



“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; he simply asked that his accusers point out in scripture where he had erred, and then he would gladly recant, but if they could not, well then “Here I stand, I can do no other”.

2017 marks the 500th 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 time Luther spent as a monk, this month I will be discussing the early years of the Reformation.

As I talked about last month, Luther had been sent to Wittenberg to teach, and it was during his time there that the seeds of the Reformation were planted and begin to grow. On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the church door. Now in the years since, this date, and this action are seen as the beginning of the Reformation, but it is important to note, that Martin Luther was in no way intending to start a movement, or break away from the Catholic Church. Instead, he was trying to start a conversation. The 95 theses were in fact 95 questions about the teachings of the church, that Luther wanted to engage theologians of the church in conversation about. This was actually a pretty common practice amongst academics at the time. In all honesty many of the questions that Martin Luther raised, especially the questions regarding the sale of indulgences, had been raised by others previously. There are many reasons why these 95 theses made such an impact on the world, but two in particular stand out to me. Luther’s dogged insistence on getting answers to his questions, and the invention of the printing press that allowed copies of Luther’s questions to find their way into the hands of many people. Once the word started spreading, there was no stopping this Reformation.

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 during the later parts of the reformation.

Peace,

Pastor Levi

Dates to Remember...

1/3/17 - OFFICE CLOSED

1/8/17 - Sunday School-3yr olds-6th Graders singing during worship

1/15/17 - Annual Reports Due; Visitor Articles Due

1/20/17 - No Release Time

1/22/17 – No Sunday School

1/29/17 – Annual Meeting following worship Potluck Dinner to follow meeting. (Districts 2,3,4,5-Hotdish; Districts 1&6 – Salads & Breads and Districts 7&8 Desserts)

For December 1st – December 29th:
Gifts/Offerings received: \$29,327.67
Distributions: \$15,492.11



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, 1/10/17

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, 1/11/17

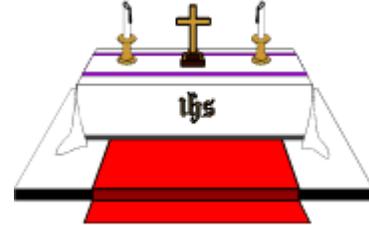
1:30 p.m. Worship/Holy Communion in
Our Saviour's Chapel

Daybreak Bible Study for Men
Wednesday, January 25th
7:00 a.m. at The Midway Café

Women's Circle Meeting Dates & Times
Phoebe- 1/9 – 7:00 p.m. – Carol Kopperud's
Elizabeth-1/10 – 9:00 a.m.
Gather Bible Study – 1/17 - 2:30 p.m.
Sylvan Court
Naomi Circle 1/19 – 2:00 p.m.

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Assistants:
Glenda Olsen & Joyce Duin



Ushers

David Snortum, Captain
223-5203
Gordon Rangaard Don Verschelde
Todd Stockman Dane Nordquist
Adriam Hemish Jon Gorder
Paul Olson



Scripture Readers

1st DeLon Clarksean
8th Dawn Ourada
15th Sonshine
22nd Youth
29th Bruce Wornson

Acolytes

Confirmation youth will be signing up weekly.

Communion Assistants:

Confirmation youth will be signing up.

Eternal Lights for the month of January



For **January the Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel to the glory and honor of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who alone is worthy to be praised.

Mission Calendar for December:

- 4th: In honor of Carol Kopperud given by the Phoebe Circle.
- 21st: In honor of Larris and JoAnne Nelson's 53rd Wedding Anniversary.
- 28th: In loving memory of Leo Haas, who passed away 24 years ago December 28th. Given by Marvel Haas.

TV Broadcasts for December:

- 4th: In memory of Harold Harding's Birthday, December 5th. Given by Avis & Annette.
- 25th: In memory of Martin & Mabel Schultz. Given by Delores Haugen and Orville & Helen Schultz.

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.

Altar Fund

Lois Hanson
Paul Kamrath

Broadcast Fund:

Paul Kamrath
Darlene Palm

Cemetery:

Paul Kamrath
Harvey Knutson

Cornerstone Fund

Paul Kamrath
Lois Hanson

Eternal Lights

Darlen Palm

Music Memorial Fund

Paul Kamrath

Organ Fund

Paul Kamrath

TEAF

Estle Saum

Steve Saum

Jesse Saum

Piper Johnson

Undesignated

Paul Kamrath

***Below is a list of categories where you can designate your money when giving Memorials to Our Saviour's Lutheran:

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 DECEMBER:

*Mason James Mack
Jaxson Tucker Dybedahl*

Our Dearly Departed in December:

*Amy Beutler
Lois Hanson*

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 December 14, 2016 Meeting

These are the minutes of the Council at Large for December 14, 2016. Pastor Levi led the council in an opening devotion from Luke 2:18-19. Mary sat in the stillness of the night, cradling Jesus. It was an oasis of light, a harbor of tranquility. May we all step into the stillness, cradle a child in hands and heart, let our senses be consumed by its softness and smallness, look deeply into the mystery of its being – and see God. Pastor Levi led the Council in prayer to help us find peace in God's presence and joy in his surprises. May contentment and compassion radiate from us for the sake of the world God loves.

