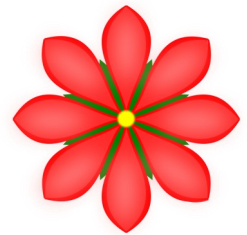


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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

My favorite Gospel passage with the resurrected Christ comes from Luke (24:13-35), where two travelers are heading home to Emmaus from Jerusalem on Easter morning. As they walk this lonely road, they are encountered by Jesus, who they initially take to be just another traveler. I read this passage again recently, and here is what came to mind:

Have you ever been so captivated by a great book that you just can't put it down? The twists and turns keep you on the edge of your seat and the outside world just melts away. You're waiting for what's coming next with excitement and anticipation as you hang on each and every word. What hooks you so completely is likely the simple question of: "NOW WHAT?" What's going to happen next in this story?

But in the real world outside of the books (and movies) we love, when we experience a "NOW WHAT?" moment, it's not likely to be a thrill ride filled with car chases and near death experiences. In fact, this question of "NOW WHAT?" mostly comes to the surface not when we are surrounded by exciting adventure, but when we are feeling lost and alone. Absent of the hope that comes in believing that the end of the story really does have a happy ending.

When we meet the travelers in Luke's Gospel, they are heading home after being shaken awake to the harsh reality that Jesus is dead. "NOW WHAT?" They hadn't anticipated this journey as they shouted, "Hosanna!" along the road a week before. They got caught up in the excitement and hope that this man Jesus could really be the one to redeem Israel. And then in an instant, like the turning of a page, their world came crashing in. Jubilation turned to horror as the events of

Jesus' trial and execution unfolded before their eyes. Their hope was dashed. Their shouts of joy ceased. Their palm branches withered. They have existed in a numb shock for three days. And "NOW WHAT?" They don't have any faith in a resurrection. They only know Jesus as a dead man who didn't live up to their hopes and dreams...and then he meets them on the road and changes everything.

By the time you get around to reading this, perhaps a few days or few weeks have passed since we celebrated Easter. As you find yourself along the road today, you likely hear all that the world demands of you, all that others need from you, all that is expected of you and piled high on your plate. You may look around at all this and say, "NOW WHAT?" It can seem that we are once again back in the pre-Easter way of life. The shouts that "He is risen" can quiet to a whisper so quickly. But just as it was for these travelers, Jesus has a word for you. A promise that you aren't defined by anyone or anything but Christ. Your circumstances haven't changed; the world will still demand things from you. And yet, everything is changed. Because Jesus has a word that he is dead no more. He has a word for you that you are dead no more. Your sins are on the cross and you are forgiven. Once and for all, Jesus is unstopping your ears, removing all the static and replacing it with his voice. A voice of promise...a voice of hope...a voice bringing good news of the resurrection to you this Easter season and beyond.



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES April 8, 2026

These minutes were recorded at the last council meeting and will be approved at the next meeting.

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 in the fellowship hall. Members present were Bridget Arkell, Deb Furth, Jill Irlbeck, Janice Werner, John Smith, Justtina Erickson, Kent Teveldal, Chad Coulter and Pastor Tom Sahl.

Absent: Chad Beranek

Vice-President Tevedal called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and Pastor Sahl led the group in a devotion and prayer.

Secretary's Report: Chad C moved to approve the minutes from March, 2026 as sent out and corrected by Deb through email. Jill I seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bridget reported the March, 2026 checking balance of \$9,087.02 and savings balance of \$61,774.10. On a motion by John S and seconded by Deb F, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom Sahl went on 7 visits and stopped in Springfield to meet the 2 pastors there. Pastor Sahl asked to have the visitation list updated, if needed. Deb will check with Nicole and Kris on this.

Committee Reports:

Education: Justtina reported that the 4 confirmation interviews went well. Justtina moved to approve 4 potential confirmands for confirmation. Janice seconded. Motion carried.

