



# “The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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In honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation that falls on October 31<sup>st</sup>, I compiled into one long article the newsletters that I wrote at the end of last year and the beginning of this year, that talked about the man behind the Reformation, Martin Luther.



*“Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me”*

Martin Luther spoke these words in response to the demand that he renounce his teachings. They were his closing statement in a defense that was very simple; he simply asked that his accusers point out in scripture where he had erred, and then he would gladly recant, but if they could not, well then “Here I stand, I can do no other”.

Martin did not start out his adult life with the intent of working in the church; he was planning on being a lawyer. One day, however, on a journey home he was caught in a lightning storm and fearing for his life he prayed to God saying that if he was saved he would dedicate his life to the church. Well Martin was a man of his word, and when the storm passed, he begins to make plans to enter a monastery. Martin was never a man who did things halfway, so if he was going to dedicate his life to the church he was going to do it in the fullest way he could imagine, by leaving law school, and spending his life in service to God. This was not an easy path for him, he showed promise as a lawyer, and his father was extremely disappointed in his decision. His father had a plan for Martin, but Martin was not following it. In the end that developed as a theme for Martin; irritating authority figures doing what they demanded.

Luther was never a man who did things half way and life as a monk was no exception. He threw himself into the disciplines and practices of monk life with all his heart. Martin was always a deep thinker, but also a man who agonized over his decisions and actions. Martin took very seriously the command in his monastery that one should daily examine their lives for sin, and then to confess and perform penance. It was in this daily ritual that the seeds for the reformation were planted. You see, young Martin would spend hour upon hour performing different acts of penance until he felt like he had done enough to cleanse himself of the stain of sin, then he would collapse into bed only to have his mind begin to wander into sinful thoughts. As Martin would put it years later, “I would go to bed only to have the devil climb in as well, and start whispering in my ear.” This began to torment Luther, and eventually his superior monk gave him a new assignment. He sent Martin off to be a professor at a college, and live among the people, thinking that if Martin was busier with work, and distracted by the world, then maybe he wouldn’t spend so much time lost in his own thoughts.

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## *Dates to Remember...*

*10/7 – WELCA  
Prairie Conference  
Fall Gathering;  
Linda Richter  
Retirement Party at  
OSL*

*10/8 – Sunshine  
Worship with  
Communion*

*10/13 – Set up for  
Hospice Event*

*10/14 – Setting the  
Table for Hospice  
9a-Browsing  
11a-Brunch/Program*

*10/18 –  
Confirmation-  
Highway clean up*

*10/18-10/21–  
Lifetouch Pictures*

*10/20 – NO Release  
Time*

*10/22 – NO Sunday  
School*

*10/25–  
Confirmation Trick  
or Treat for  
Hungry*

*10/29 – Sunday  
School & Adult  
Choir Singing; 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Graders Receive  
Bibles*

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the church door. Now in the years since, this date, and this action are seen as the beginning of the Reformation, but it is important to note, that Martin Luther was in no way intending to start a movement, or break away from the Catholic Church; instead he was trying to start a conversation. The 95 theses were in fact 95 questions about the teachings of the church, that Luther wanted to engage theologians of the church in conversation about. This was actually a pretty common practice amongst academics at the time. In all honesty many of the questions that Martin Luther raised, especially the questions regarding the sale of indulgences, had been raised by others previously. There are many reasons why these 95 theses made such an impact on the world, but two in particular stand out to me. Luther's dogged insistence on getting answers to his questions, and the invention of the printing press that allowed copies of Luther's questions, to find their way into the hands of many people. Once the word started spreading, there was no stopping this Reformation.

The popularity of the 95 theses and other documents eventually caught the eye of the higher ups in the Catholic Church, and after some back and forth where Luther failed to find the answers he was looking for, and thus refused to stop asking his questions; Luther was ordered to appear at the town of Worms. It was at this trial at Worms that Luther was told to recant his teachings and writings, and he answered with the statement above, "Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me." After that he was excommunicated from the church, a punishment that was much more severe during that time, since it meant that Luther no longer fell under the protection of the Church and thus could be killed by anyone. Luther was quickly smuggled out of the city and spirited away to Wartburg where he lived, disguised as a knight, for the next year. It was during that time that Luther translated the Bible into German, which allowed the words of the Bible to make it into the hands of all Germans, not just the church leaders who spoke Latin, Greek, and Hebrew.

