



“The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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“But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.” 1Peter 2:9

One of the core tenants of Lutheranism is “The priesthood of all believers”; the idea that all Christians can perform sacred acts, all Christians can point to God. In practice, this means that a worship service is a communal act. The congregation members are not merely observers; they are in fact active participants in the worship. It is why we confess our sins together, why we pray together, why we profess our faith through the creed as a united community.

It is in the spirit of this core tenant that I want to start a lay ministry class. This would be a short class that I would teach and would be open to all who are interested in helping lead during worship. In the class, you would learn the order of the service, and why it is arranged that way. You would learn the physical gestures, and ways of speaking that allow a congregation to follow you. You would learn how to lead a congregation in worship. If this class sounds like something you might be interested in, please let me know. All ages and comfort levels are invited.

Over this last year through the internship program, I have watched with pride as this congregation embraced the role of a “teaching congregation”. Just recently two of our youth bravely took on the role of lay ministers and lead the congregation in worship. We are a congregation that creates leaders, and I believe that we should nurture that. So come and join me in embracing “The priesthood of all believers”

Peace,

Pastor Levi

September Dates to Remember...

*9/4 – Worship at
9:00 a.m.
with Holy
Communion*

*9/6 – Church
Office Closed*

*9/8 – WELCA
‘Over 80’ Party*

*9/11 – Sonshine
Worship,
Blessing of
Backpacks,
Teachers,
students during
9:00a.m.
worship -
Sunday School
Rally Sunday
10:00a.m.*

*9/14 – 7:00p.m.-
Council at
Large meeting*

*9/18 – 3rd
Graders receive
bibles during
9:00a.m.
worship*

*9/25 –WELCA
Fall Bazaar &
Ham Dinner-
11a.m.*

For July 29th– August 26th
Gifts/Offerings received: \$16,502.04
Distributions: \$11,626.07

GIVE+Online.....

We invite you to consider our 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.



September Altar Assistant:
Dee Benson

September Ushers
Captain: Milo Larson – 223-5082

Darius Eilers Greg Coil
Curt Rangaard Dan Kraft
Jerome DeVos



4th: Janice Zimmerman
11th: Sonshine
18th: Peggy Sik
25th: Loren Hacker

For **August** the **Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel to the glory and honor of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Communion Services



Wednesday, September 14th

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, September 6th
Elizabeth/Naomi Circle
2:00pm-Fireside Room

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.

August Mission Calendar

4th: In honor of **Chuck Oellien's 85th birthday today**. Given by Family.
12th: In honor of **Gary & Pam Hanson's anniversary**. Given by Adalyn, Julia & Noah.

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.

August TV Broadcasts

7th: In loving memory of *Dolly Peterson's birthday*, today, **August 7th**.
Given by Donn & Barb Peterson

Wedding Congratulations in August

Evan & Karen (Kremer) Krause

**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

Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund

Jason Armitage

Mission Calendar

In Honor of Gary & Pam Hanson's Anniversary

Charles Oellien

INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Levi Bollerud

Intern Pastor:

Matthew Rossler

President of Congregation:

Dee Benson

Vice President:

Beverly Dybsetter

Congregational Secretary:

Karen Hacker

Congregational Treasurer:

Brenda Lothert

Organist/Handbell Director:

Karen Olsen

Choir Director:
Pastor Levi Bollerud
Custodian:
Jesse Engesmoe
Office Manager:
Cheryl Norquist



Easily Given

It was only a sunny smile,
And little it cost in the giving;
But it scattered the night like morning light,
And made the day worth living. ...

It was only a kindly word,
A word that was lightly spoken;
Yet not in vain, for it stilled the pain
Of a heart that was nearly broken. ...

It was only a helping hand,
And it seemed of little availing;
But its clasp was warm, and it saved from harm
A brother whose strength was failing. ...

A smile may lighten the falling heart,
A word may soften pain's keenest smart,
A touch may lead us from sin apart.
How easily either is given!

—Source uncertain

2022 COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Cindy Maras*	2020
Cheryl Denelsbeck*	2019
Sherri Grengs*	2020
Glenda Olsen	2022

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION

Linda Richter*	2019
Carrie Benson	2021
Denise Hanson	2021
Sheyenne Benson	2021
Kathy Becker	2022
Jill Winters	2022
Ex-officio - Cheryl Norquist	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mike Weckwerth	2021
Tony Ourada	2021
Loren Hacker	2022
Jeff Grengs	2022

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 August 14,
2022 Meeting***

These are the minutes of the Council at Large for August 14, 2022. President Benson called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM after the Sunday service. The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Pastor Levi expressed pride and thanks to Josie Frank and Sheyenne Benson for their help and service in leading worship on a previous Sunday. He discussed

promoting and encouraging leadership roles in students and adults.

