



PARTNERS



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It never gets old

It happened again. It inevitably happens on a regular basis, and I really hope this happens to you as well. I was minding my own business simply doing my daily devotions and it happened again. I encountered an incredible passage in the Bible that talks about Jesus and this time it did it from a very peculiar angle.

For the purposes of this article, we find ourselves in the 21st chapter of the book of second Kings. Simply put, the book of second Kings is about a succession of bad kings who did what was evil in the sight of God and the prophets whom God sent to minister to these bad kings with the expressed purpose that the kings and all the inhabitants of the land would repent. As we arrive at chapter 21, this process has been going on for the entire corpus of the book, and we now are introduced to Manasseh. He is very much like many of his predecessors and many kings who would follow him. He did evil in the sight of the Lord by following the detestable practices of the nations, the Lord had driven out before the Israelites (2 Kings 21:2). The degradation continues in verse nine when we are told that the people did not listen to the voice of the prophets that God has sent to correct their behavior. Rather Manasseh, and all of his followers, were again led astray and did more evil than the nations of the Lord had up to that point (2 Kings 21:9). For me, this is one of those instances when someone asks me if I think the condition of the world is getting worse? I will often think of a passage such as this, or the situation of Sodom and Gomorrah or the like, and conclude that things have always been bad and that is why God sent Jesus to address the continual spiritual poverty of humankind.

The concept is called typology. This is an instance or an example in a story which points to Christ. That is, an Old Testament story or illustration, which is intentionally given as a reminder of what Christ will accomplish at Calvary. Typologically speaking verse six of second Kings 21 is that sort of an example. We're told, in the midst of the degradation and the utter lostness of the people of Judah, that Manasseh's depravity had escalated to the point that he was willing to sacrifice one of his own sons in fire. In the midst of practicing sorcery and witchcraft and consulting mediums and spirits he did much evil in the sight of the Lord (2 Kings 21:6). Please keep in mind that this is a king. This is God's emissary on earth, and he is utterly sinful to put it mildly. But in the midst of all of this mess, we see the illustration again of what Christ will eventually accomplish. Just as Manasseh sacrificed his son, God too, will sacrifice his. In the midst of all of the mess of our lives, God sent Jesus right in the middle of it all, just as he sent his prophetic voice right in the midst of the mess of second Kings 21. Unlike the evil that prompted Manasseh to sacrifice his son, God's motives are exactly the opposite. It is out of his supreme love for all of humankind that he is willing to sacrifice his own son so that we can all go free from sin and have eternal life. This is the point of typology that we can see over and over and over again. The grace and love of God towards us in the person and work of Jesus. Thanks be to God that he has given us countless examples of his redemption plan for us.

4Him,
Pastor Steve



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES January 8, 2025

The OSLC Church Council met for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 in fellowship hall. Members present were Pastor Steve Walswick, Steve Halter, Chad Coulter, Kari Halter, Deb Furth, Courtney Thram, Kris Vollmer, Janice Werner and Brian Benedict.

Absent: Kevin Graff

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

Secretary's Report: Chad moved and Courtney seconded to approve the minutes sent out to council members prior to the meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the December checking balance of \$23,281.29 and savings balance of \$66,559.66. On a motion by Sharon and seconded by Kevin, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve submitted a written report of his activities for December, which included 10 personal contact visits, 3 communion visits, 3 pastoral care visits, 1 baptism, and several church and community events including conducting a monthly VVM service.

Committee Reports

Education: Courtney reported that the Sunday School students will sing Feb. 9, 2025 and March 23, 2025, followed with Prayer Partners after the church service those days. They are guiding and encouraging students to keep up with sermon notes (a bit of a struggle) and memory work. First communion is tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2025, with these plans to be finalized at the next Board of Education meeting on January 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The confirmation retreat is February 28 – March 2, 2025 at Inspiration Point in Vining, MN. They are looking for drivers and chaperones.

Worship and Music: Janice reported no meeting.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris reported no meeting, but their next projects include planning for Lenten meals and setting up a meeting with Holly Rohlik to answer questions on what needs to be done for the church directory.

