

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

DIRECTORY FOR 2021

PASTOR:	Dan Beattie
OFFICE MANAGER:	Pam Steckler
CUSTODIANS:	Brad & Kylie Stroehler (January-May) Randy Kelly (May-December)
OFFICE ASSISTANT:	Krystal Albertsen
WORSHIP & MUSIC COORDINATOR:	Mary Jo Burger
DIRECTOR OF PRAISE BAND:	Jo Beane
THE ROCK YOUTH LEADERS:	Nate Vorm, Dan Bierbrodt
CHOIR DIRECTORS:	
Sr. Choir — Gary Keller; Accompanist - Melissa Hill & Kelly Polson	
Kids Choir — Not active in 2021	
ORGANISTS/PIANISTS — Barb Smith, Diane Kleckner, Kelly Polson & Ryan Weber	
CHURCH COUNCIL — Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month	
President — Kyle Kjergaard	
Vice-President — Joe Elmquist	
Secretary — Jeanne Schwab/Kathy Graeve	
Treasurer — Colleen Porsch	
Council members — Colleen Porsch, Megan Kelly, Janet Collins, Allie Brooks, Patrick Hamilton	

COMMITTEES

Building & Property:		
	Bruce Andersen	Rod Hansen (Council Rep.)
	Arch Andersen	Kurt Nelson
	Janet Collins (Council Rep.)	Bob Sornson
	Curtis Derry	Dan Schmidt
Education:		
	Katie Bierbrodt (Children & Youth Coordinator)	
	Megan Kelly (Council Rep.)	Pam Steckler
	Megan Kjergaard	Heather Toft
	Kaylene Riebhoff	Sara Vorm
Evangelism:		
	Allie Brooks (Council Rep.)	Janell Lowe
	Sharolyn Fett	Joan Mortensen
	Alice Hemmingsen	Elayne Sinow
Stewardship:		
	Joe Elmquist (Council Rep.)	Frank Olsen
	Dan Madsen	Colleen Porsch (Council Rep.)
	Lee Nielsen	Dan Smith
Worship:		
	Judy Baker	Genese Hamilton
	Mary Jo Burger (Worship & Music Coordinator)	
	Curtis Derry	Patrick Hamilton (Council Rep.)
	Danielle Derry	Linda Keller
	Kathy Graeve (Council Rep.)	Raydene Mathisen
Altar Guild Committee Co-Chairs:		
	Mary Jo Burger	Janice Hemmingsen
Koinonia:		
	Joe Elmquist (Council rep.)	Janice Hemmingsen
	Chip Hansen	
Caring & Sharing:		
	Judy Baker	Ardell Kelly
	Danielle Derry	Norma Nielsen
	Lela Gleason	

Mission Ministry Team:	Tim Andersen Jolene Burns Barb Christensen Curtis Derry Danielle Derry	Dan Madsen Lee Nielsen Norma Nielsen Nancy Sand Dan Smith
Mutual Ministry:	Tim Andersen Dan Madsen	Marlene Englin Jenny Smith
Nominating Committee:	Outgoing Council Members: Members at large:	Bruce Andersen, Curtis Derry Mark Baier, Jeff DeBower Sue Edwards, Sara Vorm
Photography Team:	Alice Hemmingsen	Lorri Thygesen
Safety Committee:	Megan Kjergaard	Tyler Thygesen
Scholarship:	Lisa Frederiksen Lyle Hansen, Jr.	Shannon Nelsen
Finance Committee:	Karen Nelsen Frank Olsen	Jim Tinker
Wellness Committee:	Barb Jacobsen Shellie Madsen	Lee Nielsen
Women of Faith Officers:	Co-Chairs: Jolene Burns, Janell Lowe Treasurer: Sandy Parsons Co-Secretaries: Carol Albertsen, Mary Kay Lewis Mission Action: Janice Andersen & Donis Hansen	

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ANNUAL REPORT OF PASTOR DAN BEATTIE

OUT OF THE PIT

If 2020 was the year that felt like the world as we know it had fallen into a pit. 2021 has been the year of climbing out of a pit, gazing out at the chaos that created the pit, rolling up the sleeves, and trying to put things back in order.

Our regular spiritual habits were disrupted. We had disruption in our staff as well, with Brad and Kylie Strocher stepping down as custodians, and bidding farewell to Jane and Bob Weber. But we pressed on.

It was a joy to celebrate baptisms in January and learn about the Holy Spirit in the season of Epiphany.

