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Church Forms Pastoral Call Committee to Begin Process of Search for a New Pastor

As our church prepares for a new chapter in our ministry, we are forming a pastoral call committee. This committee will lead the process of identifying and calling the next pastor for our congregation. We are still looking for 1 or 2 volunteers for the call committee. A congregational meeting on Sunday, June 8, following our regular church service, will be held to approve the call committee members.

We will be using information from your completed surveys, which you should have received in the mail, to help guide us in this process. Please turn in your family's survey by June 1st to the church. Once installed, the committee will review the congregational surveys and use them as guidance to create a job posting for our next pastor. We are grateful to Aaron Deutsch, who is a district coordinator with the Augustana District of LCMC, for walking alongside us on this process.

The responsibilities of the Pastoral Call Committee include:

- Seek God's guidance through prayer and discernment
- Listen to the needs and priorities of the congregation
- Promote and recruitment of candidates
- Review and evaluate potential candidates
- Conduct interviews and check references
- Recommend a final candidate to the church council and then the congregation

Throughout the process, the committee is committed to transparency, integrity, and a spirit of unity. The congregation will be kept informed and invited to participate in prayer and dialogue as appropriate along the way.

We ask for your continued prayers for the committee members as they begin this important work. May they be led by the Holy Spirit, encouraged by the support of the church, and filled with wisdom and peace throughout the journey.

We trust that God, who has faithfully guided us in the past, will continue to do so as we seek the person He has prepared to lead us into the next season of ministry.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." — Proverbs 3:5–6

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES May 7, 2025

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, May 7, 2025 in fellowship hall. Members present were Pastor Steve Walswick, Chad Coulter, Chad Beranek, Kari Halter, Deb Furth, Kris Vollmer, Janice Werner, John Smith, and Steve Halter.

Absent: Justtina Erickson

President Coulter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and Pastor Steve led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Chad B moved and Steve H seconded to approve the April minutes as presented by Deb. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kari reported the April checking balance of \$8,644.83 and savings balance of \$66,609.10. On a motion by Steve H. and seconded by Kris, the treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve reported his activities for April, which included 7 personal contact visits, 2 communion visits, 4 pastoral care visits, attendance at an Augustana conference May 2 & 3, conducted a VVM service on April 21, and worked on baccalaureate services. Pastor offered to preach on Sunday, May 25, as we didn't have someone lined up for that date yet. Council appreciated and accepted the offer.

Committee Reports

Education: Justtina sent a report that the Board of Education is wrapping up for the year. The last day of Sunday School will be May 11 where Sunday School students will be doing crafts or games that day. VBS is June 8 -12, 2025. They are doing the Go Fish Guys Victory curriculum. They are looking for volunteers to help during that week and also reaching out to other churches to invite students.

Worship and Music: Janice had no report. Council decided to stick with Facebook right now as it has been. It was noted that Facebook will only save live streams for 4 weeks. If that gets to be a problem, we will have to look at other options.

Life, Growth & Stewardship: Kris reported Lenten meals had declining attendance from years back. Will discuss at next meeting as to whether to continue that for next year. \$857 was received in donations from Lenten meals and after a bill for \$73.84 for groceries, a total of \$783.16 will go towards the overflow refresh project. Jill Irlbeck will be joining this committee. At the next meeting, they will discuss the July Ice Cream Social, future of Lenten meals and the care giver team. 150 church directory books have been ordered.

Property: John reported that we bid in on a curtain from the school, but didn't get the bid. A quote from Gramstad Lumber came in at \$24,852 for just the curtain between the sanctuary and the overflow, but council decided not to pursue that.

Old Business:

Care Teams: Pastor held a meeting after church on April 6, where he went through how to conduct a care team meeting and administer communion. Pastor is to prepare a summary of that meeting for care team members and possibly, take interested persons on visits before he leaves.

Overflow Refresh update: The committee met on April 30 and have put the remaining items into 3 areas: a) hallways, b) a sitting area in the southwest corner of the overflow and c) a coffee area on the east wall. They will meet again in June and hope to have the project completed by rally Sunday.

Boiler: Kari reported that there is \$16,535 designated in trust for the boiler. After a quote of \$25,384.95, we still need about \$10,000. John moved to go ahead and replace the boiler this summer (2025) with the bid from Lamberton Heating and Plumbing. Steve seconded. Motion carried. We will be asking for donations for this project.

