



“The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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I want to share with you a “author’s blessing” I discovered at the front of a book I once read. It goes like this, *“If you have come to these pages for laughter, may you find it. If you are here to be offended, may your ire rise and your blood boil. If you seek an adventure, may this story sing you away to blissful escape. If you need to test or confirm your beliefs, may you reach comfortable conclusions. All books reveal perfection, by what they are or what they are not. My you find that which you seek, in these pages and outside them. My you find perfection, and know it by name.”*

I came across this blessing again the other day, and I was struck by how apt these words are not just for a book, but for a church. If you would read those words again and replace these words; pages, story, books, with the word church. If you, like me, see these words anew as a welcome to a church I want you to take a few moments and think about each sentence and how you might have experienced that very thing here at Our Saviour’s. My hope is that in this church you have experienced joy and laughter, challenge and prodding, adventure and bliss, and finally perfection.

Finally, I want you to replace church with faith, because the reality is that our relationship with God does not end at the church doors. How has your faith made you laugh? How has your faith caused you to be offended and your ire rise? How has your faith created adventure in your life? How has your faith tested your preconceived notions? How has your faith revealed perfection? And if you find that you can’t answer some of these questions, may your faith lead you to a greater understanding of your relationship with a God who knows you by name and loves you with a perfect love.

Peace, Pastor Levi

Dates to Remember...

4/5 & 4/6 – Sr. High Youth Gathering

4/7 – Ladies’ Salad Supper here at OSL (hosted by Antelope Hills Church)

4/14 – Palm Sunday SS Children Singing

4/17 – NO CONFIRMATION

4/18 – Maundy Thursday 1:30p&7:00p Worship with Holy Communion

4/19 – Good Friday – Office Closes at noon, 7:00p Worship at OSL

*4/21 – Easter; 6:30a-Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion; 7:30a-Easter Breakfast; 10:00a-Worship with Holy Communion
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL*

4/24-Confirmation Rehearsal

4/26&4/27-WELCA Women’s Retreat

4/28 – Confirmation Sunday; Last Day of Sunday School

For March 1st – March 28th:
Gifts/Offerings received: \$25,905.10
Distributions: \$17,818.62

GIVE+Online.....

We invite you to consider our new 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.

Daybreak Bible Study for Men

Wednesday, April 24th

7:00 a.m. at the Midway Cafe

Women’s Circle Meeting Date & Time

Tuesday, April 9th

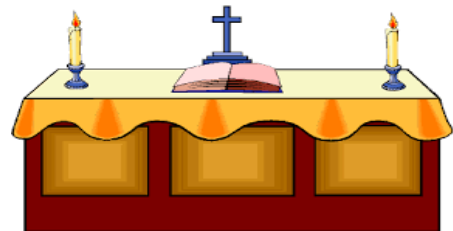
Elizabeth/Naomi Circle

2:00pm-Fireside Room

Tuesday, April 16th

Gather Bible Study-10:00am Sylvan Court

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Altar Assistants:

Cindy Maras

Ushers

David Snortum, Captain
223-5203

Gordon Rangaard	Don Vershelde
Todd Stockman	Adrian Hemish
Jon Gorder	Paul Olson



7th: Sonshine
14th: Youth
21st: Janice Zimmerman
28th: Jan Jeremiason



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, April 9th

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at
Sylvan Court Chapel
12:45 p.m. Holy Communion at

Sylvan Place

3:30 p.m. Holy Communion at
Twinwood A and Twinwood B

Wednesday, April 10th

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



Eternal Lights for the month of April

For **April the Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in memory of Scott Norquist. Given by Cheryl, Stacy, Jenna, Troy, Zachary, Hadley, Falon & Piper

Mission Work

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutheran 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 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.

