the envelopes in the pews for your donation and mark it 'carpet'. We plan to have it installed this summer.

BOARD OF ED NEWS:

Thank You VBS Volunteers!!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that helped out with VBS - lesson activities, sandwich makers, and especially to the youth for their enthusiasm and positive attitudes each night for making a very successful 2026 VBS program SHINE!

Thank you to all the parents who made it a priority to share your children with us for the week.

VBS Coin Battle Winners



The children donated over \$350 and decided that this year, the money collected should go to WAFER.



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

July 5, 2026

Madisyn Keck & Gracelyn Keck

Video: Braylen Braulick

July 12, 2026

Chloe Coners & Sawyer Jeckell

Video: Brekken Sauer

July 19, 2026

Wyatt Kronbach

Video: Grifyn Redman

July 26, 2026

Izabella Britt

Video: Ethan Britt



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



Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

July Birthdays

1st - Todd Anderson, Roger Pfarr
 2nd - Samuel Dammann, Chloe Casey
 4th - Maison Price
 5th - Courtney Thram, Kevin Juhnke
 6th - Nicole Kramin, Tyler Erickson
 7th - David Irlbeck
 8th - Kari Halter, Yvonne Halter
 10th - Doug Brand, Brad Senst, Casen Churchill
 11th - Eva Redman, Ethan Willhite
 12th - Conner Bottger
 13th - Deb Furth, Julie Senst
 14th - Abigail Thram
 15th - Bridget Arkell, Tyler Horning
 16th - Gavin Hesse, Grayson Kenney
 17th - Jess Bittner
 19th - Gary Polkow
 21st - John Luttmann
 22nd - Kent Teveldal,
 23rd - Judy Kuehl, Paige Wondercheck, Chris Paplow, Wrenley Senst, Oaklynn Knutson
 24th - Ed Erickson, Jr.,
 25th - Ginnie Waldriff, Abby Pistulka, Tucker Juhnke
 26th - Allison Sauer, Camden Churchill
 27th - Julie Kircher,
 28th - Janice Werner, Ty Jeckell, Brantley Halter
 29th - Jeff Coulter, David Blakely Erickson
 30th - Tony Sauer
 31st - Avery Kenney




July

Anniversary Celebration

9th - Bill & LeeAnn Barrie
 11th - Travis & Corrie Vollmer
 13th - Kirk & Savanna Engen
 15th - Guy & Marie Dammann
 17th - Doug & Linda Brand
 18th - Dave & Lisa Prechel
 30th - John & Jodi Smith



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.

Stewardship




JULY ALTAR GUILD

Judy Dagner
 Sandy Danielowski

JULY USHER SCHEDULE

Travis Vollmer
 Brad Gisch
 Austin Imker
 Kirk Engen



Jeff Coulter - Sub

TAXI

Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!




Sunday Morning Coffee

We have heard that many members enjoy gathering for coffee and fellowship following Sunday morning worship. During the school year, the Life, Growth & Stewardship

OSLC Council Minutes Continued

Bridget A moved to pay for Pastor's registration and a possible 1 o2 OSLC delegates including registration, mileage and motel. John S seconded. Motion carried. Interested persons should contact the church or any council member as soon as possible as early registration has a discount. This is a great way to network while looking for a new pastor.

Request for use of OSLC tables: There has been a request for the use of the tables from OSLC from a church member. Council recommended that they explore other options, if possible. After a discussion regarding policies by others possibly having the same type of items, Deb F moved, that going forward, if a church member requests to borrow OSLC tables, they need to have council approval, pay a \$250 damage deposit, and return the tables clean and in satisfactory condition in a timely manner. Chad C seconded. Motion carried.

June 11, 2026, office closed: Council approved Nicole's request to close the office on Thursday, June 11, 2026, due to appointments.

Luther League request: A request was made by Luther League to get a credit/debit card connected to their account. Bridget A moved to allow the Luther League apply for a credit/debit card linked to their account. Jill I seconded. Motion carried.

Mini blood drive: Paige Wondercheck has requested to use the church for a mini blood drive this summer. Chad C moved to allow Paige to use the church to hold a mini blood drive this summer. Janice W seconded. Motion carried.

Communion Assistants

Congregation members are encouraged to sign up on the bulletin board outside the offices if they would like to assist with communion.

June 7, 2026 – Gayle Erickson and John Smith

June 14, 2026 – Bridget Arkell and Jill Irlbeck

Next council meeting will be Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 7 PM.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Chad C moved to adjourn and Bridget A seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:31 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary



BUDGET RECAP
as of 6/21/2026

Income:

5/17/26— 6/21/26	\$15,995.14
In Checking Acct.	\$6,465.00
In Savings Acct.	\$61,774.10

Needed weekly to

Meet budget	\$4,389.00
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Online Giving

To assist you with your stewardship ministry, you may make a gift online! You may visit our website or use the link.