OSLC Council Minutes, May 7, 2025, continued

Membership: This project is on hold as we have had no one come forward to lead this project of updating our membership list.

Spring Cleaning: A list has been compiled as to some cleaning tasks to be done for an extensive spring cleaning from Friday, June 13 – Friday, June 20, 2025. The list will be posted on the church bulletin boards by June 1 and members are asked to sign up for tasks they might be able to do during that week. Council asks that groups that have bins and tubs with items stored at the church, go through them and get rid of what they don't need or want, or mark those they want saved, so they don't get thrown out. The library was discussed. Lots of books, but not much usage. If any member would like to take any of the books or Bibles in the library, they are free to do so. Those that are left after June 30 will be removed or donated. There is also a blond wood pew in the overflow area that is not needed or wanted and if anyone would like it, they may take it.

New Business

Pastor Appreciation: There will be cake and beverages after church on Sunday, May 11, 2025, for Pastor Steve Walswick in appreciation of his ministry while at OSLC. Everyone is invited to attend. Adults will be in the church overflow and Sunday School students will meet in fellowship all for this event.

Search for a new Pastor: Council has met with Aaron Deutsch and developed a plan and timeline for the search for a new pastor.

May 25 – Pastor Steve will preach

Pulpit pastors beginning in June – Council is looking into this. If we can't find a pulpit pastor for any given Sunday, we have the possibility of having someone send us a sermon and are looking for OSLC members to deliver the sermon or be a leader of the liturgy for those Sundays. If you would be willing to take on one of these tasks, please contact Nicole in the church office or any one of the council members, please.

Chad Beranek will address the congregation on Sunday, May 11 on what we as a congregation need to do moving forward.

Call committee – We are looking for OSLC members to be on the call committee for a new pastor. We would like a variety of males, females, young and older to serve on this committee. If you might be interested or have questions about being on the call committee, please contact Nicole in the church office or Chad Beranek.

Church surveys – Church surveys will be sent out to OSLC members the week of May 12 and asked to be returned by June 1, 2025. Please fill out these anonymous surveys and return them by either dropping them off at the church office, placing them in the designated buckets before or after church services or mailing them to the church office.

Driveway request – A request has been made by Jacob Grunewald to put a gravel driveway from the pool road (on OSLC's property) to the back of his house, which would cross about 30 feet of our property. Chad B moved to allow Jake to put a gravel driveway from the pool driveway on OSLC property to the back of his garage contingent to Jake agreeing to mow north of the pool driveway. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Camp scholarships: Anyone wishing to get a camp scholarship for this summer should bring proof of registration to the church office and a check for the scholarship will be made out for you.

Communion Assistants

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

May 11, 2025 – Steve Halter and Bob Halter
June 1, 2025 – Gayle Erickson, Deb Furth

Next council meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Steve H moved to adjourn and Chad B seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:15 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Furth
Council Secretary

JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS

~Hospice~

Hospice serves as a beacon of comfort and compassion for patients and families navigating the challenges of terminal illness. It's more than just healthcare; it's a holistic approach that addresses not only the physical aspects but also the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of each individual as well as their families.

A dedicated team, comprised of skilled physicians, nurses, hospice aides, social workers, bereavement counselors, and volunteers, works tirelessly to ensure that every patient and family receives personalized attention and support. Whether it's managing pain, providing companionship, or offering guidance through difficult decisions, we are committed to walking alongside those in need every step of the way.

One of the most remarkable aspects of hospice care is its accessibility. Regardless of age or financial circumstances, services are available to all who require them, delivering care in the comfort of their own home or in a setting that feels like home.

Hospice teams rely on the generosity of individuals like you to continue the mission of providing comfort, dignity, and quality of life to those facing the end of life journey.

Your support can make an immediate and profound difference in the lives of patients and families during their most challenging moments. Together, we can ensure that no one faces the end of life alone and that each person receives the compassionate care they deserve.

You can use the envelope in the pews or your own envelope and write "Hospice" on it to designate for mission giving.

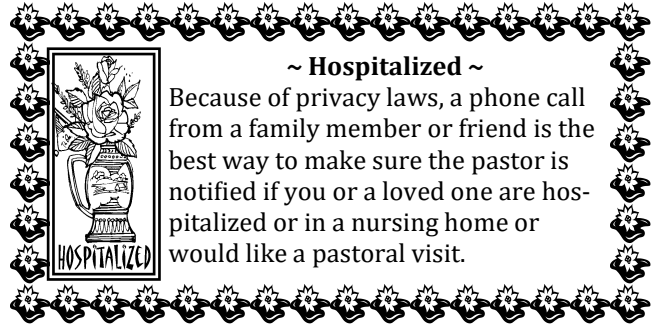
You may also give your donation online via our website or use the link below and select 'mission'.

