



“The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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“For I am convinced that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or ruler, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing in all of creation” Romans 8:38-39

Grace and peace to you beloved children of God. I am writing today to inform you of some of the ways that Our Saviour’s is continuing to respond to this period of uncertainty and concern, and to thank you for the ways in which you have already responded. I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and care. I have received many offers of help for those in need, and help with our broadcast of the service. We also have been able to add an online Sunday School. The resilience of this community is inspiring. Please remember that the office will still be staffed in order to coordinate assistance and care for those who find themselves in need during this time. We will also be streaming our services on TV and online during this time, we also have the option of calling in and joining us via a conference call.

As a reminder, here are some things for you to be aware of at OSL:

*We will be coordinating assistance to those in need. If you have a need, or know of someone who does please don’t hesitate to contact us. We will do our best to assist.

*We have put together a call list of people we would like to check in on. If you or someone you know would appreciate a call like this, please let us know.

*If you would like to help us in providing assistance, or in making phone calls, please let us know and we will add your name to the list.

At this time, we are still unsure of when and how things will change, but remember “nothing can separate us from the love of God”. We will be keeping you as updated on Facebook as we learn more, and you can always call for more information. Though the building might be closed, church is not. The church is not a building it is all of you, and we will continue to be church during this time.

Peace,

Pastor Levi

For March 27th – April 30th
Gifts/Offerings received: \$14,162.82
Distributions: \$16,776.74

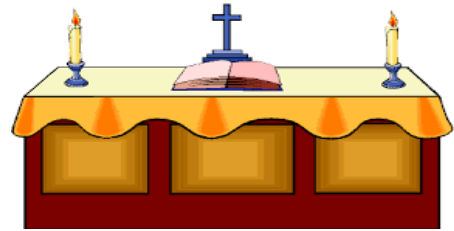
GIVE+Online.....

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.



MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Altar Assistants:

Ushers



Eternal Lights for the month of May

For **May** 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 1/2 toward our new mission church and 1/2 to our missionary.

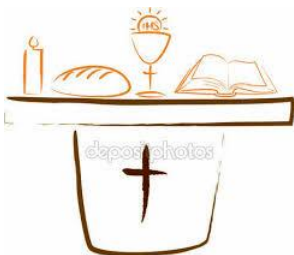


Driver Information - If you

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



No communion services scheduled at this time for the month of May. We will update if things change.

Women's Circle Meeting Date & Time

No meetings scheduled at this time for the month of May. We will update if things change.

The Mission Calendar is \$10 per day and you may designate it for birthdays, anniversaries, or any special day you may have.

April Mission Calendar

- 8th:** In loving memory of Marnell Hanson's birthday today. With love, Denise & Mike
- 15th:** In memory of Jerry Thomsen. Given by Shirley Saum
- 25th:** In memory of Scott Norquist's birthday today. Given by Cheryl Norquist & Family
- 27th:** In memory of Bud Heise's birthday today. Given by Alta

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.

April TV Broadcasts

- 19th:** In memory of Roy Rangaard's birthday on April 23rd. Given by Marilyn & Curt Rangaard.
- 26th:** In memory of Bud Heise's birthday on April 27th. Given by Alta & Family

**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

Jerry Thomsen
Myron Anhalt
Wendell & Marion Snortum

Cemetery

Jerry Thomsen
Myron Anhalt

Eternal Lights

Marnell Hanson

Mission Calendar

Marnell Hanson
Robert Hanson
Scott Norquist
Jerry Thomsen
Myron Anhalt

Organ

Myron Anhalt

TEAF

Bonnie Walters
Jerry Thomsen

Video Streaming

Myron Anhalt

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

Dearly Departed in April
Myron Anhalt

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 April 8, 2020 Meeting (Via Zoom)

The April 8, 2020 Meeting was conducted via Zoom which was set up by Mark Fokken. A big Thank You to Mark for all his Technology Knowledge & Skill.

Council at Large was called to Order on April 8, 2020 by Dee Benson President. Pastor Levi led us in praying together the Lord's Prayer. There was no new business.

Mark Fokken read the March 11, 2020 Minutes. There were no corrections, they stand approved as read.

Our Saviour's was responsible for Meals on Wheels the month of April, but because of Covid 19 we did not do deliveries. Cheryl was notified & kept in contact with Prairie Five. It was first said maybe by April 13th we would start but that was stopped because Shelter in Place order was implemented until May 4th. Prairie Five started the month with delivering several frozen meals at one time/per individuals & continued that through the month. Thank you to All that volunteer & signed up it is a very needed & necessary part to do for our community. God Bless You!

