



# *“The Visitor”*

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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*“You are dust, and to dust you shall return” Gen 3:19*

Soon it will be Ash Wednesday. A service and day that marks the beginning of Lent, and a reminder of our need for God's love. Another thing it “marks” is our forehead in one of my favorite visuals of Christianity. The ashes that we use for this service are from the palms used on Palm Sunday. Palms that were waved in representation of the celebration and excitement about Christ entering into the Holy Land, now turned to ash to represent cost of sin and Christ's death on the cross. Two seemingly completely different moods that are united by one universal truth, God's love. It is present in the joy and excitement, it is present in sadness and mourning, it marks our heads and follows us wherever life takes us.

I love going about town and seeing people with different variations of the cross marked on their forehead. I love the kids who have forgotten it was there and now have a smear of ash both on their forehead, and the back of their hand. I love the little smile when someone sees it and remembers what day it is. I love people who don't know what day it is and helpfully tell you, “Hey you have something on your forehead”. **I love how boldly it claims us as beloved children of God.**

What is so beautiful about this act of placing ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads, is that it makes such a stark visual representation of what we know to be true. **When we were baptized we were sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.** That cross, whether it is present in ash or not, is always there, a symbol of God's promise.

And here is the thing, **it never goes away.** It can't be washed away at the end of the night, or accidentally knocked off when we itch our forehead, (as a kid I always knew that the second that ash hit my forehead I would have a sudden urge to scratch in that exact spot). That cross stays because that cross was not placed by man, it was placed by God, and no matter who we are, no matter what we are doing or have done, **that cross stays.**

So this Lent, long after the ash has disappeared, take a finger and trace it's outline on your forehead, and know that though you may not be able to see it, “Hey you have something on your forehead”.

Pastor Levi

*February  
Dates to  
Remember ~*

*NO WELCA  
Meeting this  
month*

*2/12/23 –  
Sonshine Worship*

*2/23/23 - Visitor  
Articles Due*

*2/24/23 -  
February Visitor  
Assembled*

*2/22/23- Soup  
supper and Ash  
Wednesday Service*

**For December 29th – January 26th**  
**Gifts/Offerings received:** \$32,139.64  
**Distributions:** \$33,699.28

**GIVE+Online.....**

We invite you to consider our electronic giving program as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate. To get started you will need to sign up in the link on the front page of our website (oslcanby.org) or you may call the office 223-5528 for assistance.



**February Altar Assistant:**  
Linda Blackwelder

**February Ushers**

**Milo Larson, Captain 223-5082**

Menno Fokken	Curt Olsen
Wayne Giese	Erich Fokken



**5th:** Mark Fokken  
**12th:** Sonshine  
**19th:** Janice Zimmerman  
**26th:** Peggy Sik

For **January** the **Eternal Lights** burned in the Sanctuary and Chapel in memory of **Vernon & Ilene Jacobson**. Given by Curt & Karen Olsen.



**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 a.m.** Holy Communion at  
Sylvan Court Chapel  
**12:45 p.m.** Holy Communion at  
Sylvan Place  
**3:00 p.m.** Holy Communion at  
Twinwood A and Twinwood B

**Women's Circle Meeting Date & Time**

**Tuesday, February 7th**  
**2:00p.m. – Fireside Room**

**Mission Work**

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutherana Paz y Esperanza [Peace and Hope Lutheran Church]. Our Mission Calendar will go ½ toward our new mission church and ½ 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.

**January Mission Calendar**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** In honor of **Noah Hanson's birthday today**.  
Given by family.  
**8<sup>th</sup>:** In memory of **Steve Benson**. Given by Shirley Saum.

**New Office Hours.....**

**The office will be open Monday-Friday - 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.**

*Our Saviour's Lutheran offers a mission opportunity for individuals and families to partner in spreading the Gospel through financial support of our 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.*

**Dearly Departed**

*Darold Snortum*

**Newly Baptized**

*Brantlee Bendickson*

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

**Altar Fund  
Building Fund  
Campership Fund  
Cemetery Fund  
Cornerstone Fund  
Eternal Lights  
Foundation**

**Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)**

**Mission Action  
Mission Calendar  
Music Fund  
Organ Fund  
Sunday School**

**TEAF (Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund)**

**Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund**

**WELCA Projects Fund  
Youth**

*Or you may give it as:*

**Undesignated**

**Building Fund**

*Steve Benson*

**Cemetery**

*Steve Benson*

**Cornerstone Fund**

*Steve Benson*

*Gail Fokken*

**Eternal Lights**

*Vernon & Irene Jacobson*

**Mission Calendar**

*Steve Benson*

**Music Fund**

*Steve Benson*

*Judy Tomiczek*

**Organ Fund**

*Steve Benson*

**Undesignated**

*Steve Benson*

**INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:**

Pastor:

