



“The Visitor”

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Well, the year of 2021 has come and gone, but the grace and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, still remains, and flows within us all. It has been a marvelous year this past 2021, as we have made new strides after the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic in 2020. While we are still far from the “normal” that once was, the future does indeed look bright as we continue to adapt and overcome to the changes that the world is facing. In this time of New Year, I foresee a year of new hope, one that is rooted in the communal love that we, as Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, shares together, with all, both stranger and friend.

And what a year of sharing love have we had! Just this year alone, we have had a total of fourteen, fourteen, baptisms! How incredible it has been to welcome so many fellow siblings in Christ into this mission we share, to extend the mercy, love, and grace of almighty God, to all those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. What’s more, this has been a wonderful message that has been made physical by a beautiful painting by Pr. Paul Oman, which now adorns our church entrance as a sign that all the little children, shall come to him who receives the word.

This year has also marked a great change in my own life, as I have been called to serve here to you all, as your Intern Pastor. Words cannot express my gratitude and thanks for making this new calling, a life changing one, and I am deeply indebted to all of the new friends and mentors I have made in my brief time here in Canby. I look forward to next year, not just in continuing my experience here, but also in relishing any new challenges and opportunities that come. Here’s to a New Year, and may it be a blessed one for you all!

January Dates to Remember ~

*1/13/22 – NO
WELCA Meeting
this month*

*1/14/22 - Annual
Reports Due in
office*

*1/16/22 –
Sonshine Worship*

*1/27/22 - Visitor
Articles Due*

*1/27/22 -
February Visitor
Assembled*

*1/30/22 - Annual
Meeting following
9:00a.m. worship*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Intern Pastor - Matthew Rossler

For December 1- December 31- :
Gifts/Offerings received: \$41,878.47
Distributions: \$25,698.67

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.

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANT



Altar Assistant:
Juli Wornson

Ushers

Milo Larson, Captain – 223-5082
Darius Eilers Greg Coil
Curt Rangaard Dan Kraft
Jerome DeVos



2nd: Bruce Wornson
9th: Dee Benson
16th: Bruce Wornson
23rd: Cheryl Norquist
30th: Tricia Bueltel

For **January** the **Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel to the glory and honor of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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**, who passed away 5 years ago today. Given by Bev, Barb & Brian.
- 26th:** In honor of **Cy & Rose Olson's 67th wedding anniversary** today.

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**, whose birthday would have been on **December 5th**. Given by Annette.
- 12th:** In loving memory of **Avis Harding's** birth to Eternal life, on **December 15th**. Given by Annette.

Newly Baptized in December

Raelynn Klaire Groenhoff

Our Dearly Departed

*Michael Hanson
Ernie Chrtt*

Women’s Circle Meeting Date & Time

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 – 2:00p.m.
Fellowship Hall

*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**
- Roof Repair Fund**
- Sunday School**
- TEAF (Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund)**
- Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund**
- WELCA Projects Fund**
- Youth**

Or you may give it as:

Undesignated

Camperships

Sanford & Dorothy Thovson

Mission Calendar

Rose & Cy Olson – 67th wedding anniversary

Amy Beutler

Music

Sanford & Dorothy Thovson

Youth

Amy Beutler

INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Levi Bollerud

Intern Pastor:

Matthew Rossler

President of Congregation:

Dee Benson

Vice President:

Beverly Dybsetter

Congregational Secretary:

None

Congregational Treasurer:

Brenda Lothert

Organist/Handbell Director:

Karen Olsen

Choir Director:

Dawn Ourada

Custodian:

Jesse Engesmoe

Office Manager:

Cheryl Norquist

2021 COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Cindy Maras	2020
Cheryl Denelsbeck*	2019
Sherri Grengs	2020
Konnie Anderson	2021

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kristen Fairchild*	2018
Jon Hanson*	2018
Linda Richter*	2019
Denise Hanson	2021
	2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Fokken*	2018
Carol Gorder*	2018
Mike Weckwerth	2021
Tony Ourada	2021
Tricia Bueltel	2021

YOUTH BOARD

Amy King	2020
Beth Beiningen*	2018
Kelly Stoks*-1yr	2019
Carrie Benson	2021
Sheyenne Benson	2021
Ex-officio -	
Cheryl Norquist	



***Our Saviour's Lutheran
Church Council-at-Large
Minutes of the December
8, 2021 Meeting***

Meeting was called to order by President Dee Benson, December 8, 2021 at the time of 7:05PM. Pastor Levi led council with the Lord's Prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without further correction or addition.