In the town of Wartburg Luther began the work of translating the Bible. During his time in Wartburg the Reformation started to take on a life of its own, and started change from Luther's vision and became a violent revolution against secular rulers as well. Luther decided to end his period of hiding and return to right the ship. He returned to public life and began preaching and writing on the meaning of the Reformation. He eventually gave his blessing to the rulers at the time to end the rebellion. Eventually to Luther's surprise he was wed to Katherine Van Buren, a former nun who he had helped escape from the convent she was kept in. Luther had said that marriage was not for him, but Katherine was a strong willed woman and she made it clear to him that she had other plans. Their marriage by all accounts was one of love and respect, and she became an important voice in the forming of the new church.

I hope you have enjoyed this short travel through the life of Martin Luther. I would encourage you, as we celebrate this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to learn more about this complex, interesting man. Martin Luther was a brilliant man, but like everyone, he had his demons and made his mistakes. His response to the rebellion led to the deaths of many peasants and haunted him most of his life. He wasn't perfect, but God is not looking for perfection, he is looking for purpose, and in Martin Luther he found a vessel to spread his message of love.

Peace,

Pastor Levi

**For August 25<sup>th</sup> – September 28<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Gifts/Offerings received: \$18,087.76**  
**Distributions: \$21,655.45**



**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, 10/10/17**

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at  
Sylvan Court Chapel  
12:45 p.m. Holy Communion at  
Sylvan Place  
2:30 p.m. Holy Communion at  
Sunset Assisted Living  
3:30 p.m. Holy Communion at  
Twinwood A and Twinwood B

**Wednesday, 10/11/17**

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

**Daybreak Bible Study for Men**

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 a.m. at the Campus Grill

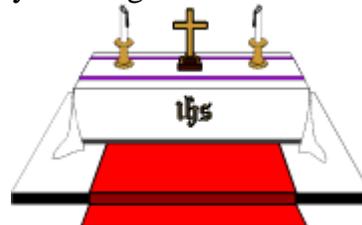
**Women's Circle Meeting Dates & Times**

Phoebe- 10/2 – 7:00 p.m.  
Elizabeth- 10/10 - 2:00 p.m.  
Naomi Circle- 10/19 - 2:00 p.m.  
Gather Bible Study – 10/17 - 10:00 a.m.  
Sylvan Court

**\*\*\*Our new email address is  
oslcanbymn@gmail.com\*\*\***

**OCTOBER WORSHIP  
ASSISTANTS**

Altar Assistants:  
Shirley Markegard & Jeanne Evanson



**Ushers**

Gary Fokken, *Captain*  
223-5178  
Donn Peterson                      Gordon Palm  
Eric Hanson



**Scripture Readers**

1<sup>st</sup>: Linda Richter  
8<sup>th</sup>: Sonshine  
15<sup>th</sup>: Youth  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Bruce Wornson  
29<sup>th</sup>: Missy Hanson

**Acolytes**

*Confirmation youth will be signing up weekly.*

**Communion Assistants:**

*Confirmation youth will be signing up.*

***Eternal Lights for the month of October***



For October the Eternal Lights burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in memory of Alice Johnson. Given by Richard & Pat Rogers & Family.

**Mission Calendar for September:**

24<sup>th</sup>: In memory of Gail Fokken. Given by Menno & Lucille Fokken

**Radio Broadcasts for September:**

10<sup>th</sup>: In memory of Mark and Steven Schultz who passed away 3 years ago, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Given by Orville & Helen Schultz.  
24<sup>th</sup>: In honor of Lyle & Joan Gorder's 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and Lyle's 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Given by Lyle & Joan Gorder.

