



“The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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At our annual meeting this year I spent some time talking about a continuing resolution that the Church Council will be voting on at the March meeting. For those of you who were not there, I explained that this continuing resolution will be worded this way; (The Pastor shall have discretion over weddings performed at OSL). Now you may be asking yourself, isn't that the way it is now? And the answer would be yes, that has been the practice here at OSL. So why are we voting on this resolution? I asked for this resolution for one main reason, to create an opportunity for conversation now around the idea of who gets to decide what weddings are performed at OSL rather than later.

You see many ELCA churches have found themselves in an interesting limbo. As I am sure some of you remember in 2009 the ELCA voted to allow churches that felt called to do so to call Gay and Lesbian Pastors and to also perform same sex marriages. However, in 2009 same sex marriages were not legal in most of the country including Minnesota. Because of that most churches did not officially address the issue of same sex marriages in their churches. I want to address that now rather than wait until we are asked to perform a same sex wedding. Because if we wait until then, our discussion becomes a referendum on one specific couple's relationship, and that is unfair and cruel, and I will not subject anyone to that.

Though I myself believe that God's gift of marriage is for everybody, exactly how God created them, I do realize that some of you may feel differently. So I encourage anyone who would like to come and talk to me to do so. Open conversation is a good thing, but let us have it now. God Bless.

Pastor Levi

Dates to Remember...

3/7/20 – Reminder to set your clocks ahead 1 hour prior to bedtime.

3/8/20 – Sonshine Worship

3/12/20 – WELCA regular meeting at 2:00p

3/18/20 – Choir Practice

3/25/20 – Choir Practice

3/26/20 – Visitor Articles Due

3/27 & 3/28 – Sr. High Youth Gathering in Mankato

3/29/20 – Choir singing during worship.

Fore January 24th – February 27th
Gifts/Offerings received: \$14,571.00
Distributions: \$25,106.04

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.



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, March 10th

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at
Sylvan Court Chapel

12:45 p.m. Holy Communion at

Sylvan Place

3:30 p.m. Holy Communion at
Twinwood A and Twinwood B

Wednesday, March 11th

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

Women's Circle Meeting Date & Time

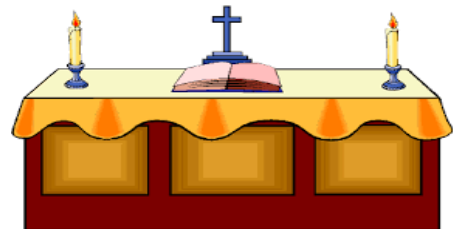
Tuesday, March 10th

Elizabeth/Naomi Circle
2:00pm-Fireside Room

Tuesday, March 24th

Gather Bible Study-10:00am Sylvan Court

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Altar Assistant:

Glenda Olsen & Joyce Duin

Ushers

Gary Fokken, Captain
223-5178

Gordon Palm

Donn Peterson



- 1st: Linda Richter
- 8th: Sonshine
- 15th: Mike Weckwerth
- 22nd: Youth
- 29th: Missy Hanson



Eternal Lights for the month of March

For **March the Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in loving memory of Lee (Doc) Nefstead. Given by his family.

Mission Work

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutherana Paz y Esperanza [Peace and Hope Lutheran Church]. Our Mission Calendar will go 1/2 toward our new mission church and 1/2 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.

February TV Broadcasts

2nd: In loving memory of Roger Nelson's Birthday on February 4th. Given by Lylis.

**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**
- Video Streaming Fund**
- Women's Retreat Fund**
- WELCA Projects Fund**
- Youth**

Or you may give it as:

Undesignated

Broadcast

Roger Nelson

Lila Hoyme

Cemetery

Carol Kopperud

Eternal Lights

Lee (Doc) Nefstead

Mission Calendar

Amy Beutler

Organ

Lee Ferrin Rierson

Carol Kopperud

WELCA Projects

Carol Kopperud

Youth

Amy Beutler

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

2020 Offering Envelopes are available on table in the Chapel.

COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Cindy Maras	2020
Eric Hanson*	2018
Sherri 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
February 19, 2020 Meeting**

Council at Large was called to order on 2/19/20 at 7:04 p.m. presided by Dee Benson, President. Pastor Levi led us in devotions from Matthew 17:4.

The minutes of the 1/8/19 meeting were read; there were no corrections or additions and the minutes stand approved as read.

