



“The Visitor”

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But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:29

Of all the verses in the Bible, that one probably sums up the failings of believers better than any other. Time and time again Jesus speaks a beautiful truth, full of love and mercy. And we respond with a, “Yes!”, “Hallelujah!”, “what are the loopholes?” “How can we follow this command without having to change the way we are currently doing things?”

And trust me this is not a new phenomenon. If you look in Acts, you will see that this very issue has been causing good Christians to stumble since the birth of the Church. Christ leaves them with a mission, to go and make disciples of all nations. And what do you know before long the leaders of the Church start adding all sorts of qualifiers to that simple command. They need to become Jewish before they can become Christian, **they need to conform you our way before they can receive the gift that was so freely given to us.**

Now eventually, after a helpful vision given to Peter by God, they saw the errors of their ways, and stopped trying to add extra steps to a process that didn’t need any. **God loves you, God died for you, God forgives your sins, Believe in it.** Nothing else is needed. This is good news for all the Gentiles out there. Which unless you have ever been Jewish means you.

That desire however, the desire to justify ourselves, to find the loophole, to determine just who exactly is this neighbor that I am supposed to love like I love myself, that desire never really goes away. It hides away in the back of our mind until the day that following the love of God requires us to step out of our comfort zone, and before we realize it that voice raises all sorts of objections and rationalizations and we stop.

Because sometimes the stranger needing to be welcomed is different and scary to us. Sometimes loving our enemy seems beyond our ability and definitely opposite our desires. Sometimes speaking for the voiceless means challenging a system that we ourselves are a part of.

In those moments of weakness, we let our fear, or anger, or discomfort take what is a simple message from Christ and turn it into complicated process of crossing the right “t’s” and dotting the right “i’s” until we find one that allows us to justify ourselves in our non-action.

The good news is that Christ is always there, ready to teach us again what love is. In the Gospel when the man asked Jesus this question he answered with the story of the “Good Samaritan” when he finished he asked the man, “Which one of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” The man said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” **In the end, Christ’s message is simple; I love you all no matter what, go and do likewise.**

For June 1st – June 30th
Gifts/Offerings received: \$13,918.05
Distributions: \$15,455.69

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.



Eternal Lights for the month of JULY

For **July** 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.

June Mission Calendar

24th: In loving memory of Avis Harding. Given by Curt & Marilyn Rangaard.

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 TV Broadcasts

- 4th:** In honor of Joan Gorder's birthday on June 12th.
- 21st:** In loving memory of Myron Anhalt. Given by his family.
- 28th:** In memory of Estle Saum's birthday on June 4th. Given by Shirley Saum

**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 Foundation**
 - Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)**
 - Mission Action**
 - Mission Calendar**
 - Music Memorial Fund**
 - Organ Restoration Fund**
 - Sunday School**
 - TEAF (Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund)**
 - Video Streaming Fund**
 - Women's Retreat Fund**
 - WELCA Projects Fund**
 - Youth**
- Or you may give it as:
- Undesignated**
 - Broadcast**
 - Willis Beecher
 - Cemetery**
 - Willis Beecher
 - Mission Calendar**
 - Willis Beecher
 - TEAF**
 - Willis Beecher

INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

- Pastor:
- Levi Bollerud**
- President of Congregation:
- Dee Benson**
- Vice President:
- Tony Ourada**
- Congregational Secretary:
- Lori Husby**

Congregational Treasurer:
Brenda Lothert
Organist/Handbell Director:
Karen Olsen
Choir Director:
Dawn Ourada
Custodian:
Jesse Engesmoe
Office Manager:
Cheryl Norquist

COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Cindy Maras	2020
Eric Hanson*	2018
Sherry Grengs	2020
Cheryl Denelsbeck	2019
Craig Kaddatz	2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION

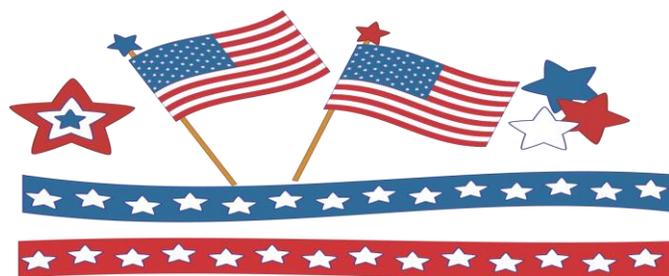
Kristen Fairchild*	2018
Jon Hanson*	2018
Kelly Eischens	2019
Danielle Cornell	2019
Linda Richter	2019

