



“The Visitor”

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As we are celebrating our 75th anniversary here at Our Saviour's I thought I would take this opportunity in my monthly newsletter article to share some thoughts from my tenure here. The picture above is from Ordination here on November 7th, 2012. That's right next month I will be celebrating 11 years here as your pastor. There have been many changes since the day when that picture was taken, (and not just the color of the carpet, and the amount of hair on my head), and I have been blessed to be a part of them.

When I started here I was called to be you Associate Pastor and I served for 3 years alongside Pastor Janet Kettering. In 2016 Pastor Janet was called to the next chapter in her ministry, and Our Saviour's was faced with the decision of what our future might look like. At that time after much discussion the decision was made to go forward as a church with one pastor and I was called again as your solo pastor.

In the last eleven years our church has changed in many ways, we have become much more technically adept and now have one of the best streaming programs I have seen. We have reorganized boards and support staff and have become adept at adapting to different needs. We have created an endowment account and stewarded our gifts in incredible ways. We have strengthened partnerships with other religious and mission orientated organizations, and formed new ones. Yes, there have been many changes over these last eleven years, and also over these last 75, but the one thing that has not changed is our commitment to the word of God, and our call to love our neighbors. I don't know what the next 75 years will bring, but I am confident that those truths will never change.

Peace, Pastor Levi

November Dates to Remember...

11/1: 9th Grade
Confirmation @
5:30p.m.

11/4: Set clocks
back 1 hour

11/5: 9:00a.m.
Worship w/ Holy
Communion. -All
Saints Day

11/7: 2:00p.m.
Circle @ Sylvan
Place

11/8: Council
Meeting at Large-
7:00p

11/12: 9:00a.m.
Worship
10:30a.m. 7th/8th
Grade
Confirmation

11/15: 9th Grade
Confirmation @
5:30p

11/19: 9:00a.m.
Sonshine Worship

11/20: 9:00a.m.
Quilting

11/23: Office
closed-
Thanksgiving

11/26: 9:00a.m.
Worship with Holy
Communion

For September 28th –October 26th:
Gifts/Offerings received: \$12,359.80
Distributions: \$14,527.15

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.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANT



November Altar Assistant:
Glenda Olsen

November Ushers:

Captain: David Snortum 223-5203

Todd Stockman	Don Verschelde
Paul Olson	Jon Gorder
Gordon Rangaard	



5th: Loren Hacker
12th: Bruce Wornson
19th: Sonshine
26th: Dawn Ourada



Wednesday, November 11th
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at
Sylvan Court Chapel
12:45 p.m. Holy Communion at
Sylvan Place
3:00 p.m. Holy Communion at
Twinwood A and Twinwood B

Women's Circle Meeting Date & Time

Tuesday, November 7th
2:00p.m. – Sylvan Place

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.

October Mission Calendar

12th: In loving memory of **Silve Kockelman's birthday**. Given by Pauline & Marion Oellien.
8th: In honor of **Gary Hanson's Birthday**. Given by Adalyn, Julia & Noah.
29th: In loving memory of Gert Zell's birthday. Given by Lucille & Menno Fokken.

October TV Broadcasts

1st: In loving memory of **Gail Fokken**, whose birthday was on the 24th of September. Given by Lucille & Menno Fokken.
8th: In loving memory of **Joyce Shrunk**. Given by Marilyn & Curt Rangaard.
22nd: In loving memory of **Lawrence VanDerostyne**. Given by Virginia VanDerostyne and Family.
29th: In honor of **Gert Zell**, whose birthday was the 28th. Given by Lucille & Menno Fokken.

Newly Married in October Meghan & Gary Olsen

**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

**Mission Calendar
 Silve Kockelman
 Gary Hanson
 Gert Zell**

Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund

**Gail Fokken
 Joyce Shrunk
 Lawrence VanDerostyne
 Gert Zell**

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 October 11, 2023 Meeting***

These are the minutes of the regular, monthly meeting of the Council at Large for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Oct. 11, 2023. President Dee Benson called the meeting to order.

Pastor Levi led the council in prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Old Business-Pastor has found a driver for the van for transportation to church from Sylvan Court, which will begin after the appropriate driver training.