President Benson welcomed new members to council and we went around table and introduced ourselves.

New Business: Darwin Torstenson has requested his membership be transferred to Hosanna Lutheran in Watertown, SD. Mark Fokken made a motion to acknowledge Darwin's transfer to Hosanna Lutheran. Mark Whittier seconded. Motion carried.

Cheryl Norquist reminded the council that if they were interested in attending 'Equipping Congregations' on Saturday, February 29th she needed to register this Friday, February 21st. She also asked if members would like meeting agendas sent via email or regular mail.

President Benson asked if there was any other business and there being none, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. and the boards broke off into their separate groups.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Norquist

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees Minutes

February 19, 2020

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

Absent:

Chair Mark Fokken called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January meeting were read. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- II. **Appoint Board Chair, Vice Chair etc.:** Board positions will be the following:
 - a. Chair: Mark Fokken
 - b. Vice Chair: Carol Gorder
 - c. Secretary: Dawn Giese
 - d. Personnel Committee: Mark Whittier
 - e. Stewardship Committee: Leon Vanderostyne
- III. **Review and Pay Bills:** Outstanding bills were reviewed and discussed. Noted Marco bill is semi-annual payment for copies and Pulpit Supply – Shanda Kirkeide Walker for Sunday, February 16th. Motion made and seconded to pay the outstanding bills from January 8th – February 19th. Motion carried.

IV. **Roof & Gutters:** Discussion held. In the Spring we will see about another bid. We will need to move forward in the Spring to make sure work can be completed before winter again.

V. **Healthcare Stipend-Office Manager:** Currently is being rolled into the salary. Discussion to put into HAS Account instead as that is what was planned. A motion was made to offer \$150 Healthcare Stipend per month for a total of \$1800/year to be deposited into and HAS account. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

VI. **Priorities for the year:**

- a. Roof & Gutters
- b. Committees
- c. Investments
- d. Planned Giving

VII. **Other:**

- a. Restroom Update: valve issue, just need to hold handle down for a short time when flushing.
- b. License for Cemetery Trailer: needs to be renewed.
- c. Community Action Grant: we are out of the designated zone area so will not be eligible.
- d. YMC Fair Board: we have received a request to be a sponsor. A motion was made to use \$100 donation from the 'Lois Hanson' Trust. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.
- e. Check signing: It was noted that outgoing President, Bruce Wornson be removed as check signer on all church accounts at First Security Bank of Canby as well as the Canby Co-op Credit Union. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.
- f. Church sign out front: It has been frosting over and has been determined that the lightbulb needs to be replaced. This will take place when we are able to get to it through the snow.

- g. Youth Board – will assign Cheryl Norquist as Ex Officio board member.
- h. Wireless Camera at the front door discussion. Good to be able to see who is coming in. Sometimes hear door and then don't see anyone.
- i. Discussion about LEAF, Foundation & Cornerstone committees. There has been a question about standardizing the term length for each of those foundations or maybe regroup them into one 'Investment' Committee.
- j. Continuing Resolution – discussion, Pastor Levi will have information in the March newsletter.
- k. Representative from the Cemetery Board will come to March meeting.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The board adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Giese, Secretary, OSL Board of Trustees

BOARD OF DEACONS

Board of Deacons Minutes for February 19 2020 meeting.

Members Present: Craig Kaddatz, Sherri Grengs, Cindy Maras & Eric Hanson

Member Absent: Cheryl Denelsbeck

Read and approved minutes from the January 8th meeting.

New Board positions will be as follows:

Chair: Craig Kaddatz

Vice Chair: Eric Hanson

Secretary: Cindy Maras

Personnel Committee: Sherri Grengs

Stewardship Committee: Cheryl Denelsbeck

Deacon responsibilities were discussed. Pastor Levi and Cheryl Norquist visited with us about some additional responsibilities.

- Communion assistants were discussed for Ash Wednesday, we will need 4 assistants. There will also be Communion on March 1st & March 15th.
- Spiritual Reflections is a ½ hour time spent with residents at Sylvan Court. Cheryl gave us the 2020 schedule and a list of names of volunteers who have previously helped with this. Sherri Grengs will reach out to volunteers for OSL's scheduled dates.
- Meals on Wheels – OSL is responsible for the month of April. We will put up signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the office and ask Cheryl to put note in bulletins and newsletter.
- Eric will start a Deacon email and text messaging group.