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Fokken*	2018
Carol Gorder*	2018
Dawn Giese	2019
Mark Whittier	2019
Leon VanDerostyne	2019

YOUTH BOARD

Amy King	2020
Beth Beiningen*	2018
Kelly Stoks	2019
Jack Nemitz	2019
Blake Stoks	2020



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council-at-Large Minutes of the June 14, 2020 Meeting

Council at Large was called to order on 6/14/2020 at 10:15a.m. by President Dee Benson. Cheryl Norquist read devotions and led us in prayer.

The minutes of the May 10, 2020 meeting were read; there were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as read.

There was no old business to discuss. New business was reopening of OSL for worship. All council members received a copy of the OSL COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and were asked to review prior to the meeting. A committee was formed to work on this plan using the guidelines sent out by Centers for Disease (CDC), the MN Dept of Public Safety, the MN Dept of Health and our Synod. Mark Fokken made a motion to approve the plan as written. Motion seconded by Dawn Giese, motion carried. More discussion was held after this. It was noted that Under the 'General Guidelines' section, the last bullet should be reworded. A motion was made, seconded and carried for it to read as follows 'OSL Church will make every effort to enforce the guidelines put forth in this plan'.

Jon Hanson, Carol Gorder and Dee Benson volunteered to be here Sunday morning to help guide those attending.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned the boards broke off into their separate groups.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Husby
Council Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees Minutes

June 14, 2020

Present: Mark Fokken, Dawn Giese, Carol Gorder, Leon Vanderostyne, Dee Benson, Tony Ourada

Absent: Mark Whittier

Chair Mark Fokken called the meeting to order at 11:25 am

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May meeting were read. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- II. **Review and Pay Bills:** Outstanding bills were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that giving so far this year is comparable to the same time frame for the previous year. Motion made and seconded to pay the outstanding bills from May 14th to June 12th. Motion carried.
- III. **Bloodmobile Request:** There was a previous request to use the OSL dining hall to host the July bloodmobile. As of the date of this meeting, the bloodmobile has an agreement with the hospital to use the Schott building for the July bloodmobile.
- IV. **Spraying at Cemeteries:** It was noted that there a lot of weeds/dandelions at the cemeteries. Discussion was had regarding a variety of options to address the weed situation. Will continue discussion as we get bids to spray the weeds.
Directory Installation St. Paul's Cemetery: The directory is complete and ready to be installed. The cemetery board will coordinate the installation of the signage.
- V. **Fire Extinguisher:** The board is still working to secure a vendor to service the extinguishers.
- VI. **Other:**
 - a. A request was made to assist The Connection in securing a printer and/or obtaining a contract with Marco Printing. After much discussion, the board determined that more

information regarding printing needs is necessary before we can act on this request.

- b. Discussion was had regarding increased cleaning of our church once we open up to the public. Dee Benson will be in contact with Jessie to discuss the increased need.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

The board adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Giese, Secretary, OSL Board of Trustees

BOARD OF DEACONS

June 14 2020

Deacon Board Meeting

Attending: Eric Hanson , Craig Kaddatz, Cheryl Denelsbeck and Cindy Maras.

Agenda:

No meeting minutes were taken in May.

A council meeting was held prior to the Deacon meeting to discuss reopening the church for worship services.

Discussion was held regarding Our Saviour's Lutheran Church COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. It was decided that the church will reopen for worship on Sunday June 21 2020. Deacons responsibility: Signage for the sanctuary, Direction for the congregation, Indicating seating area for social distancing. Members that were present started the process that Mark Fokken had started of marking off areas of social distancing.

Members were unable to finish and decide to meet at the church on Tuesday June 23rd at 6:30 pm to finish the process. Tuesday - Craig, Cheryl and Cindy met and finished the process of marking off the pews for social distancing.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Maras

YOUTH BOARD

Youth Board

June 14, 2020

Present: Beth Beiningen, Jack Nemitz, Cheryl Norquist (Ex-officio)

Discussion on what to do with the Youth Silent Auction that was started on Ash Wednesday. Maybe do an online auction or pack up and save until next year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Board of Education

June 14, 2020

Present: Kristen Fairchild, Jon Hanson, Danielle Cornell,
Linda Richter

Decided to hold off for another month before discussing
vacation bible school and Sunday school. Do want to
keep in touch with the children this summer and will
work on what that might be.