***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**
- Campership Fund**
- Cemetery Fund**
- Cornerstone Fund**
- Eternal Lights Foundation**
- Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)**
- Mission Action**
- Mission Calendar**
- Music Memorial Fund**
- Organ Restoration Fund**
- Sunday School**
- TEAF**
- Video Streaming Fund**
- Women's Retreat Fund**
- WELCA Projects Fund**
- Youth**

Or you may give it as:
Undesignated

Broadcast

Bud Heise

Camperships

Robert Willgohs

Marian Dahl

Mildred Roth

Joan Duis

Mission Calendar

Roger Shackelton

Organ

Robert Willgohs

INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Levi Bollerud

President of Congregation:

Bruce Wornson

Vice President:

Dee Benson

Congregational Secretary:

Lois Olson

Congregational Treasurer:

Brenda Lothert

Organist/Handbell Director:

Karen Olsen

Choir Director:

Dawn Ourada

Custodian:

Jesse Engesmoe

Office Manager:

Cheryl Norquist

Youth Coordinator:

Amber Groen

COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

- Dan Kraft* 2016
- Eric Hanson 2018
- Janice Zimmerman 2018
- Cheryl Denelsbeck 2019
- Craig Kaddatz 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kristen Fairchild	2018
Jon Hanson	2018
Kelly Eischens	2019
Danielle Cornell	2019
Open Spot	2019

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Fokken	2018
Carol Gorder	2018
Dawn Giese	2019
Mark Whittier	2019
Leon VanDerostyne	2019

YOUTH BOARD

Cheryl Norquist*	2016
Beth Beiningen	2018
Rondine Shaffer	2018
Cameron Anderson	2019
Jack Nemitz	2019
Kelly Stoks	2019



**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Council-at-Large Minutes of the
March 13, 2019 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Wornson at 7:30pm.

The minutes from the February 13, 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Pastor Levi led us in devotion from Matthew 27 followed by prayer.

Mark Fokken mentioned that the constitution was posted on the home page of Our Saviours web site.

There were no items to discuss in Council at Large.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Olson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Deacons Minutes March 13, 2019

Present: Mark Fokken, Carol Gorder, Leon VanDerostyne, Dawn Giese, Bruce Wornson, Dee Benson, Pastor Bollerud
Absent: Mark Whittier

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the February meeting were read. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried. Minutes of the March 3 Special meeting were also read. Motion made and seconded to approve these minutes as well.
- II. **Review and Pay Bills:** Outstanding bills were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the payment to Amazon was for Bibles for the confirmation students. It was also noted that with a second Sunday of missed services (due to weather) there was a need to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Cornerstone fund to the General fund. Motion made and seconded to pay the outstanding bills from February 14th to March 13th. Motion carried.
- III. **Money Counting:** Chairman Fokken asked that Trustees offer to assist with money counting after services. If you are new to the board, come and view the process a couple of times prior to taking the lead role of documenting.
- IV. **Seminary Fund CD's:** It was noted that there are two CD's at the Credit Union (that automatically renew each year) which have been designated as a fund to assist future Seminary students. Both of the CD's will mature in the next few months. Motion was made and seconded to move the funds as the CD's mature and place them in Endowment Fund A, but continue to track this money separately from the rest of the fund. Discussion included the fact that by moving the CD's to this fund will give a much better return on the money. Motion carried.

V. **Lighting and Electrical work in the Balcony:**

information only; some of the lights are in need of replacement, Rick Bueltel will give an estimate on lighting work as well as other electrical work (outlets to eliminate cords, etc.)

VI. **Walk through of church:** The trustees did a walk-through of several areas of the church, a minimum of three (3) areas need attention related to water seepage/leaking, there are spaces needing re-caulking, there was ice damage to the outdoor heat pump (this serves the narthex) causing it to break away from the wall. The heat pump has been shut off for now. We will check to see if liability insurance will cover cost of repair for this item. Rain gutters are in poor repair and there are several areas with ice dams. Richard Kvols will see about getting the ice dams taken care of.

VII. **Mail Delivery/Mailbox:** Discussion was had regarding the possibility of having the mail delivered to the church. Currently the Pastor or Church Secretary go and pick up the mail from a PO Box. We pay rent for the PO Box. Research will be done to see what the cost of a locked mailbox would cost vs paying rent on a continual basis.