After each board conducted its individual meeting, the minutes of the November 9th meeting were read and approved. Each board shared its individual minutes.

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

Thanks to the Board of Education 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, Cheryl Norquist

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Board of Deacons December 14, 2016

Members present: Tammy Welker, Dan Kraft, Lori Husby, Doug Hansen

Absent: Karen Hacker

Minutes were read from November meeting and approved.

Labels for the 2017 offering envelopes are done. The goal is to have them ready to distribute by December 24th.

Worked on candles for Christmas Eve Service

Communion Sheets are being sent around for signup.

Lori Husby and Karen Hacker will continue to serve another 2 years on the board. We will need one new member in 2017.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Tammy Welker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees minutes December 14, 2016

Members present: Bob Welker, Curt Olsen, Bev Larsen, Rick Olsen, Larry Stoks

Members absent: None

Others present: On the speaker phone-Sherri Full, Bruce Wornson, Richard Kvols and Pastor Levi.

The minutes from the November 9th meeting were read and approved as read.

After a discussion on the bills, a motion was made, seconded, to pay the bills as printed from November 9 to December 14, 2016. Motion carried.

- Certificates of Liability: Larry will talk to Kari Harding about this matter to see if we need to update our insurance.
- Ottetail Bill: Explained that the Ottetail bill is higher but the fuel bill is lower.
- Pastor Levi's house-the parsonage: We are getting bids on the furnace replacement for the parsonage.

- 2017 Budget: Began working on the budget for 2017. We will meet again Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00p.m.
- Church Repair: Larry Duis will come and look to see what needs to be done.
- Audit Review: Read the minutes from the Cornerstone, Foundation, and Leaf committees that have met.
- Snow Removal: Parking lot behind the church. Larry will check to see who is responsible to clean it.
- Church Organ: A bid to completely upgrade the organ was submitted. After a discussion, a motion was and seconded to accept the bid. Motion carried.
- A letter from Cheryl Norquist was received regarding payroll.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Bev Larsen

YOUTH BOARD

Youth Board minutes from December 14, 2016

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

Members Absent: Beth Hansen

Meeting minutes were read from November meeting and approved.

We discussed food shelf shelving and David has worked on fixing it up and it looks very nice and storage areas are more sturdy. Thanks David!

The Youth Bake Sale will be December 18th following the Christmas Program dependent upon weather. Youth will get some credit for the items they sell.

There are about 12 names left on the Blessed to Give signup sheets. Amber will take some of the Sr. High Youth to shop for extra gifts and they will be delivered Wednesday, December 21st.

Mobergs Meat Fundraiser – This was a HUGE SUCCESS! We want to thank, not only our church family who participated but those in the community who also participated. THANK YOU!

We discussed a new way (“*You Rock*”) to thank congregation members when something that is noticed by anyone that helps the church or others in the community. There will be more discussion next meeting.

A Community Fundraiser discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Collin Bueltel

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Board of Education 12/14/16; 7:45 p.m.

Present: Dee Benson, Laura Stoks, Kelly Stoks, Jenna Norquist

November minutes were read and approved.

The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 18th, with practice on Saturday, December 17th. In case of inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled to Sunday, January 8, 2016, with a practice on Saturday, January 7th.

Good Gifts – the Sunday School classes have started collecting money to reach their goal. Money will be counted by board members in the future. Sunday School gifts have been assembled and will be distributed after the Christmas program.

Baby Jesus Birthday Party will be held on Sunday, January 8th. Board members will provide cupcakes and juice. We will play a variety of games.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Stoks, Secretary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to all those born in January:

1st:

Jaime Hanson
Erin Hower

2nd:

Thomas Jacobson
Kendra Vanderostyne

3rd:

Jadyn Schmitt

4th:

Paige Heidecker
Wanda Hemish

5th:

Julie Fairchild
Blake Robbin

6th:

Cynthia Hiedeman
Teresa Menk
Larry Stoks

7th:

Natalie Morris

8th:

Richard Bueltel
Franklin Mitchell
Brett Stoks

9th:

Matthew Bliss

10th:

Austin Schroeder

11th:

Kendra Hoffman
Cole Regnier

12th:

Parker Anhalt
Karin Livermore
Nathan Oellien
Brian Svoboda

13th:

Tiffini Stockman
Makayla Vanderostyne

14th:

Bruce Wornson

15th:

Jocelynn Lacek

16th:

Gail Eilers
Brooklyn Frensko
Wendell Giese
Sheila Hegg
Miriam Kaczmarek
Bruce Madsen
Marcie Wolff

17th:

Curt Olsen
Silas Olson
Janel Tol

18th:

Myron Anhalt
Jane Ellison
Peyton Svoboda

20th:

Nina Benz

21st:

Gary VanDerostyne
Gerald VanDerostyne

22nd:

Emily Christianson
Trevor Menk
Natalie Stoks

23rd:

Brynlee Jeppeson
Lucille Stoks

24th:

Benjamin Whittier

25th:

Matthew Groen

26th:

Kaylin Anderson
Levi Bollerud

28th:

Tucker Coil
Madisen Krug
Joshua Long

29th:

Tyler Baer
Jaxson Dybedahl
Brooke Nelson

30th:

Trish Hoffman

31st:

Gavin Benz
Donald Beutler
Kerri DeVos
Janet Full
Marion Oellien
Richard Rogers

Make sure to check out our NEW website, 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.

