



“The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11-12

As we come to the end of Christmas season I find my mind turning to the issue of gifts, and the act of giving and receiving. Christmas is a time when many of us look around and feel grateful for all the gifts we have received, and not just the gifts under the tree; the gifts of family, the gifts of employment, the gifts of friends, the gift of love and grace from God.

Christmas is often a time when we truly understand how blessed we are in our lives. It is hard to enjoy the gift of family if you don’t spend time together, however you can. Money is great, but there is nothing like seeing the look on someone’s face when they receive a gift they did not expect. You can’t truly experience the beauty of friendship unless you are a friend. God’s gift of grace and love is ours forever, but you will never truly see it grow until it is shared with our neighbor. Our gifts and blessing will never reach their full potential unless they are shared.

In the holy land there are two ancient bodies of water. Both are fed by the Jordan River. In one, fish play and roots find sustenance. In the other, there is no splash of fish, no sound of bird, and no leaf around. The difference is not in the Jordan, for it empties into both, but in the Sea of Galilee; for every drop taken in one goes out. It gives and lives. The other gives nothing. And it is called the Dead Sea.

We have been given so much in this life, most of it will we never even realize. God has blessed us all, and will continue to do so no matter what. However, if you want to truly and fully experience the joy of these blessings than you have to let those same blessing flow from you. Watching my children’s joy as they opened presents from loved ones, and seeing the happiness on their faces, I realized that the perfect gift is one where both parties are left feeling like they have been blessed. May this year you feel truly and completely blessed.

Peace,

Pastor Levi

Dates to Remember...

1/2/18 - OFFICE CLOSED

1/7/18 – Sonshine Worship

1/14/18 - Annual Reports Due; Visitor Articles Due

1/19/18 - No Release Time

1/21/18 – No Sunday School

1/28/18 – Annual Meeting following worship Potluck Dinner to follow meeting. (Districts 1,6,7,8- Hotdish; Districts 2&3 – Salads & Breads and Districts 4&5 Desserts)

For December 1st – December 28th:
Gifts/Offerings received: \$28,193.02
Distributions: \$19,798.88



Driver Information - If you need a ride to church for Sunday morning services, please call the church office at 223-5528 by Friday noon prior to the Sunday for making arrangements.

Communion Services



Tuesday, 1/9/18
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at Sylvan Court Chapel
12:45 p.m. Holy Communion at

Sylvan Place
2:30 p.m. Holy Communion at Sunset Assisted Living
3:30 p.m. Holy Communion at Twinwood A and Twinwood B

Wednesday, 1/10/18

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

Daybreak Bible Study for Men

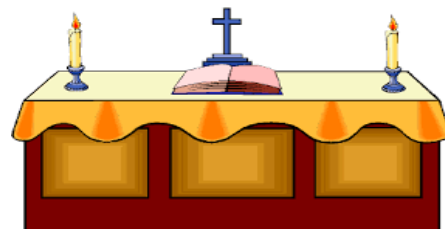
Wednesday, January 31st
7:00 a.m. at the Campus Grill

Women's Circle Meeting Dates & Times

Elizabeth- 1/9
Naomi Circle- 1/18 - 2:00 p.m.
Gather Bible Study – 1/23 - 10:00 a.m.
Sylvan Court

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

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Altar Assistants:
Lori Husby & Juli Wornson

Ushers

Gary Fokken, Captain
223-5178
Gordon Palm Donn Peterson
Eric Hanson



7th: Sonshine
14th: DeLon Clarksean
21st: Youth
24th: Bruce Wornson

Acolytes

Confirmation youth will be signing up weekly.

Communion Assistants:

Confirmation youth will be signing up.

Eternal Lights for the month of January



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

Mission 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.

Mission Calendar for December:

- 18th: In loving memory of Amy Beutler, who passed away one year ago today. Given by her Family.
- 20th: In memory of Avis Harding. Given by Shirley Saum.
- 21st: In honor of Larris & Joanne Nelson’s 54th wedding anniversary, which would have been on December 21st.
- 24th: In honor of Louise (Hart) and Lloyd Dahl’s 82nd wedding anniversary, which would have been on December 24th.
- 26th: In honor of Si & Rose Olson’s 63rd wedding anniversary.

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.

Radio Broadcasts for December:

- 24th: In memory of Lloyd Kopperud. Given by Family.

TV Broadcasts for December:

- 24th: In honor of Carol Kopperud. Given by her children Rolf, Kevin & Jane.

***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

Broadcast Fund

- Lloyd Kopperud
- In honor of Carol Kopperud
- Betty Ferguson
- Martin & Mabel Schultz

Cornerstone

- Gary Davis
- Michael Sperl
- Herman Esping Jr.