***Levi Bollerud***

President of Congregation:

***Dee Benson***

Vice President:

***Beverly Dybsetter***

Congregational Secretary:

***Karen Hacker***

Congregational Treasurer:

***Brenda Lothert***

Organist/Handbell Director:

***Karen Olsen***

Choir Director:

***Pastor Levi Bollerud***

Custodian:

***Jesse Engesmoe***

Office Manager:

***Jill Winters***

**2022 COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS**

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Cindy Maras\* 2020

Cheryl Denelsbeck\* 2019

Sherri Grengs\* 2020

Glenda Olsen 2022

**BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION**

Linda Richter*	2019
Carrie Benson	2021
Denise Hanson	2021
Sheyenne Benson	2021
Kathy Becker	2022
Jill Winters	2022
Ex-officio -	
Cheryl Norquist	

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mike Weckwerth	2021
Tony Ourada	2021
Loren Hacker	2022
Jeff Grengs	2022

**OSL Foundation**

Mark Fokken	2022
Mark Whittier	2022
Carol Gorder	2022
Linda Blackwelder	2022
Dawn Giese	2022



***Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Council-at-Large Minutes of the  
January 11, 2023 Meeting***

These are the minutes of the regular, monthly Council at Large meeting of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for Wed., Jan. 11, 2023. President Dee Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Levi led the Council in prayer.

The minutes of the Dec. meeting were read and approved.

Chairwoman Benson shared the names of nominees for the various boards. More people are still needed for the Board of Youth Education.

Board chair annual reports are due in the church office by January 19. The church's email address remains the same. Jeff Grengs, Trustees Chair, shared the proposed

budget for 2023 with the council. After review, a motion was made and seconded to submit the proposed 2023 budget for approval to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2023, following the worship service. President Benson called for questions, but there were none. The motion was approved.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

January 11, 2023 Board of Trustees Budget Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jeff Grengs, Loren Hacker, Tony Ourada, OSL Pres. Dee Benson

6:00pm - Jeff called the Trustees Budget Meeting to order

- Discussion & review held to finalize the OSL Church 2023 Budget. Motion by Loren, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the 2023 Budget and present to the Council at Large. Motion Passed.

Motion by Mike, Loren 2<sup>nd</sup> to close the Trustee's Budget Meeting. Motion Passed

Meeting closed at 6:50pm

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January 11, 2023 Board of Trustees Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jeff Grengs, Loren Hacker, Tony Ourada, OSL Pres. Dee Benson, Pastor Levi

7:25pm – Jeff called the Board Meeting to order

- Minutes: December 2022 Meeting minutes read. Motion by Mike, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve minutes as read. Motion Passed
- Cemetery Board: Jeff read a letter from the Cemetery Board for the cemetery lots to be increased from \$250, to \$300. Interment Fees raised from \$200, to \$300. Price increases will take effect on June 1, 2023. Further discussion/information will be provided at the 2023 Congregational Annual Meeting.
- Review Bills/Statements: November & December Statements Financial Statements &

Bills reviewed. Motion by Loren, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion Passed.

- Offering Counting: Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>- Tony, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Loren, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> - Loren & Mike, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Jeff
- Discussion held on Employee Reviews and Appreciation Recognition.
- Transfer of Funds: Discussion held to transfer \$20,000 from the checking account to the Cornerstone Fund. Motion by Loren, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.
- Adjournment: Motion by Mike, Loren 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Weckwerth, Bd. of Trustees

**BOARD OF DEACONS:**

January 11 2023 Monthly Meeting

Attending: Sherri Grengs  
Glenda Olson  
Cindy Maras

Agenda:

Batteries have been removed from Christmas candles.  
Thanks Sherri and Glenda.

Communion:

January 15: Sherri, Glenda and Cindy

January 29: Sherri, Glenda and Cindy

February 5: Sherri, Glenda and ———

Cheryl's Thank you party. Will be held Sunday January 22 2023 after church service. Cakes and flowers have been ordered. Deacons will serve cake, nuts and candy, coffee and lemonade.

Respectively submitted  
Cindy Maras

**BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION:**

Board of Youth Education Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/11/23

Committee Members: Jill Winters; Linda Richter; Denise Hansen; Sheyenne Benson; Carrie Benson; Kathy Becker.

Officer officiate: Cheryl Norquist

Present: Jill Winters; Linda Richter;

**Cookie bake with Youth:** talked about how it went and what we could change.

**Jesus's Christmas Party:** went well and the kids enjoyed it. Had a small group with around 10 kids.

**Christmas Program:** Heard great things about the Christmas Program. The kids did a great job with their roles and singing.