Please take time to look at our new display case downstairs for the confirmation pictures. If you notice there's a missing picture from St. Stephen's, Zaccheus Lutheran, St. Paul's and First English and you happen to have a copy, please bring to the office and we will get a copy made. Also, if you notice missing names and you know them, please let the office know.

LIBRARY CORNER

Read a good book lately? Let your church librarians know.

OSL Librarians:

Lila Sillerud & Molly Verhelst
Check out what OSL has to offer in the way of Spiritual Growth and continued study.



PRAYER

changes things

We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Gordon Rangaard, Stacy Norquist, Jade Otteson (niece of Spencer & Amanda Otteson), Dorothy Thovson, Amy Johnson, Tiffini Stockman, 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 Vlaminck, 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: 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!



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. Occasionally, we have individuals that visit our food shelf and also look for clothing items and there isn't always a variety of sizes for everyone. Now, we have the opportunity to provide vouchers to families that can shop at Delightful Treasures for their needed items. Delightful Treasures also takes shoes, books, movies, kitchen items, blankets, furniture, jewelry and toys.

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, lighting of the Advent Candle, Christmas Eve Worship, Christmas Caroling, Blessed to Give, and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are grateful!

Thanks to all who gifted me with all the AWESOME goodies and other items this Christmas!
Cheryl Norquist



Have you ever had one of those experiences that everything falls into place so well? That the outcome brings such excitement and

goosebumps that you can only sit back and enjoy the wonder of it all. Cheryl and I had one of those experiences several weeks ago and we would like to share it with you.

We were in the church office one day discussing what we could do to make Christmas brighter for a family that we knew. We were talking about buying Christmas decorations, food items and gifts as we knew that they could probably not afford much. Little did we know at this time that things were already set in motion. As I and Cheryl were talking about going shopping for this family for Christmas decorations, groceries and Christmas gifts, a member of our congregation came in that knows this family and shared with us that she brought Christmas decorations and took them to the family. All I and Cheryl could do was look at each other. We told this person about our conversation right before she came into the church and that we wanted to make sure this family had Christmas decorations and then she walks in and had already taken care of decorations for them.

When we shared this conversation with her, she was even touched that she stopped into the church at that exact time that we had been talking about it and that she had been a part of this Christmas planning for this family and that she had just done this on her own. Of course, the timing of it all was amazing and it just touched our hearts to know that all of us had been thinking of this family and that we all wanted to share the Christmas Spirit with them.

So, what started out as a simple conversation about an act of kindness between two of us turned into the three musketeers planning to buy groceries for this family. Of course, we pulled out the Jim's Market flyer and started circling groceries that we were going to buy for this family. The newest member of the 3 musketeers, who already was caught up in sharing the Christmas Spirit, said that

she would go buy the groceries for them and drop them off as she was excited to see their reactions. The atmosphere in the church office was so exciting and everything just felt right. We then discussed Christmas gifts for the family and discussed some ideas. Just then the phone rang and Cheryl answered it. She was talking with the person and then she had this shocked look on her face, thanked the person on the phone and hung up and said that she had goosebumps again. She told us that the person who had called had some extra gifts that she wanted to drop off at the church for a family in need. Honestly, at this time, I don't think there was a dry eye in the office. All three of us were in awe and truly felt touched and blessed with the Christmas Spirit. To me, it felt like there was electricity in the office and I just felt wonderful.

Later on, I was in the office when the young lady brought in her boxes of donated gifts. Once again, I was so touched I had tears in my eyes. It was like she had gone shopping just for this family, and there was more than enough to make their Christmas wonderful. I felt compelled to share the story with this young lady with the amazing gifts about our conversations that day. I told her how things had fallen into place with the decorations and the groceries and that the three of us in the office that day were just talking about gift ideas when she called at that very moment and how her kindness touched us all. She thanked me for sharing this story and I could tell how much it had touched her also.

There is no explaining how these events all came together that one day but I was truly touched! I don't remember what I accomplished that day with my job but I will never forget that day and how it made me feel. It was one of those truly spiritual moments that can't be explained but will always be treasured. It is amazing to think that the Christmas Spirit of sharing compelled four individuals that day to make a difference in a family's life and in doing so made a memorable impact on our own lives.

Cheryl and I hope that this story makes you smile and encourages you to share the spirit.

Amber Groen & Cheryl Norquist

WELCA NEWS AND NOTES



**THERE WILL BE NO WELCA MEETING IN
JANUARY.**

**WELCA News and Notes on break for
January.....back in February....any info will
be in the bulletins.**

HAPPINESS

It is difficult to define happiness. But we know when we find it, and we know when we lose it. We know that most people are looking for it. We know that it isn't anything that anyone can bestow on anyone else. Others may help make it; others often impair it; but it is something that grows inside ourselves.