Kitchen Fund

- Arloa Meyen
- Marjorie Moberg

Music Fund

- Michael Sperl
- Braylee Jo Pridal

Organ

- Michael Sperl

Undesignated

- Michael Sperl
- Youth**
- Amy Beutler

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

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 December 13, 2017
 Meeting**

These are the minutes for the Council at Large for Dec. 13, 2017. Pastor Levi gave the devotion based on Matthew 3. "Prepare the way for the Lord. Make His path straight."

The road is prepared for those following God. They will not be slowed down or waylaid by obstacles. Sometimes we need to make special preparation for people coming into our congregation who might need help. Pastor Levi led the council in prayer to help smooth the path and prepare the way for others who might need our assistance.

The minutes from the Nov. 8 meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Wornson stated that the Trustees have been considering the need for Congregational authorization to spend up to \$10,000 without requesting a special Congregational meeting each time for such expenditures. Vice Chair Richard Kvols reviewed that currently the Constitution authorization is for \$2,500. He discussed that the Trustees have considered that the money they are requesting for authorization would be from Memorials, and would be used for church improvements, which could also include maintenance and repair. A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting, authorization to spend up to \$10,000 out of the Memorial Fund for church improvement, without the need to call for a special Congregational Meeting.

BAPTIZED IN DECEMBER:

Julia Christine Hanson

Our Dearly Departed in December:

Avis Harding

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 TRUSTEES

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

Chairman Wornson called for questions and further discussion, but none were forthcoming. Motion carried.

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held on January 28th immediately following the service with a potluck to follow. Meeting adjourned. The boards retired to conduct their individual meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Board of Deacons December 13, 2017 minutes.

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

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

Communion Schedule: December 24th -5pm worship and January 7th & 28th.

We assembled the new Christmas Eve battery operated candles.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Welker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees minutes December 13, 2017

Members present: Bob Welker, Curt Olsen, Bev Larsen, Larry Stoks and Rick Olsen
Members absent:
Others present: Bruce Wornson Richard Kvols, Sherri Full, and Pastor Levi.

The minutes from the November 8th, 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 November 9- December 13, 2017. Motion carried.

* Update on the video system: Mark Fokken presented information on a new Live Broadcasting system. A motion was made and seconded to create a Memorial Account for this system. Motion carried.

* Budget: A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Council at Large the Budget for 2018. Motion carried.

* Debt Card: A clarification on the Debit card procedure was. Sherri will set it up with First Security Bank.

* Paul Oman painting: Discussion was held on insuring the painting; we will just add it to the present insurance policy. Someone will take pictures of the painting and add it to the Inventory.

* Building repair: Have not heard from MidContinental Restoring Company. Richard Kvols will contact them again.

* Cemetery: An assement fee of \$3.73 from LQP County for the Florida Cemetery was received. Motion made and seconded to pay the fee. Motion carried.

*Reminder that the various committees are to meet and give a copy of the minutes to the Board of Trustees.

*Names have been submitted for the Treasurer's position. Bruce will talk to them.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Bev Larsen

YOUTH BOARD

Youth Board minutes from December 13, 2017.

Members Present: Collin Buelstel, Rick Hansen, Amber Groen, Dave Snortum, Cheryl Norquist & Alex Whittier

Members Absent: Beth Hansen, Matthew Groen,

Read & Approved November 8th minutes

Auction review – we believe this was a HUGE SUCCESS even though there were not a lot of people in attendance. The auctioned off items brought in over \$1,725.00. Thank you so much to all who donated and participated in the auction by bidding on the items. Each individual who donated items for the auction will have monies put into their Fundraiser account.

Moberg Meat Fundraiser – this also was a very successful fundraiser for the youth – over \$900 was made from this fundraiser.

December Breakfast and Bake Sale – These are both set to take place on Sunday, December 17th following the Sunday School Christmas Program. This meal will be Homemade pancakes and sausage. These proceeds will go to the National Youth Gathering Fundraiser Account. January breakfast was discussed for the beginning of the month – that would be different egg bakes. February instead of breakfast there was discussion of doing a spaghetti dinner following church – with possible date of February 11th.

Movie at Theatre – Sunday, December 10th “Wonder” – Amber and several youth attended this movie. They all really enjoyed it!

There was discussion about a future lock-in and that will be discussed at another time.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Collin Bueltel

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

No members were able to attend the meeting on 12/13/17; rescheduled for 12/10/17; Dee Benson in attendance; all items tabled; Candy canes were distributed to all children after the Sunday School Program on 12/17/17.

During Sunday School on January 7th they children will play Bingo and have cake and ice cream to celebrate Baby Jesus’ Birthday.