There being no other items to discuss on the agenda we adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Maras

YOUTH BOARD

Youth Board Minutes for February 19, 2020 meeting.

Members Present: Jack Nemitz, Amy King

Also in attendance: Ex-Officio: Cheryl Norquist,

Member Absent: Beth Beiningen, Kelly Stoks, Blake Stoks

New Board positions will be as follows:

Chair: Kelly Stoks

Vice Chair: Amy King

Secretary: Beth Beiningen

Personnel Committee: Jack Nemitz

Stewardship Committee: Blake Stoks

Since there were only 2 in attendance we had discussions on these topics:

- **Sr. High Youth Gathering**
 - Email reminders, notices on Facebook and bulletins and newsletter have been posted. **Deadline to register for this event is Thursday, March 5th.**
- **Soup Suppers**
 - Doris Meyers has volunteered to take over prep work and direction for these meals.

- New start time will be 5:30p-6:45p. Free will offering.
- We have most of the Wednesdays filled with helpers but there are 2 that are quite understaffed. Cheryl will post on Facebook.
- Cheryl will put signup sheets for people to bring their 'delicious' soups during Lent.

- **Silent Auction Fundraiser**

- The Youth 'silent auction' fundraiser will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26th and end at 11a on Easter Sunday, April 12th. We are asking that all youth (grades 7-12) bring items for this event. Will need to let Cheryl know what items are yours. We are also opening this up to anyone in the congregation that would be interested in donating items for the auction.

- **Easter Breakfast**

- Cheryl will follow up next meeting with current information.

- **Confirmation Gowns**

- Cheryl has found a new place to order gowns from as the company we had been using is no longer available.
- Cost is significantly lower at Oak Hill Cap&Gown. We will see how the quality is this year and evaluate their continued use.

- **New Check Signers**

- Postponed until March meeting since there were only 2 members in attendance.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Nemitz

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

No report at time of print.



1st:

Patricia Hosek
Reid Larsen
Dylan Namken
Jayda Namken
Marlys Thomsen

2nd:

Mya Full

3rd:

Vivian Gehrking
Leighton Isfeld

4th:

Damin Eilers
Elaine Pederson
Taylor Ward
Kathleen Westphal

5th:

Arden Eilers
McCall Groen
Lori Husby

6th:

Jeremy Groehnoff
Ruth Johnson
Corinne Severtson

7th:

Helen Johnson
Jeffrey Pederson
Amy Wagner

8th:

Seth Herzog
Tyson Coil
Jerald Jeramiason
Jeffrey Negaard

9th:

Allen Benz
Ariana Coil
Lorraine Jesme
Sandra Nelson
Jesse Engesmoe
Brooke Kockelman

10th:

Deloris Griffith

11th:

Nancy Gorder
Tucker Ward

12th:

Joyce Duin

13th:

Peyton Cornell

14th:

Joseph Hiedeman

16th:

Jody Vernlund
Abigail Morris

18th:

Rachel Harding
Gabrielle Harding
Cheryl Denelsbeck
Anthony Nelson

19th:

Cassidy Hunt
Mya Gorder
James Winters
Joe Haugen

23rd:

Jonathan Feuerhelm

24th:

Sandra Lacek

25th:

Jocelyn Schwartz
Jacob Gislason
Abigail Stene

26th:

Aaron Bueltel
Tiffany Ochocki

27th:

Emma Koenig
Lynn Steffen
Charlotte Thompson

28th:

Corey Castell
Wyatt Eilers

29th:

Lyndon Giese
Carlie Olson
Juliana Wornson

30th:

Ryan DeVos
Terry Haas

31st:

Mary Adler
Karen Eilers
Torrie Ward

Happy
Anniversary

March

1st

Jill & Mike Anhalt

19th

Carol & Jon Gorder

21st

Cheryl & Mike Norton

23rd

Jean & Richard Kvols

Youth News.....

Senior High Youth Gathering (9th-12th graders) March 27-28 Courtyard by Marriott, Mankato, MN. **Deadline to signup is Thursday, March 5th.** If you might be interested in that please pick up Questionnaire in office or speak directly to Jack Nemitz 507-828-4193.

