



# “The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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**“Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me”**

Martin Luther spoke these words in response to the demand that he renounce his teachings. They were his closing statement in a defense that was very simple; his simply asked that his accusers point out in scripture where he had aired, and then he would gladly recant, but if they could not, well then “Here I stand, I can do no other”.

2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation that saw the birth of the Lutheran church. As a church both locally and globally we will be celebrating and honoring this anniversary in different ways. Since we just celebrated Reformation Sunday, I would like to talk about the man behind the movement. Last month I wrote about the early years of the Reformation, this month I will be discussing the later years of the Reformation.

As I talked about last month, Luther had posted the 95 thesis and with the aid of the printing press they had been spread throughout Germany, and eventually the rest of Europe. The popularity of this document and others eventually caught the eye of the higher ups in the Catholic Church, and some back and forth where Luther failed to find the answers he was looking for, and thus refused to stop asking his questions; Luther was ordered to appear at the town of Worms. It was at this trial at Worms that Luther was told to recant his teachings and writings, and he answered with the statement above, “Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me.” After that he was excommunicated from the church, a punishment that was much more severe during that time, since it meant that Luther no longer fell under the protection of the Church and thus could be killed by anyone. Luther was quickly smuggled out of the city and spirited away the Wartburg where he lived disguised as a knight for the next year. It was during that time that Luther translated the Bible into German, which allowed the words of the Bible to make it into the hands of all Germans not just the church leaders who spoke Latin, Greek, and Hebrew.

In the upcoming months I will talk more about the life of Martin Luther and the reformation. Next time we will be discussing his life in the years after the main Reformation.

Peace,

Pastor Levi

## *Dates to Remember...*

*2/9 – WELCA  
Valentine’s Brunch*

*2/10 – No Release  
Time*

*2/12 – SONSHINE  
Worship*

*2/19 – Choir singing  
during worship  
VISITOR  
ARTICLES DUE*

*2/24 – March  
Newsletter  
Assembled*

*2/25 – Equipping  
Congregations –  
Willmar, MN*

*2/26 – Installation  
of newly elected  
members during  
Worship*

**For December 30<sup>th</sup> – January 26<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Gifts/Offerings received:** \$ 15,643.51  
**Distributions:** \$15,595.45



**Driver Information** - If you need a ride to church for Sunday morning services, please call the church office at 223-5528 by Friday noon prior to the Sunday for making arrangements.

***Communion Services***



**Tuesday, 2/14/17**

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at  
Sylvan Court Chapel  
 12:45 p.m. Holy Communion at  
Sylvan Place  
 2:30 p.m. Holy Communion at  
Sunset Assisted Living  
 3:30 p.m. Holy Communion at  
Twinwood A and Twinwood B

**Wednesday, 2/8/17**

1:30 p.m. Worship/Holy Communion in  
Our Saviour's Chapel

**Daybreak Bible Study for Men**

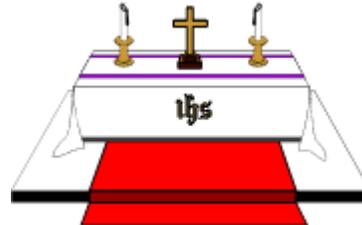
Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00 a.m. at the Campus Grill

**Women's Circle Meeting Dates & Times**

Phoebe- 2/6 – 7:00 p.m. – Carol Kopperud's  
 Elizabeth-2/14 – 9:00 a.m.  
 Naomi Circle 2/16 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Gather Bible Study – 2/21 - 2:00 p.m.  
 Sylvan Court

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Altar Assistants:  
Juli Wornson & Lori Husby



**Ushers**

Gary Fokken, Captain  
223-5178  
 Gordon Palm                  Donn Peterson



**Scripture Readers**

5<sup>th</sup>        Tricia Bueltel  
 12<sup>th</sup>      Sonshine  
 19<sup>th</sup>      Youth  
 26<sup>th</sup>      Mark Fokken

**Acolytes**

*Confirmation youth will be signing up weekly.*

**Communion Assistants:**

*Confirmation youth will be signing up.*

***Eternal Lights for the month of February***



**For February the Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in loving memory of Roger Nelson, whose birthday is February 4<sup>th</sup>.  
 Given by his Family

### Mission Work

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutherana Paz y Esperanza [Peace and Hope Lutheran Church]. Our Mission Calendar will go 1/2 toward our new mission church and 1/2 to our missionary.

The Mission Calendar is \$10 per day and you may designate it for birthdays, anniversaries, or any special day you may have.