Worship and Music: No meeting and no report.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: No meeting until next month.

Property: John reported some work has been done on the softener at the parsonage. Mike is looking into putting some mini-splits for the air conditioning in the church offices. The rain gutters are leaking in the courtyard at the seams and property committee will look into getting them fixed.

Old Business:

Call committee update:
No news on this.

New Business

Grove Street project: The City of Lambertton is currently in the initial stages of infrastructure improvements to Grove Street, where the parsonage property is located. These improvements will result in special assessments to the properties along Grove Street once the project moves forward. The current estimated assessment for the parsonage property is \$19,501.64. Property owners will have the option to either pay the full amount upfront or have the cost spread out over time (with interest) on the property tax bill. The city will determine whether the repayment period will be 10 or 15 years, and that decision is still pending. Council members will use the next month to think about how to handle this. If anyone has an opinion on this or would like to make a donation towards this project, please talk to one of your council members.

Worship Service – May 10, 2026: Pastor Sahl will be gone on May 10. John Smith and Karen Beranek will conduct the worship service that day with the sermon proved by Aaron Deutsch from the Augustana district.

Sanctuary carpet: A council member was approached about a possible donation towards the cost of new carpeting in the sanctuary as listed on our church wish list. We will check into an estimate of that.

Communion Assistants

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

April 12, 2026 (First Communion Sunday) –
Deb Furth and Janice Werner

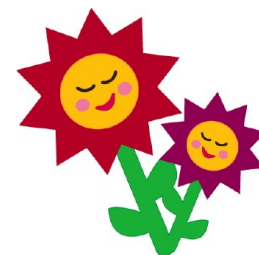
May 3, 2026 (Confirmation Sunday) –
Jill Irlbeck and John Smith

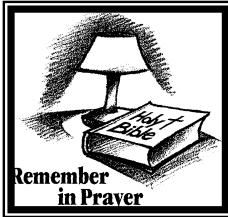
Next council meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7 PM.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Jill I. moved to adjourn and Bridget A seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:49 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
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.

- Sandy Gustad (chemo treatments)
- John Meidl (back surgery recovery)
- Paula Meidl (ongoing health issues)
- Austin Imker (recovery, ACL tear)
- Nancy Rue (surgery to remove cancer on face)
- Judy Kuehl (afib issues)
- Ray Arkell (leg blood clot)
- Marlys Jenniges (health issues)
- Arlene Theis (health issues)
- Jeffrey Kuehl (health issues)
- Diane Nalley (health concerns)
- Briana (Halter) Peterson (cancer surgery recovery)
- Pastor Cathy Tetric Hoffbeck (recovery)
- Jean Lange (health concerns)
- Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
- Pray for people affected by other disasters ...



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Before you sleep, PRAY
 When you wake up, PRAY.
 When life gets hard, PRAY.
 When you're happy, PRAY
 If you are unsure, PRAY.
 God is always with us.
 Amen!



Beauty of Life

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.



MAY USHER SCHEDULE

- Cory Blomgren
- Trenton Blomgren
- Pete Valentin
- John Mariner



TAXI

Please call an Usher by Fridays for a ride!



BUDGET RECAP
as of 4/19/2026

Income:		
3/15/26— 4/19/26		\$22,925.74
In Checking Acct.		\$11,063.00
In Savings Acct.		\$61,774.10
Needed weekly to Meet budget		\$4,389.00

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://osclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

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

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

March—WAFER—\$350

Thank you for your support!



MAKE A "JOYFUL NOISE!" Noisy Offering
Noisy offering collected in April was \$92.15!

Loose change Sunday is held the 2nd Sunday of each month. Funds collected are donated to the mission of the month!

MAY MISSION EMPHASIS
~Hospice~

Hospice care features the following:

- Compassionate care that focuses on the patient and family throughout their journey.
- Continuity of care wherever patients call home, whether that be their own home, a loved one's home or nursing home.
- Donations help cover costs not typically picked up by Medicare or other insurance, such as medical equipment like hospital beds that can be used in people's homes.



