



“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, 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

*January
Dates to
Remember ~*

***NO WELCA
Meeting this
month***

***1/15/23 –
Sonshine
Worship***

***1/19/23 - Annual
Reports Due in
office***

***1/26/23 - Visitor
Articles Due***

***1/27/23 -
February Visitor
Assembled***

***1/29/23- Annual
Meeting
following
9:00a.m. worship***

****Potluck to follow
the Annual
Meeting***

For December 1st – December 28th
Gifts/Offerings received: \$48,557.44
Distributions: \$27,356.71

GIVE+Online.....

We invite you to consider our 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.



January Altar Assistant:
Juli Wornson

January Ushers

Milo Larson, Captain 223-5082

Darius Eilers	Greg Coil
Curt Rangaard	Dan Kraft
Jerome DeVos	



1 st :	Bruce Wornson
8 th :	Dawn Ourada
15 th :	Sonshine
22 nd :	Cheryl Norquist
25 th :	Tricia Beultel

For **December** the **Eternal Lights** burned in the Sanctuary and Chapel in honor of **Deb & Larry**.
Merry Christmas!
Given by Shirley Saum.



Wednesday, January 11th
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at
Sylvan Court Chapel
12:45 p.m. Holy Communion at
Sylvan Place
3:00 p.m. Holy Communion at
Twinwood A and Twinwood B

Women's Circle Meeting Date & Time

Tuesday, January 3rd
2:00p.m. – Fireside Room

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.

December Mission Calendar

5th: In loving memory of **Harold Harding's birthday today**. Given by Curt & Marilyn Rangaard.
18th: In loving memory of **Amy Beutler**. Given by Bev, Barb & Brian.
26th: In honor of **Si & Rose Olson's 68th wedding anniversary today**.

New Office Hours.....

The office will be open Monday -
Friday - 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

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.

December TV Broadcasts

- 5th:** In loving memory of *Harold Harding's birthday, November 4th*. Given by Richard & Linda Blackwelder
- 11th:** In loving memory of *Avis Harding*. Given by Annette Harding
- 25th:** In loving memory of *Estle & Steven Saum*. Given by Shirley Saum.

Dearly Departed

Steve Benson

Newly Baptized

*Braxton Hayes Gorder
Jones Raymond Chitwood*

**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

Robert Larsen

TEAF

Harvey Wollum

Video Broadcast

Harvey Wollum

Eugene Isfeld

INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Levi Bollerud

President of Congregation:

Dee Benson

Vice President:

Beverly Dybsetter

Congregational Secretary:

Karen Hacker

Congregational Treasurer:

Brenda Lothert

Organist/Handbell Director:

Karen Olsen

Choir Director:

Pastor Levi Bollerud

Custodian:

Jesse Engesmoe

Office Manager:

Jill Winters

2022 COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Cindy Maras*	2020
Cheryl Denelsbeck*	2019
Sherri Grengs*	2020
Glenda Olsen	2022

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION

Linda Richter*	2019
Carrie Benson	2021
Denise Hanson	2021
Sheyenne Benson	2021
Kathy Becker	2022
Jill Winters	2022

Ex-officio -

Cheryl Norquist

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mike Weckwerth	2021
Tony Ourada	2021
Loren Hacker	2022
Jeff Grengs	2022

OSL Foundation

Mark Fokken	
Mark Whittier	2022
Carol Gorder	2022
Linda Blackwelder	2022
Dawn Giese	2022



***Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Council-at-Large Minutes of the
December 14, 2022 Meeting***

The Council at Large of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church held it's regular, monthly meeting on Wed., Dec. 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm. President Benson called the meeting to order, and Pastor Levi led the Council in prayer.

The minutes of the Nov. meeting were read and approved.

Pastor stated that he had received no feedback on the idea of the children's playground. A suggestion was made that a drawing of an initial plan might help members to visualize the space better. He will revisit the idea at the Annual Meeting.

Jill Winters will be the new office manager, and she will begin her position on Monday, Dec. 19.

The Council is seeking the names of nominees for several board positions, including 1 Deacon, 2 or more members for The Board of Youth Education, and 2 for Trustees. A few council members will gather to field possible nominees.

An announcement will be made on the church's Facebook page for Sunday School children to attend the Children's Christmas Worship practice on Sat., Dec. 17 at 9:00 am.

Motion to adjourn, 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022

Members present: Jeff Grengs, Mike Weckwerth, Loren Hacker, Dee Benson, Pastor Levi

Meeting called to order @ 7:15pm

1. Minutes approved as read.

2. Review Bills/Financial Statements.

Statements/Reports not ready for review. Board will meet after church on December 18 for review.

