



“The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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This past month marked our family’s five year anniversary of moving to Canby. And from the start we have felt so extremely blessed to be able to be part of this community. When we would talk to family and friends why we loved it so much here, we would point to the friendly people, the great schools, as a pastor I would point to the amazingly collegial ministerial (something not often found in other places). As the years have passed these things that drew us to this community were reinforced over and over again. Even with all that however, nothing prepared me for the outpouring of love and support the community provided last month.

In response to hardships and tragedies that our neighbors faced this community stepped up in a truly incredible way. It started with our youth organizing a daily prayer service at the school with prayers that they themselves wrote, and then an open invitation to all to attend. It was followed up by the responses of the teachers and the administration of our schools on the news that one of our little ones had passed away. The letter Principle Arndt sent home was beautiful and helpful to parents having tough conversations with their children. That very same day I sat with Pastor Steve Maas from Antelope Hills as we prayed and talked with kids at The Connection as they expressed their sadness at the loss of their friend and classmate. I watched the wonderful staff hold these kids as they cried, but not just the staff. I saw in these children an empathy greater than their years would suggest as they comforted each other and processed their grief.

There is an incredible strength in this community, one that only grows when we come together. God’s love and merciful Spirit is alive here in Canby, and I feel overwhelmed with the blessing of being a part of it. Thank you for inviting us into the loving arms of this community, thank you for the ministry of your presence.

Peace,

Pastor Levi

Dates to Remember...

*12/2 – 2p - SS
Christmas Program
Practice 5:30p-
Spaghetti Supper –
7p-Youth
Fundraiser “Live”
Auction*

*12/4 – 5:15p-Youth
Fundraiser
Painting Party*

*12/14 - WELCA
Advent Luncheon*

*12/15 – Blessed to
Give presents
should be returned
to office.*

*12/17-3yr old-6th
graders Christmas
Program during
Worship time
Youth Fundraiser
Breakfast & Bake
Sale*

*12/27 –NO
CONFIRMATION*

*12/29-NO RELEASE
TIME*

*12/24 – Christmas
Eve Candlelight
Worship with
communion*

12/24 – Worship

*12/24 & 12/31 -NO
SUNDAY SCHOOL*

For October 27th – November 30th:
Gifts/Offerings received: \$22,166.04
Distributions: \$19,344.67



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, 12/12/17

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, 12/13/17

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

Daybreak Bible Study for Men

Wednesday, December 27th

7:00 a.m. at the Campus Grill

Women's Circle Meeting Dates & Times

Phoebe- 12/4 – 7:00 p.m.

Elizabeth- 12/12- 2:00 p.m.

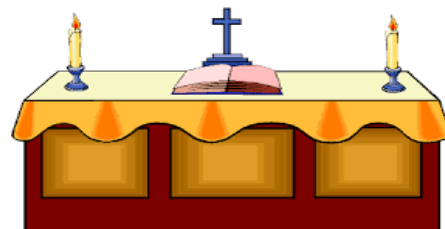
Naomi Circle- 12/21 - 2:00 p.m.

Gather Bible Study – 12/19 - 10:00 a.m.

Sylvan Court

*****Our new email address is oslcanbymn@gmail.com*****

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Altar Assistants:

Nadine Sorby & Sheila Hegg

Ushers

Erich Fokken, Captain
223-7406

Menno Fokken

Mitch Groen

Curt Olsen

Wayne Giese

Richard Rogers



3rd: Jean Kvols

10th: Sonshine

17th: Youth

24th: DeLon Clarksean

31st: Dawn Ourada

Acolytes

Confirmation youth will be signing up weekly.

Communion Assistants:

Confirmation youth will be signing up.

Eternal Lights for the month of December



For December the Eternal Lights burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in memory of Clara Bueltel. Given by Rick, Tricia, Collin & Aaron.

Mission Calendar for November:

- 5th: In memory of Clara Bueltel. Given by Shirley Saum
- 6th: In memory of JoAnn (Vernlund) Colbert's Birthday. Given by Family
- 13th: In memory of Marlys Norquist's Birthday. Given by Cheryl, Stacy, Zachary, Jenna, Troy, Hadley, Falon & Piper
- 18th: In honor of Orville & Helen Schultz's 61st wedding anniversary.
- 20th: In memory of Mark Schultz's birthday on November 21st and in honor of his grandsons birthday. Given by Orville & Helen Schultz
- 21st: In memory of the baptismal anniversary of Gail Fokken. Given by Mark Fokken

Radio Broadcasts for November:

- 12th: In memory of Ronald Zimmerman. Given by Dale & Dorothy Zimmerman
- 19th: In memory of Dr. John Myers. Given by family

TV Broadcasts for November:

- 5th: In memory of JoAnn (Vernlund) Colbert's Birthday. Given by Family
- 12th: In memory of Marlys Norquist's Birthday. Given by Cheryl, Stacy, Zachary, Jenna, Troy, Hadley, Falon & Piper
- 19th: In memory of Marnell Hanson who passed away two years ago today. Given by Bob, Denise, Mike & Adam

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 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.