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

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!
Thanks for your support!



Mission
offering



~ 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.

Our Savior's Women News

The women of Our Savior's met May 13, 2025. We discussed the senior recognition brunch we are hosting, after church on Sunday, May 18th.

The circles will take turns making snacks for Bible school; as follows:

June 8 - Love	June 11 - Grace
June 9 - Charity	June 12 - Truth
June 10 - Hope	

All circles will host the VVM birthday party Wed. June 25th. Nothing can be brought from home any more.

A thank you to the families of Shirley Mattison and David Rue for their generous donations.

We will not meet again until Sept.

Noisy Offering



Noisy offering collected in May was \$73.93!

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

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

April—Ronald McDonald House—\$3,190.17

Library Clean-Up

We are working to clean up and organize the library. If anyone is interested in any of the books or Bibles in the library, you are welcome to take them by June 30th. Otherwise they may be removed or donated.



BUDGET RECAP

as of 5/18/2025

Total Outstanding:

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

Income:

4/20/25— 5/18/25	\$6,217.00
In Checking Acct.	\$3,768.54
In Savings Acct.	\$66,609.10

Needed weekly to

Meet budget	\$3,200.00
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Boiler Update:



Special Funds

As previously shared, we need a new boiler. Thankfully we were able to get by with it through the winter so we will be replacing it this summer when it's not in use.

The estimated cost is \$25,000. We currently have \$16,535 designated for the boiler.

If you would like to donate towards the boiler fund, you may use an envelope provided in the pews for your donation to the camp and write "Boil" on it to designate for mission giving.

All contributions are appreciated!

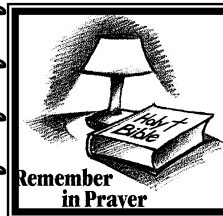
Online Giving

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.*



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.

Jeffrey Kuehl (health issues)
Nancy Rue (health issues)
Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues)
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 ...

**SAVE THE DATE to
attend this fun event!**



*Our Savior's Annual
Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, July 16th*

*We will be looking for volunteers
to help prepare and serve !*



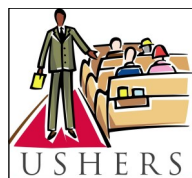
June Birthdays

- 1st - Aaron Geske, Krista Kronback, Xander Menter, Wyatt Kronbach
- 2nd - Quintin Willhite, Brayden Vollmer
- 3rd - Lucas Erickson, McKoy Knutson
- 4th - Brad Gisch
- 6th - Carol Giersdorf, Max Erickson, Levi Jeckell
- 7th - Vincent Menter
- 8th - Kylee Manthei, Eleanor Evans
- 10th - Kylie Redenius, Corrie Vollmer, Brenda Anderson, Randy Hammerschmidt, Karen Neperman, Deb Thram
- 11th - Aaron Furth
- 12th - Brian Kramin
- 13th - Brenner Sauer
- 15th - Bill Pfarr, Todd Horning, David Kurtz III
- 16th - Steven Rue
- 18th - Rich Arkell, Kalen Manthei
- 19th - Zachary Kircher, David Vollmer, Karen Vogel, Jenna Paplow
- 20th - Trent Mattison, Jean Lange
- 22nd - Mary Jo Vollmer
- 25th - Kurt Willhite
- 26th - Allison Rue, Jon Keck, Michelle Koppen
- 29th - Jocelyn Geske, Braedon Mariner
- 30th - Lydia Benedict

JUNE USHER SCHEDULE

Rich Arkell
Roger Zimmermann
Dave Vollmer
Holden Mariner

Tim Osland—Sub



TAXI: Please call an usher by Fridays for a ride!