VIII. **Other:** Discussion regarding the snow build-up in front of the church, some has gotten very deep/close to the building and resulted in some of the letters on the front of the church coming loose.

IX. **Executive Session:** The board went into executive session to discuss an additional agenda item.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.
The board adjourned at 8:42 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Giese, Secretary, OSL Board of Trustees

BOARD OF DEACONS**YOUTH BOARD****Youth Board Minutes for March 13, 2019 meeting.**

Members Present: Amber Groen, Beth Beiningen, Kelly Stoks, Jack Nemitz (Jon Hanson joined later)

Member Absent: Cheryl Norquist, Rondine Shaffer, Cameron Anderson

Read and approved minutes from the March 13th meeting.

- Senior High Youth Gathering- April 5-6th
 - 7 youth attending and 2 adults
- Volunteer at Watertown soup kitchen?
 - Looking at possibly helping at the Community Banquet in Watertown. Currently waiting for more information.
- Summer Bible camps
 - So far we have approximately 5 youth attending Green Lake Bible Camp.
 - Lost Timber- Looking at possibly attending again and maybe going every other year. This would be an event for the senior high and it would be on a weekend. Minimal cost of \$50-\$75/person, bring water, snack, etc. Amber is waiting for possible dates.
- Eagles Nest Vet home- Sauk Centre
 - Senior high visit on a Saturday to spend some time with veterans. The board approved buying toiletries, hygiene items, decks of cards, etc. to donate to Eagles Nest.
- Mission trip- discussed possible mission trips. There are some mission trips within 6 hours that are approximately \$300-400 per person. Amber will check to see if there are any short trips instead of week long trips. She will send out some information to see if the Senior High are interested.
- Fundraising for National Youth Gathering
 - A few fundraisers a year- pancake feed, Papa Murphy's pizza fundraiser
 - Next trip is 2021 and it will be in Minneapolis.

- Soup Suppers discussed. At this time, there is not a lot of profit after expenses.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Nemitz

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Board of Education minutes from March 13, 2019.

Members Present: Kristen Fairchild, Kelly Eischens, Danielle Cornell, Jon Hanson

A motion was made and approved that Jon Hanson and Danielle Cornell will go to First Security Bank and be added as Check Signers for the Board of Education.

Discussion took place for Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and Christmas Program

VBS

Pastor Levi stated that Karen Olsen’s sister has helped out and ran it in previous years as she works with children’s education and has previously traded box sets with her church for the program.

He suggested talking with her to see what dates work. Jon has her email contacts and will be contacting her. Tentatively a date for July 9th has been set

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jon stated that the kids will be singing April 14th – it is Palm Sunday, He also stated the last day would be April 28th as the next weekend is Prom and we will have no Sunday School Teachers.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Jon also stated that he would like to see a more traditional Christmas program.

It was noted and approved as that was the approach that was discussed in the last meeting that Jon was unable to attend



Happy Birthday to all those born in April:

2nd:

- Richard Johnson
- Matthew Maynard
- Paul Pederson

3rd:

- Andrew Mack
- Nadine Sorby

4th:

- Maverick Maynard
- Ryson Schmitt
- Tabitha Stockman

6th:

- Linda Kockelman
- Allan Winter
- Lindsey Hanson

8th:

- Hayley Denelsbeck
- April Geier
- Sherri Grengs
- Marissa Hanson
- Izabelle Hulzebos
- Adam Svoboda

10th

Callie Parish

11th

- Levi Beiningen
- Easton Gagnon
- Steven Grong

Jayden Stockmann

12th

- Lance Armitage
- Reid Hansen
- Brook Merritt
- Tony Ourada
- Kaylee Simon

14th:

- Larry Christie
- Mark Gorder
- Payton Viessman

15th:

- Maddox Kockelman
- Kaitlyn Winning

16th:

Charli Christianson

17th:

Dee Benson

18th:

Lauren Olson

19th

Trevor Beiningen
 Jesse Nelson
 Karen Thompson
 Michelle Wollum

20th:

Tanner Mercer

22nd:

Gage Eischens
 Blake Mercer
 Tallen Merritt
 Norris Peterson

23rd:

Sarah Hansen

24th:

Dawson Hoffman
 Samuel Knutson
 Brenda Lothert
 Norma Severson
 Dawn Wernisch

25th:

Lucille Fokken

26th:

Brian Rangaard
 Darlene Ufkin

27th:

Larry Mortenson

28th:

Dale Anhalt
 Michael Erp
 Josef Gislason
 Pamela Weckwerth

29th:

Braeden Full

30th:

Beverly Dybsetter

4th

Ruth & Richard Johnson

7th

Cindy & Jim Hiedeman

8th

Cheryl & Randy Denelsbeck
 Brooke & Duane Kockelman

11th

Joan & Sig Armitage

14th

Marilyn & Curt Rangaard

16th

Kerri & Ryan DeVos

17th

Joy Brakke & Daniel Kraft

22nd

Carol & Randy Jacobson

23rd

Linda & Wallace Plageman

Thank You's.....

Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: Sonshine Worship, Bible Studies, Confirmation classes, Special Music, Soup suppers, Lenten Worship, communion services and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are grateful!

Amber's Article

It was 20 years ago March 4th that my mom passed away. Sometimes it is hard to believe that it has been 20 years ago because sometimes it seems like yesterday. Ashley was 12 and McCall was only 8 when she passed away. They have wonderful memories of her as she was such a big part of their lives. Ashley has Mom's love of music and the ability to dance with my Dad as he and mom always danced double time to the music. McCall helped me save many animals when he was growing up which makes me remember all the times that Mom was able to save a kitten, puppy,

Happy Anniversary in April!

1st

Kathy & Randy Westphal



lamb or piglet. McCall is also very artistic and creative which he got from Grandma Muriel as I am not artistic at all. I can't draw a decent picture of anything, that is probably why I avoid the game of Pictionary at all costs. Matt never knew Grandma Muriel but I know she is a part of him. When I look at him, I see my mom's eyes and sense of humor. He has her love of the outdoors and animals. Those that knew mom knew that she was sarcastic and of course, Matt has her sarcasm. Somedays, I am almost speechless because he says something that mom had said. Matt also has the desire to help people and has my mom's kind nature.

I look back at the last 20 years and wish she could have been present when Ashley got married and when her great granddaughters were born. I wish that she could have been at McCall's graduation and to see Matt graduate this year. I wish she could have shared all the accomplishments that her children and grandchildren have experienced. That regret is more for me because I wanted her to be here for those events. When I think about it though, she has been with us this entire time. She has seen every wonderful event that has happened to this family. She has also been beside me through some of the worst times also. Even though I can't see or feel her, she will always be a part of my life and those I love. I think of her every time I see a bleeding heart and baby kittens because she loved them. When I hear my granddaughters sing, I think of my mom. When I go for a walk and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, I think of her. She taught me how to make her potato salad and her caramel rolls. She taught me how to garden, how to make pies and how to can produce. Growing up, we listened to country music and I loved watching mom and dad dance. To this day, I would rather listen to country music than any other music.

It has been 20 years since I last saw mom but she has always been and will continue to be a part of my life. I thank God that I was her daughter and that she taught me so much about being true to myself, loving each other and living my best life.

Thanks Mom for everything!!!
Amber Groen, Youth Coordinator

Services are now being streamed over YouTube

If you can't make it to church on Sunday mornings, now you can join us for worship online! For the past couple of months, we have been streaming our regular Sunday morning services on our own YouTube channel. You can access the live stream by going to our website (www.oslcanby.org) and clicking on the blue live stream button on the homepage. You can access archived services by visiting our YouTube channel which you can find when you are on the livestream by clicking on the Luther seal. There's also a link to our YouTube channel on our website. We encourage everyone to subscribe to the channel and then you'll receive notifications whenever we "go live." If you can't join us in person on Sunday morning, please join us online! This service will be especially helpful for members of our church family who are snowbirds during the winter months. Please check it out. If you'd like to help with this ministry or have questions, please contact Mark Fokken or the church office.