The Food Shelf is still open. If you are in need or would like to donate items you can Contact Prairie Five at 320-226-8775.

Thanks to All for the continued offerings being made to Our Saviour's during this time of uncertainty & need.

Pastor Levi's Sunday worships, Easter Season / Holy Week can be seen on TV, Online or via Conference Call. If you would like information for the conference call you may do so by contacting Cheryl Norquist at 507-223-5528.

There were no more discussions. Mark Fokken assigned each Board in Zoom separate rooms to continue with their meeting.

Mark Fokken moved to adjourn Council at Large, it was seconded by Mark Whittier President Benson called all in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Husby
Council Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees Minutes

April 8, 2020

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

Absent: none

Chair Mark Fokken called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. (meeting held via Zoom digital meeting)

I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 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 at this time of social distancing and all services being held via television and live streaming many members are sending offerings to the church. Motion made and seconded to pay the outstanding bills from March 12th to April 8th. Motion carried.

III. **Finances Going Forward:** (financial situation is ok for now; see Cares Act)

IV. **Cares Act:** Discussion was had regarding the possibility of a Small Business loan from the Federal government (Paycheck Protection Program). The Synod has researched this opportunity and notified us that churches do qualify for the program. This program is to be used to help maintain payroll and the cost of utilities for small businesses. 75% of the funds are to be used for payroll purposes. After 2 ½ months, the loan would likely turn into a Grant. Motion made and seconded to submit the application for the Cares Small Business program. Motion carried.

V. **Franklin Templeton Investments:** Trustees received notice from Ron Wicklace office (Franklin Templeton/Rockridge Financial) that we are in need of updating our contact person/authorized contact. Motion made and seconded to appoint Chery Norquist and Mark Fokken as the Point of contact for this Investment fund. Motion carried.

VI. **Investment Board:** Tabled this agenda item until the social distancing order is lifted.

VII. **Bloodmobile:** OSL received a request to hold the April 30 Bloodmobile in our fellowship hall (large enough space to allow for social distancing). Discussion was had regarding the great need for Blood/Blood drives as well as the fact that our heat at the church is shut off to conserve expense etc. Pastor Levi will discuss other options with ministerial association. Will discuss further if needed.

VIII. **Fire Extinguishers:** Continued discussion from previous meeting; Doug's Service and Marine also uses Heiman Fire Equipment for their vendor. We will talk with Larry Stoks about the process used when he was chair of the Trustees. Also discussed possibility of servicing a portion of the Extinguishers, and then another group the following year (to do this on a rolling basis so we recharge/replace a few each year. Other items on the insurance punch list have been completed.

IX. **Temporary Use of Former Youth Coordinator Office:** Request received for Rachel Bollerud to use this office area on a temporary

basis for work purposes/confidential teleconferences/video conferences.

X. **Church Projects:** It was noted that construction workers are an essential service and are allowed to work. Should have one additional bid for the roof work within the week. We will postpone the proposed congregational meeting for now.

XI. **Other:**

- a. Security cameras: Dee Benson shared some additional research information. Pastor Levi and Cheryl to look into this further.
- b. It was noted that there was a large tree limb down at the St Stephen's cemetery – Cemetery Board members took care of this.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The board adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Giese, Secretary, OSL Board of Trustees

BOARD OF DEACONS

Board of Deacons Minutes for March 11, 2020 Deacon Attending via Zoom: Eric Hanson, Craig Kaddatz, Cheryl Denelsbeck and Cindy Maras

Agenda:

Minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

Memorial Gardens: flowers will be delivered by Bruce and Juli Wornson. The flowers will go directly from the New Leaf to the recipients.

Communion: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we did not have church services with communion for the month of April.

Communion: Bruce Wornson let Craig know that he will be available for assisting with the host at most communion services. If is not available he will let Craig know ahead of time.

Graduation: we have approximately 10 graduates. We will need a picture of them, with names tags for the bulletin board at church in the month of May. Eric volunteered his wife and kids to this task. Cindy also said that she would be available to do this.

We will wait to see what happens in the next few weeks with this pandemic before we make too many more plans as a group.

Next meeting: May 13, 2020

Respectfully Submitted
Cindy Maras

YOUTH BOARD

Not enough members for a meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Not enough members for a meeting.