June



- 4th - Justin & Courtney Thram
Ryan & Wendy Wondercheck
- 5th - Dave & Rozzie Egenes
Jay & Jocelyn Geske
- 9th - Darren & Allison Rue
- 11th - Kevin & Char Graff
- 12th - Butch & Sandy Danielowski
Timothy & Jessica Johnson
- 14th - Bruce & Barb Anderson
- 16th - Lynn & Betty Keck
- 17th - Mike & Barb Johnson
- 20th - Todd & Jeannie Horning
- 21st - Tom & Karen Neperman
- 23rd - Karl & Judy Dagner
- 25th - Dale & Sandy Gustad
- 27th - Brad & Katie Gisch
- 29th - Wade & Molly Werner
Jon & Ashley Keck
Stuart & Abby Rubner
- 30th - Dave & Sharon Vollmer



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 Women Info

Each circle has been assigned to help with sandwiches & milk for VBS.

Please check your book to see which evening your circle will serve, and help out if you can at 6:30pm.



June 8 - Love
June 9 - Charity
June 10 - Hope
June 11 - Grace
June 12 - Truth -
need help making floats!

HOLY BAPTISM

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

Laykyn John Pistulka
Infant son of
Johnny & Abby Pistulka



Bible Camp Scholarships

Attention Parents of children going to Bible Camp this summer!

Anyone wishing to get a camp scholarship for this summer should bring or email proof of registration to the church office and a check for the scholarship will be made out for you.

Please contact the church office by July 1st. If you have sent proof of registration and not heard back, please contact the church office.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the
family and friends of
David "Ernie" Rue



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

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.



**Join us for Vacation
Bible School!
There is Victory in
Jesus!!
V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!**



All students entering Kindergarten this fall through those just finishing 6th grade are invited to join in the fun. Older youth can come as helpers.

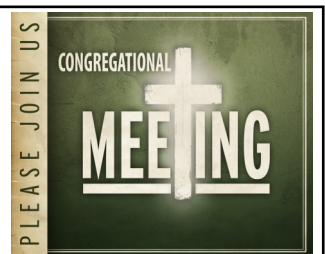
**Sunday, June 8- Thursday, June 12
from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Each night, youth will sing, dance, learn about a bible story and create during craft time. We know schedules may be busy, so while we would love for you to join us all five nights, please come to as many as work. If you have a friend who isn't a member at Our Saviors and would like to join us, super - bring them along! Do let Nicole at the church office know their name and grade so we can add them to our list.

Students will receive a light snack as part of the VBS program thanks to the very generous Women's Circles.

We are still looking for volunteers so please let us know if you can even make it for one or two days to help with crafts, play leader, or lessons. We could especially use help with crafts Tuesday night!! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

We will have a
**Special
Congregational
Meeting** on June 8
to elect call committee!



June Media Operator Schedule

June 1, 2025	Trenton Blomgren (507-822-6571)
June 8, 2025	Jodi Smith (507-360-8326)
June 22, 2025	Ethan Willhite (507-640-0421)
June 29, 2025	Sam Furth (507-227-7666)

Caring Connections: A Fresh Start for Our Care Ministry

With the departure of Pastor Steve, we've taken this time to thoughtfully **reset our Care Ministry**. While earlier efforts didn't fully launch despite much hope and planning, we're thankful to now have a **committed team of volunteers** ready to help ensure that our church family remains cared for and connected.

Our Vision for Care

This ministry exists to remind one another that we are not alone. Whether through a visit, a shared prayer, or a simple gesture of kindness, we want each member to know: **you are seen, loved, and valued.**

What to Expect

We will begin by visiting members in **nursing homes and those who are homebound**. Communion will be available during these visits for those who wish to receive it.

If you or someone you know has been **ill, hospitalized, or is on a final journey home**, please let us know—we will do our best to reach out and arrange a visit.

Additional visits can also be arranged upon request, depending on the availability of our care team members.

How to Request a Visit

We will be using the care list maintained by Nicole in the church office. To request a visit:

- Please contact the **church office** with the person's name and details.

Nicole will notify **Kris Vollmer**, who will coordinate with our team to find a volunteer.

For Urgent Needs

If an emergency or urgent situation arises outside of church office hours, **you may contact Kris Vollmer directly.**

Can You Help?

That said, being a small group, we would **gratefully welcome new volunteers** to join us in this ministry. Even making **one visit occasionally** helps share the love and light of Christ and strengthens our care efforts.

If you are willing to serve or simply want to learn more, please contact the **church office** or **Kris Vollmer**. We'd be happy to answer any questions.

Please Note Our Limitations

As a small group—many of whom are working full-time—we are **not currently able to make hospital visits or travel outside the local area**. Still, we are committed to expressing the care of our congregation through **prayers, phone calls, or cards** when in-person visits aren't possible.