A question was raised by the by the Board of Youth Education about whether they must seek prior approval for fundraisers for their trip, or whether they can plan and proceed with fundraising as needed, and they were given approval to proceed.

They also reported that at least 30 children had attended VBS, with about 14 of them in the age 3-6 range, and another 16 in the first grade and up ages. In the first grade and beyond range, they used a model of multi-age grouping, creating about 4 crews, allowing for teamwork between older and younger students. They also thanked several helpers including, Isabella, Sophia, Sheyenne, Demetrius, Josie, Pam H, and Pam W, and Amanda. Lunch was facilitated by Ms. Nelson, Berndt, and Fokken. Thanks to everyone who supported this mission.

Pastor Levi led the Council in prayer to be good stewards of mission.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM.
Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes August 14, 2022

Attendees: Jeff Grengs, Tony Ourada, Loren Hacker, Mike Weckwerth, Pastor Levi, Dee Benson, Pastor Levi

Meeting called to Order at 10:30am by Jeff Grengs

* Minutes read by Mike. No changes - Approved as read.

* Jeff informed the Board that a \$600 check from the Insurance Company was deposited into the Memorial Clearing Account. The check is from damage done to the Booth at the Fairgrounds.

* Pastor Levi informed the Board that the AC should be fixed. Refrigerant was added. It was discussed having the programming changed to reduce the workload of the unit, and that Church Staff set up a schedule in the spring to check the unit.

* Reviewed Bills. Motion by Loren, 2nd by Tony to approve. Passed

* Offering Counting Schedule. Mike 8-21, Loren 8-28, Jeff 9-4, Tony 9-11

* Fuse Box Update. Pastor Levi & Jeff said a breaker was changed in the fuse box, the outlets in the kitchen were labeled to help prevent certain overloading of

circuits. It is recommended that crockpots/roasters be spread out across various circuits.

* Discussion was held regarding having another Intern Pastor in the future. It was agreed that this was a good experience. Pastor Levi will start filling out the paperwork in November for a possible Intern starting in July 2023.

* Discussion regarding the 2023 budget. Mike, Tony & Pastor informed the group as to how it was done last year with an Intern. Board will start looking at preparing the 2023 budget in the coming month(s).

* Motion by Mike, 2nd by Loren to Adjourn.

* Meeting adjourned at 11:05am

Respectfully Submitted, Mike Weckwerth

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Deacon Board Meeting

August 14, 2022

Attending: Sherri Grengs, Glenda Olsen & Cindy Maras

Agenda:

Communion:

We will need 3 assistants each communion Sunday due to Pastor Matthew being back at seminary. Bruce Wornson has graciously offered to assist the Sundays he is available. Thanks Bruce.

Sunday September 4: Sherri and Glenda

Sunday September 25: Cindy and _____

Gods Work Our Hands:

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church will observe Gods Work Our Hands on Sunday September 25. This year we will ask the congregation to participate in donating PAPER PRODUCTS to the local food shelf. Cindy will be in contact with the local food shelf to ask what paper products are needed. More information for the congregation will be in the bulletins in September.

Hand Sanitizer:

Communion assistants would like to ask the Altar Committee to please place hand sanitizer at the two communion stations.

Respectively Submitted,
Cindy Maras

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION:

Board of Youth Education Meeting Minutes

Date: August 14, 2022

Committee Members: Jill Winters; Linda Richter; Denise Hanson; Sheyenne Benson; Carrie Benson; Kathy Becker.

Officer officiate: Cheryl Norquist

Present: Linda Richter, Jill Winters,

Absent: Carrie Benson, Sheyenne Benson, Denise Hanson, Kathy Becker & Cheryl Norquist

Vacation Bible School Follow-up:

There were at least 30 children that attended VBS, with about 14 of them in the age 3-6 range, and another 16 in the first grade and up ages. In the first grade and beyond range, they used a model of multi-age grouping, creating about 4 crews, allowing for teamwork between older and younger students.