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
January:*

1st:

Jaime Hanson
Erin Hewer

2nd:

Thomas Jacobson
Kendra Vanderostyne

3rd:

Jadyn Schmitt

4th:

Paige Heidecker
Wanda Hemish

5th:

Julie Fairchild
Blake Robbin

6th:

Cynthia Hiedeman
Teresa Menk
Larry Stoks



7th:

Karen Kockelman
Natalie Morris

8th:

Beth Beiningen
Richard Bueltel
Franklin Mitchell
Brett Stoks

9th:

Matthew Bliss

10th:

Austin Schroeder

11th:

Kendra Hoffman
Cole Regnier

12th:

Parker Anhalt
Karin Livermore
Nathan Oellien
Brian Svoboda

13th:

Tiffini Stockman
Makayla Vanderostyne

14th:

Bruce Wornson

15th:

Jocelynn Lacek
Richard Mortenson

16th:

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

17th:

Jackie Mortenson
Curt Olsen
Silas Olson
Janel Tol

18th:

Myron Anhalt
Jane Ellison
Peyton Svoboda

20th:

Nina Benz

21st:

Gary VanDerostyne
Gerald VanDerostyne

22nd:

Emily Christianson
Trevor Menk
Natalie Stoks

23rd:

Brynlee Jeppeson
Lucille Stoks

24th:

Benjamin Whittier

25th:

Matthew Groen
Piper Antony

26th:

Kaylin Anderson
Levi Bollerud

28th:

Tucker Coil
Madisen Krug
Joshua Long

29th:

Tyler Baer
Brooke Nelson

30th:

Trish Hoffman

31st:

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



The church office will be closed all day on Tuesday, January 2nd.

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.

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.

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.

PRAYER *changes things*

We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Judy Larson, Dane Nordquist, Tucker Coil, Monica Larson (Sherri Full's niece), Marvel Haas, Charlene Christie, Delroy Thompson, Marsha Tollefson, 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 & Betty Solberg, Connie Severson, Demetrius Bridges, Bill & Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, 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 Vlaminc, 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: Youth for serving delicious breakfasts, Christmas Eve Worship, Sonshine 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!

Special thanks to Karen Olsen for her "BEAUTIFUL CONCERT" prior to the Sunday School Christmas Program on the 17th!

Our Saviour's Church Family,

Kind hearts are the gardens, kind thoughts are the roots, kind words are the flowers, kind deeds are the fruits. Thinking of you and giving thanks for the wonderful person's you are.

Thank you for the yummy cookies that were left at my apartment.

God Bless all of you!

Marvel Haas

Amber's Article

This is the time of year when families get together and those family traditions that touched our lives as children we now carry on so that our children and grandchildren can experience them with us.

Growing up, my Mom and Dad made Christmas so wonderful. Mom made the best Christmas cookies. Christmas Eve was our favorite. We would all dress up and go to church. My family always sat near the front of the church. (Mom said we always behaved better in front of the church, she may have been right because we always sat right in front of the pastor). We loved singing the Christmas songs on Christmas Eve. All those that knew my mom knew she had a beautiful voice. We would all start to sing and then she would harmonious with us. It was magical standing in church singing Silent Night by candlelight.

After church we would go home and we would have to take family pictures and then we would light every candle in the house as Dad made pizzas in the oven. We would put out our fancy glasses and when the pizza was done and on the table, my mom would turn out the lights and we would all stand around the table by candlelight and hold hands. My mom would start a prayer and squeeze the next person's hand and we would all go around the table and say a prayer and end with my Dad. It was so touching and many times it gave me goosebumps. It was a magical night. Many times, there were tears because of the beautiful prayers and also tears for those loved ones no longer with us. After we ate, my dad would snuggle with us kids and read the Christmas story to us so we knew what

Christmas really meant. There was no better way to end Christmas Eve than a story about Baby Jesus being born.

Wow, I have tears now just remembering back then... Those memories have made Christmas so special to me. My family now carries on those traditions and just like in Christmas' past, my family sat towards the front of the church on Christmas Eve. After church, my family and my siblings sang Silent Night at mom's grave, as this was her favorite Christmas song. Everyone came to my house. The candles were lit and the lights turned off and we all took turns saying a prayer as we held hands together remembering those not with us and yet thankful for all we have. Once again, I had goosebumps. Those traditions still remain dear to my family and we will treasure them always.

I am so proud to honor my Mom and Dad by sharing with my children and their children all those treasured Christmas traditions they gave us.

I hope that each of you had a blessed Christmas full of family, love, and treasured traditions.

Blessings
Amber Groen
Youth Coordinator



ELCA NEWS AND NOTES



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

Mark your calendars!!!

January

NO MEETING

**February
15th**

Valentine Brunch – 11:30a.m.

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.



God has a reason

For allowing things to happen.

we may never understand his

wisdom

but we simply have to trust his

will.