Mark Fokken reported that the draft is ready for the Personnel Handbook, and it will be emailed for council review before the Nov. meeting.

More families have approached Pastor Levi about becoming members of OSL, and we can anticipate action on this in November.

Plans for the 75th Anniversary of OSL celebration dinner on Oct. 29 were shared by the planning committee. The youth are planning to auction one of the art pieces that Sunday as well. Please contact Jill in the church office if you plan to attend the dinner celebration or sign up on Facebook, as the committee would like a tentative number. There will also be a table for sign up when people attend church on the upcoming Sundays.

New Business- A date for fall cleanup needs to be chosen. It was suggested that perhaps youth of the church might also participate and earn some money for the National Youth Gathering trip.

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hacker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

10/11/2023

Present: Mark Fokken, Jeff Grengs, Loren Hacker, Linda Kockelman, Dee Benson, Pastor Levi Bollerud and Kerri DeVos

Meeting was called to order at 19:25 by Jeff Grengs.

September meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

Reviewed Financials – Loren made a motion to pay bills, Kerri 2nd. Motion carried.

Money counting schedule set.

Discussion on church insurance and options available for coverage and premium. Loren made a motion for the board to select the insurance coverage that has the same coverage amount as the current policy but with replacement cost and a total insurance premium amount of \$9,283. But with the stipulation to shop around for coverage options for next year. Kerri 2nd, motion carried.

Church cleanup day planned for Saturday, November 4, 2023 @ 1 pm.

Pastor Levi's insurance through Portico is due for renewal on Friday, October 13, 2023. Pastor Levi expressed that he would like to continue with the same coverage under the Gold Plus plan. Kerri made a motion to continue with the Gold Plus benefit option again. Loren 2nd. Motion carried.

Discussion on budget. Budget worksheet given to board members to pencil in their own "proposed 2024 budget" on the worksheet and bring back to the next meeting. The next two months the board will have to work on the budget so it is finalized and approved before the Annual meeting in January 2024.

A letter and cost proposal for a 3 phase construction project on the pipe organ was discussed. It would be a major overhaul of the pipe organ to sustain and update the organ and components. Karen Olsen stopped by the meeting to see if there were any questions. This would be a large project that comes with a cost. This topic will be tabled for future meetings.

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Loren 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 20:30.

Respectfully Submitted
Kerri DeVos

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Date: October 11, 2023

Attending: Glenda Olsen, Sherri Grengs, Cindy Maras

Discusssion held regarding upcoming Communion dates, All Saints Day, scheduling a time to take down Fall Decorations.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Respectively submitted, Sherri Grengs

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION:

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Meeting started at 7:25 pm and adjourned at 7:55 pm

In attendance: Kathy Becker, Jill Winters, Amanda Appel, Pam Hansen

Topics of Discussion-

Youth Mission trip- July 2024 trip to New Orleans for youth 9th -12th grade, Kathy has 15 kids signed up. She will be sending out updated email to all parents with children signed up with updated price and flying options instead of bus. The registration and down payment deadline is coming up.

Youth Gathering in Willmar in November, no youth signed up. Jill will add in bulletin next couple weeks to see if any youth would like to attend. It would be a Friday and Saturday, Nov 17-18 and would need chaperons.

We as Youth Board need to find Christmas program, Pastor Levi will try to have one next year.

It was decided to not have a lock-in for youth right now, we will look at having a fun family day in March.

The youth board will need to set up the trays for 4th grade communion class on Sept 28th , Kathy and Pam will help.

Kathy Becker made a motion to close the Youth Fundraiser checking account and move all funds to Youth General account at First Security Bank, Pam Hansen seconded. Kathy Becker and Amanda Appel approved adding, Jill Winters, Amanda Anderson, and Pam Hansen to the Youth General account to be authorized signers.