Broadcast Fund

Marnell Hanson
Harlan Berndt

Cornerstone

Harlan Berndt

Music Fund

Harlan Berndt
Braylee Jo Pridal
Michael Sperl

TEAF

Dr. John Myers
ArLoa Meyen

Youth

Harlan Berndt

****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

Fireside Room Furniture

Foundation

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

Mission Action

Mission Calendar

Music Memorial Fund

Organ Restoration Fund

SundaySchool

Women's Retreat Fund

WELCA Projects Fund

Youth

Or you may give it as:

Undesignated



INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:
Levi Bollerud
 President of Congregation:
Bruce Wornson
 Vice President:
Richard Kvols
 Congregational Secretary:
Karen Hacker
 Congregational Treasurer:
Sherri Full
 Organist/Handbell Director:
Karen Olsen
 Choir Director:
Dawn Ourada
 Custodian:
Jesse Engesmoe
 Office Manager:
Cheryl Norquist
 Youth Coordinator:
Amber Groen

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bev Larsen* 2015
 Curt Olsen* 2015
 Rick Olsen* 2015
 Bob Welker* 2015
 Larry Stoks* 2014

YOUTH BOARD

David Snortum* 2014
 Cheryl Norquist 2016
 Rick Hansen 2016
 Beth Hansen 2016
 Alex Whittier 2017
 Collin Bueltel* 2016
 Matthew Groen 2017



**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
 Council-at-Large**

Minutes of the November 8, 2017 Meeting

These are the minutes of the Council at Large for November 8, 2017.

Pastor Levi led the council in devotion based on Matthew 25. Just as you do to the least of these, you do to me. Pastor asked, "Where do you see Jesus?" Of course we see Him in the sacraments and the word, but do we also look for Jesus in people such as the hungry, thirsty, those in prison, those without clothing or resources, or strangers? Consider whether you have ever ministered to another. When we do so, Jesus can also be found in us. Pastor led the council in prayer to the Lord to see Him more clearly.

The minutes from the Sept. meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Wornson noted that the Nominating Committee will be meeting soon and talking to people about board and committee positions.

Since no council action was needed, the meeting was adjourned, and the various boards adjourned to conduct their individual meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
 Karen Hacker

BAPTIZED IN NOVEMBER:

McKenna Jean Hill

Our Dearly Departed in November:

Braylee Jo Pridal

COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Karen Hacker* 2015
 Lori Husby* 2015
 Doug Hansen 2014
 Dan Kraft 2016
 Tammy Welker 2016

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dee Benson 2014
 Jenna Norquist 2016
 Carrie Benson 2017
 Sabrina Stockman 2017

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Board of Deacons November 8, 2017 minutes.

Present Lori Husby, Karen Hacker, Doug Hansen & Tammy Welker, Dan Kraft

Meeting was called to order by Lori Husby.
Previous minutes were read and approved.

Communion Schedule: November 22nd
(Thanksgiving Eve), November 26th, December 3rd
& 24th. The sheets for sign-up was sent around.

Offering envelopes: Karen & Cheryl were in contact with the vendor that we order from. We have the option to have names pre-printed on envelopes and they will come packed alphabetically in boxes ready for distribution.

Senior Pictures: Tammy will get the list of graduates for 2018 from Cheryl.

All candles and batteries for Christmas Eve service are here. We will assemble them at our December meeting.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Welker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees minutes November 8, 2017

Members present: Bob Welker, Curt Olsen, Bev Larsen

Members absent: Larry Stoks, Rick Olsen
Others present: Bruce Wornson Richard Kvols, and Pastor Levi.

The minutes from the October 11, 2017 meeting were read and approved as read.

After a review of the bills, a motion was made, and seconded, to pay the bills as printed from October 12, 2017 to November 8, 2017. Motion carried.

- ❖ Update on the Video and Audio system:
Tabled until next month
- ❖ Budget: Will work on the budget in December.
- ❖ Limit on spending without congregational approval: A discussion was held as to whether there is a spending limit without a congregational approval. A motion was made to recommend to the congregation for approval, to spend up to \$10,000 out of the Memorial fund for church improvement, without the need to call for a congregational meeting. Motion carried.
- ❖ Paul Oman painting: Will get a quote from Kari Harding on this matter for insurance.
- ❖ AED: Some questions have been raised about the AED. We will get more information on this topic.
- ❖ Sherri Full has submitted her resignation as Treasurer effective January 1, 2018.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Bev Larsen

YOUTH BOARD

Youth Board minutes from November 8, 2017.