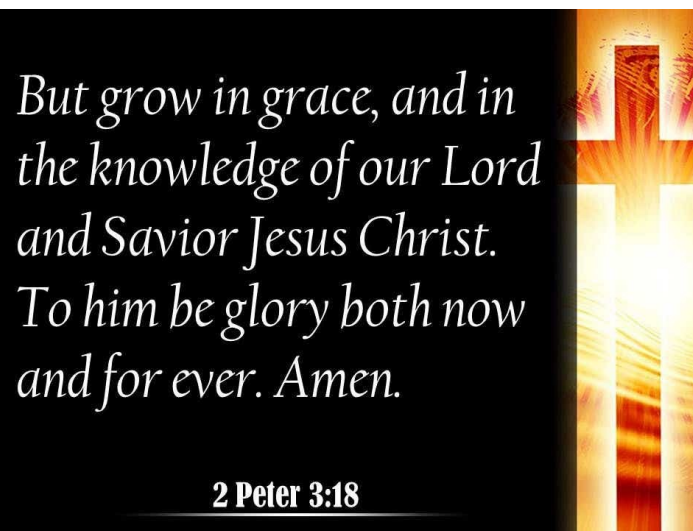
There were many firsts for me in 2021. It was a joy to learn how this congregation observes Lent and together we experienced a first sunrise worship on Easter morning. Then there was touch-a-truck Sunday. What a thrill it was when the Life-Flight chopper landed RIGHT IN FRONT of the church building!!!! Then there was confirmation. I had the chance to be a part of and see what a normal confirmation Sunday was like. Over the summer we experimented with outdoor worship, finally had Welcome-Pastor-and-family social after worship. It was the first time in a year and a half we had a regular time of fellowship in the fellowship hall. Another set of firsts were the joyful gathering of friends and family at several fall weddings - More steps moving us closer towards "normal." This fall I had my first group of 8 newcomers participate in a 10-week Believer's Basics course. And most recently we celebrated Advent with a time of worship that packed the house, so to speak. Of all the firsts I've experienced, our first midweek Advent worship has been the most encouraging. We had joy filled diners in the fellowship hall. Then we moved upstairs for a community worship service. It was so comforting and encouraging to see so many visitors from other congregations and to hear all the beautiful music praising the Lord Jesus. It was like a huge sigh of relief, a feeling of **finally** being close to what "normal" looks like for this congregation and this community – **phew!**

I had similar feelings at figure 8 races in the summer and football games in the fall and most recently the school's band concert. Unlike last year, the school auditorium was packed! We have much to be thankful for and much more joy to anticipate in the coming year.

That was 2021. Let's take a look at what's on the horizon in 2022. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with our new Director of Worship & Music, Mary Jo Burger. She has been a fine addition to our staff and we can expect God's blessing on her ministry at OSLC in the coming year. As we continue to recover and grow we look

forward to our unique OSLC traditions while seeking Holy Spirit guidance in adding new ministries or reigniting old ones, such as Meals From The Heartland, or prison ministry with Church of the Damascus Road in Rockwell City. I've been thinking about three ministry ideas. One is called Celebrate Recovery another is called Divorce Care, and a third focused on the support group model dealing with Grief Care, especially at the death of a spouse. Above all I'm looking forward to the Holy Spirit at work in our midst as we continue to give ourselves over to Him through the study, application and contemplation of God's Holy Word.

To God Be the Glory,
Pastor Dan



OSLC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the calendar turns to the year 2022, we hope and pray to continue to see more “normalcy” come to our world and to our church. In 2021, we’ve been blessed to be able to get together again as we had prior to the Pandemic in 2020. Just recently, it was great to see our youth put on their Christmas program once again- a welcome blessing during the advent season. Returning sounds from the Praise Band and Senior choir certainly have enhanced our worship time together as well! Pastor Dan continues to spread God’s word to members and others in our area.

I’d like to thank our great staff and many volunteers for their hard work once again this year. Also, welcome to Mary Jo Burger to the Worship and Music Coordinator position at OSLC; thank you for stepping in and filling this important role in our church! It does take a village to make it all go- whether it be serving a large Christmas dinner crowd, hosting a successful week of Bible School, or livestreaming worship services. I’d like to encourage and challenge everyone to stay active in the church and keep a mission based mindset as you go through your daily lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as council President again this year. Many thanks to all of you who serve in whatever capacity you’ve been called- maybe as a board member, to provide music, vacuum floors, teach a Sunday School class, or just showing up with a smile and a kind word. Every person is important in this congregation. We are blessed with a great church body at OSLC, and together let’s continue to show God’s love to one another in the next year!