November

1st:

Rona Engesmoe
Casey Namken

2nd:

Octavia Coil
Sue Hanson
Beckett Hulzebos

3rd:

Teresa Hunt
Vada Isfeld

5th:

Darlene Anhalt

6th:

Joan Armitage

7th:

Sheyenne Benson

8th:

Devic Bridges
Rory Brusven
Dawn Regnier

9th:

Lucille Negaard

10th:

Blakelynn Anderson
Chase Anderson
Corey Erp
Keira Hanson
Claire Stoks

11th:

David Beecher

12th:

Connie Chaney

Mark Wollum

14th:

DeLon Clarksean

Paige Nelson

Donn Peterson

15th:

Stephanie Assarsson

Michael Beecher

John Cornell

16th:

Troy Antony

Rebecca Behnke

Linda Blackwelder

Nicholas Kockelman

Marinda Vernlund

18th:

Luke Beutler

Gary Fokken

Roxanne Lindquist

Elizabeth Nemitz

Falon Whittier

19th:

Allison Anderson

Ella Beutler

20th:

Ione Thorson

21st:

Brantlee Anderson

Bristol Eilers

Judy Larson

Douglas Olson

22nd:

Kristi Arndt

Tricia Maynard

Glenda Smith

23rd:

Elliot Benz

Collin Buetel

Cheryl Norton

Amanda Winter

24th:

Kallie DeVos

Sharon Madsen

25th:

Darius Eilers

26th:

Ashley Anhalt

Greg Kockelman

27th:

Shelly Frank

Kiley Mercer

Agnes Wagner

28th:

John Drietz

Wayne Giese

29th:

Deloris Bursack

Courtney Hanson

Pauline Oellien

Helen Schultz

Laurie Thorston

30th:

Angela Haugen





November

2nd:

Helen & Arlon Johnson

3rd:

Nona & Donald Verschelde

18th:

Helen & Orville Schultz

20th:

Jill & Tim Winters

21st:

Deanna & Noah Nelson

29th:

Beverly & Richard Larsen
Kathleen & Douglas Madsen

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!

Prayers
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We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Sue Fairchild, Shirley Hanson, Gary Fokken, Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, 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, 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



PRAYERS
for our
Military

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!!!

November: NO MEETING

December 14th: 11:30a.m. Thankoffering & Christmas Meeting/Program luncheon combined.

We will have Thanksoffering program and our Christmas luncheon combined into one. Please sign up on bulletin board for Salads, Hotdishes and Desserts.

We will also be collecting cookies for shut ins and there will be a sign up for that. Anyone can bring cookies, you don't have to attend the meeting. We will divide the cookies and distribute after the meeting.

On October 7th the Prairie Conference WELCA Fall Gathering was held at Christ Lutheran in Hendricks. A delicious brunch was served. Helen Schultz, Pam Hanson, Linda Blackwelder and Juli Wornson attended. We enjoyed a very inspiring program with speaker Lenae Bulthius speaking on "Encouragement" and a Communion Service and Devotions led by Pastor Chuck Shingledecker.

Coffee Talk

If anyone would like to provide treats for Coffee Talk please let the church office know what Sunday and WELCA will help you get things set up and cleaned up. Your Coffee Talk friends love to help celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or any other occasion.

What's your November?

For Davey Blackburn, a pastor in Indiana, one particular month has brought "the highest of highs and the lowest of lows." He was born in November, moved to a new church in November 2011 and learned he'd be a father in November 2013. But two years later, in November 2015, Blackburn's wife and unborn second child were murdered during a home invasion.

Despite that painful tragedy, the pastor determined not to "let the enemy have a claim over November" or "steal the many beautiful memories I once held" about it. Since then, his church's worship team recorded an album one November, he proposed to his second wife another November, launched a new ministry one November and welcomed another child the following November.

That journey, Blackburn says, is evidence of God's faithfulness to replace a spirit of despair with a garment of praise (see Isaiah 61:3). And it's an important reminder for the holiday season, with all its memories and traditions. Just as God wants to heal and restore, Blackburn writes, "Your [deceased] loved one would not want your 'November' to haunt your memory forever."

Blackburn, author of the forthcoming book *Nothing Is Wasted*, says everyone has a November but can choose what to do with it. Instead of letting your November haunt, you can let God use it to heal.

—Stephanie Martin



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

Youth News



Acolyte Sign up:

We invite and encourage ALL youth to sign up to acolyte.