**TV Broadcasts for September:**

10<sup>th</sup>: In memory of Clarence Negaard, whose birthday would have been today. Given by Family  
17<sup>th</sup>: In memory of Marion Schrunk's birthday. Given by Curt & Marilyn Rangaard.  
24<sup>th</sup>: In honor of Lyle & Joan Gorder's 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and Lyle's 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Given by Lyle & Joan Gorder.

**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 radio and 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 and one radio broadcast costs \$100.

**Altar**

Harlan Berndt

**Broadcast Fund**

Gert Zell  
Gail Fokken  
Steven Schultz  
Mark Schultz  
Frank Mitchell  
Harlan Berndt

**Cemetery**

Larry Goodmanson  
Harlan Berndt  
Frank Mitchell

**Cornerstone**

Cliff Sillerud  
Jay Christianson  
Violet Hook  
Harlan Berndt  
Frank Mitchell

**Eternal Lights**

Jay Christianson  
Alice Johnson

**Kitchen Fund**

Frank Mitchell

**Mission Calendar**

Cliff Sillerud  
Gert Zell  
Gail Fokken

**Music Fund**

Harlan Berndt

**Organ Fund**

Frank Mitchell  
Harlan Berndt

**Undesignated**

Harlan Berndt  
Frank Mitchell

\*\*\*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**

**Fireside Room Furniture**

**Foundation**

**Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)**

**Mission Action**

**Mission Calendar**

**Music Memorial Fund**

**Organ Restoration Fund**

**SundaySchool**

**Women's Retreat Fund**

**WELCA Projects Fund**

**Youth**

Or you may give it as:

**Undesignated**

**Our Dearly Departed in September:**

*Frank Mitchell*  
*Violet Hook*  
*Harlan Berndt*

**INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:**

Pastor:  
**Levi Bollerud**  
 President of Congregation:  
**Bruce Wornson**  
 Vice President:  
**Richard Kvals**  
 Congregational Secretary:  
**Karen Hacker**  
 Congregational Treasurer:  
**Sherri Full**  
 Organist/Handbell Director:  
**Karen Olsen**  
 Choir Director:  
**Dawn Ourada**  
 Custodian:  
**Jesse Engesmoe**  
 Office Manager:  
**Cheryl Norquist**  
 Youth Coordinator:  
**Amber Groen**

**COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS**

***BOARD OF DEACONS***

Karen Hacker\* 2015  
 Lori Husby\* 2015  
 Doug Hansen 2014  
 Dan Kraft 2016  
 Tammy Welker 2016

***BOARD OF EDUCATION***

Dee Benson 2014  
 Jenna Norquist 2016  
 Carrie Benson 2017  
 Sabrina Stockman 2017

***BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

Bev Larsen\* 2015  
 Curt Olsen\* 2015  
 Rick Olsen\* 2015  
 Bob Welker\* 2015  
 Larry Stoks\* 2014

***YOUTH BOARD***

David Snortum\* 2014  
 Cheryl Norquist 2016  
 Rick Hansen 2016  
 Beth Hansen 2016  
 Alex Whittier 2017  
 Collin Bueltel\* 2016  
 Matthew Groen 2017



**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
 Council-at-Large**

**Minutes of the September 13, 2017  
 Meeting**

These are the minutes of The Council at Large for Sept. 13, 2017. Chairman Wornson opened the meeting with a devotion from Matthew 18:15-17b. As in the parable of the lost sheep, God is relentless in pursuing those who have strayed. Jesus invites us into the heart of God, wanting no one to be lost. This is a parallel for dealing with church members who have strayed. If someone has sinned against you, go and talk to him just as Jesus went to befriend the Gentiles and the tax collectors in their homes. We live in His grace. Who are the Gentiles and the tax collectors among us? Chairman Wornson prayed with the council for the Lord to help us live in His grace.

The minutes of the August 9 meeting were read and approved.

No Council action was taken, and the boards retired to conduct their individual meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

**BOARD OF DEACONS:**

Board of Deacons September 13, 2017, minutes.

Present Lori Husby, Karen Hacker, Doug Hansen & Tammy Welker

Absent: Dan Kraft

Meeting was called to order by Lori Husby. Previous minutes were read and approved.