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



1st:

Jacob Long
Shirley Saum
Olga Snortum

2nd:

Cage Anderson
Butch Devos
Kari Harding
Cameron Stockmann
Shauna Vernlund

3rd:

Michael Anhalt
Derek Winter

5th:

LaVonne Anhalt
Elan Hacker
Tyler DeVos

6th:

Fred Full
Kinsley Koenig

7th:

Sue Haugen
Riley Full
Kylinn Hulzebos
Cameron Maynard

8th:

Mia Hall
Jessi Jeppesen
Ryan Lacek
Alexa Vernlund

9th:

Ardell Bren
Madelyn Gislason
Traci Gislason
Morgan Hansen

11th:

Angela Full
Sofia Paisley Larsen

12th:

Kash Feuerhelm

13th:

Aria Bollerud

14th:

Natalie Dinius
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

19th:

Jennifer Denelsbeck

20th:

Tymber Svoboda
Jayla Hulzebos

21st:

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

22nd:

Tatum Christianson
Grant Full
David Wernisch

23rd:

Barbara Peterson
Kayla Thielges
Lori Voss

24th:

Kelly Erp
Jean Hansen
Mark Thorston

25th:

Amy Gorder
Doug Hansen
Trevor Olson

26th:

Larry Gehrking
Douglas Coil
Angela Hulzebos
Steven Vick

27th:

Glenda Olsen

28th:

Cody Dinius
Briana Hoffman

29th:

Hadley Antony
Mary Beecher
Kymber Hanson

30th:

Marvel Coil

31st:

Gordon Ferguson
Kevin Hansen



Happy Anniversary in 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

13th

Luke & Makayla Bretschneider

16th

Doug & Mischelle Balvin

19th

Jerry & Jan Jeremiason

21st

Butch & Nancy DeVos

28th

Brent & Jessi Jepesen

29th

Darold & Olga Snortum
Steve & Joyce Grong

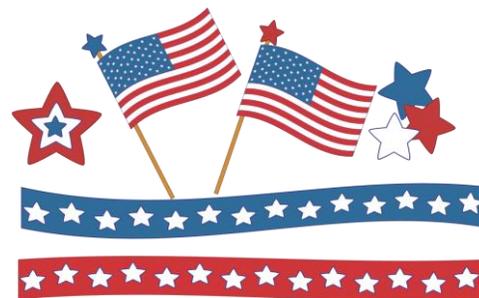
Thank You's.....

Dear Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for awarding me your generous scholarship. I will be attending Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota this fall for Cyber Operations. I am excited for this new adventure and looking forward to the future.

Thanks again!

Cameron Maynard



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

graduated 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 14, 2020. Please also note that the application NEEDS to be RENEWED every year.



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, 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.

We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Karen Olsen, Patty McLain, Lyla Nelson, Brooks Winning, Nina Benz, Dennis Nosbush, Katrina Vick, Jesse Eischens, Deloris Griffith, Stan Paulsen, Cindy Hiedeman, Brayden Baker, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, Monica Larson (Sherri Full's niece), Delroy Thompson, Stephanie Kreutner, John Cornell, LaVonne Winters, Evelyn Husby, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Don Kirkeide, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Connie Severson, Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Kristina Paiakham, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlamminck, Noah Hanson, and all whom we name before you in our hearts. May God strengthen all who are in need.

WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

All events, until further notice, have been cancelled or postponed. We will update as time goes on.

The WELCA Board will be working on new booklets. We will assume that members on various committees will remain the same unless you let Juli (507-530-8001) or the church office know. We will be updating phone numbers so please, if you haven't given us your cell number, do so.



Treasure the Present

Patience asks us to live the moment to the fullest ... to taste the here and now, to be where we are. When we are impatient, we try to get away from where we are. We behave as if the real thing will happen tomorrow, later, and somewhere else. Let's be patient and trust that the treasure we look for is hidden in the ground on which we stand.

—Henri Nouwen

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

Hebrews 10:23-24