This ministry is a fun privilege, that our youth get to engage in every Sunday! If your youth would like to acolyte, please sign up in the office. Pastor Levi will assist younger children if they'd like to have a turn.

Usher Ministry: We are looking for families to help usher during Sunday Services. Some things ushers are responsible for are: handing out bulletins as church starts, collecting offering and excusing the congregation by rows for communion. There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside the office. What a great way for **YOUR** family to be involved. Please consider helping out with this ministry



**2023-2024-
Sunday School
3yr olds - 6th Grade**

November:
5th- Class
12th- Class
19th- Class
26th- NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)

Youth Puzzle & Activity

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

PUZZLE

THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant _____

Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds _____

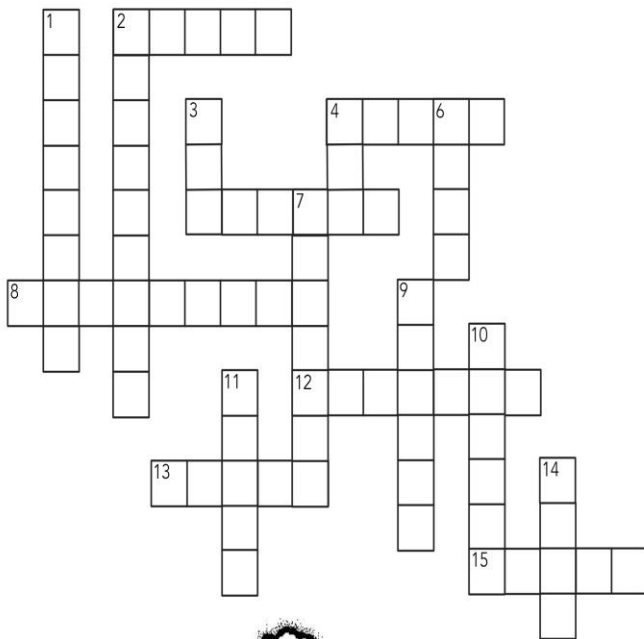
The act of gratitude _____

Food made from wheat _____

Now he who supplies _____ to the sower and _____ for food will also supply and increase your store of _____ and will enlarge the _____ of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be _____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in _____ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV

Answers: seed, harvest, generous, thankful, giving

Puzzle!



ACROSS

2. cause of Job's trouble
4. twinkling, heavenly lights
6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
8. creature of the deep (41:1)
12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
13. sores
15. Job had 7,000

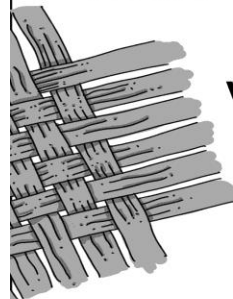
DOWN

1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
2. affliction
3. had seven sons
4. ocean
5. precipitation
7. Job had 500
9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
10. Job had 3,000
11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
12. Job had 500 yoke

Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Leivathan, 12. Eliphaz, 13. boils, 15. sheep.
Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elihu, 12. oxen



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

	<h1>November 2023</h1>
Wednesday 1	5:30p.m. 9 th Grade confirmation
Thursday 2	2:00 p.m. Hendricks Communion
Friday 3	
Saturday 4	
Sunday 5	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 6	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7	2:00 p.m. Circle at Sylvan Place
Wednesday 8	10:30 a.m. Nursing Home Communion 7:00 p.m. Council at Large Meeting
Thursday 9	
Friday 10	
Saturday 11	
Sunday 12	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. SONSHINE Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk 10:30 a.m. 7 th /8 th grade Confirmation
Monday 13	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 14	

Wednesday 15	5:30 p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday 16	
Friday 17	
Saturday 18	8:30 a.m. Hospital Board Meeting
Sunday 19	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 20	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Tuesday 21	<i>Pastor Levi Gone</i> Articles due for October Newsletter
Wednesday 22	<i>Pastor Levi gone</i>
Thursday 23	Office Closed 
Friday 24	<i>Pastor Levi gone</i> Assembly of October Newsletter
Saturday 25	<i>Pastor Levi gone</i>
Sunday 26	 8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk <i>Pastor Levi gone</i>
Monday 27	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 28	
Wednesday 29	
Thursday 30	