Kyle Kjergaard



PRAYER MINISTRY

Peter wrote in his 2nd letter (4:7). The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray!!! “For such a time as this” we surely understand what St. Paul meant when he told us to Pray without ceasing!!!! Our seeking the Lord has become moment by moment—ready to hear from the Lord.

The prayer ministry at Our Saviour’s remains the same- "being devoted to prayer" (Acts 2:42) with many opportunities to pray together and alone with our Lord God. There is so much that could distract us from that personal time with Jesus. We are so thankful for those who ask for prayer, knowing that the Lord with His divine power will intercede on our behalf. We are hoping to have our prayer ministry in the alcove Sunday’s following worship active very soon. If you would like to be a prayer warrior in this ministry, contact the church office. We are also meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the chapel for morning prayer. A special time of prayer is whenever 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, Jesus said! You may find a need to pray for someone in the grocery store, some of us are delighting in prayer at the Broadway bakery or anywhere we gather together!! Never wait for a more convenient time, the time is "here and now".

God's promise remains in the words of 2 Chronicles 7:14, If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and Pray and Seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, THEN I will hear from heaven and I will Forgive their sin and will heal their land!!!! Humbled, then God says Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place!!!!

MISSION MINISTRY REPORT

OSLC is called to be a mission-focused, Christ-centered faith community. We pray for the Lord's lead as we engage this post-Christian world with the Good News of God's saving grace for all people. We pray for wise stewardship of His resources. Thank you for your participation in mission ministry in your homes, in our community, our state, our nation and globally! We strive to maintain a positive mission-spirited energy, a sacrificial giving towards mission ministry, and a personal participation with time, talents and treasures!

Some mission ministries and community efforts we share a partnership with include the following:

Adopt a Local Family at Christmas	Audubon School Launch Program
Caring and Sharing	New Opportunities
CROP Walk	GoServe Global
Audubon County School	Hesed International
The Church of the Damascus Road in Rockwell City	Hope Ministries of Des Moines
Compassion International	Lutheran Services in Iowa
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry	Lutheran World Relief
Blessman International-South Africa Mission	Local Adopt a Child
ALWM Awakening Lives to World Mission	Audubon County Jail
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Quilting Ministry
Ingham/Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp	Community Christmas Dinner
Four LCMC mission churches	Relay for Life
Friendship Home & Exira Care Center	Local churches
Foster Care families/closet	Koinonia Fund
Silent Shepherding (praying for the names of our faith community printed in the Upper Room devotionals)	

God Bless you and your witness through word and deed!
Pastor Dan Beattie

KOINONIA

The sharing of monetary gifts brings hope, joy and peace to those who are in troublesome times. We thank God that we have been able to extend help to many who are experiencing a crisis and are in need of funds to receive this help throughout the years. We also extend our thanks to everyone who contributes to this fund. The Koinonia Fund is supported by donations, and is not a budgeted item. If you would like to donate, please stop at the church office and visit with Pam.

Committee: Janice Hemmingsen, Chip Hansen, Joe Elmquist (Council rep.)

2021 KOINONIA REPORT

January 1, 2021 Beginning Balance.....	\$618.89
2021 Requests for funds.....	\$163.30
2021 Interest/Donations.....	\$503.06
December 31, 2021 Balance.....	\$958.65



OSLC ALTAR GUILD

We have made some changes to the Altar Guild schedule. Due to retirements and some continuing Covid concerns, we have 2 people instead of 3 on most of the teams. We appreciate the years of service that our many volunteers have provided. It's the responsibility of the Altar Guild to set up and take down the communion services on Sundays and a couple of special services. They are also responsible to see that the Altar flowers go to the people who signed up to sponsor them and also that the liners are returned to the flower shop. The Altar linens are also kept clean and in good repair. We also help set up for baptisms. It is great to be able to share the responsibilities of this wonderful ministry.

Thank you to everyone who serves on the Altar Guild. It is a very important part of the worship presentation. If anyone would like to serve, please give one of us a call. We would love to get back to teams of three or even have a waiting list.