Property: Brian reported that the lady's bathroom problem and the boiler are fixed.

Old Business:

Wedding policy: The updated OSLC wedding policy was presented to council. Brian moved to approve the update policy and Chad seconded. Motion carried

Overflow Refresh Group: This group met Tuesday, January 7, 2025 and decided they will remove everything from the walls in the overflow so they have a blank slate to evaluate what it could look like. Priorities right now are painting and lighting. The goal is to have some estimates and a plan to present at the February council meeting.

OSCL personnel job descriptions and evaluations: Tabled until next month.

New Business

2025 Proposed Budget:

The proposed budget will be presented at the annual meeting on January 19, 2025.

Communion Assistants

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

January 12, 2025 – Gayle Erickson and Deb Furth

February 2, 2025 – Kari Halter and Steve Halter

Next council meeting: Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Brian moved to adjourn and Kris seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:32 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary



BUDGET RECAP
as of 1/19/2025

Total Outstanding:

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

Income:

12/15/24— 1/19/25	\$29,849.30
In Checking Acct.	\$20,254.57
In Savings Acct.	\$66,559.66

Needed weekly to

Meet budget	\$2,824.62
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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.

<https://oslcclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may still mail checks to the church office.

**Address found on last page of newsletter.*

Overflow/Office Hall Refresh

We're excited to announce plans for refreshing the overflow area, hall, and office hallway! All decor and banners have been removed from the walls to create a clean slate, allowing us to envision a fresh, updated look.

A detailed plan with cost estimates will be presented to the church council on **February 5**. This presentation will also include suggestions for funding the project.

If approved, the refresh will begin with new lighting, followed by the selection of paint colors and updated decor.

Stay tuned for updates as we move forward with this project to enhance our shared spaces!



Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

6:00 P.M. Lenten Meal

7:00 P.M. Lent Service

The 7pm service will include the Imposition of Ashes.



Lenten Meals will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

Join us for food & fellowship prior to Lenten services.

Serving will be from 6pm-6:45pm.

We will be delivering meals to shut-ins. If you do not receive a call and would like a meal delivered, please call the church office before 4pm on Wednesdays.

Free will donation will cover the cost of the groceries with any extra donations going toward the "Overflow / Office hall refresh".



"If any want to be my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Kari Halter
Val Halter



FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS ~Kinship Christian Radio~

Do you listen to Christian radio in your car & at home? For many this is a calming presence or an uplifting part of their day. Join us in supporting Kinship Christian radio which we can listen to on FM 90.9.

From a recent mailing: "This past season, we've focused on the theme, HOPE IS HERE! Many listeners have told us they love Kinship Radio because it continually draws their focus back to God's Word, allowing them to set anxiety and other life distractions aside. These days, fixing our eyes on Jesus is **more important than ever** to keep us all on a hopeful path of spiritual growth while offering that hope to searching neighbors".

Will you help support this important work?



You can pick up an envelope in the pew or use your own envelope and write "Kinship" 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.

December—Lamberton Cemetery—\$2,250

Thank you for your support!

Mark Your Calendars!



Photo sessions for our updated church directory will take place on **March 27, 28, and 29.**

Starting **February 16**, information will be shared with the congregation, and sign-ups for photo appointments will begin. Sign-ups will continue for the following three Sundays.

In addition to photos, this will also be an opportunity to update addresses and phone numbers.

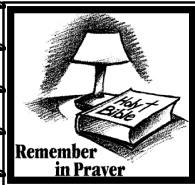
We encourage **everyone** to participate! You will receive a free 8x10 or 5x7 from the photographer in addition to the directory. There is no cost for having your photo taken unless you choose to order additional prints. Our goal is to include every member in the directory.

Thanks to our church council's support, each family will receive a directory (a \$20 value) at no charge. If you would like to contribute to this project, donations are welcome. You may donate during your photo session or use one of the envelopes in the pew, marking it as a "Directory Donation."

More details will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you for helping us make this directory a success!

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.



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.