You can use the envelope in the pews or your own envelope and write "Hospice" 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!

LUTHER LEAGUE NEWS

Regular Luther League meetings will resume in September.

We will have a meeting for the youth and parents of those going on the mission trip. Watch for more details to come in June.

Have a great summer!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



The Board of Ed would like to thank Misty Willhite for her many years of dedication! She will be greatly missed!

(If you are interested in joining the Board, please reach out, we're always looking for others to share in leading our youth!)

Congratulations to our four confirmands. God's blessings on your future Lincoln, Zoey, Braedon, and Quintin.

Current 6th graders are joining the acolyte/ video schedule beginning late May. Please reach out to Allison Sauer or the church office with any questions. Remember to find your own replacement if you cannot be there on the day you are assigned!!



**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**



**Sunday, June 7th—
Thursday, June 12th
6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Join us for
Vacation Bible School!**

Vacation Bible School is set for **Sunday, June 7th, and continue through Thursday, June 12th from 6:00pm-8:00pm** each evening. This is open to kids entering Kindergarten-finishing 6th grade.

The students will split the time between learning a Bible lesson, creating crafts, burning off energy with activity time, and of course enjoying snacks! We need volunteers to make this happen - if each parent stays to help for just 1 night, we'll have all shifts covered!!



MAY ALTAR GUILD

Cheryl Van Meveren
Wendy Wondercheck

May Media Operator Schedule

May 3, 2026	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
May 10, 2026	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
May 17, 2026	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
May 24, 2026	Val Halter (507-276-0008)
May 31, 2026	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)



**OSLC Annual
Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, July 15**

Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!

MAY Birthdays

1st - Sandy Polkow, Daniel Kronbach
2nd - Guy Dammann,
Emily Senst, Traycten Pistulka
8th - Sam Furth, Harlow Neperman
12th - Sally Erickson,
Leah Teveldal
13th - Sharon Coulter, Marissa Koppen,
Kegan Zimmermann
14th - David Thillen
15th - Brenna Pfarr, Eleanor Benedict
16th - Brynlee Halter
17th - Gracelyn Keck
18th - Dawson Mariner
22nd - Myron Bedner, Jeff Frank,
Mary Neperman, Kari Redman,
Jace Engen, Jade Engen
24th - Jeff Kuehl,
Braiden Davis
25th - Alex Kircher
26th- Tom Halter,
Susan Knutson
27th - Amber Bergemann
28th - Tyler Beermann,
Wendy Mattison
29th - Steve Vollmer, Pastor Tom Sahl
30th - Judy Dagner, Lillian Johnson

May Anniversary Celebration

8th - Pete & Kellie Valentin
12th - Tim & Stacy Osland
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

MAY ACOLYTE & VIDEO SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Worship Service

May 3, 2026
10:00 A.M. Confirmation Sunday
 Dawson Rue & Kylee Leonard
Video: Grifyn Redman

May 10, 2026
 Sam Thillen & Bentley Werner
Video: Lindsey Guggisberg

May 17, 2026
 Abby Thram
Video: Chloe Coners

May 24, 2026
 Lindsey Guggisberg
Video: Kylee Leonard

May 31, 2026
 Levi Jeckell
Video: Dawson Rue

PRAYER CHAIN

PRAYER REQUESTS + 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.



Senior Recognition

May 17th we will be honoring our seniors! All OSW Circles will be serving coffee and light refreshments after church in the fellowship hall for family and friends.

Everyone is welcome!