We met jointly with the Board of Education to discuss Rally Sunday & Divine Dogs & Digs. We will provide the Sunday School students, parents and anyone else that would like hot dogs, chips and root beer floats. All are invited. We plan to block the front street off to set up games.

Communion Schedule: September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup> & October 29<sup>th</sup>. The sheet for sign-up was sent around.

Fall Decorating: Will discuss at next meeting.

Church Directory: One of the Deacons will sit in narthex after worship to get people signed up for October dates.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Welker

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Board of Trustees minutes September 13, 2017

Members present: Bob Welker, Curt Olsen, Bev Larsen, and Larry Stoks

Members absent: Rick Olsen

Others present: Bruce Wornson Richard Kvols and Pastor Levi.

The minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were read and approved as read.

After a review of the bills, a motion was made, and seconded, to pay the bills as printed from August 9, 2017 to September 13, 2017. Motion carried.

- ❖ Update on the Video and Audio system: We are still waiting to hear from the company.
- ❖ Cemetery: Discussion on what is needed to mark grave sites. Larry will help with that.
- ❖ Landscaping: Darold Snortum has been working on the landscaping along the alley and the back of the church.
- ❖ Discussed the power line at the parsonage.
- ❖ Budget: The Trustees will meet on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to begin work on the 2018 budget.
- ❖ AED: Discussed a location to mount the AED. Will also talk to Jesse about the location.
- ❖ IT Person: Motion was made and seconded to have Ryan Parish work on computers and help with IT problems, as needed. Motion passed.
- ❖ Mini Van Purchase: After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded, for the Trustees' to recommend to the congregation to purchase a Mini Van between \$20,000 and \$ 25,000. Motion carried.
- ❖ Letter to the Bank: A motion was made and seconded that would allow the current Office Manager/Bookkeeper to have access to account and transaction information for the various accounts for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Motion carried.
- ❖ Bell Tower Repair: We are waiting for a bid from MidContinental Restoration Company to repair some items on the church building, including the bell tower, some areas around windows, and some sidewalks.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bev Larsen

**YOUTH BOARD**

Youth Board minutes from September 13, 2017.

Members Present: Collin Bueltel, Beth Hansen, Amber Groen, Cheryl Norquist, Dave Snortum, Rick Hansen, Matthew Groen, Alex Whittier

Carnival – Discussed and finalized Carnival details for Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Everything coming along great! Dependent upon weather we will still plan to hold in the park otherwise if bad weather we will be holding at the church.

Monthly Breakfasts, Servant Auction and Canvas Nights discussion were tabled until next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Collin Bueltel

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

The Board of Education met on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Dee Benson, Jenna Norquist, Sabrina Stockman; Absent: Carrie Benson.

Minutes of the previous two meetings were read and approved.

VBS Recap; no further action at this time;

Sunday School Teachers: Collin Bueltel: Music; Allison Anderson: Bible Stories; Alise Hanson and Libby Nemitz: Crafts; Aaron Bueltel, Blake Stoks and Jon Hanson: Games; other Sunday School Helpers: Carrie Benson, Beth Beiningen, Jenna Norquist, Sabrina Stockman and Dee Benson.

Jenna suggested having a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board to encourage other adults to assist with Sunday School.

Rally Sunday is this coming Sunday; met with the Deacons to confirm Root Beer Floats and Games to be arranged by the Deacons; Jenna will organize and set up an obstacle course. 60 Balloons have been ordered for the balloon release. All teachers have been asked to attend.

Reviewed the Sunday School agenda and schedule for the 2017-2018 year; no changes were requested.

Children's bags were replaced and refilled.

Blinds for upstairs/Sunday School room were discussed with Larry Stoks and he will look into the status.

Collin Bueltel indicated he would be starting with some Christmas music right away; he also requested the full hour for practice starting in November in preparation for the Christmas program, with a couple Saturday practices added in.

Respectfully submitted, Dee Benson Chairperson



**Thrivent  
Financial**  
for Lutherans<sup>SM</sup>

All Thrivent benefit members can receive up to **two \$250 grants per year** that can be used as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials to support an activity that meets a need in our community or church, a mission project, service activity, or educational event.