*Our Saviour's Lutheran offers a mission opportunity* for individuals and families to partner in spreading the Gospel through financial support of our radio and TV broadcasts. Broadcasts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones with their names being published in our weekly bulletin and our monthly newsletter. One TV broadcast costs \$50 and one radio broadcast costs \$100.

**Broadcast Fund:**

Lois Hanson  
Galen Hegg

**Cemetery:**

Lois Hanson  
Galen Hegg

**Cornerstone Fund**

Lois Hanson  
Galen Hegg

**Eternal Lights**

Lee (Doc) Nefstead

**Kitchen Fund**

Lois Hanson

**Mission Calendar**

Roger Nelson

**Music Memorial Fund**

Lois Hanson  
Mavis Oellien

**Office Fund**

Lois Hanson

**Organ Restoration Fund**

Lois Hanson  
Galen Hegg  
Lowell Tilbury

**Undesignated**

Galen Hegg

\*\*\*A list of categories where you can designate your money when giving Memorials to Our Saviour's Lutheran include:

**Altar Fund**  
**Blanket Fund**

**Broadcast Fund**  
**Building Fund**  
**Cemetery Fund**  
**Cornerstone Fund**  
**Eternal Lights**  
**Fireside Room Furniture**  
**Foundation**  
**Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)**  
**Mission Action**  
**Mission Calendar**  
**Music Memorial Fund**  
**Organ Restoration Fund**  
**Sunday School**  
**Women's Retreat Fund**  
**Youth**  
Or you may give it as:  
**Undesignated**

**BAPTIZED IN JANUARY:**

*Kimber Gene Hanson*  
*Vada Jo Isfeld*  
*Elliot Lane Benz*

**Our Dearly Departed in January:**

*Galen Hegg*

**INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:**

Pastor:

**Levi Bollerud**

President of Congregation:

**Bruce Wornson**

Vice President:

**Richard Kvols**

Congregational Secretary:

**Karen Hacker**

Congregational Treasurer:

**Nadine Sorby**

Organist/Handbell Director:

**Karen Olsen**

Choir Director:

**Dawn Ourada**

Custodian:

**Jesse Engesmoe**

Church Secretary/Bookkeeper:

**Cheryl Norquist**

Youth Coordinator:

**Amber Groen**

Missionary:

**Rev. Tessa Moon & Jon Leiseth**

***BOARD OF DEACONS***

Karen Hacker	2015
Lori Husby	2015
Doug Hansen*	2014
Dan Kraft	2016
Tammy Welker	2016

***BOARD OF EDUCATION***

Kelly Stoks	2015
Laura Stoks	2015
Dee Benson*	2014
Jenna Norquist	2016
Tricia Groenhoff	2016

***BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

Bev Larsen	2015
Curt Olsen	2015
Rick Olsen	2015
Bob Welker	2015
Larry Stoks*	2014
Sherry Full	2016

***YOUTH BOARD***

David Snortum*	2014
Cheryl Norquist	2016
Rick Hansen	2016
Beth Hansen	2016
Jon Hanson*	2013
Collin Bueltel*	2016



**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Council-at-Large**

**Minutes of the January 11, 2017 Meeting**

These are the minutes of the Council at Large for January 11, 2017. Pastor Levi led the council in an opening devotion from Matthew 3:13-17. When we gather around the baptismal font, we might be able to see God's amazing grace reflected in the water. Whether or not we can remember our own baptism, it is reflected there in the water. In that moment God was touching you, loving, calling you by your own name, marking you with the cross of Christ,

and sealing by the Holy Spirit a promise that will not be unbroken. The Spirit calls us to a life of ministry, a life of serve in the name of Christ. With Baptism come both the invitation and the power to shine with the light of Christ and to join in bearing god's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Pastor Levi then led the Council in prayer to help us see ourselves and each other as your baptized, beloved children, and inspire us anew for the ministry we are called to do.

After each board conducted its individual meeting, the minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved with one correction. New members had already been approved at the November meeting. Each board shared its individual minutes.

Bruce Wornson reminded us that at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a vote on our updated Constitution. Board members were also reminded that reports were due to the office Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

2017 Budget was presented to the Council at Large. There was no further discussion and a motion was made and seconded. The 2017 Budget was approved to be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2017.

Andrew, Dana & Mason Mack were approved as new members.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be New Member Sunday Recognition with a special coffee talk to follow worship.