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You may still mail checks to the church office.

**Address found on last page of newsletter.*

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~ 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.

Pastor's Desk continued

I remember visiting a nursing home years ago where a woman barely spoke during our visits. Her memory had faded significantly, and conversations were difficult. But one afternoon we began singing "How Great Thou Art." Suddenly, she joined in every word. Verse after verse flowed from memory. Her eyes brightened, and for those few moments, it was as if the hymn reached a place deeper than memory itself. Faith had been planted through years of hearing and singing those words, and even when many other things faded, the promises of God remained. That is the gift of hymns.

Some hymns carry the deep richness of centuries of Christian faith. Others use fresh language that helps newer generations hear the Gospel in today's world. Both can point us toward Jesus. Both can strengthen faith. Both can remind us that God continues to work through His people in every age.

Music has a unique way of reaching us emotionally and spiritually. A hymn sung at a funeral can bring comfort no spoken words seem able to provide. A joyful Easter hymn can fill a sanctuary with hope and celebration. Christmas hymns can transport us instantly into the wonder of Christ's birth. Even during difficult seasons of life, hymns help us hold onto faith when our hearts feel weary.

Perhaps that is why we should never underestimate the importance of singing together in worship. The hymns are not a warm-up for the "important" parts of church. They are one of the important parts. Through them, God reminds us who He is and whose we are.

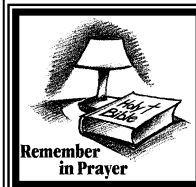
So the next time you open the hymnal or look up at the screen to sing, remember this: you are doing more than making music. You are proclaiming the Gospel. You are strengthening one another's faith. You are joining generations of Christians who have sung these promises through joy and sorrow, peace and uncertainty. And perhaps most beautifully of all, you are participating in a song that will one day continue around the throne of God Himself—a song of grace, mercy, and everlasting hope in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Candidate leads Sunday Service

We are excited to welcome Pastor Candidate Timothy Rake to lead our Sunday morning church service on July 19. The call committee had an initial interview via zoom and looks forward to this next step on our journey of finding our next pastor.

Please join us on July 19th to welcome him to our church.

Please Join Us



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.

Diane Nalley (health concerns)
Sandy Gustad (chemo treatments)
John Meidl (back surgery recovery)
Paula Meidl (ongoing health issues)
Austin Imker (recovery, ACL tear)
Nancy Rue (health issues)
Ray Arkell (leg blood clot)
Marlys Jenniges (health issues)
Arlene Theis (health issues)
Briana (Halter) Peterson
(cancer surgery recovery)
Pastor Cathy Tetrick Hoffbeck (recovery)
Jean Lange (health concerns)
Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)

Pray for people affected by other disasters ...





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Sharing from another church's newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is something deeply comforting about walking into church and hearing the congregation begin to sing. Before the sermon is preached, before the offering plates are passed, before we leave to return to busy schedules and responsibilities, the people of God raise their voices together. Hymns have always been more than background music in the Lutheran church. They are one of the ways faith is carried from one generation to the next.

Martin Luther famously believed music was one of God's greatest gifts. He once wrote, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise." That statement tells us something important about Lutheran faith. We do not sing simply because it fills time in worship or because it sounds beautiful. We sing because hymns proclaim the Gospel.

Think about how many hymns you carry with you even when you leave the church building. In moments of fear or grief, certain words rise naturally into our hearts: "Beautiful Savior, King of Creation..." "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God..."

For many people, hymns become prayers when we cannot find our own words. They remind us of God's promises when life feels uncertain. A sermon may be forgotten after a few weeks, but a hymn learned in childhood can stay with someone for an entire lifetime.

One of the beautiful things about hymns is that they teach faith while we sing. Luther understood this well. In the early days of the Reformation, he wanted ordinary people to know Scripture and understand God's grace. Hymns became a way for the whole congregation—not just pastors or scholars—to participate in proclaiming the Good News. When we sing, "This is the feast of victory for our God," or "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound," we are confessing what we believe together. That matters because faith is not meant to be lived alone.

There is something powerful about hearing many voices join together. Some sing loudly and confidently. Others sing quietly and carefully. Some sing perfectly on pitch, and some...well...they sing with enthusiasm. Yet together those voices become one song of praise to God. In worship, the hymns remind us that we belong to something larger than ourselves. Young children sing beside senior saints. Lifelong Lutherans sing beside people who are still learning the liturgy for the first time. In a world that often feels divided, congregational singing becomes a picture of unity in Christ.