



“The Visitor”

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August always marks the last few weeks before we begin our program year in September. It is a month that churches often spend putting into place plans for when Sunday school and Confirmation begins again. It is also the time when new ministries and stewardship campaigns are often put into place. As we here at Our Saviour’s prepare for this time of excitement and renewed focus we are putting into place tools that will help us with a stewardship campaign that we hope will encourage and help people in supporting the many amazing ministries that make this church such a life-changing place.

I know that talking about stewardship and giving is something that many people struggle with, trust me it’s not something many pastors are lining up to talk about either, but it is important. The gifts that our congregation gives do so many incredible things both here at home and around the world. As we enter into the program year we will be having more conversations about this but for now I want to leave you with a poem that one of our members found and showed to me.

I’m Glad My Church Needs Money!

If it didn’t it would mean it wasn’t preaching the Gospel

I’m Glad My Church Needs Money!

If it didn’t it would mean it wasn’t supporting missionaries and preaching the Gospel in other places and has no missionary zeal.

I’m Glad My Church Needs Money!

If it didn’t it would mean it wasn’t doing anything to support the homeless and needy and had no compassion.

I’m Glad My Church Needs Money!

If it didn’t it would mean it wasn’t interested in providing wholesome activities for our teenagers and had no concern for them.

I’m Glad My Church Needs Money!

If it didn’t it would mean it wasn’t interested in teaching children in those impressionable years.

I’m Glad My Church Needs Money!

If it didn’t it would mean it had no future.

Peace,
Pastor Levi

*August
Dates to
Remember...*

***8/4:** 9:00a
Worship w/ Holy
Communion.

***8/6:** 2:00p
Circle at Sylvan
Place

***8/11:** 9:00a
Worship

***8/14:** 7:00p-
Council Meeting
at Large

***8/18:** 9:00a
Worship

***8/19:** 9:00a-
Quilting
**Leaf
Applications
Due**

***8/25:** 9:00a
Worship w/ Holy
Communion



For June 28th – July 25th:
Gifts/Offerings received: \$10,807.02
Distributions: \$16,112.03

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.

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANT



August Altar Assistant:

Linda Blackwelder

August Ushers:

David Snortum, Captain 507-223-5203

Gordon Rangaard	Don vershelde
Paul Olson	Jon Gorder



4th:
 11th: Missy Hanson
 18th: Loren Hacker
 25th: Peggy Sik



Wednesday, August 14th
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, August 6th
2:00p.m. – Sylvan Place Dining Room

Mission Work

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutheran 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.

July TV Broadcasts

7th: In loving memory of **Steve Schultz**. Given by Helen & Orville Schultz.
21st: In loving memory of **David Cole**, who passed away on July 21st, 2006. Given by Lois, Susan and John.

*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

Cemetery Fund

Roger Birner
Delores Haugen

Eternal Lights

Steven Saum

Mission Action

Charlotte Thompson

Mission Calendar

Rita Lindberg

Organ Fund

Delores Haugen

TEAF (Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund)

Delores Haugen

Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund

Steve Schultz

David Cole

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

2024 COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Glenda Olsen	2022
Janice Zimmerman	2023
Missy Hanson	2024
Lois Lensing	2024
Tierney Viessman	2024

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION

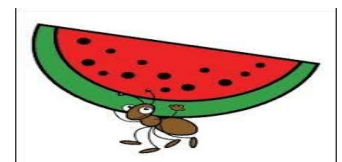
Amanda Anderson	2023
Amanda Appel	2023
Pam Hanson	2023
Jon Hanson	2024
Riece Sanow	2024

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Loren Hacker	2022
Kerri DeVos	2023
Rick Olsen	2023
Linda Blackwelder	2023
Kari Harding	2024

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 July 10th, 2024 Meeting***

These are the minutes of the Council at Large of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for June 12, 2024.

The Council at Large of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church held its regular, monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 10. President Dee Benson called the meeting to order at 7pm. She led the council in The Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made and seconded to acknowledge new member Lauren Viessman, as she joins her husband Parker in fellowship at Our Saviour's. Motion approved, and welcome Lauren!

Kerri DeVos shared that an estimated 142 people were served food at the Youth Fundraiser in conjunction with the music event at the park. This is an increase from approximately 66 served a year ago.