Janice Hemmingsen & Mary Jo Burger
Altar Guild co-chairs

THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Building and Property Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

Highlights of 2021

1. Annual clean up held.
2. Repair of canopy.
3. Clean up after bats.
4. Boiler check up and repairs.
5. Completed contract for snow removal (side walks).
6. Installed window air conditioners.
7. Installed new carpet in Sunday School office.
8. Painted upstairs storage room and Sunday School office.
9. Put new shelves in upstairs storage rooms.
10. Sought bids on bat removal.
11. Sought bids on sound proofing of downstairs social room.
12. Installed new bench (concrete) by south entrance.

Projects under consideration, 2022

1. Search more reasonable (cost) sound proofing of downstairs social room.
2. Cover for outdoor entrance (stairwell).
3. Check air conditioning (filters & coils).
4. Bat remediation (may have solution in spring when they leave).

We welcome members to join the Building and Property Committee in keeping the Lord's House in great condition.

Committee members are:

Bob Sornson, Arch Andersen, Kurt Nelson, Dan Schmidt, Curtis Derry, Bruce Andersen, Janet Collins (Council Rep.), Rod Hansen (Council Rep.)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee's highlights and challenges in 2021:

Sunday School curriculum in 2021 was from Sola (K-3) and (Live 4-8). Our committee is always talking about curriculum and how we can differentiate it with our different grade levels.

Pastor Dan taught five weeks of Holy Communion classes for the 5th grade beginning February 7th- March 7th and their First Communion was March 21st. The 6th graders received acolyte instruction that started on April 11th and they began their acolyting duties in May.

Our annual trip to the Friendship Home to sing for the residents on Palm Sunday was cancelled due to Covid-19.

The first weekend in May, the Sunday School children sang some songs during worship on the front lawn of the church. Everyone then enjoyed our first Touch a Truck Sunday, followed by lunch for everyone. This event was a huge success and we look forward to doing it again in the future.

Vacation Bible School this year was from Monday, July 19th-July 22nd for 3 year olds- 4th grade with the theme Rocky Railway. We shared decorations with churches from Atlantic and Griswold. Bible school was held in the evening from 5:00-8:00 p.m. We had daily lessons, music, and activities that reminded us that Jesus Power will pull us through. The week ended with a program and slideshow for families to see what we had been doing all week. We again invited community members to attend and had another very successful and well run VBS with about 128 kids, helpers, and adults.

Rally Sunday this year was September 12th. We presented Pre-K students with their beginner bibles and third graders were presented their NIV bibles. We had left over money from parents/congregation members to continue purchasing snacks/drinks. We also have worked with the Women of Faith on combining Sunday School snacks with coffee after church.

Sunday School offering is supporting a good cause, helping our Compassion International children, and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ! We continue to sponsor two children from Tanzania through Compassion International ministry - a girl, Grace, and a boy, Ibrahimu. We have sent letters to these children and are supporting them financially every month. We also have given monetary birthday and Christmas family gifts. They have written us back and drawn us pictures many times! It is our goal to keep the OSLC congregation informed and these children visible to them as well. This year we were able to adopt a family within our community from the Sunday School classes with their offering money. Council matched our offering up to \$400. Thank you for your continued support of donations of Sunday School offering.

The annual Sunday School Christmas program was December 19th. It was wonderful to be able to have this program in person this year. We gave ornaments to the kids following the program. We took a two week Christmas break and resumed classes on January 9th, 2022.

We continue to sponsor 1-2 Family Nights a year. This year we offered Halloween pumpkin painting. The children come together for games, fun, snacks and fellowship. It has been wonderful for the kids to enjoy fellowship with all age groups of children, youth & adults. We are having discussion on how to grow our family ministry within our church.

The Rock Youth Ministry (7th-12th) continues with Junior High meeting the first Sunday of the month for supper/games/devotions (they enjoy supper with the High School students), and High School meeting on Sundays evenings. Because of low numbers, The Rock took the summer months off and resumed in the fall with a fun day at the lake. The Rock also attended Ignite Youth Conference in March. Youth Group is a time for the students to get together to play games, talk about challenges they are facing, and learn about how to keep God in their lives. We look forward to growing our youth program in 2022!

Plans for 2022 and upcoming challenges facing the Education Committee are:

- ~Inconsistent attendance (attendance is very inconsistent in several classes, so trying to do our best to combine classes/teachers but keep the curriculum still age based).
- ~Keep the Compassion Child ministry going and growing with SS offering.

- ~Holy Communion instruction for 5th grade offered in the Spring of 2022.
- ~6th grade acolyte instruction in the Spring of 2022.
- ~Prepare for VBS.
- ~Recruit SS teachers, VBS leaders, and new members for the Education Committee.
- ~Family Fun Night (coming up with new ideas to help get families active).

