

"The Visitor"

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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It is once again that time of year that our youth are back in school, and back at Confirmation and Sunday school. We have been blessed with an abundance of youth this year, and I am very excited for what the future holds for our church. Our 7th and 8th graders will once again meet with their families on the second Sunday of each month. I also want to once again to take this time to invite you join our 7th and 8th graders and their families for our conversations on faith. The more voices and stories that join these conversations on faith, the better they will be.

The 7th and 8th graders will be focusing on these questions.

The first question is; **What do you believe?** We will be talking about what we think about God and Jesus, and what has been done for us.

The second question is; **Why do you believe?** We will be talking about the things that have happened in our life that help us believe what we believe.

The third question is; **How will you grow your faith?** We will be talking about how we as believer can strengthen and promote the expanding of our faith.

The final question is; **How will you live out your faith?** We will be talking about ways in which we can take our faith from a place of belief to a place of action.

For Sunday school this year we will be meeting once again after church on Sundays. Pre-k through 6th will all be together up stairs. They will be using a Sunday School program from the same people we got this year's fabulous VBS program from. We have some super excited and passionate teachers so feel free to ask the kids how things are going.

I am extremely excited to see how our youth will share their faith with us. My hope is that as the year goes on all of us will find time to ponder and discuss these questions ourselves. If you would like to take a more active role in these conversations, I greatly encourage you to join us in our conversations. We are looking for participants of all ages and Biblical knowledge, this isn't about knowing all the answers, it is about the learning that happens when we share our faith with each other. So please come, and join in the conversation.

Pastor Levi

October
Dates to
Remember...

<u>**10/1:</u>** Worship with Holy Communion</u>

10/4: 9th Grade Confirmation 5:30p

10/8: Sonshine Worship 7th/8th grade Confirmation @ 10:30a

10/11: Council Meeting at Large-7:00p

<u>**10/15:</u>** Worship with Holy Communion</u>

<u>10/18</u>: 9th Grade Confirmation @ 5:30p

10/22: Worship

<u>10/25</u>: Trick or Treating for the Hungry @ 5:30p

<u>10/28:</u> 4th graders 1st Communion Class

10/29: Worship with Holy Communion @ 10:30a-Choir Singing-4th Graders Recognition-75th Anniversary Celebration-12:00p For August 25th-September 28th: Gifts/Offerings received: \$22,960.18

Distributions: \$15,168.59

GIVE+Online.....

We invite you to consider our new <u>electronic</u> <u>giving program</u> as a way to automate your <u>regular weekly offerings</u>. 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.

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANT



October Altar Assistant:

Amy Gorder & Amy Drietz

October Ushers:

Menno Fokken Wayne Giese Curt Olsen Erich Fokken



1st: Helen Schultz
8th: Sonshine
15th: Dee Benson
22th: Mary Melby

29th: Mark Fokken



Wednesday, October 11th

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, October 3rd 2:00p.m. – Sylvan Place

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.

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.

For September the Eternal Lights burned in the Sanctuary and Chapel in loving memory of Dan Sorby. Given by Nadine.

September Mission Calendar

24th: In loving memory of *Gail Fokken*, whose birthday would have been today. Given by Menno & Lucielle Fokken.

25th: In honor of **Julia Hanson's Birthday**. Given by her family.

September TV Broadcasts

12th: In loving memory of **Dan Sorby**, whose birthday would have been today. Given by Nadine. 17th: In loving memory of *Marion Shrunk*. Given by

Curt & Marilynn Rangaard.

24th: In honor of Lyle Gorder's Birthday. Given by Joan Gorder.

24th: In honor of Lyle & Joan Gorder's 67th Anniversary. Given by Joan Gorder.