There will be a send off prayer for the youth as they begin their journey to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans on Sunday.

Motion and second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
07/10/2024

Present: Loren Hacker, Kari Harding, Rick Olson, Dee Benson, Mark Fokken, Kerri DeVos and Karen Olsen (for discussion on organ only)

Meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by Loren Hacker.

June meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

Loren informed the Board of Trustees that with funds provided by an anonymous donor, a new mower was purchased at Ag Plus for use at the cemeteries. On behalf of the congregation, the Board of Trustees would like to thank the anonymous donor for the generous donation.

Discussion on mowing at cemeteries. Mowing duties have been split up between multiple people to make the task less cumbersome.

Reviewed financials and bills. Motion to pay bills as presented. Kerri DeVos made a motion, Rick Olson 2nd . Motion carried.

Money counting schedule was set for the next month.

Karen Olsen was present at the meeting to discuss on the organ. Karen informed the trustees that the organ will be tuned on August 7th . Karen expressed that she wanted to see some momentum on the formation of a committee for organ repair. Discussion was had on who trustees could ask to be a part of this committee and have an initial meeting on Wednesday, July 31st at 6 pm in the choir loft. Some of the board of trustees were assigned tasks of asking certain people. Kari Harding made a motion to form a committee contingent on the suggested members of the committee accepting to be a committee member. Rick Olson 2nd . Motion carried.

Resolution was completed by the Board of Trustees to authorize Loren Hacker to sign documents for Charlotte Thompson's bequest.

Update: A new AC unit was installed in the fair building to replace the large one in the dining hall that was not working efficiently last year.

Mark brought forward to the Board of Trustees the digital projection issues that have been happening recently during church services. The media program needs an upgrade that will cost roughly \$400. Mark also said that Linda Kockelman and Dawn Ourada would like to apply for a grant to put all the projection data on a cloud account. The data would then be more accessible than it is now. Mark also mentioned that the scaler/switcher is also due for a replacement. The original one was installed in 1995 and has also been causing some issues. It isn't a priority now, but in time will need to be replaced and that is estimated to cost about \$2,000. Kari Harding made a motion to pay the \$400 program upgrade cost out of the Video Equipment/Broadcast/Technology memorial account. Kerri DeVos 2nd . Motion carried.

Kari Harding provided the Board of Trustees an update on the insurance renewal quotes. She is still looking into more options for insurance coverage for the church.

No new business was presented. Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kerri DeVos 2nd . The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Respectfully submitted, Kerri DeVos

BOARD OF DEACONS:

July 10th, 2024. Lois, Missy, Tierney, Glenda in attendance.

Communion:

July 28th- Missy, Glenda, Lois

August 4th- Missy, Tierney, Glenda

Joslyn Rose will be singing July 28th.

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION:

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Meeting started at 7:20 pm and adjourned at 9:50 pm

In attendance: Amanda Anderson, Amanda Appel, Pam Hanson, Riece Sanow

Topics of Discussion-

Youth Education bank balance and what funds available for VBS, Rally Sunday, and Sunday school, need more information from Jill.

Vacation Bible School activities, lessons, supplies needed, food, etc. Will have Sunday, July 28 for setup, meet with volunteers, and decorating.



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

1st:

Bonnie Olson

2nd:

Noah Anderson

Adalyn Hanson

Brayden Krug

Ashley Wagner

3rd:

Duane Kockelman

4th:

Lylis Nelson

Charles Oellien

5th:

Erich Fokken

Emily Gehrking

Carlisle Nelson

Blake Stoks

6th:

Rickey Winter

7th:

Beverly Benz

Kiley Cornell

Kolt Krause

8th:

Loren Hacker

9th:

Tammy Welker

10th:

Mark Denelsbeck

11th:

Andrew Fokken

Heather Hill

Ryan Olson

12th:

Amanda Anderson

Mildred Hall

Autumn Lee

Eli Otterson

Rondine Shaffer

13th:

Zachary Duin

Everly Paulsen

14th:

Harper Groenhoff

Jonathan Hanson

Adrian Hemish

15th:

Nicholas Adkison
Molly verhelst
LuJane Yackley

16th:

Eugene Bies
Jean Kvols
Kelly NEmitz

17th:

Amber Groen

18th:

Adley DeSmet

19th:

Jay Christanson
Benedict Nemitz

20th:

Brenda Beiningen
Charles Moberg

21st:

Landon Anderson
Mark Fokken
Cindy Maras
Paul Olson

22nd:

Carol Jacobson

23rd:

Tawny Olson
Amanda Schwartz

24th:

Richard Full
Karen Hacker
Megan Johnson
Megan Namken

25th:

Bennett Kraft
Gordon Rangaard

26th:

Thomas Gorder
Terry Lundquist
Jenna Norquist
Spencer Thorston
Kari Wagner

27th:

Daniel Kraft

28th:

Melvin Svoboda

29th:

Carter Groenhoff
Shonteera Haas
Gordon Palm

30th:

Zachary Gorder
Victoria Jeppesen
Nancy Kaddatz
Laurie VanDerostyne

31st:

Taylor Brusven
Kendell Hoffman
Lisa Hoffman
Melissa Hulzebos
Nancy Lux
Richard VanDerostyne



1st:

Deanna & Gary Baer

2nd:

Jodi & David Mercer

3rd:

Amber & Mitchell Groen
Carissa & Curtis Stockmann

4th:

Madaline & Samuel Knutson

5th:

Sue & Jon Hanson
Beverly & Allen Benz
Kristen & Roy Fairchild

6th:

Celina & Erich Fokken
Moriah & Zachary Gorder

7th:

Kelly & Benedict Nemitz
Rachel & Levi Bollerud
Amanda & Steven Schwartz

9th:

Nancy & Dane Nordquist
Crystal & Jay Gislason
Shelly & Michael Frank

10th:

Sherri & Fred Full

11th:

Sherry & Douglas Olson

12th:

Pam & Gary Hanson

13th:

Jami & Chad Anhalt

16th:

Jody & Shaun Vernlund

19th:

Janet & Jerald Jeremiason

20th:

Karen & Evan Krause

21st:

Kelly & Corey Erp

22nd:

Brenda & James Beiningen
Michelle & Mark Wollum

23rd:

Beverly & Eugene Bies

25th:

Peggy & Robert Sik

26th:

Lois & Curt Olson

27th:

Heather & Ryan Hill

28th:

Debra & John Cornell

29th:

Sarah & Bryan Kraft

30th:

Dawn & Anthony Ourada

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: Delores Bursack, Rick Full, Kyle Lieser, Randy Westphal, Gary Fokken, Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, David Sorby, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister), Shirley Markegard, Nick Benson, Bonnie Olson, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Fred Full, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Nina Benz, 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.



PRAYERS *for our* **Military**

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: Justin Gislason, 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

Calendar

August 8th: Summer Retreat- Arco, MN
Sign up on the Bulletin Board

August 14th: NO Regular Meeting

September 12th: "Over 80 Party"

October 12th: Setting the Table for Hospice



WELCA Summer Retreat

Thursday, August 8th
8:30am-12:00pm
At Bethany in Arco

Focus on the Positive

Program by Tammy Busselman
And Jesse Bussleman

Music with Treava Lundberg
Potluck Noon Luncheon...bring salads or
desserts

No Registration Fee...Offering box available
Sponsored by WELCA's pf Bethany,
Bethany-Elim and Danebod

Thank you to everyone, who in any and every way helped with any part of making the YMC Fair OSL Foodstand a reality. We are working on figuring out how we did financially and other information pertaining to the project.

-The Committee

God's gift of music



What helps you sort out what you're feeling, or experience an emotion more deeply? What allows you to let loose and cry, or fully celebrate when you're joyful? Nature helps some of us get in touch with our feelings, perhaps because it removes us from screens and other distractions.

But when getting out isn't possible — no mountain lake is nearby, or the weather isn't tranquil — consider the gift of music. Often instrumental or vocal music helps us access the depths of our soul like nothing else can. God may even speak to us through music — whether in song lyrics, our own inner thoughts or wordless stirrings of the heart.

Albert Schweitzer, a pastor, musicologist, physician and more, said, "Joy, sorrow, tears, lamentation, laughter — to all these music gives voice, but in such a way that we are transported from the world of unrest to a world of peace, and see reality in a new way, as if we were sitting by a mountain lake and contemplating hills and woods and clouds in the tranquil and fathomless water."

