



“The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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Recently many of you received a text message claiming to be from me asking for your help with assistance to a family in need. As some of you were aware this was a scam attempt. As soon as we became aware of it, I had Jill send a message out on FaceBook alerting you all to the scam attempt. This particular scam was very similar to an email scam from a few years ago. Members of this church, and the church in Hendricks where I was helping out received emails from me asking to help with assistance. If you responded you would get a message saying that I was in a meeting but was hoping you could go and buy gift cards for this family and the church would reimburse you.

I want to reassure all of you that I will never ask you to help with assistance for a family in need through a text or an email. We have structures set up here at the church that we use to assist people and good practice would be to continue to use those. On occasion there has been a unique situation that has required going outside of these structures and on every one of those I have spoken to the person either on the phone or in person. If I reach out to you asking for your help, rest assured that I will speak to you in person.

On another note, my email is levibollerud@hotmail.com or levibollerud@gmail.com, my cell phone is (701)367-7072. I have had these emails and phone number for 20 years and I don’t plan on changing them for the next 20. If the message you get from me is not from one of these sources please feel free to double check, (honestly feel free to double check even if it is from one of these).

Our Saviour’s provides an incredible ministry of caring in our community. We are the place people turn to when they are in trouble and in need and I can think of no better ministry for us to be a part of. I would never want a bad actor trying to scam you to turn us away from our purpose as Christians. If you would like support us in this mission please consider giving to the TEAF (Temporary, Emergency, Assistance, Fund), and I promise you your gift will be used to truly help those in need.

Peace, Pastor Levi

July Dates to Remember ~

***7/4/23-**
4th of July—Office
Closed

***7/12/23 -**
Council Meeting
@ 7:00p.m.

***7/15/23-**
WELCA Meeting
@ 2:00p.m.

***7/17/23-**
Quilting @
9:00a.m.

***7/20-22/23-**
YMC Fair



For May 25 – June 28:

Gifts/Offerings received: \$24,408.92

Distributions: \$25,076.15

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.

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANT



Altar Assistant:

Amy Gorder & Amy Drietz

Ushers:

Captain: David Snortum 223-5203

Gordon Rangaard

Don Verschelde

Todd Stockman

Jon Gorder

Paul Olson



2nd: Dawn Ourada

9th: Cheryl Norquist

16th: Tricia Bueltel

23th: Mark Fokken

30th: Linda Richter

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 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.

June Mission Calendar

11th: In honor of **Joan Gorder's** birthday on June 12th.

June TV Broadcasts

4th: In loving memory of **Estle Saum**, whose 92nd birthday was today. Given by Shirley Saum

For **June** the **Eternal Lights** burned in the Sanctuary and Chapel in loving memory of **David Hacker's birthday on June 11th**.

Given by Dana Kelly.

Newly Married in June

Peyton & Lauren (Jessen) Viessman

**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

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

2023 COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Cindy Maras*	2020
Sherri Grengs*	2020
Glenda Olsen	2022
Janice Zimmerman	2023

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION

Kathy Becker	2022
Jill Winters	2022
Pam Hanson	2023
Amanda Appel	2023
Josie Frank	2023
Amanda Anderson	2023

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Loren Hacker	2022
Jeff Grengs	2022
Kerri DeVos	2023
Rick Olsen	2023
Linda Blackwelder	2023

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 May 10, 2023 Meeting***

These are the minutes of the regular, monthly meeting of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for June 14, 2023. President Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Levi led the council in prayer and thanks for the gifts and work of the council. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Currently, Pastor Levi is ministering and serving communion at Sylvan Place, Sylvan Court, and Twinwoods A&B. Pastor has informally surveyed 5 or 6 active church member residents of Sylvan Place who have indicated a desire to attend church on Sundays at Our Saviour's pending transportation. Pastor would like to check into arranging rides for them with the Prairie 5 bus which would also be able to accommodate walkers and wheelchairs. The cost is generally a \$15 punchcard for 16 rides, which would mean 8 round trips. However, the availability of drivers is unknown, and the fees may have to be negotiated. It was felt that this would be a good option if it can be arranged.

A vote on approval to an updated employee handbook was tabled, as many revisions still need to be made.