1st

David McDonald
Allison Michaelis
Nancy Nordquist

2nd

Julie Berghorst
Mary Christianson
Meghan Full
Jon Gorder
Sherry Olson

3rd

Bonnie Moberg
Rodney Viessman

4th

Finley DeSmet
Chantz Engesmoe

5th

Gary Baer
Joshua Fokken
Jay Gislason
Marilyn Rangaard

6th

Menno Fokken
Lisa Hansen
Ray Kuester
Andrew Winter

7th

Kaden Lacek
Virginia VanDerostyne

8th

Jill Eilers
Katrina Vick

9th

Deanna Baer
Jennifer Engesmoe
Dylan Lacek
Joanne Nelson
Alex Wahl
Janice Zimmerman

11th

Anton Millner
Nicholas Wagner

12th

Mariel Parish
Emma Vernlund

13th

Leon VanDerostyne
Mathew Wagner

14th

Noah Hoffman

15th

Jennifer Bridges
Danielle Olson
Dale Zimmerman

16th

Kelly Anderson
Natalie Kallhoff
Shirley Svoboda
Scarlet Thorston

17th

Nancy DeVos

20th

Rose Olson
Louis Sherlin

21st

Zachary Ourada
John Reyerson

22nd

Joy Brakke
Bethany Richter

23rd

Brian Beutler
Richard Birk

24th

Mitchell Groen
Hannah Groenhoff
Ralph Hall
Eric Winkelman

26th

Amanda Appel
Dawn Giese
Steven Vernlund

27th

Delores Haugen
Jaden Haugen
Dorothy Riekens
John Rogers

28th

Riley Kockelman

29th

James Hiedeman
Gavin Maynard

30th

Jeff Grengs
Beth Hansen
Stevie Schwartz
Dean Ward
Michael Weckwerth

31st

Kyson Arndt
Emily Johnson



**Happy Anniversary
in May!**

5th

Mathew & Kari Wagner

10th

Menno & Lucille Fokken

13th

Stan & Catherine Paulsen

17th

Greg & Linda Kockelman
Stephen & Kirsten Ufkin

18th

Charles & Darlene Oellien

19th

Jesse & Jennifer Engesmoe

20th

Travis & Michele Wahl

25th

Lance & Konnie Anderson

29th

Richard & Sharon Birk
Curt & Patricia Hosek
Jeff & Kari Harding

Thank You's.....

Dear OSL Church Family,

Thanks for the beautiful Easter Lily and for delivery on Easter Sunday.

Lucille Negaard

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant delivered to our home on Easter Sunday in memory of Bertha Johnson. What a beautiful reminder that our Redeemer Lives!

Lyndon & Dawn Giese

OSL Church ~

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant in memory of my sister Marcie. It brightened my day and my heart. God's love be with you ~ stay safe!

Georgia Burlingame

Dear Our Saviour's Church,

The Easter begonias you shared with me are blooming beautiful for me and my friends. It was very nice of you to think of my family and I. Thank you so very much for sharing your love and flowers!

Sincerely yours,

Joyce Schrunk

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,

We would like to thank you for your generous donations of Easter baskets to families in need. Thank you for thinking of us and for trusting us to get these items to those in need.

Sincerely,

Southwest Health & Human Services



We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Lyla Nelson, Randy Westphal, Brooks Winning, Nina Benz, Dennis Nosbush, Katrina Vick, Jesse Eischens, 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, 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

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.



Mission Statement
Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ



Storms of Life.....

At some point in life most of us face many types of health, financial, family or other serious problem. Recently, it seems that "storm clouds" have encircled many due to lost jobs, poor health and the economic situation in our country. It would be quite easy to begin counting our problems instead of our blessings.

Life is precious. It was given to each of us by God. He understands that we face difficulties in this short sojourn on earth. Yet, trials and sufferings are a part of life itself, brought on by the sin in the world since Adam and Eve.

Tragedies may come, jobs may be lost, diseases may rack our bodies, or business losses may cause financial disasters. There may be times when we feel we are all alone and overcome by life's difficulties. God did not promise to take away our troubles. But, He did promise that the Lord would never leave nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). When trials surround us, He offers comfort and hope through His Word (Romans 15:4). He gives us peace through Christ (John 16:4; Philippians 4:7). If we are in Christ then nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:35-39).

When the storms of life comes our way, let us call to mind the words of the apostle Peter, "casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

John K. Wills
Owingsville, KY