Newly Married in September Hailey & Riley Full

Newly Baptized in September Emett James Hansen

*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**

Eternal LightsDan Sorby

Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund

Dan Sorby Marion Shrunk Lyle Gorder Lyle & Joan Gorder

Mission Calendar

Gail Fokken Julia Hanson

INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Levi Bollerud

President of Congregation:

Dee Benson

Vice President:

Mark Fokken

Congregational Secretary:

Karen Hacker

Congregational Treasurer:

Brenda Lothert

Organist/Handbell Director:

Karen Olsen

Choir Director:

Dawn Ourada

Custodian:

Jesse Engesmoe

Office Manager:

Jill Winters

2023 COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Cindy Maras*	2020
Sherri Grengs*	2020
Glenda Olsen	2022
Janice Zimmerman	2023

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION

Kathy Becker	2022
Jill Winters	2022
Pam Hanson	2023
Amanda Appel	2023
Josie Frank	2023
Amanda Anderson	2023

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Loren Hacker	2022
Jeff Grengs	2022
Kerri DeVos	2023
Rick Olsen	2023
Linda Blackwelder	2023

OSL Foundation

CHURCE

OUNCIL

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 July 12, 2023 Meeting

These are the minutes of the regular, monthly meeting of Sept. 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm. for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

President Dee Benson led the council in the Lord's Prayer.

The August meeting minutes were read and approved.

The agenda items of rides to church from Sylvan Place and an intern were tabled since no new information was available. Dee will talk to Pastor Levi about how best to move forward to hopefully make rides available.

There were positive comments made about Rally Sunday's great turnout and the success of the event. The Board of Youth Education expressed its appreciation for help and collaboration from many for the event.

Kathy Becker discussed the idea of having a silent auction for the art pieces. They have been purchased with a 25% profit for the artist, and the Board of Youth Education has planned to silently auction them off at various times throughout the year with some of the proceeds to go to the National Youth Gathering trip, and some to the Youth Fund in general. The council gave a positive response to the plan.

A question was also raised about the availability of a laptop for the Board of Youth Education. A couple of suggestions were made by council members as to existing laptops that might be utilized. Linda will check with Welca to see if they might have one available, and Mark will investigate the possible availability of a laptop that was previously used by the Youth Director.

Positive comments were also made about the Weekly Youth Newsletter. Thank you to Amanda for organizing this.

The Board of Youth Education is beginning the plans for travel and fundraising to support students to attend The Junior High Youth Gathering and The National Youth Gathering. They will include the students and parents in these efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm. Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

09/13/2023

Attendance: Jeff Grengs, Mark Fokken, Linda Blackwelder, Loran Hacker, Rick Olson, Dee Benson, Kerri DeVos. Guest: Kari Harding from Southwest Insurance Services.

Meeting called to order at 19:30 by Jeff Grengs Kari Harding spoke to the Board of Trustees on the building insurance coverage we presently have and gave some proposed quotes to the board to discuss. Kari left after her presentation.

Meeting minutes from the August meeting were read. Loran made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Linda, 2nd. Motion carried.

Reviewed bills. Loren made a motion to pay the bills. Rick, 2nd, Motion carried.

Money counting schedule was set for the next month.

Discussion on budget process for 2024.

Discussion on insurance coverage/cost. Tabled for the next meeting for the board to review make a decision on coverage and premium costs.

Kerri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Loren, 2nd . Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Kerri DeVos

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Board of Deacons meeting Date: September 9, 2023

Attending: Glenda Olsen, Sherri Grengs

Agenda: Communion Dates

Sunday, Septmber 24: Sherri, Glenda and Cindy Sunday, October 1: Glenda, Sherri and Cindy

Discussion held regarding Fall Decorating of the church. The deacons will set a date and time to do this.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Respectively submitted, Sherri Grengs

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION:

7/12/23 – Board of Youth and Education Minutes 8 pm – Kathy called meeting to order.

Members present: Kathy Becker, Pam Hanson, Amanda Anderson

Discussed Rally Sunday – Kathy secured the dunk tank.

Discussed VBS:

- Confirmed one banner to order
- Worked on itinerary for daily schedule/meals/supplies

Discussed weekly newsletter

8:30 pm – meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Anderson



October

1st:

Jackson Hill

Bruce Melby

2nd:

Dustin Coil

3rd:

Jean Anderson Sharon Schilling

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Peggy Sik

5th:

Jaxon Groenhoff

Linda Richter

Chad Shaffer

6th:

Mary Melby

Aliyah Stockmann

7th:

Ryah Beiningen

8th:

Larry Hulzebos

9th:

Danielle Cornell

Maynard Swenson

Bill Krause

10th:

Lois Olson

Ethan Webster

11th:

Sophia Hanson

Amanda Kack

Braelyn Merritt

Dennis Nosbush

12th:

Bryan Bursack

Lois Lensing

Curtis Melby

Adam Stoks

13th:

Jodi Mercer

Garrett Beiningen

14th:

Maxwell Sanders

Allison Winters

15th:

Richard Blackwelder

Summer Nelson

Michelle Nelson

Deloris Schwartz

16th:

Kathy Becker Riece Sanow

17th:

Joshua Vick

18th:

Jordan Anhalt Curtis Rangaard Genevieve Beutler Isabelle Regnier Cady Wahl Jennifer Roth

19th:

Samantha Gigli Jacoby Hunt Kelsea Reyerson 20th:

Lynette Fokken Nolan Harding Anthony Gorder Patricia Rogers

21st:

Tricia Groenhoff Moriah Gorder Amy Haugen

22nd:

Konnie Anderson Troy Hoffman Maeghan Wollum

25th:

Lila Sillerud

26th:

Kelci Eischens Gracyn Hulzebos

27th:

Ryan Arndt Loni Eilers

28th:

Chelsie Kallhoff Darlene Oellien Laura Stoks

30th:

Louise Lehman

31st:

Jon Hanson Wesley Knutson SamiJo Kraus



October

Nancy & Craig Kaddatz

Kayla & Eric Stene

Linda & Richard Blackwelder Paul & Bonnie Olson Juli & Bruce Wornson

15th

Nancy & Mark Gorder Loni & Damin Eilers

Chelsie & Adam Hulzebos

Kaye & Gene Eilers

Thank You's.....

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



We ask God's guidance

and prayers for all those who have special needs: Sue Fairchild, Shirley Hanson, Gary Fokken, Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, David Sorby, Paulette Johnson, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister). Shirley Markegard, Charlotte Thompson, Nick Benson, Bonnie Olson, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, 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: 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 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.



WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

Mark your calendars!!!

October 7th: Prairie Conference WELCA Fall Gathering. Christ Lutheran Church in Hendricks. Registration begins at 8:30a.m. with a fee of \$15.00. Brunch will be served at 9:00a.m. There will be NO noon meal. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the office or feel free to call the office at 507-223-5528 and we will get you signed up.

October 14th: Setting the Table for Hospice will be held at OSL. Doors open at 9:00a.m., brunch starting at 10:00a.m. with a program starting at 11:00a.m. Tickets can be purchased from Canby Equip, Canby Drug & Gifts and Table Hostesses. If you are interested in donating a gift for the silent auction, please contact the church office at 507-223-5528.

Coffee Talk

If anyone would like to provide treats for Coffee Talk please let the church office know what Sunday and WELCA will help you get things set up and cleaned up. Your Coffee Talk friends love to help celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or any other occasion.



Starting a ripple effect

Shortly before his death, 80-year-old farmer Hody Childress asked his daughter to continue a practice he'd quietly conducted for years: taking a \$100 bill to a local pharmacist on the first of every month. For years, Childress anonymously came to the aid of neighbors in Geraldine, Alabama, who couldn't afford medications. "Don't tell a soul where the money came from," he instructed store owner Brooke Walker. "If they ask, just tell them it's a blessing from the Lord."

Thanks to the farmer's generosity, Walker could fill prescriptions for about 24 uninsured or underinsured people each year. "I was honored he allowed me to do that," she said, "and it really encouraged me to do the same in my life."

Childress wasn't wealthy but "always gave what he could," said daughter Tania Nix. "I think he felt like he couldn't not give," she added. "Giving that way, that just got on his heart." After word spread about Childress' generosity, other people were inspired to perform stealth outreach and a fund was established in his name.

A man in Oklahoma who shares Childress' surname said a story about the farmer caught his attention. They're probably not related, he wrote, but he'd feel proud if they were. "A man like that surely tried to follow the example of Jesus," the Oklahoman wrote, and "[his] story inspires me to be a better man."

—adapted from The Wired Word



Youth News



Acolyte Sign up:

We invite and encourage ALL youth to sign up to acolyte.

This ministry is a fun

privilege, that our youth get to engage in every Sunday! If your youth would like to acolyte, please sign up in the office. Pastor Levi will assist younger children if they'd like to have a turn.