If interested, please contact the church office at 507.223.5528 for additional information.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



*Happy Birthday to all those born in  
October:*

1<sup>st</sup>:

Bruce Melby

2<sup>nd</sup>:

Dustin Coil  
Gerald Thompson

3<sup>rd</sup>:

Jean Anderson  
Sharon Schilling

4<sup>th</sup>:

Matthew Herzog  
Peggy Sik  
Darwin Torstenson

5<sup>th</sup>:

Willis Beecher  
Jaxon Groenhoff  
Misti Quiring  
Linda Richter  
Joyce Schrunk  
Chad Shaffer

6<sup>th</sup>:

Brittanee Jensen  
Mary Melby  
Aliyah Stockmann

7<sup>th</sup>:

Ryah Beiningen  
Lynn Stene

8<sup>th</sup>:

Jason Anderson

9<sup>th</sup>:

Danielle Cornell  
Katelynn Eischens  
Sherry Stene  
Maynard Swenson

10<sup>th</sup>:

Tyler Grong  
Ethan Webster  
Lois Olson  
Allison Winters

11<sup>th</sup>:

Sophia Hanson  
Amanda Kack  
Braelyn Merritt  
Dennis Nosbush  
Jann Ramlo

12<sup>th</sup>:

Brian Bursack  
Lois Lensing  
Curtis Melby  
Adam Stoks  
Alex Ufkin

13<sup>th</sup>:

Jessica Balvin  
Jodi Mercer

14<sup>th</sup>:

Elizabeth Riess

15<sup>th</sup>:

Richard Blackwelder  
Summer Lacek  
Michelle Nelson  
Deloris Schwartz

16<sup>th</sup>:

Riece Sanow

17<sup>th</sup>:

Joshua Vick

18<sup>th</sup>:

Jordan Anhalt  
Curtis Rangaard  
Genevieve Beutler  
Cory Madsen  
Isabelle Regnier  
Jennifer Roth  
Cady Wahl

19<sup>th</sup>:

Samantha Full  
Sarah Hacker  
Jacoby Hunt  
Kelsea Reyerson

20<sup>th</sup>:

Lynette Fokken  
Anthony Gorder  
Nolan Harding  
Patricia Rogers

21<sup>st</sup>:

Tricia Groenhoff  
Moriah Gorder  
Amy Haugen

22<sup>nd</sup>:

Troy Hoffman  
Maeghan Wollum

23<sup>rd</sup>:

Molly Belaen

25<sup>th</sup>:

Dana Mack  
Lila Sillerud

26<sup>th</sup>:

Kelci Eischens  
Alta Heise  
Gracyn Hulzebos  
Margaret Olsen

27<sup>th</sup>:

Ryan Arndt  
Leslie Elfering  
Grace Hoffman

28<sup>th</sup>:

Chelsie Kallhoff  
Jeremy Krug  
Darlene Oellien  
Laura Stoks

29<sup>th</sup>:

Jordan Christianson  
Ryan Fokken

30<sup>th</sup>:

Adam Hegg  
Louise Lehman

31<sup>st</sup>:

Jon Hanson  
Wesley Knutson  
SamiJo VanDerostyne

**Make sure to check out our NEW website, [www.oslcanby.org](http://www.oslcanby.org). Our monthly schedule is posted there. You can find links to the sermons and other information! Contact the church office if you have information you would like to add or if you have any questions. You can also go to Facebook and "like" the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and Our Saviour's Lutheran Sunday School pages.**