Make some playlists for various emotions: joy, grief, anxiety, hope. Then imagine yourself relaxing in nature, and experience God's love.



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

Youth News



LEAF FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Lutheran Aid Education Fund is a fund to help further a person's post-secondary education. This is open to members who have or will

be graduating this spring. For more information or an application form, please contact the church office or a member of the LEAF Committee. **Deadline to apply is August 19, 2024.**



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.

Usher Ministry: 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.

Youth Puzzle & Activity

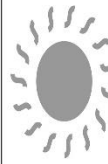



Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.




BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.

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	USN	<input type="text"/>	
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	BHECA	<input type="text"/>	
	LALUBMER	<input type="text"/>	
	WRTEA	<input type="text"/>	
	FRUS	<input type="text"/>	
	VWSEA	<input type="text"/>	



How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them _____;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the _____, vast and spacious,
teeming with _____ beyond number —
living things both large and small.

Psalm 104:24-25, NIV



You don't have to visit the beach to make a sandcastle. Make fluffy "moon sand" to build fun structures.

What you need:

- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup baby oil



What you do:

1. Measure flour into the large bowl. Add baby oil.
2. Mix thoroughly until all the oil is combined and the texture is consistent. If needed, use your hands to knead the mixture.
3. The sand is ready when it sticks together to form a ball when pressed in your hands.
4. Use sand toys and molds to create a sandcastle. Store sand in an airtight container for up to two weeks.



Puzzle!

Match each word in Column 1 to its synonym in Column 2. Then use the words from Column 2 to complete the boxes below.

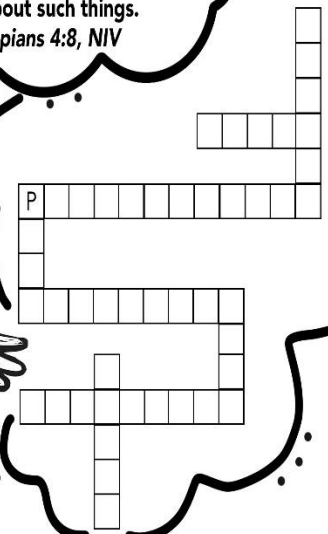
COLUMN 1

- correct
- commendable
- extremely good
- having high moral principles
- deserving respect
- pleasant
- real
- wholesome

COLUMN 2

- excellent
- lovely
- noble
- admirable
- pure
- praiseworthy
- true
- right


Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.
Philippians 4:8, NIV



Match Answers: correct - right; commendable - praiseworthy; extremely good - excellent; having high moral principles - noble; deserving respect - admirable; pleasant - lovely; real - true; wholesome - pure; Horizontal Answers (top to bottom): noble; praiseworthy; excellent; admirable; Vertical Answers (left to right): pure; right; true; lovely



August 2024

	<h2 style="color: red;">August 2024</h2>
Thursday 1	2:00pm Communion Services in Hendricks
Friday 2	
Saturday 3	
Sunday 4	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 5	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 6	2:00 p.m. Circle at Sylvan Place (Dining Room)
Wednesday 7	
Thursday 8	
Friday 9	Nelson/Viessman Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 10	Brook Nelson & Parker Viessman Wedding
Sunday 11	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 12	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 13	
Wednesday 14	8:30 a.m. Hospital Board Meeting- Pastor Levi <u>COMMUNION SERVICES</u> 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
Thursday 15	
Friday 16	
Saturday 17	

<p>Sunday 18</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship- Baptism of Bentley DeSmet 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk</p>
<p>Monday 19</p>	<p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Quilting ** LEAF Application Deadline**</p>
<p>Tuesday 20</p>	
<p>Wednesday 21</p>	
<p>Thursday 22</p>	
<p>Friday 23</p>	
<p>Saturday 24</p>	
<p>Sunday 25</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion Baptism of Beckham Gorder 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk</p>
<p>Monday 26</p>	<p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday 27</p>	
<p>Wednesday 28</p>	<p>Articles due for September Newsletter</p>
<p>Thursday 29</p>	
<p>Friday 30</p>	<p><i>Assembly of September Newsletter</i></p>
<p>Saturday 31</p>	