Thanks to the Youth Board for the lunch.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

The Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jenna Norquist

**BOARD OF DEACONS:**

Board of Deacons Minutes, January 11, 2017

Members present: Doug Hansen, Dan Kraft & Tammy Welker

Absent: Lori Husby & Karen Hacker

Minutes were read from December meeting and approved.

January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> communion sheets were sent around.

Our Saviour's month for Meals on Wheels is February. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Tammy Welker

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Board of Trustees minutes January 11, 2017

Members present: Bob Welker, Curt Olsen, Bev Larsen, Rick Olsen Larry Stoks, and Sherri Full  
Others present: Bruce Wornson, Richard Kvols and Pastor Levi.

The minutes from the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting AND The Special Budget meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup> were read and approved as read.

After a review of the bills, a motion was made, and seconded, to pay the bills as printed from December 14<sup>th</sup> to January 11, 2017. Motion carried.

- ❖ Certificates of Liability: Discussion on the Certificate of Liability was held. Larry will visit with Kari Harding again and have her draw up an example. We will add it to the Facility Use Form.
- ❖ Pastor Levi's house – the parsonage: We are waiting on the bids for the furnace

and Air conditioner replacement for the parsonage.

- ❖ Snow blower at the parsonage quit working and Larry will check into getting it fixed.
- ❖ The furnace at the church has been checked by Duffs from Sioux Falls. He repaired and checked everything.
- ❖ Johnson's will continue to clean the snow off the alley behind the church.
- ❖ 2017 Budget: Completed work on the budget for 2017. A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Council at Large the budget for 2017. Upon congregational approval of the budget, new salaries are retro-active to January 1, 2017 .
- ❖ Church Organ: Repair work on the organ will begin next week.
- ❖ Minnesota Energy will be marking the gas pipe lines outside the church.
- ❖ Cornerstone Fund. A motion was made and seconded to transfer funds from a trust account to the Cornerstone Fund, bringing the account up to \$20,000.00. Motion carried.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned to the Council at Large.

Respectfully Submitted, Bev Larson

**YOUTH BOARD**

Youth Board minutes from January 11, 2017

Members Present: Dave Snortum, Rick Hansen, Jon Hanson, Amber Groen, Collin Bueltel

Members Absent: Beth Hansen, Cheryl Norquist

We read and approved the December minutes

Bake Sale was a huge success

Youth Board approved a new policy for a separate savings account for the student's credit they receive.

Senior High Youth Gathering in Alexandria March 10 & 11 for all 9th - 12th Graders. Chaperones will need to drive. We will not be taking a bus

Talked about a possible Spring Meat Bundle Fundraiser.

Discussion about possibly having an Easter Bake Sale during the Easter breakfast.

National Youth Gathering is in Houston Texas on June 27 - July 1, 2018 for all 9th-12th Graders.

Discussion about Bible Camps in the future - Tabled until next month when we get more information on those camps.

"You Rock" is a program sponsored by the Youth to acknowledge people who go above and beyond for our church. This program is to let people know that their action is very much appreciated. Youth decorated rocks and posters for the program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Collin Bueltel

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**  
Board of Education January 11, 2017.

Present: Dee Benson, Jenna Norquist

December minutes were read and approved.

Jesus' birthday party was held on January 8th and turned out really well. We enjoyed games and cupcakes.

Due to weather conditions we were unable to have the Christmas program but did get to sing a few of the songs that we practiced in church on Sunday, January 8th.

The Sunday school students have raised over \$100 dollars for our good gifts program. So far we have raised enough for the purchase of a goat. We will continue to work towards purchasing an entire farm.

During the upcoming annual meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> the Sunday school students along with volunteers from the confirmation class will be playing bingo.

First Communion will be in March; the Board will order corsages and cake and will assist with serving cake as well as helping with bread making.

Tentative dates to sing in Church are 3/19 and 5/7.

Meeting was adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jenna Norquist

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



*Happy Birthday to all those born in February:*

**1<sup>st</sup>:**

Travis Christianson  
Sawyer Hansen  
Kalen Nelson  
Randy Westphal

**2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Elleen Bresser  
Kelly Gagnon  
Chelsie Hulzebos

**3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Kortni Arndt  
Kaden Reyerson  
Kelly Stoks  
Nicolette Ufkin  
Wanda Winter

**4<sup>th</sup>:**

Nicholas Johnson  
Roger Nelson

**5<sup>th</sup>:**

Jeremy Stoks  
Deb Vanderostyne

**6<sup>th</sup>:**

Kenadi Arndt  
Stephanie Wollum  
Luretta Huber  
David Snortum  
Madisen Tol

7<sup>th</sup>:

Douglas Balvin  
Cooper Koenig  
Joshua Snortum

8<sup>th</sup>:

Curtis Hoffman  
Allison Johnson  
Wallace Plageman

9<sup>th</sup>:

Duane Behnke  
Tricia Bueltel  
Judy Long  
Taygen Roth

13<sup>th</sup>:

Trayten Eischens  
Denise Hanson

14<sup>th</sup>:

Celina Fokken  
Justin Gislason  
Annie Hegg  
Brexlynn Hulzebos  
Blakely Koenig  
Karen Olsen  
Hanna Stoks

15<sup>th</sup>:

Michael Fokken  
Jamison Hunt

17<sup>th</sup>:

Lois Cole  
Michael Frank  
Brent Jeppeson  
Alia Kraft  
Kathleen Madsen  
Nancy Mead  
Robert Welker

18<sup>th</sup>:

Mark Ellison  
Richard Larsen

19<sup>th</sup>:

Kevin Balvin  
Grace Hansen  
Dorothea Myers  
Parker Viessman  
Allyson Yackley

20<sup>th</sup>:

April Endahl  
Brock Smith

21<sup>st</sup>:

Jack Nemitz  
Ashley Parish

23<sup>rd</sup>:

Justin Hanson  
Jacob Pederson  
Megan Syltie

24<sup>th</sup>:

Sherri Full  
Jerry Hoffman  
Nathan Morris  
Peyton DeSmet

25<sup>th</sup>:

Arlon Johnson  
Keith Olsen  
Taylor Ourada

26<sup>th</sup>:

Darcie Adkison  
Levi Menk  
Dane Nordquist

27<sup>th</sup>:

Adam Evenson  
Crystal Gislason

**Make sure to check out our NEW website, [www.oslcanby.org](http://www.oslcanby.org). Our monthly schedule is posted there. You can find links to the sermons and other information! Contact the church office if you have information you would like to add or if you have any questions. You can also go to Facebook and "like" the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Our Saviour's Lutheran Sunday School pages.**



**LIBRARY CORNER**

*Did you know we have a library here at Our Saviour's? It is located in the far corner of the Chapel (the room connected to the Cry Room). There are adult, teen and children's books and videos. Check out what OSL has to offer in the way of Spiritual Growth and continued study. Donations welcomed!*

*OSL Librarians: Lila Sillerud & Molly Verhelst*

# PRAYER

*changes things*

**We ask God's guidance and prayers** for all those who have special needs: Duane Anderson, John Cornell, Marjorie Victor, Gordon Rangaard, Stacy Norquist, Jade Otteson (niece of Spencer & Amanda Otteson), Dorothy Thovson, Amy Johnson, LaVonne Winters, Don Budahl, Florence Rousseau, Cameron Stockmann, Manley Torstenson, Evelyn Husby, Marcie Wolff, Bertha Johnson, Barry Ufkin, Mike Bissen, Henrietta Hundt, Jerry Thomsen, Debbie Cornell, Karen Schultz, Judy Halvorson, Reghan Sanow, Joyce Brouwer, Ken Club, Mary Adler, John Hansen (Kevin Hansen's father), Gwen Evens, Don Kirkeide, Robert Kokesh, Glenn & Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Dean Behnke, Judy Lillard (Sister-in-Law to Linda Ward), Pastor Cy Solberg, Connie Severson, Demetrius Bridges, Bill & Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Paula Rhymer, Floyd Evens, Elan Hacker, Patty McLain, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Clarie Ouverson, Dale Sillman, Dean Hedge, Melanie Haggard, Betty Ferguson, Karen Ouverson-Pohlen, Sonny Stephenson, ArLoa & Harold Meyen and family, Braylee Jo Pridal, Violet Hook, Kent Bren, Sandra Nelson, Kristina Paiakham, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaminc, Noah Hanson, and all whom we name before you in our hearts. May God strengthen all who are in need.



**We continue to pray for the Leaders** of the Nations, for all the Peacekeeping forces and especially for the service men and women connected with OSL, both those who remain deployed and those who now feel the safety of home: Cody Dinius, Andrew

Thompson, Ross Larson, Nicole Nelson (granddaughter of Larry & Joanne Nelson), Ethan Webster, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, Tony Nelson, Kirk Larson, Ryan Otto, Tyson Coil, Christopher Oellien, Stephanie Geier and Sue Behrens. **May God continue to strengthen these committed military personnel and their families.** If anyone has been omitted or you would like to add a name, please contact the church office. We ask God to surround them and their loved ones with His love and presence.