# PRAYER

*changes things*

**We ask God's guidance and prayers** for all those who have special needs: Don Olson, Rev. Bill Jacobson, Mike Sperl, Margaret Olsen, Monica Larson (Sherri Full's niece), Marvel Haas, Charlene Christie, Delroy Thompson, Marsha Tollefson, Karen Wendroth, Zach Moltzer, Stephanie Kreutner, John Cornell, Stacy Norquist, Jade Otteson (niece of Spencer & Amanda Otteson), LaVonne Winters, Cameron Stockmann, Evelyn Husby, Marcie Wolff, Bertha Johnson, Mike Bissen, Henrietta Hundt, Jerry Thomsen, Debbie Cornell, Karen Schultz, Judy Halvorson, Joyce Brouwer, Ken Club, Mary Adler, Don Kirkeide, Robert Kokesh, Glenn & Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Dean Behnke, Pastor Cy Solberg, Connie Severson, Demitrius Bridges, Bill & Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Patty McLain, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Clarie Oувerson, Dean Hedge, Melanie Haggard, Betty Ferguson, Karen Oувerson-Pohlen, Sonny Stephenson, ArLoa & Harold Meyen and family, Braylee Jo Pridal, Violet Hook, Kent Bren, Sandra Nelson, Kristina Paiakham, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaininck, 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.

## Thank You's.....

Dear Pastor Levi and people of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,

It was a joy to share in worship with you on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>! **THANK YOU** for inviting me.

I hope the painting will continue to proclaim the grace of God through Jesus to all who see it. God bless you!

Paul Oman

*Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: Sunday worship services, special music, Bible Studies, communion services, Paul Oman special "Drawing the Word" worship, OSL Youth Carnival, Divine Dogs & Digs, Rally Sunday, WELCA Fall Bazaar and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are grateful!*



This month I have to use this newsletter as a giant thank you letter.

Just last weekend we had our first annual OSL Carnival. Due to the mosquitoes and weather forecast we had to change the carnival from the park to the church, which worked out beautifully. I think it went well and was so surprised to see so many people turn out to help.

First and foremost, I have to thank the wonderful youth board that I work with. Without them, the carnival would have never happened. They have supported so many ideas I have come up with and will always find ways to make sure it happens and it is done well. It's amazing that we all have different characteristics and personalities and that because of these differences we all have strengths that can benefit the team such as the youth board.

Cheryl helped so much with calling for donations and spending several hours laminating signs for me. She is such a social person and is so organized. She is my cheerleader when I am feeling overwhelmed and she handles so much of the phone calls as I am not at the office a lot as I also have a full time job. I am very thankful for her.

Dave Snortum always keeps us organized and on task. He is willing to do the physical labor, hang things, fix items, make sure there is enough extension cords. He makes sure to take care of all the behind the scenes tasks so I don't have to do it or possibly I may never think of doing them because I know he will take care of it.

Collin always has so much energy and is so positive. He shows excitement for suggestions and is always willing to help out. He makes us laugh because he has such a great sense of humor. He is also the secretary of the youth board and does such a very good job.

Alex Whittier is new to the board but has been very willing to just jump in and join the rest of us in our endeavors. He is always willing to find creative ways to make our ideas happen. If we are stumped, he is always willing to check around for us and he always comes through. I am so glad that he decided to join our team.

Rick and Beth Hansen, busy parents of 3 children that still find the time to help us out. I don't know how they do it but they do. Beth has such a creative side. She gets credit for all the signs and decorations at the carnival. She has a passion for this and it shows. Honestly, the morning of the carnival when we were setting up, she was actually enjoying herself decorating for the event. I love her creativity!! I just have to say, she is the fastest person I know of that can access the internet, find what we are looking for and orders it and it is done. Amazing!!

Rick has been such a strong advocate for the youth. Many times, if I need chaperones for an event, he will volunteer even with his busy

schedule. He supports keeping the youth active and has a way with them. He is one of the guys that was making sure that all the games were set up and working correctly. He also took charge of making sure that the concessions ran smoothly and the water and pop was cold and the hot ham and cheese sandwiches were warm. He always stays later to make sure that we have help with clean up. Rick and Beth donated their gazebo for the jail, found the spin the wheel game, made the bucket game and took care of ordering all the cotton candy. Rick and Beth really played a big part in making sure the carnival was a success.