David Rue (hospice)
 Nancy Rue (health issues)
 Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
 Joyce Hoffrogge (multiple myeloma)
 Paula (Mattison) Meidl (bone marrow transplant) recovery
 Kim Churchill Oelfke (stroke & cancer)
 Vicki Churchill Schenk (cancer treatments)
 Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)

Pray for people affected by other disasters ...
California Wildfire Victims, Firefighters, EMS and all involved



Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

Ben Matter



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

~ 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.

Tartu Academy

One of the recipients of benevolence this past year from OSLC is Tartu Academy. Tartu Academy of Theology (TAT) is a private university in Tartu, Estonia. The history of TAT begins with Harri Haamer.

Harri Haamer, author of the book We Shall Live in Heaven was ordained in 1929 and the story of a pastors dynasty began. Harri experienced hardships during his 58 years of service as a Lutheran pastor, because he suffered together with his nation under those difficulties Estonians were facing because of World War 2 and aggressive atheistic Soviet occupation that began in 1940. Harri wasn't afraid to continue proclaiming the Word of God during Soviet occupation although it was life threatening. He got his punishment. He was arrested in 1948 and was accused of organizing youth work at the church. He spent 8 years of his life in slave labor camps in Siberia, but while there he didn't stop being a pastor. He wrote a book about his journey to Siberia in those labor camps in very vivid detail.

Harri's grandson, Simon, visited a couple of members of OSLC congregation the summer of 2023 and told about the TAT and left us several copies of his grandfather's book, We Shall Live in Heaven, that are available in our church library. The book is a very real testimony of faith and trust in our God, for it was the Holy Spirit that sustained Pastor Haamer through those torturous years.

Media System Operator Schedule

February 2, 2025	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)
February 9, 2025	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
February 16, 2025	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
February 23, 2025	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prayer Partners and N-5 Singing in Church

Feb 9th

We hope you can join us!

Memory Work

All youth in our Sunday School program have been working on their memory work. Parents - take a minute to ask them what they are working on. They should have each received a booklet in September with their assigned memory work.

Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation Retreat is for all Confirmation students on Feb 28-March 2, 2025 at Inspiration Point in Vining, MN. Check-in is Friday evening and concludes late Sunday morning. Youth should sign up during Confirmation class. Cost is \$125 per student. OSLC Council will generously pay \$75 and the family will be asked to pay \$50. If you have not yet signed up, please contact Pastor Steve or call or text Wendy Wondercheck at 507-828-6983 to get added to the list. Deadline to sign up is January 29th.

We are in need of one male and one female chaperone/driver (at least 21 years old). Please let Wendy know if you are interested.

Sunday School Announcements Continued:

Upcoming events...subject to change

- ♦ Singing in Church and Prayer Partners - March 23rd.
- ♦ First Communion Instruction - March 30th
- ♦ Confirmation Interview Day - April 2nd
- ♦ First Communion - April 6th
- ♦ Confirmation Rehearsal and Pictures - April 30th
- ♦ Confirmation Sunday - May 4th
- ♦ Last day of Sunday School - May 11th
- ♦ Senior Recognition - May 18th
- ♦ Vacation Bible School - tentatively set for June 8th-12th

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD



Kari Halter
Val Halter

FEBRUARY USHER SCHEDULE

Ralph Price
Mark Coulter
Steve Vollmer
Lefty Coulter



Tom Neperman—Sub



TAXI
Please call
an usher by Fridays
for a ride!