The Education Committee gained no new members this year. If you are interested in working in any way with the youth of OSLC, please talk to a committee member. We would like to offer our appreciation to our teachers, parent volunteers, and music leaders. The many activities of the Sunday School students would not be possible without the outstanding support of our volunteers. Thanks to a Memorial gift, we added a new tv/sound system for our Preschool-1st Grade opening in the downstairs social room. We look forward to working with the youth of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and to a rewarding 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Kjergaard -Pam Steckler—Katie Bierbrodt
 Heather Toft - Sara Vorm- Kaylene Riebhoff –Megan Kelly (Council Representative)

OSLC WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee joins in coordinating many activities and services at OSLC by working with the Pastor, church council, altar guild, ushers, Praise Band, choirs, organists/pianists, projection system/sound/video/live-streaming operators, children message volunteers and assists with all regular and special worship services at our church, Friendship Home, and Exira Care Center. Our thanks go to those who so graciously serve the Lord by participating in or by overseeing these many areas of worship.

2021 has brought about many changes and challenges and even, new opportunities, to our worship regimen. With covid-19 still being on the front burner in so many people's minds, we've done our best to try and make everyone feel comfortable. Even with the restrictions being dropped, we know everyone's comfort levels are all different, we are trying to do our best, and we appreciate everyone's efforts. We continue to live-stream our services for those that are not comfortable with coming to church to worship together, in person, we pray this changes in the very near future.

We have tried to resume as many community activities and events as we can and these are the ones we conducted in 2021: Nursing Home Vesper and Communion services, First Communion Sunday, Wednesday Lenten worship along with a bring your own meal gathering, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Confirmation Sunday, Senior Recognition, Praise in the Park, Rally Sunday, Backpack blessing, Quilting Ministry, All Saints' Sunday, Reformation Sunday, Staff Appreciation, Fall and Advent decorating, Wednesday Advent worship with Ecumenical Music service, and Christmas Eve/Day services.

Music has always been an important tradition at Our Saviour's, and we are grateful to the directors, accompanists, musicians, and singers who share their musical gifts throughout the year. "Behind the Cross" Praise Band leads worship once a month (Aug-May), provides AHS Baccalaureate music in May and plays occasionally at area churches. The Praise Band currently consists of seven youth under the direction of Jo Beane along with Gary Keller, "the sound man", and pianist Melissa Hill, and is enjoyed by youth through adults both in our church and in the community. The Senior Choir (director Gary Keller and accompanist Melissa Hill) started back up in September and have been singing the first and third Sundays during worship and for special services. Kids Choir needs an additional leader as Patrick Hamilton has stepped down at this time. We are hopeful that someone will step forward and assist Marla Sunberg in this ministry as it is missed by many.

Our Saviour's is blessed with many faithful volunteers who commit themselves to carrying out the work of the Lord!

Raydene Mathisen	Danielle Derry	Patrick Hamilton
Judy Baker	Curtis Derry	Genese Hamilton
Linda Keller	Kathy Graeve (Council Rep.)	
Mary Jo Burger (Worship/Music Director)		

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Ephesians 4:11-12 “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up”.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were unable to do some of our regular activities this year.

Our regular Evangelism opportunities include:

- Confirmation reception.
- Graduation reception.
- New member receptions and give flowers to the new members and their families.
- Keep Cradle Roll updated and the Cradle Roll board that hangs in the entry way. Joyce Taggart manages this project.
- Baptismal crosses are presented to the newly baptized.
- Honor Mothers on Mother’s Day with a flower. This includes Moms that are in the Friendship Home or shut-ins.
- Honor Fathers on Father’s Day with Hershey bars. Also includes Dads in the Friendship Home and shut-ins.
- Hand out treats or small gifts for the various holidays to the Sunday School students.
- Hand out sacks of goodies to all children at Christmas Eve service.
- Line up greeters for the extra Worship Services throughout the Church year.
- Update the military board honoring our military men and women serving our country.
- Newspaper ads are placed in the local newspaper announcing Holy Week, Easter, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.
- The lawn banner announcing various church functions including Vacation Bible School, Rally Sunday or “Jesus Lives” for Easter.