Members Present: Collin Buelstel, Rick Hansen, Amber Groen, Dave Snortum

Members Absent: Beth Hansen, Matthew Groen, Alex Whittler, Cheryl Norquist

-Read & Approved October 11th Minutes

-Amazon Smile – A member of the church brought to our attention this fundraiser. We discussed on how to sign up. Amazon Smile is an online store where customers buy products from Amazon and a

certain percentage of their purchases can be designated to our Youth Account. More information to follow.

-Savings Account for NYG - Discussed opening up a separate saving account specifically for the National Youth Gathering. This will be easier so we don't have to keep track every deposit how much is for the National Youth Gathering. A motion was made to have Cheryl Norquist set up this savings account. Motion was seconded and carried.

-Ornament Fundraiser - Erich Fokken has made and donated Christmas ornaments in a set.

-“Live” Auction - December 2nd - 5:30 pm, spaghetti supper starts, and Auction starts at 7:00 pm. Cole Regnier will be the auctioneer. Looking for donations and looking for help at the supper and looking for people to bring desserts.

-Painting Party – The next painting party will be Monday, December 4th, at 5:15. Picture of painting and sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. It is a silhouette of the Nativity scene.

-Moberg Meat Fundraiser - Goes from November 13th to November 28th. New items added to the previous fundraiser. Kids will pick up and deliver their own orders.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Collin Bueltel

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The Board of Education minutes from November 8, 2017.

Present: Dee Benson

Absent: Jenna Norquist, Sabrina Stockman and Carrie Benson.

Dee & Collin met to discuss the Christmas Program

Respectfully Submitted, Dee Benson



**Thrivent
Financial**

for Lutherans

All Thrivent benefit members can receive up to **two \$250 grants per year** that can be used as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials to support an activity that meets a need in our community or church, a mission project, service activity, or educational event.

If interested, please contact the church office at 507.223.5528 for additional information.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



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

1st:

Steven Benson

Scott Vick

Rodney Viessman

2nd:

Quentin Beiningen

3rd:

Neveah Hoffman

4th:

Chelsea Mosier

5th:

Norma Bockes

Robert Reyerson

6th:

Charlene Christie

Ann Clarksean

Arcelia Torstenson

Linda Ufkin

Elliott Welker

10th:

Frances Hallier

11th:

Rachel Bollerud
McKenzie Lorenzen
Emily Nelson

12th:

Tyler Benz
Jacobi Conner
Betty Solberg

13th:

Curtis Hoseck
Abbey Pederson
Daniel Wells

14th:

Mabel Ann Swenson

15th:

Frankie Brown
Richard Hansen
Krystal Schmitt

16th:

Deanna Stephenson

17th:

Eugene Eilers
Alise Hansen
Kora Otteson

18th:

Richard Nelson

19th:

Susan Lozinski
Mark Whittier
Maveric Wollum

20th:

Casie Ambrose

22nd:

Kelli Endahl
Kaiser Hanson
Amy Johnson
Presley Viessman

23rd:

Jarah Fairchild
Nicholas Nichter

24th:

Demetrius Bridges

25th:

Michelle Wahl

26th:

Jacob Melby

27th:

Christopher Husby
Justin Wernisch
Alex Whittier

28th:

Amy Anderson
Beverly Bies
Emma Larsen
Kyler Stockmann

29th:

Holly Bockes

30th:

Jami Anhalt
Lyle Fokken
Cheryl Norquist
Austin Olson

31st:

Kristen Fairchild
Madaline Knutson

The church office will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays: closed all day on Tuesday, December 26th; closed all day on Tuesday, January 2nd.



**Christmas Season Worship
Schedule**

- 12/3: 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
12/10: 9:00 a.m. Sonshine Worship
12/17: 9:00 a.m. Youth Christmas Program and Worship
12/24: 9:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion
12/31: 9:00 a.m. Worship

HELP WANTED to assist with Graduation Quilts!!!



Every year for over 20 years, the congregation has gifted handmade quilts to our graduating seniors. These quilts are a lifelong reminder of the love of Christ and our

congregation that will enfold them as they go out into the world. A small and dedicated group of women and men have been sewing and assembling these quilts over the years. This year we will have 14 graduates--a nearly record number—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, contact Lucille Fokken (507-223-7707) or give your name to Cheryl at the church office.

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.

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 and Our Saviour's Lutheran Sunday School pages.