Soup Suppers.....there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for helpers. Most Wednesday's are filled we just need help on March 11th & the 25th.

Thank You's.....

Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: special music, Bible Studies, Sonshine Worship, and Confirmation classes, communion services, Ash Wednesday service, soup supper, and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are grateful!

We appreciate you! 'THANK YOU' for your donation to the Prairie Five & Yellow Medicine County Food Shelf! Thanks for going the extra mile!



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 12 graduates 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, please contact Lucille Fokken (507-223-7707) or give your name to Cheryl at the church office.



Wrapped candy is needed for the "Little Darling Easter Baskets". Please put your donations in the basket by the office. Thank you!

Meals on Wheels – Our Saviour's is responsible for delivering meals during the month of April – There is a signup sheet located on the bulletin board outside office.



We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Randy Westphal, Brooks Winning, Nina Benz, Dennis Nosbush, Katrina Vick, Jesse Eischens, Peter Girard, Kiley Mercer & family, Deloris Griffith, Stan Paulsen, Cindy Hiedeman, Brayden Baker, Debbie Cornell, Rhonda Andree, Dane Nordquist, Monica Larson (Sherri Full's niece), Delroy Thompson, Stephanie Kreutner, John Cornell, LaVonne Winters, Cameron Stockmann, Evelyn Husby, Jerry Thomsen, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Don Kirkeide, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Connie Severson, Bill & Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Kristina Paiakham, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaminck, 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.

WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

~MARK YOUR CALENDARS~ UPCOMING WELCA EVENTS

March 12, 2020

Regular WELCA Meeting
2:00 p.m.
Speaker – Bev Wilson
“Happiness”

April 18, 2020

SW Spring Conference Gathering
Christ Lutheran – Cottonwood
“**Sharing for Creation**”
Katie Chapman – Shetek Ministries

April 25, 2020

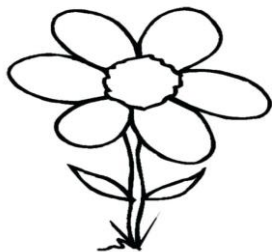
WELCA Spring ‘Mini Retreat’
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

May 2, 2020

Synod Women’s Convention
Redwood Falls
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

May 2020

Mother/Daughter Banquet
Date TBD



Mission Statement

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ

Save the Date...

WELCA Spring ‘Mini Retreat’

Saturday, April 25, 2020

9:30a.m.-1:00p.m.

Keep watching for more information

Young & Old are invited!

**Invite a friend or two to come
with you!**

**Attention Please....anyone
interested in serving Coffee Talk.
All Sunday in March are available – 1st, 8th,
15th, 22nd & 29th. If you would be able to
provide treats but need help setting up
and making coffee – WELCA will help –
THANK YOU!!**

Hospitality Teams

Please continue to sign up for these teams.
We would like to have a minimum of 20
people on each team because everyone on
the team is not always able to work a
particular funeral. We are so appreciative
of the many individuals who are willing to
work in this important mission!

Thank You!



If you are missing any pans or Tupperware containers you should take a look in the kitchen underneath the prep table. There are a lot there. 😊

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.

Are you a Woman of the ELCA?

Of course you are! All the women of Our Saviour's are women of the ELCA. There are no membership requirements or sign-up involved. If you are a woman and you belong to an ELCA congregation, then you are a woman of the ELCA!

In our congregation, the Women of the ELCA do many things to support the ministry of the church and God's work in the broader community.

At Our Saviour's Lutheran, the women work to raise money to support missions – local, national, and international. Through such efforts as:

- Lutheran World Relief school kits, personal care kits, soap, and much more;
- Quilts for many organizations;
- Support the local Hospice and food shelf;

The women help promote our ministries in the community by:

- Serving funeral lunches;
- Serving food at the county fair;
- Baking and packing cookies in December for the homebound
- Supporting various OSL improvement projects;

The women make and enhance our worship time by:

- Altar care and communion preparation;
- Decorating for holidays and special liturgical seasons.

They support the building up of relationships among our members with:

- Fellowship opportunities;
- Care card ministries to the sick and bereaved;
- Visitation ministry for the sick and shut-ins.

Our women also spend time in bible study and reflection on their life as Christian women.

You can be a part of this! Join a circle, attend the monthly WELCA gatherings, bake a cake or work a funeral. God can and does work through the many hands of each and every one of us.