



“The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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One of the recurring themes I have seen here at Our Saviour’s through the years is an incredible sense of responsible stewardship and joyful offering that has sustained a vital sense of Christ’s mission here in our community and throughout the world. Whenever a need is made known this wonderful congregation steps forward to meet it. The faithful giving of this congregation has been a blessing, and the Board of Trustees and myself would like to respond to this blessing by always being as transparent as possible when it comes to your offerings.

One of the ways we decided on doing that is by me making use of the Pastor’s space in the Visitor four times a year to share with you, information on where we stand in our offering and budget goals for the year so far. An educated congregation is a healthy congregation and knowledge can be an invitation to learn more, so hopefully you will find this information useful.

In order to match our budgeted amount for the year we need to average an offering of **\$20,122.25**. Some months we collect more than amount, and some months we collect less. For example, let’s take a look at the last two months, July and August. In July we collected **\$15,394.64**. Whereas in August we collected **\$18,894.03**. Now as you can see both of these months are lower than needed to meet the budget, however due to the pandemic that should not be a surprise. One month can tell you a lot, but not the whole story. Our giving for the year has actually been pretty robust.

To match the budget for the first eight months of the year we would need to collect **\$160,978.00** at this point we have collected **\$149,321.30**, we also received \$20,000 as part of the Paycheck Protection Program. Now, in keeping with the big picture it is important for you to know that in the six years that I have been here at Our Saviour’s we have consistently finished the year somewhere between 8% and 11% under budget. At 8% under the budget we would need to have collected about **\$148,335.88** so even under normal estimates we would be doing great. Also, due to the church not being in use as much, we changed our heating and cooling practices and that has led to a substantial decrease in our monthly utility bills. This should lead to us coming in under budget by an even greater margin.

The summer months are traditionally a time when giving dips considerably so to end the summer months where we are speaks to the good year of giving we have had. That is reason to rejoice because it means we are more free to follow the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and go out into this world to change lives. Fiscal success is important, but only in how it allows us to live out the mission of God. I hope this information has been useful to you, and may God continue to bless your lives.

Pastor Levi

Dates to Remember...

9/6/20 - Worship has been rescheduled to Wednesday, 9/9.

9/7/20 – Labor Day

9/8/20 – OFFICE CLOSED

9/9/20 - Worship – 7pm - rescheduled from Sunday, 9/6

9/9/20 – Council at Large will meet in the sanctuary following worship.

9/13/20 - Worship with Holy Communion

For July 25th – August 27th:
Gifts/Offerings received: \$21,884.24
Distributions: \$21,071.36

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.



Eternal Lights for the month of SEPTEMBER

For **September** the **Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in loving memory of Danny Sorby's birthday on September 12th. Given by Nadine.

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.

August Mission Calendar

11th: In memory of Jean Schultz (Karen Hacker's mother). Given by Shirley Saum.

30th: In honor of Lorraine Grondahl's 102nd Birthday today. Given by Jeanne Evanson

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

30th: In memory of Bennie & Irene Madsen who were married on August 26,1948. Given by their 4 girls.

**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

Gert Zell

Gail Fokken

Bennie & Irene Madsen

Mission Calendar

Gert Zell

Gail Fokken

Jean Schultz

Lorraine Grondahl

Undesignated

Harry Wernisch

Our Dearly Departed in July

Stanley Paulsen

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

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	2020

OSL Special Congregational Meeting Minutes from Sunday, August 2, 2020

President Benson called the meeting to order following the Church service on 8/2/20.

Pastor Levi Bollerud led the congregation in prayer.

President Benson called Trustee Mark Fokken forward.

Mark Fokken made a motion to accept the bid from All

Elements Inc. of Monticello, MN to replace the flat roof on the education wing for a cost of \$37,738. The motion was seconded by Gene Eilers. President Benson asked for discussion. Mark Fokken provided information about the repairs needed on the education wing of the church building and the bids received. President Benson asked if there was any more discussion; A quorum was confirmed with 30 members physically present in the church and 46 absentee ballots cast (22 members had certified that they were attending the service virtually via the livestream or cable broadcast). President Benson advised the members to mark their ballots voting yes or no and when done to place their ballot in the bowl at the back of the Church as they left.

President Benson adjourned the meeting after completion of voting.

Respectfully submitted, Dee Benson

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council-at-Large Minutes of the August 9, 2020 Meeting

Council at Large was called to order on 8/9/2020 at 10:15a.m. by President Dee Benson. Pastor Levi led us in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the July 12, 2020 meeting were read; there were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as read.

President Benson reminded council members that this was the last 'summer schedule' meeting held on Sunday's. Next month we will resume our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:oop.m.

(September 9th following our worship that evening).