3. Offering Counting Schedule: Dec. 18 Jeff, Dec. 24/25 Loren & Dee, January 1 Jeff, January 8 Tony

4. Motion by Loren, 2 nd by Mike to purchase 2 new Video Projectors with the fund to come from the Video Equipment Broadcast & Technology Fund. Passed.

5. 2023 Budget Development. Discussion held for certain line items. Pastor Levi provided insight on these. Board will meet prior to the next Council at Large meeting to finalize the budget to present to the entire Council.

6. Lawn Mowing. Discussion held on having Beth include mowing the church grounds starting summer of 2023.

7. Interior Church work. Board would like to recognize Steve Benson for completing some Fix-up jobs in the church. Discussion held having the Board of Trustees meet with Jesse to determine future needs for the church.

Motion by Loren, nd by Mike to Adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Weckwerth,
Board of Trustees

Cindy Maras

Communion dates:

December 18: Sherri, Glenda and Cindy

December 24: Sherri and Jeff Pastor and Dee

Cindy and Bruce Glenda and Lois

December 25: Glenda, Cindy and Bruce

January 1 2023: Glenda, Cindy and Sherri

Candles: We will put the batteries in the candles for Christmas Eve services after church on Sunday

December 18th.

New board members: Dee will put a request for members in the bulletin and current board members will continue to discuss ideas for new board members
Respectively Submitted,
Cindy

Board of Youth Education Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/14/22

Committee Members: Jill Winters; Linda Richter; Denise Hansen; Sheyenne Benson; Carrie Benson; Kathy Becker.

Officer officiate: Cheryl Norquist

Present: Jill Winters; Linda Richter; Kathy Becker

Called to Order: 1910

Cookie bake with youth: Linda reports a good turnout of 21 participants' youth and parents for first youth cookie bake event on Saturday, December 10 th .

Christmas Program: Linda reports theme for Christmas program will be “Manger Tales”. There will be practice this Saturday. Pastor Levi and Linda discuss order of service around Christmas program.

Gifts for Sunday school kids discussed they will get a bag of M&M, orange, apple, and peppermint stick.

Blessed to Give Gifts and Delivery: Discussion held around activity announced in church last week and gift recipient names and ideas for gifts on bulletin board outside of the church office. All gifts have to be to the office by December 21 st and delivered by December 23rd . Discussion on who to get gifts for those that haven't had their name filled out yet delivery of gifts to facilities. Kathy said she can help deliver on

the 23 rd at some time after work. Jill, who is the new Office Manager, will also help and Linda if able.

Kathy will check with Jill as the 21 st approaches and look into who needs gifts still and assist with purchasing these items.

Jesus's Christmas Party will be held on January 8th for Sunday school kids. There will be cupcakes and juice boxes as well as nativity bingo with prizes given out.

Discussion on Youth Lock-in activity. Kathy will look at dates likely in March in between school activities. Looking at after school until appx 9:00 pm for grades 1st -6th and overnight for grades 7th -12th . More to come on activities that will be held during lock in event.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Becker, Board of Youth Education

We are fast approaching the end of the year and that means we will be having our Annual Meeting soon (1/29/23). We are in need of new members for the Council. If you or someone you know is interested in being on the Council, please contact the office, 223-5528, or Dee Benson, 507-828-5054. Members are needed for all positions.

The different areas of the Council are Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees and Board of Youth Education. The Deacons take care of the business of the church services, i.e. plan/assist with communion, decorate the sanctuary, deliver Easter plants to shut-ins, yearly service project.

The Board of Trustees manage the finances of the Church, approve and pay bills, manage the upkeep of the Church building. The Board of Youth Education manage Sunday School, Confirmation activities, plan for fundraising, VBS. Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. (except for the summer months when we meet on the second Sunday after services).



*Happy Birthday to all those
born in January:*

1st:

Noah Hanson
Erin Hower

2nd:

Kendra Vanderostyne

3rd:

Jadyn Schmitt

4th:

Wanda Hemish

6th:

Cindy Hiedeman
Teresa Menk
Larry Stoks

7th:

Karen Kockelman
Natalie Morris

8th:

Beth Beiningen
Rick Bueltel
Brett Stoks

9th:

Matthew Bliss

11th:

Kendra Hoffman
Cole Regnier

12th:

Parker Anhalt
Karin Livermore
Nathan Oellien
Brian Svoboda

13th:

Tiffini Stockman
Makayla Bretschneider

14th:

Bruce Wornson

15th:

Jocelynn Lacek
Richard Mortenson

16th:

Gail Eilers
Brooklyn Frensko
Sheila Hegg
Miriam Kaczmarek
Bruce Madsen

17th:

Jackie Mortenson
Curt Olsen
Silas Olson

18th:

Jane Ellison
Peyton Svoboda
Maeley Wollum

20th:

Nina Benz

21st:

Gary VanDerostyne
Gerald VanDerostyne

22nd:

Trevor Menk
Natalie Stoks

23rd:

Brynlee Jeppesen
Lucille Stoks

24th:

Ben 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



Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: communion services, special music, baptisms, Sunday

School Christmas Program, beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight worship led by the Sonshine group 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: Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, Ann Riekema (Ione Thorson's daughter), David Sorby, Paulette Johnson, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister), Shirley Markegard, Charlotte Thompson, Nick Benson, Karen Ouverson Pohlen, Bonnie Olson, Aiden Conrad, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Ken Club, Fred Full, Myrna Tesch, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Nina Benz, Katrina Vick, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, John Cornell, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlamincik 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: Andrew Fokkken, 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. 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.