<u>Usher Ministry:</u> We are looking for families to help usher during Sunday Services. Some things ushers are responsible for are: handing out bulletins



as church starts, collecting offering and excusing the congregation by rows for communion. There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside the office. What a great way for **YOUR** family to be involved. Please consider helping out with this ministry

2023-2024-Sunday School 3yr olds - 6th Grade

- <u>Saturday</u>, October 28th
- 4th graders 1st Communion Class (Letters will be sent)
- <u>Sunday, October 29th</u> 1st Communion 4th graders recognized during the 10:30a worship

Confirmation Orientation

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Orientation - Wednesday,
September 27th, 2023 6:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 1st class - Sunday, October
8, 2023-10:30 a.m.



9th Grade Confirmation - Orientation - Wednesday, September 27th, 2023-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall - 1st class - Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 - 5:30p.m.



 Trick or Treating for the Hungry is scheduled for Wednesday,
 October 25th. We will

leave the church at 6 pm and will return approximately 7:15.

We have opened this activity to the community and any families that can join us are welcome!

- <u>Trick or Treating for the Hungry</u> is where the OSL Youth go door to door asking for food donations for the local food shelf. It is a great program to assist in restocking the food shelf. Last year, we filled much of the narthex with bags and boxes of food. Thanks so much for your support!

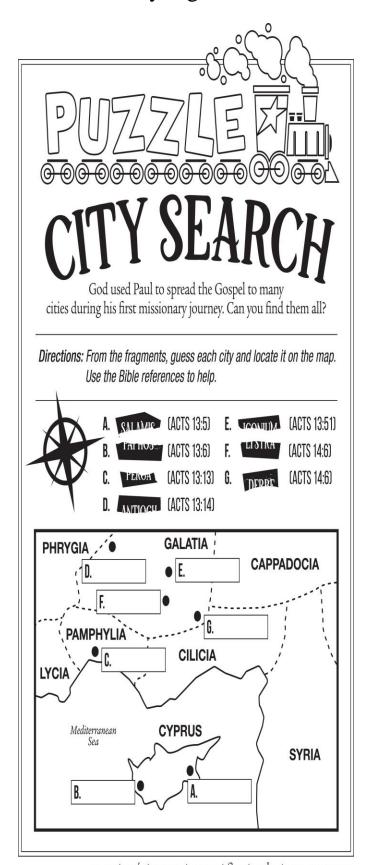
Youth Puzzle & Activity

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.

Puzzle!
Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.
I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)
I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)
Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)
My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)
I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)
Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)
I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)
My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)
PROPHETS ARE

Ezekiel; Messengers

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos,



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe

MISSIONARY-MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.

What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet

What you do:

- 1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
- 2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
- 3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
- 4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

HAPPY FALL	October 2023
Sunday 1	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
Monday 2	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3	2:00 p.m. Circle at Sylvan Place
Wednesday 4	5:30p.m. 9 th Grade confirmation
Thursday 5	
Friday 6	
Saturday 7	2:00 p.m. Hendricks Communion
Sunday 8	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. SONSHINE Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk 10:30 a.m. 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
Monday 9	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m. Pastor Levi Theological Conference
Tuesday 10	Pastor Levi Theological Conference
Wednesday 11	10:30 a.m. Nursing Home Communion 7:00 p.m. Council at Large Meeting
Thursday 12	
Friday 13	
Saturday 14	9:00 a.m. Setting the Table for Hospice
Sunday 15	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion/Sunday School Singing 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 16	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Quilting

Tuesday 17	
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. Hospital Board Meeting
18	5:30p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday	•
19	
Friday	Wedding: Meghan Hanna & Gary Olsen
20	
Saturday 21	2:00p.m4:00p.m. 90 th Birthday Party for Helen Schultz
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church
22	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.
23	Articles due for October Newsletter
Tuesday 24	
Wednesday 25	5:30p.m7:30p.m. Trick or Treating for the Hungry
Thursday 26	
Friday 27	Assembly of October Newsletter
Saturday	10:00 a.m. 4 th Graders First Communion Class & Bread making in
28	Fireside Room
Sunday	9:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church
29	10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion – 4 th graders recognized during worship / Choir Singing
	12:00 p.m. Luncheon for 75 th Anniversary
Monday 30	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.