Members:

Joan Mortensen, Elayne Sinow, Janell Lowe, Sharolyn Fett, Alice Hemmingsen and Allie Brooks (Council Rep.)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

In 2021, the Stewardship Committee was able to get back to a more normal (if there is such a thing) schedule with the events and projects we help plan and participate in. We hosted the Praise in the Park worship service and potluck on the fourth Sunday in August as well as provided an Advent supper before the Community Music Wednesday night service. The committee also bought FFA fruit to hand out after church as a way to encourage wellness.

The committee worked together to form a 2022 budget proposal for the council’s consideration.

As we look to 2022, Pastor Dan is planning to meet with us on a more regular basis to study the concept of Intentional Stewardship. This concept hopes to shed light on ways to use our God given gifts to glorify him and grow in our personal faith. We hope to bring informational materials to the congregation on this topic periodically throughout 2022.

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all of the members at OSLC for their gifts of time, talents, and treasures. We are excited to see what 2022 brings for OSLC and new ways in which we can be stewards of our God given gifts!

Respectfully,

Colleen Porsch, Joe Elmquist, Dan Smith, Dan Madsen, LeRoy Nielsen, Frank Olsen

2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President - Nate Vorm
Vice President - Aaron Jorgensen
Secretary - Janell Lowe
Treasurer - Tammy Sauers

Council Members

Patrick Hamilton-(serving second year of two year term)
Allie Brooks-(serving second year of two year term)
Janet Collins-(serving second year of two year term)
Rod Hansen-(serving second year of two year term)
Tim Andersen-(serving first year of two year term)
Elayne Sinow-(serving first year of two year term)

Nominating Committee Members for 2022 are:

Outgoing council members - Megan Kelly & Kyle Kjergaard

Members at large - Leroy Nielsen, Steve Mathisen, Jolene Burns, & Dan Bierbrodt

LCMC Annual Gathering, Lakeville, MN. October 2nd-5th - _____ & _____

Heartland District Conference - Barb Jacobsen

Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp Annual Meeting - LaDona Jergenson



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH

Officers for 2021:

Co-leaders: Jolene Burns and Janell Lowe

Co-secretaries: Carol Albertsen and Mary Kay Lewis

Treasurer: Sandy Parsons

Mission Action: Donis Hansen and Janice Andersen

Committees:

Caring and Sharing:

Norma Nielsen, Judy Baker, Lela Gleason, Ardell Kelly, Danielle Derry, Krystal Albertsen

Meals on wheels: Shellie Madsen and Judy Baker

On March 5th, 2021 World Day of Prayer was held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Methodist church presented the program. Twenty people attended with a donation of \$83.

A meeting of the officers and monthly co-leaders was held on March 29th, 2021. Pizza and pop was served. Sunday morning greeters resumed on April 4th and Sunday morning coffee began on May 16th in the fellowship hall. Women of Faith will once again serve funeral luncheons.

In early May a letter was sent to all Women of Faith presenting a Bakeless Bake Sale which was a great success with proceeds of \$4093.00 donated which enabled us to meet all of our benevolences. Thank you to everyone who participated

On August 4th, 2021 the Red Cross held a blood drive at St. Patrick's Parish Center hosted by OSLC. Approximately 50 people were served individually wrapped sandwiches and sweets.

October 21st, 2021 a meeting of the officers and monthly co-leaders was held. Committee reports and treasurer report was read. Updates were made to the ladies books. Discussion was held on creating a master list of greeters to be assigned to each Sunday. Sunday morning coffee will now include adults and children with WOF and the Education committee working together to provide drinks and snacks. WOF will provide suppers to the youth group on the first Sunday of each month.

Our balance prior to paying benevolences was \$6117.96.

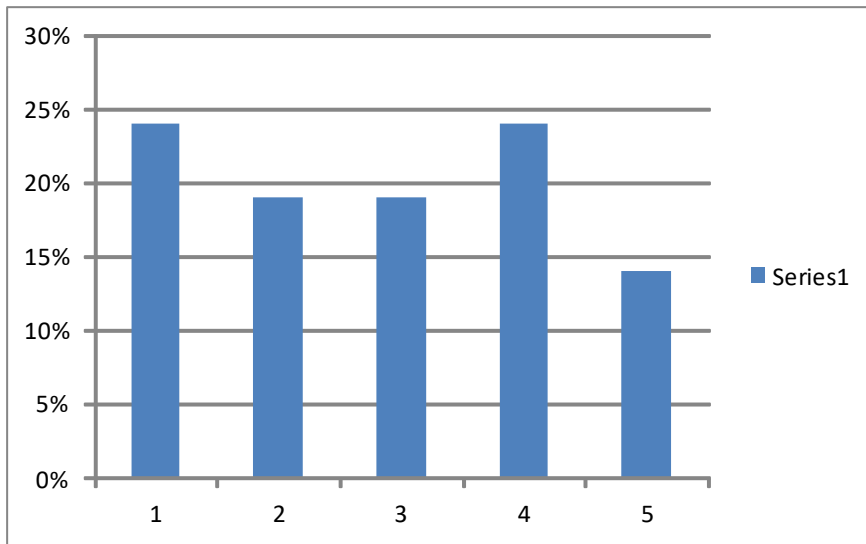
The following are the benevolences that were distributed:

Okoboji Camp Ministries: \$200.	OSLC Bible Campers: \$600.	Caring and Sharing: \$300
Operation Christmas Child: \$200.	New Opportunities: \$200.	Hope Ministries: \$300
Lutheran World Relief: \$200.	OSLC Scholarships : \$300.	Oaks Indian Mission \$200
Good Neighbor Center: \$200.	Prison Storybook Project: \$200	Family Crisis Center: \$200
OSLC Vacation Bible School: \$200.	Life Care Pregnancy Center \$300.	Audubon Co Foster Closet \$300
Exira Care Center \$100.	Friendship Home \$100.	
OSLC Employee Christmas gifts: Pastor Dan \$125, Pam \$100, Mary Jo \$75, Krystal \$50. Randy \$50		

Thank you to all the Women of Faith for your continued generous giving from your hearts.



STATISTICAL REPORT
A DECEMBER, 2021 DEMOGRAPHIC OF OSLC
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP TOTALING 598 BAPTIZED MEMBERS



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| 1 | Ages 0-19 |
| 2 | Ages 20-39 |
| 3 | Ages 40-59 |
| 4 | Ages 60-79 |
| 5 | Ages 80 & above |

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Average Weekly Worship Attendance	241	231	223	216	220	213	200	96	118
Baptisms	10	11	10	12	8	13	14	7	2
Marriages	7	4	3	3	1	7	4	1	3
Confirmations	6	7	5	7	9	8	8	11	4
Funerals	13	12	15	25	20	23	16	15	10
New Members	20	3	29	3	16	27	10	13	0
Baptized Active Membership	590	603	623	632	631	632	636	605	598

ACTUAL BENEVOLENCE GIVING IN 2021

Awakening Lives to World Missions	\$2,291.87
Blessman Ministries	\$2,291.87
Church of the Damascus Road	\$1,604.31
Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Beatrice, NE	\$ 916.74
Go Serve Global	\$2,612.72
Heartland District	\$1,145.95
HESED International, Uganda	\$1,604.31
Hope Ministries	\$1,375.13
Iowa District	\$ 916.74
LCMC National	\$3,987.86
LCMC-Seminarian Loan Fund	\$1,833.50
Lutheran Services in Iowa	\$1,420.94
Lutheran World Relief	\$1,420.94
Okoboji Lutheran Camp-A Step Beyond	\$3,896.16
Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp	\$2,979.45
OSLC Mission Outreach	\$1,100.09
OSLC Youth Camping Fund	\$2,612.72
Other Benevolence	\$4,712.87
Peace Lutheran Church, Gulf Shores, Alabama	\$2,521.06
Surprise Church, Bismarck, ND	\$2,521.06
Surprise Church, Mandan, ND	<u>\$2,521.06</u>
	<u>\$46,287.35</u>

PROPOSED 2022 BENEVOLENCE BUDGET

2022 Benevolence Budget	2022 16%
16% of Annual Income (Envelope Offering)	
Awakening Lives to World Missions	5.00%
Blessman International	5.00%
Church of the Damascus Road (Fort Dodge/Rockwell City)	3.50%
Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Beatrice, NE (Mission Church)	2.00%
GoServe Global	5.70%
Heartland Church Planning Taskforce	5.50%
Heartland District	2.50%
HESED, Uganda	3.50%
Hope Ministries/Des Moines	3.00%
Iowa District	2.00%
LCMC—National	8.70%
LCMC—Seminarian Loan Fund	4.00%
Lutheran Services in Iowa	3.10%
Lutheran World Relief	3.10%
Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp	6.50%
Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp-A Step Beyond	3.00%
OSLC Mission Outreach Workcamp/Adult Missions	2.40%
OSLC “The Rock” Youth Group	5.70%
OSLC Other Benevolence Missions	9.30%
Peace Lutheran Church, Golf Shores, AL (Mission Church)	5.50%
Surprise Church, Bismarck, ND (Mission Church)	5.50%
Surprise Church, Mandan, ND (Mission Church)	5.50%
Column Totals	100.0%

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2021, 11:39 am**

Devotions and Opening Prayer – Pastor Dan Beattie

Approval of Agenda (Any Additions or Corrections)

Motion to Approve: Lee Nielsen 2nd: Elayne Sinow Motion Carried.