Pastor Levi suggested that during the Coffee Talk time after church during the summertime, games such as foosball, a parachute, or other options might be available in the back half of the church dining hall, as well as juice and cookies for youth wishing to play together. There will need to be supervision, and hopefully it would be a welcoming time for children.

Pastor Levi and Bruce Wornson attended the Southwest MN Synod Assembly and learned that it has been 75 years since the formation of Our Saviour's Church congregation in Canby. A celebration of this milestone may be organized with help from a committee of volunteers at some date later this year. A council member learned that there was a celebration banquet for 50 years that took place on

Christmas Day in the past, though most likely a different day would be chosen this time.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

06/14/2023

In attendance: Jeff Grengs, Mark Fokken, Dee Benson, Rick Olson, Loren Hacker, Linda Blackwelder, Pastor Levi Bollerud, Kerri DeVos

At 19:21 Jeff Grengs called the meeting to order. Meeting minutes from the May 2023 meeting were read. Motion to approve the meeting minutes as read by Loren, 2nd by Linda. Motion carried.

Money counting schedule was through July 9th.

Discussion on mowing at cemetery lots. Jon Hanson and David Rivera have shown interest in the job. Pastor Levi will review logistics with Jon and David regarding pay, hours, etc. Pastor Levi will keep Jill in the office in the loop on the plan as well.

Personnel handbook is in the process of being updated. Mark discussed that he thought it was ready to bring to the meeting. But there are a few more things that need updating before the draft is brought forward. Tabled until next meeting.

Microphone – Pastor Levi is asking to purchase a mic that clips to his robe vs over the ear. The over the ear ones are fragile. Presently we have 1 mic that is broken and no backup mic for that one. If we get a new mic, the cost is between \$238-\$282, depending on the style. Loren made a motion to purchase a new mic using memorial funds from the Lois Hansen funds, 2nd by Rick. Motion carried.

Pastor Levi brought to the Board some information on Continuous Growth Pathways. It is an organization that Pastor Levi can be a member of and a way for Pastor Levi to attend more continuing education events and network with other Pastors. There is a \$500 fee and the funds allocated for Continuing Ed could be used to pay for this. Once a member, some of the fees for current CE classes we already pay for could be waived because OSL is already a member.

Pastor Levi brought forward a takeaway from a recent meeting on “Use of Church Space”. Pastor Levi would like to implement some things at OSL. 1.) Such as hang quilts on each side of the church between the stained glass windows. Hooks already there. 2.) Art displayed in the small chapel area from local artists. Discussion on the need to have “appropriate” art approved before being displayed. 3.) Tool library. Have tools available to check-out and return when done (screwdrivers, hammers, etc.)

4.) Solar panels on the roof of the church. Some of this was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion on the 75th Anniversary of the Church and putting together a celebration.

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Kerri. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerri DeVos

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Board of Deacons meeting

Date: June 14, 2023

Attending: Glenda Olson, Sherri Grengs, Cindy Maras

Agenda: Communion.

Sunday June 25: Sherri, Glenda and Bruce

Sunday July 2: Glenda, Sherri and Cindy

Special music on Sundays in the summer months: The deacons will reach out to various people to see if they would be willing to share their gift of music this summer.

Next Council Meeting: July 12, 2023

Respectively submitted, Sherri Grengs

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION:

Board of Youth Education Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Meeting started at 7:15 pm and adjourned at 8:40 pm

In attendance: Kathy Becker, Jill Winters, Amanda Anderson, Amanda Appel

Topics of Discussion-

Vacation Bible School will be July 31st -August 3rd (Mon-Thurs) in the evening with a program on Thursday evening. Jill will send out flyers for all kids in 7th -12th to see if anyone is willing to work. Signup will be by mail or drop off at church by July 10th . We are planning a few projects each night, music, and snacks. Kathy will order a few supplies for some of the projects. Would like to get a large banner out front of Church early July on VBS dates.

Sunday School for upcoming year—we will be cleaning and organizing Sunday School rooms and upstairs in general in upcoming months. Would like to see about painting some of rooms. Will review what is upstairs before ordering any curriculum or supplies. A few ideas we came up with for Sunday School: work with Dawn on having music for kids, have snacks each week for kids at Sunday School, kids' donation envelopes, projects, having curriculum/task planned out many weeks. Amanda Anderson and Jill Winters will work on a form/letter to send out to all families/members of Church for updating records and give members information on upcoming events.