Wishing You a **Happy Birthday!** February Birthdays

1st - Rick Hammerschmidt,
Emily Evans,
Lindsay Kronbach

3rd - Kim Jeppersen,
Jean Price

4th - Logan Arndt

6th - Mike Johnson

7th - Greg Benedict

8th - Jonathon Knutson
Ethan Price
John Smith

10th - Brian Vogel,
Nicholas Vogel,
Jonathon Vogel,
Marlee Vollmer

13th - Melvin Willhite,
Brian Werner

14th - Shane Burns,
Barb Johnson,
Andrew Nordby,
Charlene Bedner

15th - Doris Bottem,
Henry Watercott

17th - Willie Kerich

18th - Duane Waldriff

19th - Kevin Graff,
Caroline Wegman,
Savanna Engen

21st - Paislee Shroeder


23rd - Joe Bedner,
Gerald Erickson

24th - Austin Werner,
Brock Engen

27th - Tom Neperman

28th - Matt Arkell

29th - Halle Paplow



February Anniversary Celebration

5th - Tom & Joyce Hoffrogge

26th - Ray & Jeanette Hildreth

27th - Tom & Cathy Halter

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

February 2, 2025
Quintin Willhite & Lindsey Guggisberg
Video: Dawson Rue

February 9, 2025
Aron Van Meveren & Isaac Wondercheck
Video: Abby Thram

February 16, 2025
Dawson Mariner
Video: Braedon Mariner

February 22, 2025
Sam Thillen
Video: Braylen Braulick

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

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.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Luther League

Soup and Pie Supper

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025

Serving from 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
805 Birch Street in Lamberton, MN



ALL YOU CAN EAT HOMEMADE SOUPS!

Chicken Noodle, Sauerkraut, Chili,

Broccoli Cheese and Vegetable Beef

Includes: Milk, Water, and/or Coffee, Crackers and Pie

Cost:

- Individual: \$10.00
- Immediate Family: \$40.00
- 5 Years Old and Under Free
- Take – Out and Delivery Orders:
\$10.00 per meal



***Deliveries within Lamberton city limits are available!**

Please Call Our Savior's Lutheran Church
at 507-752-7334 to place your order

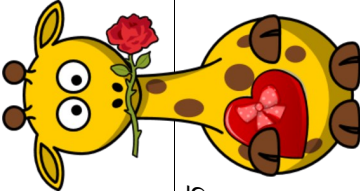
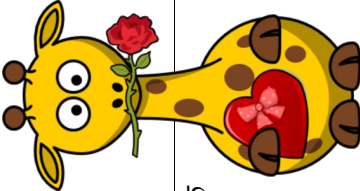
Proceeds will support Luther League Activities



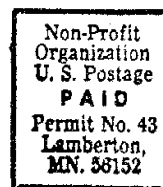
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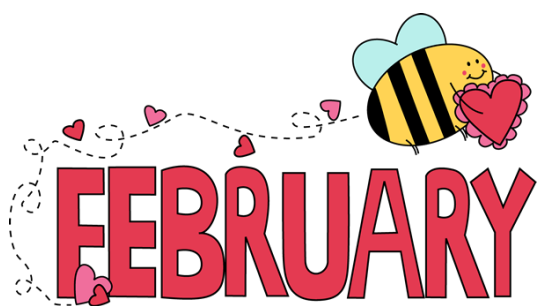


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS!						1
2 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship	3 Church Office Closed	4 7:00 LGS Meeting	5 3:20 7th Grade Confirmation 4:25 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Church Council	6	7 Offices Closed 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	8
9 9:00 Worship/Communion SS Choir (N-5) Sings during worship! 10:00 Prayer Partners 10:30 SS Sings at Nursing Home	10 Church Office Closed	11 2:00 OSW Meeting	12 3:20 7th Grade Confirmation 4:25 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 BOE Meeting 6:00 Luther League	13	14 Offices Closed 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study	15
16 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship	17 Church Office Closed 9:00 VVM Services Newsletter Articles Due!	18 	19 3:20 7th Grade Confirmation 4:25 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation	20	21 Offices Closed	22
23 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 4:30-6:30 LL Soup & Pie Supper	24 Church Office Closed	25 	26 3:20 7th Grade Confirmation 4:25 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation	27	28 Offices Closed Leave for Confirmation Retreat at Inspiration Point, Vinings, MN	

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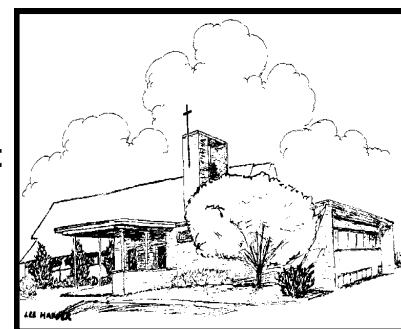


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Sundays: 10:00 A.M.

Sunday School: 9:00 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.**