Our seniors are:

*Trenton Blomgren, Jake Erickson,
Bowen Hesse, Austin Imker,
Holden Mariner, & Teagan Werner*

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

Confirmation Sunday

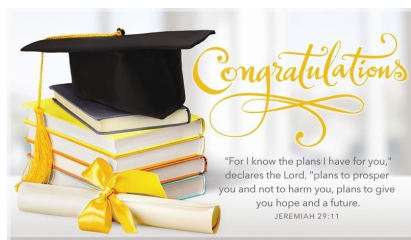
You are invited to attend and be part of the Confirmation service on Sunday, May 3, 2026! The worship service time is changed to **10:00 A.M.** that morning.

*Blessings to:
Lincoln Hesse, Zoey Keck,
Braedon Mariner, & Quintin Willhite as they confirm their faith in the Lord!*

RRC Baccalaureate Service

The clergy from the RRC school district and the Lamberton Ministerium gather in ecumenical worship honoring the graduating seniors of Red Rock Central at the Baccalaureate Service.

The service will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lamberton on **Sunday, May 17th at 7 P.M.**



Everyone in the community is invited to attend! We hope you will join with them to be a part of this special time.

OSW News

Our Savior's Women met April 14, 2026. We did the Bible study for the month of April.

It was voted to send material to Love Packages. Love Packages is an organization that collects Bible study books, devotionals and other Christian materials, no longer used, and distributes them to where they are needed.

Plans were made to honor graduating seniors after church in May.

We decided to send a sign-up sheet around to get volunteers to help make sandwiches for Bible school. The birthday party at VVM in June will be dropped this year.

Then was some discussion as to how long we can keep the ladies group going with only 3 or 4 attending each month.

Closed with prayer & coffee.