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Sunday School

Cheryl has made up the schedule for the 2022-2023 Sunday School year. We went over the schedule and it looks good. Cheryl will take care of posting on Facebook pages and also mailings to families.



September

1st:

Aiden Kack

2nd:

Beverly Larsen

Franklyn Ochocki

4th:

Don Erp

Brynn Kockelman

Milo Larson

Kaci Lozinski

Helen Stoks

6th:

Josie Frank

Jacob Winters

7th:

Chad Anhalt

8th:

McKenna Hill

10th:

Bailey Hanson
Amanda Larsen

11th:

Sharon Birk
Jameson Grong
Doug Haugen
Alayna Pederson
Orville Schultz

12th:

Donald Houtkooper

13th:

Trent Adkison
Velma Alleckson
Eric Hanson

14th:

Latyn Baer
Kelsey Feuerhelm

15th:

Leon Gehrking

17th:

Mischelle Balvin
Corey Nelson
Stephen Ufkin

18th:

James Beiningen
Sabrina Stockman
Nona Vershelde
Tierney Viessman
Peyton Winter

20th:

Jacob Fairchild
James VanDerostyne

21st:

Cameron Anderson
Kathy Johnson
Alenni Chitwood

22nd:

Blake Haugen
Richard Reyerson

23rd:

Greg Coil

24th:

Lyle Gorder
Lori Nosbush

25th:

Isaac Bollerud
CJ Eilers
Julia Hanson
David Mercer
Gary Peterson
Briella Pridal
Eric Stene

26th:

Bruce Mead
Susan Schanning

27th:

Tripp Antony
Wells Antony
Paxton Grong

28th:

Brady Hulzebos

29th:

Debra Cornell
Kelly Lothert
Roy Fairchild

30th:

Falon Antony
Curtis Olson





September

1st

Mary & Curt Melby

6th

Karen & Allen Livermore

7th

Pat & Richard Rogers

Lisa & Curt Hoffman

8th

Kelly & Steve Gagnon

9th

Tawny & Ryan Olson

13th

Ashley & Jordan Anhalt

14th

Tricia & Rick Bueltel

15th

LaVonne & Dale Anhalt

Kacie & Blake Haugen

16th

Angela & Nathan Hulzebos

17th

Jada & Travis Christianson

19th

Courtney & Stanton Isfeld

20th

Glenda & Rick Olsen

Lindsey & Eric Hanson

22nd

Joan & Lyle Gorder

23rd

Amy Wagner & Paul Pederson

24th

Gail & Darius Eilers

25th

Krystal & Ryan Schmitt

27th

Marla & Perry Groenhoff

30th

Megan & Casey Namken



Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: wedding, youth led worship, communion and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are truly grateful & blessed!



We ask God's

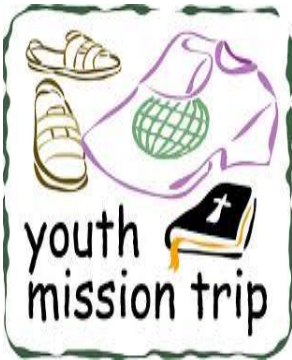
guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Shirley Markegard, Charlotte Thompson, Nick Benson, Karen Ouverson Pohlen, Bonnie Olson, Aiden Conrad, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Ken Club, Fred Full, Myrna Tesch, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Nina Benz, Katrina Vick, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, Delroy Thompson, 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: Andrew Fokken, Anthony Nemitz, Cody Dinius, 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. **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.

Youth News



Save the dates - 2023 Youth mission trip - June 17-23 to Memphis TN. We would leave on the 16th and return sometime on the 24th. Parent/student information meetings have been scheduled for

3 different nights (with all the same information being shared) **Sunday, October 2nd, Wednesday October 5th and Wednesday October 12th -6:30p-7:30p.** We will be including all local churches youth 7-12 as well.



2022-2023- Sunday School 3yr olds - 6th Grade

- Rally Sunday - September 11th - 10:00a.m.
- 9:00am-Blessing of Backpacks, Teachers & Students during worship.
- 1st Class for Sunday School - September 18th - 10:00a.m.
- 3rd Graders receive their Bibles - September 18th during the 9:00a.m. worship
- Saturday, October 30th
- 4th graders - 1st Communion Class (Letters will be sent)
- Sunday, October 31st - 1st Communion 4th graders recognized during the 9:00a worship

Confirmation Orientation



7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

- Orientation - Sunday, October 2, 2022 - 10:30a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - 1st class - Sunday, October 9, 2022 - 10:30a.m.