**Ideas for Board Members:** Went over people we thought would be interested in being on the Board of Youth Education.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Winters, Board of Youth Education



***Happy Birthday to all those  
born in February:***

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

Travis Christianson  
Sawyer Hansen  
Randy Westphal

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

Elleen Bresser  
Kelly Gagnon  
Chelsie Hulzebos

3<sup>rd</sup>:

Kortni Arndt  
Kaden Reyerson  
Kelly Stoks  
Wanda Winter

4<sup>th</sup>:

Brexlynn Hulzebos

5<sup>th</sup>:

Jeremy Stoks  
Deb VanDerostyne

6<sup>th</sup>:

Kenadi Arndt  
Luretta Huber  
David Snortum

7<sup>th</sup>:

Douglas Balvin  
Cooper Koenig

8<sup>th</sup>:

Curtis Hoffman  
Wallace Plageman

9<sup>th</sup>:

Duane Behnke  
Tricia Bueltel  
Judy Long

12<sup>th</sup>:

Willow Whittier

13<sup>th</sup>:

Trayten Eischens

Denise Hanson

14<sup>th</sup>:

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

15<sup>th</sup>:

Michael Fokken  
Jamison Hunt

17<sup>th</sup>:

Lois Cole  
Michael Frank  
Brent Jeppesen  
Annette Harding  
Alia Kraft  
Kathleen Madsen  
Nancy Mead  
Robert Welker

18<sup>th</sup>:

Mark Ellison  
Parker Johnson  
Richard Larsen  
Madelyn Winkelman

19<sup>th</sup>:

Grace Hansen  
Doris Myers  
Parker Viessman  
Allyson Hanson

20<sup>th</sup>:

Brock Smith

21<sup>st</sup>:

Jack Nemitz  
Ashley Parish

23<sup>rd</sup>:

Jett Eilers  
Justin Hanson  
Jacob Pederson

24<sup>th</sup>:

Sherri Full  
Nathan Morris  
Peyton DeSmet



25<sup>th</sup>:

Taylor Ourada

26<sup>th</sup>:

Darcie Adkison

Levi Menk

Dane Nordquist

27<sup>th</sup>:

Bexen Baer

Carrie Benson

Adam Evenson

Crystal Gislason



## Happy Anniversary in February!

4<sup>th</sup>

Casie & Cory Ambrose

5<sup>th</sup>

Pauline & Marion Oellien

13<sup>th</sup>

Linda & Greg Coil

14<sup>th</sup>

Laurie & Mark Thorston

19<sup>th</sup>

Mabel Ann & Maynard Swenson

26<sup>th</sup>

Ann & DeLon Clarksean



*Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: communion services, special music, baptisms, worship led by the Sonshine group and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are truly grateful & blessed!*

*Pastor Levi & OSL Church,  
Thank you for letting me get baptized & celebrate in the Fireside room on Christmas morning. It was such a special day! Also, thank you for the blanket and basket of baptismal goodies. We really appreciate it!*

*Love, Braxton Gorder*



**We ask God's guidance**

**and prayers** for all those who have special needs: Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, Ann Riekema (Ione Thorson's daughter), David Sorby, Paulette Johnson, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister), Shirley Markegard, Charlotte Thompson, Nick Benson, Karen Ouverson Pohlen, Bonnie Olson, Aiden Conrad, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Ken Club, Fred Full, Myrna Tesch, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Nina Benz, Katrina Vick, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, John Cornell, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaminck 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: Andrew Fokken, Anthony Nemitz, Cody Dinius, 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. **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.

\*\*\*\*\***2023 Offering Envelopes** are available for pickup. They are on the table in the Chapel.

## Youth News

### February

**February 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School**

**February 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School**

**February 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School**

### Going out of our way

In mid-2022, Mediterranean Shipping Company, a world leader in container transport, voluntarily changed its routes, on the advice of scientists, to protect large populations of blue whales off the Sri Lankan coast. Going out of its way 15 nautical miles has led to a whopping 95% drop in whale strikes.

Jesus counseled people to go out of their way for one another, especially for the vulnerable: "If anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." Further, "whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water ... will by no means lose his reward" (Matthew 5:40-41; 10:42, ESV).

Paul likewise urged his listeners to voluntarily give up eating meat, even if they didn't believe in and weren't challenged by the idols to which it had been sacrificed, for the sake of new believers with weaker faith (Romans 14).