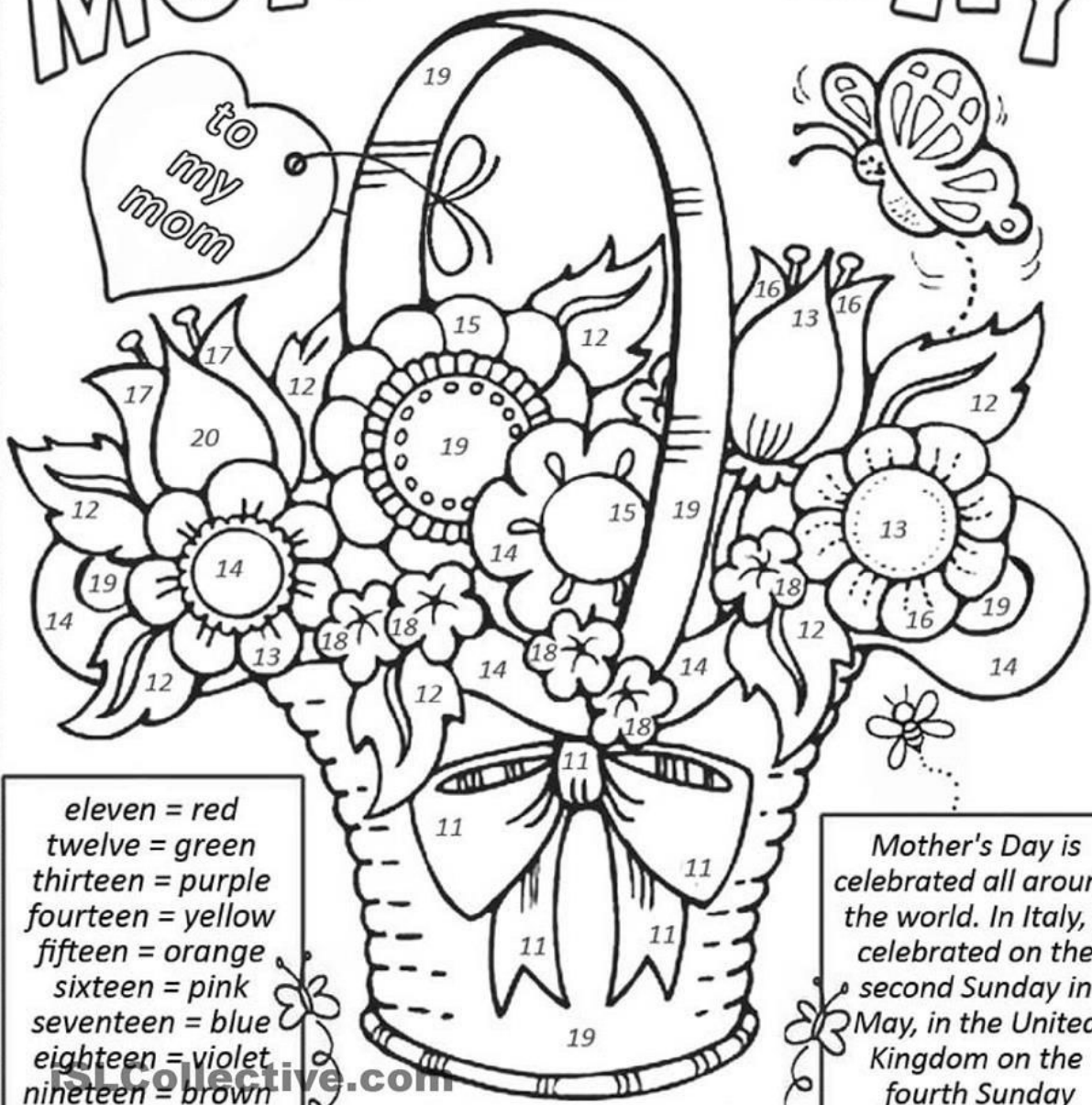
Judie Harnack, Secretary

Special flowers to...
a special person!

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that are below.

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as you want.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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 twelve = green
 thirteen = purple
 fourteen = yellow
 fifteen = orange
 sixteen = pink
 seventeen = blue
 eighteen = violet
 nineteen = brown
 twenty = light blue

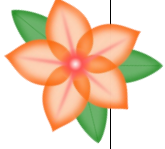


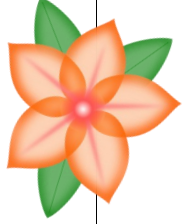
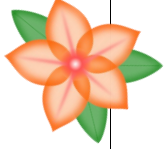
Mother's Day is celebrated all around the world. In Italy, it is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, in the United Kingdom on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!</p>					<p>1 Offices Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	2
<p>3 10:00 Confirmation Service (C) <i>Fellowship hall reserved</i></p>	<p>4 Offices Closed</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Offices Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	9
<p>10 <i>Motlier's Day</i> 9:00 Worship/Communion</p>	<p>11 Offices Closed</p>	<p>12 2:00 OSW Meeting</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Offices Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study</p>	<p>16 <i>Bridal Shower for Allison Thompson, bride-to-be of Austin Price</i></p>
<p>17 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Senior Recognition Fellowship 7:00 RRC Baccalaureate</p>	<p>18 Offices Closed <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Articles Due!!</u></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Offices Closed 9:00 Community Bible Study 7:00 RRC Graduation</p>	<p>23 </p>
<p>24 9:00 Worship</p>	<p>25 Offices Closed </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 </p>	<p>30 </p>
<p>31 9:00 Worship</p>						

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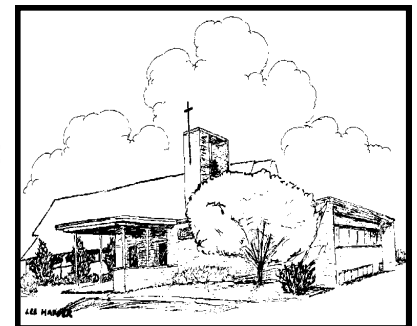
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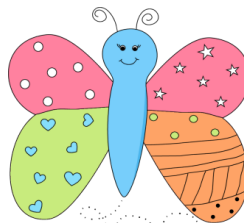
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Sundays: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School:
10:00 A.M. (Sept.-May)

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 a designated on the monthly calendar.