9th Grade Confirmation - Orientation - Sunday, October 3, 2022 - 11:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - 1st class - Wednesday, October 5, 2022 - 5:30p.m.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Our Saviour's Lutheran 2022-2023 Sunday School Schedule 3yr olds-6th grade

September

- 11th - 9:00a.m.-during worship-Blessing of Backpacks, Teachers,students Rally Sunday at 10:00am
- 18th - Class/3rd Graders receive Bibles during 9:00am worship
- 25th - Class

October

- 2nd - Class
- 9th - Sing in church, Class
- 16th - Class
- 23rd - NO SS - MEA
- 29th - Saturday, 4th Grade - 1st Communion Class (letter will be sent)
- 30th - Class (4th Graders Recognized during 9:00am worship for 1st Communion)

November

- 6th - Class
- 13th - Class
- 20th - Class
- 27th - NO SS - Thanksgiving

December

- 4th - Class
- 11th - Class
- 18th - Christmas Program during worship, NO SS
- 25th - NO SS

January

- 1st - NO SS
- 8th - Class/Birthday Party for Jesus
- 15th - Class
- 22nd - Class
- 29th - Class (Annual Meeting)

February

- 5th - Class
- 12th - Class
- 19th - Class
- 26th - Class

March

- 5th - Class
- 12th - Class
- 19th - Class
- 26th - Class

April

- 2nd - Palm Sunday, Children march into 9:00am worship with Palm Branches, Sing in church - There will be Class
- 9th - NO SS - Easter
- 16th - Class
- 23rd - NO SS (Confirmation Sunday)
- 30th - Class

May

- 7th - Class
- 14th - Class
- 21st - Class - Last Day of SS

Youth Puzzle & Activity



A full Quiver

Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

Directions: Use the key to match the number of each arrow with the correct letter.

R E C R O H N S L I A W D R

Like _____
56 21 71 28 60 42

in the hands of a warrior are

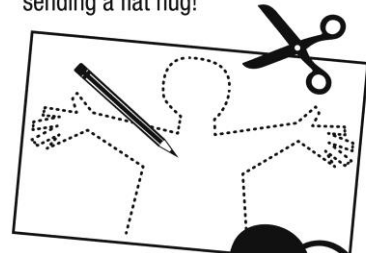
born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV

Answer: arrows, children

Envelope EMBRACE

Show long-distance love to grandparents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



What you need:

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope



What you do:

1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
5. Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.



WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

Mark your calendars!!!

- September 8th:** "Over 80" Party
2:00p.m. - Fireside Room
- September 25th:** Bazaar & Fall Dinner
11:00a.m. - Fellowship Hall
- October 8th:** Prairie Conference
WELCA Fall Gathering
8:30a.m.-Christ Lutheran
in Cottonwood
- October 8th:** "Setting the Table for
Hospice" Event

Coffee Talk

Anyone interested in serving, please sign up. If you would like to donate food but are unable to physically do the serving, we can arrange for someone to help. Please call the church office 223-5528 or Juli Wornson – 507-530-8001 with questions. Thank you!

Fall Bazaar/Ham Dinner – Sunday, September 25, 2022

We are gearing up for the Bazaar to be held **Sunday, September 25th**. Whatever baked goods, produce, crafts or plants anyone is able to contribute will be appreciated. **If** you have any

ideas on how the Bazaar could be enhanced, please let one of the committee members know. **There will not be a White Elephant table this year.** We will have takeout and delivery options. Orders will be taken in the Church office (507-223-5528) through **Friday, September 23rd**, before the Bazaar and also that Sunday from 11a-12p you can call the office number.

Please contact Juli Wornson 507-530-8001 with questions or comments.

"Over 80" Party


Thursday, September 8, 2022 -2:00p.m.
Ann Clarksean is going to do a 'Sing Along' while playing her guitar. ***No formal invites will be sent. Please call the church office - 223-5528, to RSVP by Tuesday, September 6th.**
All Women and Men over 80 are welcome to attend as our special guests.

Part of our program will be reminiscing of past church memories. Put your mind to work and think of a special time or event you would like to share.



ISO....A refrigerator for the church kitchen - either donated or for sale. Please contact the church office at 223-5528. Thank you!

We are also looking for help with removing the old one and dropping off at Tom Noyes' place in Porter.