July

1st:

Jacob Long
Shirley Saum

2nd:

Cage Anderson
Butch DeVos
Kari Harding
Cameron Stockmann
Shauna Vernlund

3rd:

Michael Anhalt
Derek Winter

5th:

LaVonne Anhalt
Tyler DeVos

6th:

Fred Full
Kinsley Koenig

7th:

Sue Haugen
Riley Full
Kylinn Hulzebos
Cameron Maynard

8th:

Mia Hall
Jessi Jeppesen
Alexa Vernlund

9th:

Madelyn Gislason
Traci Gislason
Morgan Hansen

11th:

Angela Full
Sofia Paisley Larsen

12th:

Kash Feuerhelm

13th:

Aria Bollerud

14th:

Aubrey Gehrking
Kari Whittier

16th:

Tony Birk
Linda Coil
Anthony Nemitz
Linda Plageman
Valorie Parramore
Reghan Sanow

17th:

Kolt Carlson
Richard Kvols
Bobbi Jo Morris

18th:

Sawyer Erp
Skylar Erp

19th:

Jennifer Leppke

20th:

Jayla Hulzebos

21st:

Tylee Groenhoff
A.J. Grong
Brian Long
Livy Lorenzen
Maxen Merritt

22nd:

David Wernisch

23rd:

Barbara Peterson
Kayla Thielges

24th:

Kelly Erp
Jean Hansen
Mark Thorston

25th:

Amy Gorder
Doug Hansen
Trevor Olson

26th:

Larry Gehrking
Doug Coil
Angela Hulzebos
Steven Vick

27th:

Glenda Olsen
Jill Winters

28th:

Chantalle Baer

29th:

Hadley Antony
Mary Beecher
Kimber Hanson
Khloe Kockelman

30th:

Marvel Coil

31st:

Gordon Ferguson
Kevin Hansen



July

2nd

Lyndon & Dawn Giese

5th

Adrian & Wanda Hemish

8th

Arden & Karen Eilers
Corey & Sara Stoks

10th

Dale & Dorothy Zimmerman

11th

Gary & Laurie VanDerostyne

12th

Kevin & Lisa Hansen

16th

Doug & Mischelle Balvin

19th

Jerry & Jan Jeremiason

21st

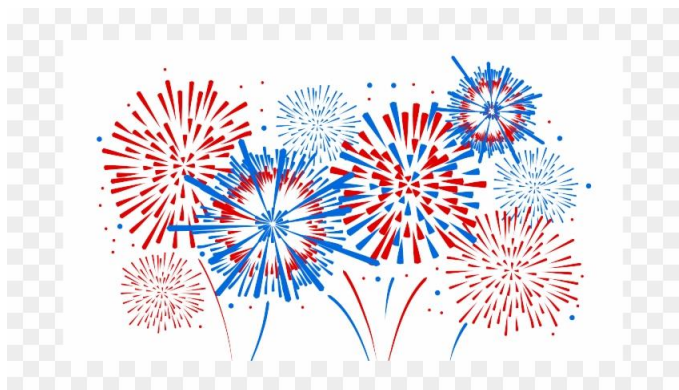
Butch & Nancy DeVos

28th

Brent & Jessi Jeppesen

29th

Steve & Joyce Grong



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!

Thank you very much for awarding me your gracious scholarship. It will greatly help with college expenses. I will be attending Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, South Dakota for Electronic Systems Technology and I also plan to add Robotics. I'm very excited for this new adventure!

Gavin Maynard

**Dear Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
WELCA Quilting Committee,**

Thank you so much for the awesome quilt that I was given. I appreciate all the long hours you put into it! I am so thankful for the support of my church family.

Gavin Maynard



We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Shirley Hanson, Gary Fokken, 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, Bonnie Olson, 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 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: 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

Mark your calendars!!!

July 10th: 8:30 a.m.-Noon - Cleaning Day at OSL Foodstand at the Fair Grounds.

July 20th, 21st, 22nd: Yellow Medicine County Fair - OSL Foodstand Our commitment is subject to volunteer participation and new people stepping forward to lead.