NOTICE: Articles for the 2022 Annual Report are due by **Thursday, January 19th.**

It is important to have these in to the church office by the deadline. Thank you!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will hold its
*Annual Meeting of the Congregation on
Sunday, January 29th, immediately
following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.*

*There will be a potluck following the
meeting so be watching for what items
each district will be asked to bring.*

*****2023 Offering Envelopes are available for
pickup. They are on the table in the Chapel.



Youth News

January

January 1st - No Sunday School

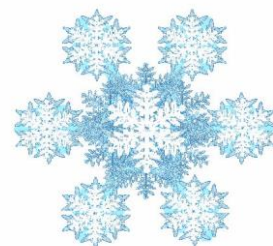
January 8th – Jesus' Birthday Party

Writing Our Life – With God's Help

A journalist once said you can measure the quality of a piece of writing by the quality of what has been cut. No matter how beautiful or interesting a phrase or sentence is, the piece may be stronger without it.

Rabbi Evan Moffic applies this wisdom to life in general. Too often we refuse to let something — a habit, a memory, a process — go, even when it no longer serves us. Thinking of our life as a book, we can cut out, edit or rearrange some pages or sentences to reflect our new learnings and growth.

This is not always easy, but we don't have to do it alone. "God is our 'editor-in-chief,'" says Moffic, "and we are part of God's story. [While] God ... gives us free will to decide what to write on the pages of our lives, ... God is always there for conversation and consultation. And God left us a great guidebook called the Bible. Its lessons make our writing shine with truth and beauty." With God's guidance, what will you "write" in the new year?



Answer: sixth, first, third, second, third, first, fifth, fourth, fifth, fourth, sixth; God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
 - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
 - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
 - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
 - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
 - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
 - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story – and the snack – with a friend!



WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

Mark your calendars!!!

January	No meeting this month.
February	To Be Determined

God has a reason

For allowing things to happen.

We may never understand

his wisdom,

but we simply have to

trust his will.


Pursue Jesus — and Your Passions

If you struggle with making and keeping resolutions, you're not alone. It can be discouraging to focus on what you're doing "wrong" and all the difficult changes in store. Yet January offers great opportunities to listen to God's direction. After all, Jesus came to give us abundant life and wants us to pursue him.

As you review the previous year, ask: What brought me joy? How did I grow? How did I help others? What did I do that no one else could have done? Whether your list includes spending time outside, mentoring or coaching young people or making crafts to give away or sell, continue doing what brings you joy. God gives us each unique gifts and circumstances, so live passionately for him this year!

—Janna Firestone



	<h1>January 2023</h1>
First Sunday of Christmas 1	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NO COFFEE TALK
Monday 2	<i>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Open 9a-3p</i>
Tuesday 3	2:00p.m. Women's Circle in the Fireside Room
Wednesday 4	5:30 p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday 5	2:00 p.m. Hendricks Nursing Home Communion Service
Friday 6	
Saturday 7	
Baptism of Our Lord 8	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk 10:30 a.m. 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
Monday 9	<i>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Open 9a-3p</i>
Tuesday 10	
Wednesday 11	COMMUNION SERVICES 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 12	
Friday 13	
Saturday 14	
Second Sunday After Epiphany 15	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. SONSHINE worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk

Monday 16	<i>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Open 9a-3p</i> 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Tuesday 17	9:00 a.m. Prairie Conference Rostered Meeting at Danebod Lutheran Tyler, MN
Wednesday 18	8:30 a.m. Pastor Levi Hospital Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday 19	ANNUAL REPORTS DUE IN THE OFFICE
Friday 20	
Saturday 21	
Third Sunday After Epiphany 22	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship Baptism - Zacharee James Bendickson 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 23	<i>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Open 9a-3p</i>
Tuesday 24	
Wednesday 25	
Thursday 26	<i>February Newsletter articles due</i>
Friday 27	<i>February Newsletter Assembled</i>
Saturday 28	
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany 29	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting immediately following worship Potluck following the annual meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 30	<i>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Open 9a-3p</i>
Tuesday 31	