**Donations to our Food Shelf** are deeply appreciated by those who find themselves in need. **WE ALWAYS HAVE A NEED** for non-perishable foods: *ketchup, juices, tuna, canned chicken, spam, rice, soups, pasta, toilet paper, cereal cleaning supplies, (laundry and dish soap) feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, and hand soap.* Reminder that we now have a freezer for our Food Shelf donations.



Are you **someone who loves music and has the gift of either singing or playing an instrument?** If so, please contact the church office, Dawn Ourada at 605-360-6744 (for Choir) or simply come and join Choir and/or Handbells. Handbells begins at 6:00 p.m. and Choir at 7:30 p.m. All are Welcome!

## Thank You's.....

*Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: Sunday worship services, special music, Bible Studies, communion services, and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are grateful!*

*Thanks for remembering us old people. It was so nice of you for the gift. May God Bless!*  
Love, Emily Hansen

*Thank you for the cookies and body wash. I really enjoyed them! Thanks again!*  
Violet Hook

*P.S. Also, I would like to thank Joyce Ramlo for the gift!* Violet

# Youth News

**Empty out Your Closets** ..... The *OSL* youth has teamed up with *Delightful Treasures* to provide clothing for those in need. **Just bring in your (gently used) items to Delightful Treasures and mark them OSL youth account or account #1000.** When your items sell, the credit will build up in the youth account at Delightful Treasures. Delightful Treasures also takes shoes, books, movies, kitchen items, blankets, furniture, jewelry and toys.

# YOU ROCK

## “You Rock!!!”

This new program is sponsored by the OSL Youth. It is a program designed to encourage and thank members of the congregation for all they do to make this Church and community amazing. There are so many people that go above and beyond and this is a way to show our appreciation.

Here’s how it works...(located in the corner of the Narthex on a table) if there is someone you would like to recognize, fill out the “You Rock” form by writing the recipient’s name and why you want to recognize them and if you wish, you may sign your name. Then pick out a stone to give to the recipient along with the duplicate copy and put the white copy on the bulletin board. If you would rather remain anonymous, please feel free to bring the slip and stone into the church office and we will make sure the recipient receives it.

We hope that this program inspires you to spread a little kindness and to make someone’s day a little brighter. **ROCK ON!!!**



# Generosity

changes everything

I am truly blessed to be a part of this congregation. I am continually amazed at all the individuals that give above and beyond for others.

So many people have given so many clothes and donated items to the food shelf. Right before Christmas, a family came in to drop off items for the food shelf. This family brought an entire pick-up full of items for the food shelf and then I found out that this family has done this every year for several years. I was so glad that I was able to be a part of this that day and it took me an entire afternoon to put all those items away. Shortly after that, a family came in with some frozen food for the food shelf. Imagine the surprise of those individuals that benefit from the food shelf to walk into the room and see all the shelves full again and to be able to take some frozen meat home with them.

I want to also thank all those individuals that came in on a Wednesday evening before Christmas to support the youth bake sale. I was impressed with the support not only of the congregation but also of the community people that came in to buy Christmas goodies for the holidays. There were over 4 tables full of baked goods and by the end of the evening, there was less than one table left. Imagine my surprise on Thursday when someone came in to buy all the goodies left over because they wanted to support our youth. Once again, I was able to witness the giving spirit of our congregation members. Their kindness and support did not go unnoticed.

God’s Blessings,

Amber Groen  
Youth Coordinator

## WELCA NEWS AND NOTES



Mark your calendars!!!

February 9th	Valentine's Brunch 11:30 a.m. "Lessons from a Cupcake" Serving – G-M (Contacts will be made)
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Day of Prayer Bethel Lutheran Porter, MN
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	"A Woman of Strength" 2:00 p.m. Serving – N-S (Contacts will be made)
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Prairie Conference Spring Gathering First English in Tyler
May 13 <sup>th</sup> (?)	Mother/Daughter Banquet
May 25 <sup>th</sup> (?)	Ascension Brunch Hope Lutheran, Minneota

### Today I Will

- Compliment three people
- Make a small improvement in some way
- Give thanks for my daily bread
- Leave someone a little better than I found them
- Know that the place to be happy is here, and that the time to be happy is now
- Find something different to do
- Give my best time talking to God

*"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."*

*Proverbs 4:23*