HOLY BAPTISM

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

Huxtyn Riggs Feil
Infant son of
Reid & Haley Feil



HOLY BAPTISM

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

Raddix Wren Feil
son of
Reid & Haley Feil



HOLY BAPTISM

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

Navy Marie Trapp
daughter of
Chelsey Matzke
& Derek Trapp



Your help is Needed with Worship Services!

While we are working to get the call process started, we will have a period of time where members are needed to run the service. Supply Pastors are in short supply but we have some Pastors willing to provide us with sermons. We need your help either reading the written sermon or leading the liturgy.



If you are able to help, please contact Chad Coulter 507-227-3676.

Please join us for our Vacation Bible School Program!

Come see what we've been
learning all week!

**VBS Program June 12th
@ 7:30 P.M.**

Join us for rootbeer floats
following the program!

Everyone welcome!!



JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Sharon Vollmer
Jean Price

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



June 1, 2025

Lindsey Guggisberg & Sam Thillen
Video: Dawson Rue

June 8, 2025

Abby Thram & Chloe Coners
Video: Kylee Leonard

June 15, 2025

Isaac Wondercheck
Video: Levi Jeckell

June 22, 2025

Bentley Werner
Video: Braylen Braulick

June 29, 2025

Grifyn Redman
Video: Chloe Coners



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



OSLC Member Church Cleaning June 13 – June 20, 2025

OSLC church council has decided that there are some major areas to be cleaned at the church, beyond what our custodian can do. A list has been composed and posted on the church bulletin boards. Council designated the week of June 13 – June 20, 2025 as the week to get those tasks done. Council is asking that you look at the list and sign up for a task(s) that you might be able to do or assist with whenever it works for you that week, and check it off when it is completed. Cleaning supplies will be available at the church for needed tasks. Please consider helping with this. The church belongs to all of us and needs all of our help to maintain at this time. Thank you in advance.

A BIG THANK YOU to our youth group, who has already started this process by doing a thorough cleaning of the kitchen.

List of church cleaning to be done June 13-20, 2025

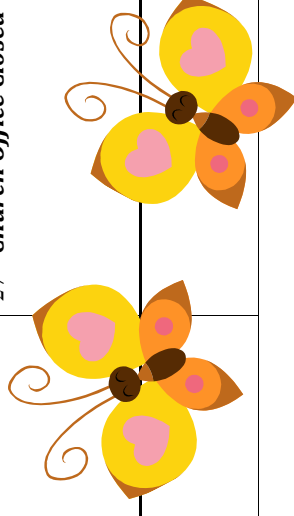
- ⇒ Wash outside church windows
- ⇒ Dust lights in sanctuary
- ⇒ Clean wall behind the altar
- ⇒ Church Pews
- ⇒ Wash windows in courtyard
- ⇒ Clean up in courtyard (weeds, sticks, etc.)
- ⇒ Wash upper windows in entryways
- ⇒ Clean out furnace room and closet
- ⇒ Clean out under steps in basement
- ⇒ Defrost basement refrigerator
(*unplug for summer*)
- ⇒ Clean lime scale off bathroom and kitchen faucets
- ⇒ Clean light shields in fellowship hall, entryways and basement lighting
- ⇒ Get rid of junk and broken or unusable stuff laying around
- ⇒ Downstairs bathrooms
(*Will be cleaned out and designated for Sunday School and VBS supplies in one and Youth Group in the other.*)



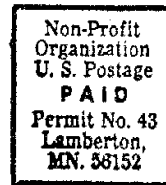


2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on TUESDAYS! THANKS!						
1 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Care Ministry Team Meeting	2 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:30 LGS Meeting	3	4 7:00 Church Council	5	6 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	7
8 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Care Ministry Team Meeting 6:00 Vacation Bible School Starts!	9 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:00 VBS	10 6:00 VBS	11 6:00 VBS	12 6:00 VBS 7:30 VBS Program w/Rootbeer Floats! <i>Everyone Welcome!</i>	13 <i>Church Office Closed</i> Church Spring Cleaning with volunteers	14
15 <i>Happy Father's Day!!</i> 9:00 Contemporary Worship	16 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	21
Church Spring Cleaning with volunteers						
22 9:00 Worship	23 <i>Church Office Closed</i> <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Articles Due!</u>	24	25 OSW hosts VVM Birthday Party	26	27 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	28
29 9:00 Worship	30 <i>Church Office Closed</i>					



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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 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.