HELP WANTED to assist with Graduation Quilts!!!



This year we will have 11 graduates and help is needed to get these special gifts ready. All volunteers are welcome and you don't need to know how to sew in order to help. We need folks to layer, tie, and pin the quilts as well. If you do know how to sew, all the cutting is done for you and the instructions are easy to follow. You can sew in the comfort of your own home or if there's demand for it, we'll organize some common sewing times at the church. If you are interested in helping with this meaningful ministry, please contact Lucille Fokken (507-223-7707) or give your name to Cheryl at the church office.

Youth News.....



Graduating Seniors:
Please drop off your Sr. picture, labeled with your name, at the church office by May 1st to be

posted on the bulletin board. Thank you in advance from the Board of Deacons.

9th Graders.....

Reminder....Confirmation is Sunday, April 28th

You will be practicing during confirmation on Wednesday, April 24th.

Holy Week Schedule

- 4/14: 9:00 a.m.** – Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday School Children Singing
- 4/18: 1:30 p.m.** – Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion
- 4/19: 7:00 p.m.** – Good Friday Worship at Our Saviour's
- 4/21: 6:30 a.m.** – Easter Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion
7:30 a.m. – Easter Breakfast served by OSL Youth
10:00 a.m. – Easter Worship and Holy Communion



We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Teresa Schade, Dale Zimmerman, Stan Paulsen, Cindy Hiedeman, Brayden Baker, Debbie Cornell, Ilene Jacobson, Rhonda Andree, Judy Larson, Dane Nordquist, Tucker Coil, Monica Larson (Sherri Full's niece), Charlene Christie, Delroy Thompson, Stephanie Kreutner, John Cornell, LaVonne Winters, Cameron Stockmann, Evelyn Husby, Marcie Wolff, Bertha Johnson, Jerry Thomsen, Karen Schultz, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Don Kirkeide, Robert Kokesh, Glenn & Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Dean Behnke, Connie Severson, Demitrius Bridges, Bill & Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Clarie Ouverson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Kristina Paiakham, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlamincck, 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.

WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

Mark your calendars!!!

- April 11th** Regular Meeting
2:00p.m.
"Love thru the Ages"
- April 26th & 27th** RESCHEDULED.....
Annual Women's Retreat
"Whispers of God's Love"
Fri., April 26th - 5:30p
Sat., April 27th - 9:00a
- May 11th** Mother/Daughter Banquet



Hospitality Teams

Please continue to sign up for these teams. We would like to have a minimum of 20 people on each team because everyone on the team is not always able to work a particular funeral. We are so appreciative of the many individuals who are willing to work in this important mission!

Thank You!

The 2019 Committees for WELCA will remain the same as 2018. If anyone would like to be added to or taken off a committee please let a Board member or church office know.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Canby

Cordially invites you to its
19th Annual Women's Retreat
"Whispers of God's Love"

Friday April 26th - 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Chrystelle Vail shares stories of
her faith journey

Saturday April 27th - 9:00 a.m.-1 p.m.

Kathy Weckwerth - Founder &
Director of 'Best Life Ministries'

Please join us for fellowship
one day or both.

Catered by Midway Café

Please RSVP by 4/23/19

OSL Church Office 223-5528



Prairie Conference WELCA Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Grace First Church in Russell

"Angel Gowns"

Speaker: Deb Kanengieter

(She's found a creative use for repurposed wedding dresses.)

Registration and Coffee begin at 8:30a.m.

There is a \$10.00 registration fee and the Gathering will conclude with noon lunch.

In-Kind Offering: Items for the Food Shelf

If you are interested in attending, the signup sheet is located on the WELCA bulletin board outside the office.

If you are missing any pans or containers, please check in the kitchen under the prep table. There are quite a few down there. Thank you!

Save the date.....

Mother/Daughter Banquet

Saturday, May 11, 2019,

6:00p in the Fellowship Hall

Watch for more exciting

details to come!



Have a Blessed Easter!