Nominating Committee

Discussion about combining the Board of Ed and Youth Board. This will be discussed further at the Annual Meeting. 4 adults and 1 youth. Dee is going to check with those individuals who went off the council last year to see if they will agree to be on this committee. Pastor Levi will talk during worships about our need for people to be on our council boards.

Transfer In

A motion was made to acknowledge the transfer of Gary & Pam Hanson from Westside Lutheran in Sioux Falls to Our Saviour's Lutheran in Canby. The motion was seconded. Motion carried. Welcome to Gary & Pam!

Annual Meeting Reports

Cheryl has asked that all annual reports be turned into the office by Friday morning, January 14th.

Katie Luther Birthday Party

Alcohol use was discussed and changes will be made to the party plans.

There being no further business Council at Large concluded and adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Cheryl Norquist

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Meeting minutes of Wednesday, Dec 8, 2021.

Present: Mark Fokken, Tricia Bueltel, Mike Weckworth, Tony Ourada, Intern Pastor Matthew, Bev Dybsetter, Dee Benson, Pastor Levi.

Absent: Carol Gorder

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes from November meeting were read and approved.

Bills were reviewed. Motion made by Mike and seconded by Tony to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

The offering counting schedule was set for Dec 12 - Jan 9.

Gift planning: Mark received a template of a Gift Policy. Trustee's reviewed the draft policy. Mark will make some edits and it will be discussed further at the next special meeting of the Trustees. After that, it will be presented to the Council at Large at the January meeting so it can be brought forward to the annual meeting. Pastor Levi offered some suggestions on how future gifts should be distributed.

Cemetery: Discussion on rates will be tabled at this time. The usual \$100 donation to the YMC Fair Board will be made for the storage of our mowers over winter months.

Pastor Levi informed the Trustees of other internship programs.

Computer used for projection at services is not running properly and crashes often. The software program used for projection is quite large and requires a lot of hard drive space. The Trustees have given Dawn Ourada and Linda Kockelman permission to research a replacement computer.

The budget for 2022 was discussed at length. Some line items reviewed were Salaries for all church employees, mileage reimbursement and health care stipends. Further work is needed which will require a special meeting scheduled for January 12 at 6:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Bueltel

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Date: December 8, 2021

Attending: Cindy Maras & Sherri Grengs

Absent: Cheryl Denelsbeck, & Konnie Anderson

Agenda:

Communion Dates:

December 12, 19, 24 & 26

Christmas Eve Communion will be 4 stations

Cindy will text the board members for communion assistants.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Maras

YOUTH BOARD

December 8, 2021

No Meeting

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

December 8, 2021

No Meeting



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

1st:

Erin Hewer

2nd:

Kendra Vanderostyne

3rd:

Jadyn Schmitt

4th:

Paige Heidecker

Wanda Hemish

6th:

CindyHiedeman

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
Harvey Wollum

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

Biblical Resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)

Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)

Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)

Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols (adapted)

Thank You's.....

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: Bonnie Olson, Aiden Conrad, Natalie Dinius, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Linda Chaney, 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, Delroy Thompson, John Cornell, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Connie Severson, 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.



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: Jacob Merritt (grandson of Bev Dybsetter), 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.

NOTICE: Articles for the 2021 Annual Report are due by **Friday, January 14th**. 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 30th, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.**



Synodically-Authorized Ministry Site

You may have noticed that Intern Pastor Matthew has been helping out with communion. Bishop Dee Pederson, Southwestern Minnesota-ELCA, has given authorization for Intern Pastor Matthew to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion during his internship year. (See Below)

At the request of congregational leadership, Christ Lutheran, Hendricks, is recognized as a synodically-authorized ministry, and Intern Matthew Rossler is authorized by the synod bishop to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion during his internship year. For this ministry, he is supervised by ELCA pastor, Rev. Levi Bollerud. The authorization is granted in harmony with the ELCA's guiding statement, **The Use of the Means of Grace**, which recognizes that the sacrament is a celebration of the Church, serving its unity; and that when it is not possible for an extended period of time to provide ordained pastoral leadership, the synod bishop may authorize a properly trained lay person to preside for a specified period of time and in a particular location.



WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

Mark your calendars!!!

January No meeting this month.



New WELCA Booklet

We will be working on a new 2022 Booklet for WELCA. If the church office does not have your cell number or new address, **PLEASE** inform the office! WELCA needs your contact information.

Thank you!

Don't worry about the future. Worry quenches the work of grace within you. The future belongs to God. He is in charge of all things. Never second-guess him.

—François Fenelon

Being neighborly

The last time you moved into a new community, did your neighbors welcome you? From previous moves, I fondly recall receiving smiles, handshakes, baked goods and houseplants. Because one new neighborhood included two parsonages, I wasn't surprised to receive invitations to worship. After that, I began anticipating similar invitations, even though we had a church home. We don't always take our new neighbors up on the offers, but knowing that churchgoers live nearby is comforting.

When a new family moves into your neighborhood, how do you respond? Does it cross your mind to invite them to worship? Maybe they're waiting for — even needing — that invitation. To ask, you don't need to be a pastor or a member of the evangelism committee ... just a friendly neighbor.

—Julie Lee

Youth Puzzle & Activity

Puzzle!

Match each clue with the correct biblical dreamer.
Use the Scripture hints if needed.

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1. This person's brothers were irritated to hear of certain dreams.
 2. Angels went up and down a ladder in this person's dreams.
 3. This person dreamed about skinny cows eating fat cows.
 4. After an unpleasant dream, this person warned a loved one to avoid Jesus.
 5. This person saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.
 6. A dream warned this person (plus family) to flee to Egypt.
 7. This person saw a vine produce grapes, with juice squeezed into a cup.
 8. A dream warned about Herod's evil plan.

- A. Pharaoh
(Genesis 41:17-21)
- B. The Magi
(Matthew 2:12)
- C. Jacob
(Genesis 28:12)
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer
(Genesis 40:9-11)
- E. NT Joseph
(Matthew 2:13)
- F. OT Joseph
(Genesis 37:9, 11)
- G. Pilate's wife
(Matthew 27:19)
- H. Daniel (Daniel 2:31-35)

Answers: 1.F, 2.C, 3.A, 4.G, 5.H, 6.E, 7.D, 8.B

Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.




What you need:

- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

What you do:

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.

	<h1 style="color: #DAA520;">January 2022</h1>
Saturday 1	5:30 p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation
Second Sunday of Christmas 2	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 3	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Closed
Tuesday 4	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 2:00p.m. Women's Circle in the Fireside Room
Wednesday 5	5:30 p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday 6	2:00 p.m. Hendricks Nursing Home Communion Service
Friday 7	
Saturday 8	
Baptism of Our Lord 9	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship <i>Baptism - Brantlee Ross Anderson</i> <i>Baptism - Blakelyn Mae Anderson</i> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - Birthday Party for Jesus 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk 10:30 a.m. 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
Monday 10	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Closed
Tuesday 11	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday 12	5:30 p.m. Intern Pastor Matthew - 7 th & 8 th Gr. Conf.-Hendricks 6:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m. Council at Large Meeting
Thursday 13	NO WELCA MEETING THIS MONTH
Friday 14	Annual reports due in the office by noon.
Saturday 15	

Second Sunday after Epiphany 16	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 17	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Closed 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Tuesday 18	9:00 a.m. Prairie Conference Rostered Meeting at Hope Lutheran/ St. Paul Lutheran in Minneota
Wednesday 19	8:30 a.m. Pastor Levi - Hospital Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday 20	
Friday 21	
Saturday 22	
Third Sunday after Epiphany 23	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship Baptism - Wells Darrell Antony Baptism - Tripp Wayne Antony 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 24	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Closed
Tuesday 25	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday 26	5:30 p.m. Intern Pastor Matthew - 7 th & 8 th Gr. Conf.-Hendricks
Thursday 27	February Newsletter articles due
Friday 28	February Newsletter Assembled
Saturday 29	
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany 30	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship (Annual Meeting will take place following the worship.) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 31	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Closed