	<h2 style="color: red;">September 2022</h2>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 1</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2:00 p.m. Hendricks Nursing Home Communion Service</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 2</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 3</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 5</p>	<p><i>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Closed</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED 2:00p.m. Women's Circle in the Fireside Room</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 7</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2:00 p.m. WELCA 'Over 80' Party Fireside Room</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 9</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 11</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. SONSHINE Worship - <i>Blessing of Backpacks, Teachers and students</i> <i>Baptism - Langston Lee Kamrath</i> 10:00a.m. <i>Rally Sunday (Sunday School)</i> 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 12</p>	<p><i>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Closed</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 13</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMMUNION</u> 10:30 a.m. Sylvan Court Communion 12:45 p.m. Sylvan Place Communion 3:00 p.m. TWA/TWB Communion 7:00 p.m. Council at Large Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 15</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 16</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 17</p>	

<p>15th Sunday after Pentecost 18</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship 3rd Graders receive their bibles during worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk</p>
<p>Monday 19</p>	<p>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Closed 9:00 a.m. Quilting</p>
<p>Tuesday 20</p>	
<p>Wednesday 21</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Pastor Levi - Hospital Board Meeting</p>
<p>Thursday 22</p>	
<p>Friday 23</p>	
<p>Saturday 24</p>	
<p>16th Sunday after Pentecost 25</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. WELCA Fall Bazaar & Ham Dinner</p>
<p>Monday 26</p>	<p>Pastor's Sabbath - Office Closed</p>
<p>Tuesday 27</p>	
<p>Wednesday 28</p>	
<p>Thursday 29</p>	<p>Newsletter Articles Due by noon</p>
<p>Friday 30</p>	<p>September Newsletter Assembled</p>



Our Saviour's Lutheran is asking each church family to help update our directory. Accurate information determines the correct amount of support to the Southwest Minnesota Synod. The church wants to gather member opinions & volunteer options. Thank you for sharing to update church records, identify needs & give input on the future gifts of time to our church.

Please return to church office when complete. There are copies available in office.

Name(s) _____

Children who are church members _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

E-mail (s) _____

Please answer by **CIRCLING** Yes or No to the following questions.

1. Yes No Is it OK for our church to contact you by text?
2. Yes No Is it OK for our church to contact you by email?
3. Yes No Do you receive the monthly newsletter by email?
4. Yes No Do you watch church services on the local cable channel?
5. Yes No Do you watch the taped or on-line church service?
6. Yes No Do you need a ride to church?
7. Yes No Would you consider bringing a friend to church?
8. Yes No Do you have children or grandchildren in need of baptism?
9. Yes No Have you considered a gift to our church foundation in estate planning?
10. Yes No Are you interested in sharing your skills and talents with our church?

Please explore the following list (also on the next page) about sharing the gift of your talents. Please place an X for each current gift & any additional skills or gifts of time you want to share:

WORSHIP

_____ The gift of reading scripture during church

_____ The gift of ushering

_____ The gift of helping to serve communion (the Deacons)

_____ The gift of altar care - setting up the altar (the Altar Guild)

MUSIC

- _____ The gifts of singing in the choir &/or providing special worship music
- _____ The gifts of Sonshine &/or the Bell Choir

LEARNING

- _____ The gift of Sunday School
- _____ The gift of Friday Release Time
- _____ The gift of Vacation Bible School

HELPING

- _____ The gifts of office volunteer and volunteer calling &/or coordination
- _____ The gifts of multimedia projection, teleministry &/or website updates
- _____ The gifts of plumbing, electrical, carpentry, dry wall &/or painting
- _____ The gifts of landscaping, gardening &/or lawn care
- _____ The gifts of cleaning the kitchen, general maintenance &/or repair
- _____ The gifts of serving funerals, coffee hour &/or Lent soup supper
- _____ The gifts of quilting, working at the fair stand &/or Easter breakfast
- _____ The gifts of home communion, rides to church or Meals on Wheels

LEADING

- _____ The gift of serving as a church officer -Pres. -Vice Pres. or Secretary
- _____ The gift of serving on a church board - Trustees, Board of Youth Education, Deacons, Cemeteries, LEAF, Cornerstone, Foundation, WELCA, Internship, or Synod Conference Representatives

Please list any other talents and gifts of time you share or want to share with our church.

I have always wanted to help our church by _____

One of the things OSL should celebrate is _____

I wish our church would _____

A new project our church should start is _____

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME & EFFORT TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR CHURCH!