Pastor Annual Report - Pastor Dan reminded everyone to read his Annual Report in the yellow pamphlet. With these unprecedented times Pastor encouraged us that God is leading us to rebuild.

Approval of January 26, 2020 Annual Minutes and 2020 Committee Annual Reports

Motion to Approve: Jean Jensen 2nd: Marlene Englin Motion Carried.

Report of Financial Review Committee and Approval of their Report

Reviewed 2020 Financials and found no discrepancies.

Tim Andersen announced that he and Nate Vorm reviewed and found no discrepancies in the 2021 proposed Financial Reports.

Elections:

President Kyle Kjergaard read the 2021 Nominated Candidates as follows:

President: Kyle Kjergaard, Vice President: Joe Elmquist, Secretary: Jeanne Schwab, Treasurer: Colleen Porsch, Council Members: Kathy Graeve (one year term), Megan Kelly (one year term), Rod Hansen (two year term), Patrick Hamilton (two year term), Allie Brooks (two year term), Janet Collins (two year term)

Nominating Committee Members for 2021 are:

Outgoing council members: Curtis Derry, Bruce Andersen

Members at Large: Sue Edwards, Jeff DeBower, Mark Baier, Sara Vorm
LCMC Annual Gathering, Arden Hills, MN. October 4th-7th (2 delegates)

Heartland District Conference: Barb Jacobsen

Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp Annual Meeting, April – LaDona Jorgensen

Opened the Floor for Nominations Election.

Tim Andersen motioned that nominations cease & unanimous ballot for nominations as listed in the Annual Program. 2nd: Raydene Mathisen Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recommendations of 2021 Budget by Stewardship Committee – President Kyle Kjergaard made note of a few points regarding the 2021 Budget.

There was a 2 ½ percent increase in payroll for all non Pastoral employees.

Council approved a new insurance plan for OSLC. Tim Andersen prepared a quote through Grinnell Mutual. It was about \$4000.00-\$5000.00 less than our current plan.

Note utilities down due to not much activity due to COVID.

Jean Jensen asked what “PPP” was under Other Income on the proposed budget. President Kyle clarified this loan and that it was forgiven.

Motion to Approve: Nate Vorm 2nd: Janet Collins Motion carried.

Announcements:

President's Comments – Kyle thanked everyone that has served and will be serving with the many challenges due to COVID. He also thanked Pastor Dan and his wife Melissa stepping in also at these challenging times. Kyle reiterated that right now we just need to love one another and to remember the commonly used wedding verse “the greatest of these is love”. We are all in this together!

Installation of all 2021 Council Members and Officers will take place on Sunday, January 31, 2021 during church service.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Melissa Hill 2nd: Mary Jo Burger Motion Carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 23, 2022**

1. Devotions and Opening Prayer – Pastor Dan Beattie
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Pastor Annual Report
4. Approval of January 24, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes and 2021 Committee Annual Reports
5. Report of Financial Review Committee and Approval of their Report
6. Elections:
 - A. Report of Nominating Committee
 1. Congregation Officers (1 year terms: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer)
 2. Council Members at Large (Terms as indicated on Ballot)
 3. 2022 Nominating Committee (Six voting members of the congregation, two of which are to be outgoing Church Council Members)
 - B. Okoboji Bible Camp Annual Meeting, Okoboji, IA (1 or 2 delegates)
 - C. LCMC Heartland District Meeting (1 or 2 delegates)
 - D. LCMC Annual Gathering, October 2-5, 2021, Lakeville, MN (2 delegates)
7. Old Business
 - A.
 - B.
8. New Business
 - A.
 - B.
9. Recommendation of 2022 Budget by Stewardship Committee
10. Report of Election Tellers
11. Announcements
 - A. President's comments
 - B. Installation of all 2022 Council Members and Officers will take place on **Sunday, January 31, 2022**
12. The Lord's Prayer and Adjournment