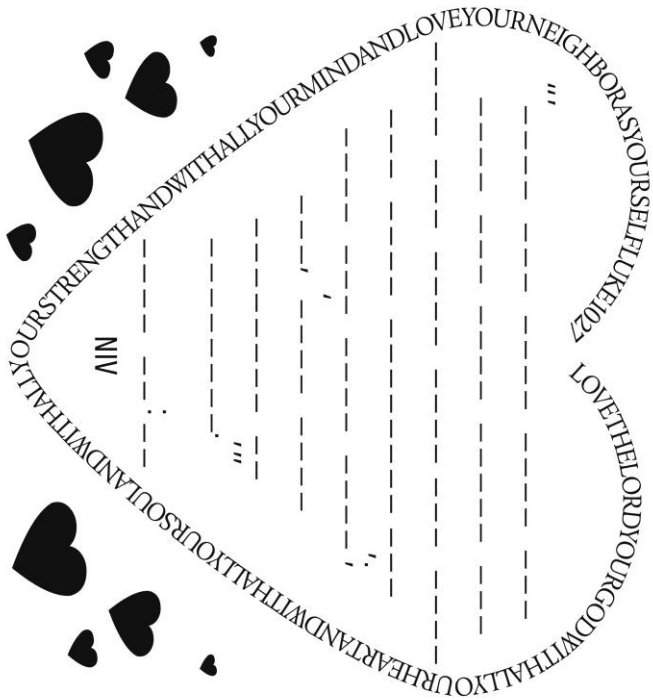
Faith calls us to go out of our way for the sake of others; sometimes a wealthy corporation opts to do the same. God's hand is at work in both, protecting vulnerable humans and nonhumans alike.



## Youth Puzzle & Activity

# Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.



Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27, NIV

# Children of the LIGHT

This craft celebrates that now we are light in the Lord (see Ephesians 5:8).

### What you need:

- A gallon zip-top plastic bag
- Permanent markers (dark colors)
- Black construction paper
- White cardstock
- Scissors

### What you do:

1. Draw a self-portrait on the outside of the bag. Add details.
2. Insert the black paper and set the bag flat on a table. It should be tough to see your picture now.
3. On the white cardstock, draw a picture of a flashlight with a long beam of light coming out. Color the flashlight but leave the beam white.
4. Cut out the flashlight and light beam. Place them in the bag, over the black paper. When the white beam covers the black background under your picture, you can see your self-portrait clearly.



## WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

### **Mark your calendars!!!**

<b>February</b>	No meeting this month.
<b>March 9th</b>	Regular meeting- Fireside room 2p.m.
<b>April 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Regular meeting- Fireside room 2p.m.

"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle ... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream."  
- Barbara Winkler

### **Amazing love**

If there is one subject more than another upon which I wish ever to speak, it is the love of Christ; but if there is one which quite baffles me, and makes me go back from this platform utterly ashamed of my poor feeble words, and of the tongue which has uttered them, it is this subject. This love of Christ is the most amazing thing under heaven, if not in heaven itself.

—Charles Spurgeon



Women of the ELCA 

Mission Statement  
Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ



## February 2023

<b>Wednesday 1</b>	5:30 p.m. 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
<b>Thursday 2</b>	2:00p.m. Hendricks Nursing Home Communion Services
<b>Friday 3</b>	2:00p.m. Women's Circle in the Fireside Room
<b>Saturday 4</b>	
<b>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 5</b>	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk 2:00 p.m. Prairie Conference Annual Meeting- First Lutheran in Marshall, MN
<b>Monday 6</b>	
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	2:00p.m. Women's Circle in the Fireside Room
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	<b><u>COMMUNION SERVICES</u></b> 10:30 a.m. Sylvan Court Communion 12:45 p.m. Sylvan Place Communion 3:00 p.m. TWA/TWB Communion  7:00 p.m. Council at Large Meeting
<b>Thursday 9</b>	
<b>Friday 10</b>	
<b>Saturday 11</b>	
<b>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 12</b>	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. SONSHINE worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk 10:30a.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation
<b>Monday 13</b>	<b><i>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Open 9a-3p</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	

<b>Wednesday 15</b>	8:30 a.m. Pastor Levi Hospital Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 6:30p.m. Choir Practice
<b>Thursday 16</b>	
<b>Friday 17</b>	
<b>Saturday 18</b>	<b>Maria &amp; Tanner Mercer Wedding</b>
<b>Transformation of Our Lord 19</b>	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
<b>Monday 20</b>	<b>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Open 9a-3p</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting
<b>Tuesday 21</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Soup Supper - Fellowship Hall <b>6:30p.m. Choir Practice</b> 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 23</b>	<b>March Newsletter articles due</b>
<b>Friday 24</b>	<b>March Newsletter Assembled</b>
<b>Saturday 25</b>	
<b>First Sunday in Lent 26</b>	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
<b>Monday 27</b>	
<b>Tuesday 28</b>	