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned the boards broke off into their separate groups.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Norquist

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

August 9, 2020

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

Absent: Mark Whittier, Carol Gorder

Chair Mark Fokken called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the July meeting were read. It was noted that Cheryl is working on updating the constitution to reflect the changes approved at the annual meeting. We are also working on some clean-up of some small memorial accounts. 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 \$10,000 was transferred to the Cornerstone fund (approved at the previous meeting). Cornerstone fund balance is now at \$20,109.33. The water bill has increased due to lawn watering. We have received our quarterly Endowment Fund payment of interest. It was noted that some donations designated to the roof project are coming in. Motion made and seconded to pay the outstanding bills from July 11th to August 7th. Motion carried.
- III. **Possible Church Usage:** Pastor Bollerud shared information regarding the school choir dilemma in finding an appropriate place for practices that would ensure social distancing requirements are met. Motion was made and seconded to extend an invitation to Beth Hansen to utilize the sanctuary for choir practices during the pandemic. Scheduling will need to be coordinated through the church office. Motion carried.
- IV. **Intern Possibilities:** The original possibility, as noted in the July meeting minutes, is no longer a viable option. Pastor Bollerud was notified that Wartburg College is looking for host church facilities for the coming year. This would be more of a traditional internship (as opposed to the option that was discussed at the July meeting). This would be a full year internship with interviews beginning in March, and the

Intern starting in July of 2021. Following discussion, the Trustees decided that we will express our interest in the Internship program. There is no commitment at this time.

- V. **Roof Update:** The congregation approved the bid to move forward with work on the roof. All Elements Inc. of Monticello plans to do the work beginning the first week of October. The contract states that one half of the cost is due upon signing the contract. Motion made and seconded to make the payment using donations that have come in thus far, with the remainder of the required 50% to be taken from the Undesignated Memorial fund. Motion carried.
- VI. **Investment Committee:** Discussions continue in planning for the future. The Trustees would like to see a committee formed once the Pandemic situation subsides. The committee would be asked to explore options for individuals to include OSL in their estate planning as well as creating policies for accepting those types of gifts.
- VII. **Spraying at Cemeteries:** We continue to gather information for this agenda item.
- VIII. **Other:**
 - a. Discussion was had regarding the opening of the church office. It was decided that the office will once again be open; keeping in mind that social distancing is still required.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.
The board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Giese, Secretary, OSL Board of Trustees

BOARD OF DEACONS

August 9, 2020

No Meeting

YOUTH BOARD

August 9, 2020

Present: Kelly Stoks, Cheryl Norquist
Pastor Levi met with Youth Board members that were present, to discuss upcoming program year. He proposed putting off in-person classes until January. Kelly brought the idea of possible virtual classes, monthly zoom meetings to make sure the kids are keeping engaged during this time. Pastor Levi liked the ideas and will do some more thinking on them.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

August 9, 2020

Present: Jon Hanson, Linda Richter, Kristen Fairchild
Pastor Levi met with the Board of Education members that were present, to discuss upcoming program year. He proposed putting off 'in-person' classes until January. Linda stated they were going to be working on ideas for the 3yr olds-6th grade to keep them engaged during that time.



***Happy Birthday to all those
born in 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
Ernie Chrtt
Kelsey Feuerhelm

15th:

Leon Gehrking

17th:

Mischelle Balvin
Corey Nelson
Stephen Ufkin

18th:

James Beiningen
Sabrina Stockman
Nona Verschelde
Tierney Viessman
Peyton Winter

20th:

Jacob Fairchild
James VanDerostyne

21st:

Cameron Anderson
Kathy Johnson
Alenni Nemitz

22nd:

Blake Haugen
Richard Reyerson

23rd:

Greg Coil

24th:

Lyle Gorder
Lori Nosbush

25th:

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

26th:

Bruce Mead
Susan Schanning

27th:

Paxton Grong

28th:

Brady Hulzebos

29th:

Debra Cornell
Kelly Eischens
Roy Fairchild

30th:

Falon Antony
Jaden Coil
Curtis Olson



**Happy Anniversary in
September!**

1st

Mary & Curt Melby

6th

Karen & Allen Livermore

7th

Pat & Richard Rogers
Lisa & Curt Hoffman

8th

Steve & Kelly Gagnon

9th

Tawny & Ryan Olson

13th

Ashley & Jordan Anhalt

15th

LaVonne & Dale Anhalt
Kacie & Blake Haugen

16th

Angela & Nathan Hulzebos

17th

Millie & Ralph Hall
Jada & Travis Christianson

19th

Courtney & Stanton Isfeld

20th

Rick & Glenda 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

Thank You's.....

Thank you for the quilt & support throughout the years.

Payton Anhalt

OSL,

Thank you for the quilt as it will help me feel comforted during the hard times of moving away from home! Thanks for everything you've done for me!

Kortni Arndt

Dear OSL Church Family, and Quilting Committee,

Thank you so much for the awesome quilt I received for my graduation! I am especially grateful this year for your support and love!
Cameron Maynard



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, 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.

those

who have special needs: Myra Nelson, Karen Olsen, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Brooks Winning, Nina Benz, Dennis Noshush, Katrina Vick, Jesse Eischens, Deloris Griffith, Cindy Hiedeman, Brayden Baker, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, Monica Larson (Sherri Full's niece), Delroy Thompson, Stephanie Kreutner, John Cornell, LaVonne Winters, Evelyn Husby, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Don Kirkeide, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Connie Severson, 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.

WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

All events, until further notice, have been cancelled or postponed. We will update as time goes on.

“When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure.”
—Peter Marshall



*When anxiety was great within me,
your consolation brought me joy.—
Psalm 94:19 (NIV)*



When stress overpowers you, turn to God. If you feel burdened by taking on too much, recognize that it's not your job to make everything happen. Do what you can and trust that God will do His part. No matter what task you are facing, look up and know that God will bring you joy.