PRAYER

changes things

We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Dane Nordquist, Tucker Coil, Don Olson, Monica Larson (Sherri Full's niece), Marvel Haas, Charlene Christie, Delroy Thompson, Marsha Tollefson, Karen Wendroth, Zach Moltzer, Stephanie Kreutner, John Cornell, Jade Otteson (niece of Spencer & Amanda Otteson), LaVonne Winters, Cameron Stockmann, Evelyn Husby, Marcie Wolff, Bertha Johnson, Mike Bissen, Henrietta Hundt, Jerry Thomsen, Debbie Cornell, Karen Schultz, Judy Halvorson, Joyce Brouwer, Ken Club, Mary Adler, Don Kirkeide, Robert Kokesh, Glenn & Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Dean Behnke, Pastor Cy Solberg, Connie Severson, Demetrius Bridges, Bill & Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Patty McLain, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Clarie Ouverson, Dean Hedge, Melanie Haggard, Karen Ouverson-Pohlen, Sonny Stephenson, Harold Meyen and family, Kent Bren, Sandra Nelson, Kristina Paiakham, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlainck, 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.



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, Choir singing and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are grateful!

Invitation from our Organist.....

The organ at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is an amazing, magnificent instrument and I feel privileged to be able to have played it as organist for the last 37 years. A lot of ordinary things can affect a pipe organ such as dust, temperature and bus so a pipe organ's maintenance is an ongoing affair.

I so appreciate the support of the church in maintenance work needed on the organ this spring. Before we had the recent work finished, it had gone several years without maintenance. For some time I needed to pick and choose different stops because I had so many out of tune stops or dead stops due to bad contacts.

In appreciation, I would like to "show off" our beautiful organ by presenting an extra long prelude of Christmas music on Sunday, December 17th, starting at 8:00am, before the Children's Christmas Program. So please join me in this festive presentation and thanks again.

Karen Olsen, OSL Organist

News from Youth Coordinator

Right now my family is busy planning the holidays. We have thanksgiving together and we have so many conversations about who is bringing what, what time do we eat, do you have extra silverware, remember to bring an extra table and 4 folding chairs, who is bringing the sweet salad and are you making pies? It seems like the week before, there is an abundance of texts and phone calls about the event. It is kind of funny because when Mitch and Matt hear the phone ring and see caller ID they don't even answer the phone, they just smile and give me the phone. For some reason, they don't want to have a say in what is brought and who is going to bring it.

This is one of my favorite times of year, getting together with family for the holidays. Our family is getting big enough that we all can't get together the same day anymore because of so many extended family and in-laws and honestly, no one has that big of house anymore. That is amazing because we just keep growing. Those of us that do get together have quite a feast. All the worrying just goes by the wayside as we always have too much food and usually something is forgotten but we get by without it anyway and there is always an incident that we can talk about the next year. It is such an amazing time being with those you love, and their loved ones.

Holidays are the days that we truly make time for each other. We get together and laugh and reminisce. We tell stories of growing up together. We miss those that are no longer with us even though we still feel their presence. My dad is still in wonder of how he and Muriel started this entire clan. It is endearing to sit back and watch my dad observe his family, how he laughs at the little ones and sometimes I can catch glimpses of him when I can tell he is remembering mom and their time together. I love to see my dad with my granddaughters knowing that they will one day have stories to tell about him.

My hope for you this Thanksgiving is that when you are planning the get together and then spending time with your family eating a wonderful meal that you actually take time to be thankful for each other and the time together. Sit back and enjoy the laughter, the little ones, the stories and even the mishaps. Be in the moment and take time to truly watch the wonder of it all because one day that moment will become a memory!

This holiday season - BE TRULY
THANKFUL!!

Blessings
Amber Groen
Youth Coordinator



******Youth Fundraiser Painting Party******
Monday, December 4, 2017
5:15p-8:00p.

Join us for a fun night of painting and a meal. This painting will be a *silhouette of The Nativity Scene*. This event will be held in the OSL dining hall. A copy of the picture we will be painting and the signup sheet are on the bulletin board outside the church office. There are only enough supplies for 15 painters so please sign up as soon as possible. Please wear comfortable clothes and join us for painting, eating and fellowship. The cost is \$45.00 (*per painting*) and the price includes the meal.

ELCA NEWS AND NOTES



Mark your calendars!!!

December 14th 12:00pm
Cookies for the Homebound/Shower for
Baby Jesus
WELCA volunteers - Hostesses

January NO MEETING

February 8 Valentine Brunch

The WELCA Board will be working on new booklets for 2018. Please contact any board member or the church office with any questions, comments or changes for committees or phone numbers. It is extremely important that we have up to date phone numbers for contact information in continuing with our mission work in serving funerals and other events.

If there is anyone who would like to serve on the board or any committee, please let us know.



*"...Fear not: for, behold, I
bring you good tidings of
great joy...."*

Luke 2:10

The Board will be working on our Mission Giving for 2018 to be approved at the December Advent Christmas Luncheon

"Prayers for Tuesdays @ Two"

December 5 - Pray for **JOY**

December 12 - Pray for **GENEROSITY**

December 19 - Pray for **PATIENCE**
and **CALMNESS**

December 26 - Give thanks for your
SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.