August 17th - 2:00 p.m. - "Over 80" Party

It's a miracle!

I believe in miracles. While I believe in the possibility, under God, of any kind of miracle, I am committed especially to the miracle of the changed life. When a human being goes from despair to hope, when a lost soul comes home, or when a mean and destructive person becomes kind and fruitful, the greatest of all miracles has occurred.

—J. Ellsworth Kalas

An abundance of gifts

In 2022, people set some amazing Guinness World Records. A Nebraska man paddled more than 37 miles in a hollowed-out pumpkin boat. A Vermont teen wearing 4-inch heels walked more than 600 feet across a tightrope. And an Oregon

man found and alphabetized all 26 letters in a can of alphabet soup in 2 minutes and 8.6 seconds. (The toughest part, he says, is distinguishing subtle differences between letters such as M and W.)

Your talents might not earn you any world records, but they certainly can grow faith and change lives. Whether you're good at teaching, singing, writing, cooking or accounting, the church can put those skills to productive use. Romans 12 lists many more qualities you may not realize are spiritual gifts: graciousness, serving, generosity, acts of mercy, loving and honoring others, extending hospitality, rejoicing and weeping with people, making peace.

You might not be able to outperform the alphabet soup record. But God abundantly blesses each of us to "outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10, ESV) and in sharing his love.

—Stephanie Martin

The YMC Fair is fast approaching – July 21st – 23rd



The signup sheets are on the bulletin board. We appreciate your continued help with our Our Saviour's Lutheran Food stand project!

Please note.....due to safety issues we ask that youth sign up for dining room shifts only.

Youth News



Save the dates of
July 31 - August
3, 2023.
5:30p.m. (we will
serve a meal) and

class will start at 6:00p.m. and go to
7:30p.m. Registration coming first part of
July! Please return as soon as possible.



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 18, 2023.

Youth Puzzle & Activity

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

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does
Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross
out all the following letters. Then write the remaining
letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

BWJITJHQHOB L Z D G B O O K
D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E X Z T
O K X W J H O B M I Z T I J S D Q K U
E W X B H E Q N I T K I S I Z N Y O U
R P J Z O W B E Q R T O A X C Z T X J

DO NOT _ _ _ _ _

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_ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12.
How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.

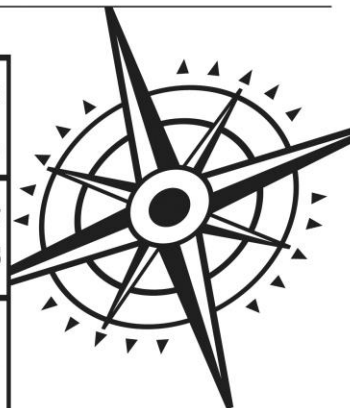


SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion.
What does God do for people who fear him?

Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of those squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.

FROM as is can	NORTH from far	at the EAST FROM
is South AS	do far EAST	the THIS up as
WEST THAT is East	far down WEST	THE be AS West



... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV

Answer: As far as the east is from the west



July 2023

Saturday 1	
Sunday 2	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 3	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 4	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>Happy 4th of July</i>
Wednesday 5	
Thursday 6	2:00 p.m. Hendricks Communion
Friday 7	Rehearsal - Steve Johnson/Megan Regnier
Saturday 8	Wedding - Steve Johnson/Megan Regnier
Sunday 9	
Monday 10	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11	10:30 a.m. Nursing Home Communion 2:00p.m. Women's Circle at Sylvan Place
Wednesday 12	7:00 p.m. Council at Large Meeting
Thursday 13	
Friday 14	
Saturday 15	2:00p.m. - WELCA MEETING
Sunday 16	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 17	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Closed 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Tuesday 18	
Wednesday 19	8:30 a.m. -Hospital Board Meeting
Thursday 20	YMC Fair

Friday 21	YMC Fair Rehearsal- Justin Jelen/Abi Morris
Saturday 22	YMC Fair Wedding- Justin Jelen/Abi Morris
Sunday 23	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 24	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 25	
Wednesday 26	<i>August Newsletter articles due</i>
Thursday 27	
Friday 28	<i>August Newsletters assembled</i>
Saturday 29	
Sunday 30	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 31	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