Matt, my son, is also a youth member on the board. I love having him on it. He is the first one that I share an idea with and he gives me a youth perspective of what he thinks would work. Of course, he also knows that any senior high event I plan, he will probably be attending but he doesn't complain about it. It is especially nice when he tells me he had a lot of fun, that is huge coming from a teenager. He genuinely supports me and I can't thank him enough for sharing his time with me on this board. He was helping the entire day at the carnival at the prize table and it is so endearing to see him interact with the younger kids.

I just wanted everyone to know that I would not be able to do my job without the youth board and the support of my family. They have truly made this experience amazing.

I know that I am going on and on but I do need to thank all the parents and the youth that made baked items for the cake walk and volunteered their time at the carnival. I was so overwhelmed by the amount of kids and parents that showed up to help. I want to thank all the congregation members that baked items for the cake walk and came and showed their support at the carnival. A shout out goes to Julie Wornson, Lynn Steffen and Wanda Hemish who made ham sandwiches so that we could serve

them. A special thank you to Delon who volunteered his time being the sherrif and jailer. He made it so much fun.

Last but not least, thank you to this amazing congregation who is so supportive of the youth!!!!

God's Blessings

Amber Groen, Youth Coordinator



**Highway cleanup will be October 18<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting. We will leave the church at 6 pm. We are in need of approximately 6-8 drivers. We will return to the church by 7pm. Gloves and vests will be provided.

**Trick or Treating for the Hungry is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>.** We will leave the church at 6 pm and will return approximately 7:15. *We are looking for approximately 6-8 volunteers to drive the youth around town picking up food shelf donations.*

**Trick or Treating for the Hungry** is where the OSL Confirmation youth go door to door asking for food donations for the local food shelf. It is a great program to assist in restocking the food shelf. Last year, we filled much of the narthex with bags of food. Thanks so much for your support!

## WELCA NEWS AND NOTES



Mark your calendars!!!

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| <b>October 7<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>8:30 am -Prairie Conference<br/>Fall Gathering<br/>St. John's Lutheran - Marshall</b>  |
| <b>October<br/>14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>"Setting the Table for Hospice"<br/>11:00 am</b>   |
| <b>November<br/>9<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Thank Offering Gathering, 2:00pm<br/>Annual Mission Giving &amp; Soap Month<br/>Last names beginning A-F -<br/>Hostesses</b> |

### **WELCA Prairie Conference Fall Gathering Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church in Marshall.**

It's going to be a great day! "Going Forth" – breakout sessions for WELCA officer information. Pastor Linda Lagergren is the speaker and title is "Underground Railroad".

Registration is \$10.00. Day begins with coffee and treats at 8:30am and ends with complimentary noon lunch.

'In Kind' offering of food & paper products and we'd also like to encourage soups, side dishes (like rice in a pouch or mac & cheese) and DOLLARS! The food shelf has access to food at more reasonable prices....so money is a good gift too! Thanks always for your generous support!

### **"Setting the Table for Hospice"**

Women of the Canby Community, with support from Sanford Hospice, Canby/Madison, Thrivent Financial, Canby Drug, and Our Saviour's Lutheran WELCA, is privileged to host the upcoming fundraiser, ***"Setting the Table for Hospice 2017"*** on ***Saturday morning October 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Doors will open at 9:00 am for viewing and bidding on auction items. Meal and program begin at 11:00 am - Jordan Vanderbush will be singing.*** All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Canby Community Hospice Program. All tickets for the brunch and silent auction must be purchased in advance. ***Tickets (\$15.00) can be purchased from hostesses or at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church office (223-5528) or Sanford Home Medical & Hospice (223-5884).***

### ***Bazaar & Fall Dinner***

Totals on receipts and disbursements are not ready as of this date. A report will be in the next Visitor.

We want to give a huge thank you to everyone who contributed with goods for the Bazaar, food solicited for the meal, financial donations, decorating, setting the tables and working in the kitchen and at the Bazaar tables. Thanks to Cheryl in the office and to Jesse for always accommodating whatever set up we require. A sincere note of appreciation to Nona Verschelde who has designed and donated beautiful posters for us for many years!

Very special thanks to all of you who go the extra mile to see that this project goes smoothly!

I can't thank you all enough!

Juli