



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church May, 2023 Newsletter

LCMC
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
"Knowing Jesus, Growing in Jesus, Sharing Jesus"

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OSLC SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

May 7th during 9:00 a.m. worship.

We wish our graduates God's Blessings
as they begin a new chapter in their lives!
OSLC Graduates are:

*Sienna Albertsen, Carson Bauer, Collin Bauer, Rylee Brittain,
Keegan Deist, Abigail Erickson, Brittany Huston, Amalie Lansman,
Madison Nichols, Cooper Nielsen, Madison Steckler*

The coffee time on May 7th will be in honor of the 2023 Graduates, hosted by Evangelism Committee.
Graduates, please remember to bring your Commencement robes on May 7th.

PASTOR DAN VACATION

Pastor will be on vacation June 14th - July 4th and will not be available during this time.
Arrangements with local pastors for crisis, funerals, spiritual support, will be available.
Please contact the church office and we will help support you in any way we can!

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations &
God's Blessings to the
following youth who
celebrated their First
Communion April 16th.
*Kadi Burger
& Loreli Burger*



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation will be celebrated at OSLC on Sunday, April 30th.
Congratulations and God's blessing to the following Confirmands:

*Cooper Anderson
Macey Bauer
Adelyn Bladt*

*Karson Hansen
Maya King
Karter Obermeier*

*Kayden Otten
Jesse Stroeher
Garret Vorm*



The Expansive Circle of Jesus – Mark 9

³⁸ John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone forcing demons out of a person by using the power and authority of your name. We tried to stop him because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ Jesus said, “Don’t stop him! No one who works a miracle in my name can turn around and speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever isn’t against us is for us.

Something I have been thinking about lately is how big a circle Jesus draws. He wants the grace, the life, the blessings he alone can offer to encompass as many people as possible. Notice in the Scripture passage above how Jesus responds to the report of someone forcing out demons by using the power and authority of Jesus’ name. Jesus did not commission, send, or authorize this individual. As far as others could tell this activity was not part of Jesus’ standard operating procedure. Jesus says, do not stop him, because Jesus’ highest value is not standard operating procedures. The highest value of Jesus is blessing as many people as possible with the grace, goodness, and life he offers.

Jesus habitually bucked the standard, commonly accepted societal conventions. He drew a circle large enough to include the most unlikely candidates into his circle – Samaritans, tax collectors, prostitutes, freedom fighters, religious teachers, lepers, demoniacs, the wealthy and the poor, children even. And as Jesus drew a circle large enough to encompass these folks, those who were enveloped by the circle of Jesus were transformed. Apostle Paul would later use the term “new creation” to describe this phenomenon. Saving faith *is* transformative.

At the end of their studies, confirmation students are asked to respond to this question: “What does it mean for me to say, “Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior?” Many people (not just confirmation students) are able to answer the part about Jesus being their savior with clarity. But often answering or identifying what it means for Jesus to be “my Lord,” is a struggle. Give some thought to this line of inquiry: What does it mean for Jesus to be my Lord? If Jesus has drawn a circle large enough to include me, is there evidence? Namely, is my life being transformed? Am I feeling closer to Jesus than I used to?

If anything in these paragraphs has gotten your spiritual/mental wheels turning, let’s get together and explore these ideas.

PEACE,

Pastor Dan

“STELLAR” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for OSLC 2023

“Stellar” Bible School

from Monday, July 17th- Thursday July 20th.

Registration forms are on the table by the coat racks.

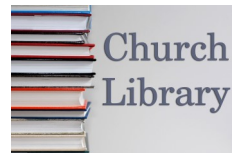
If you would like to sponsor a child to attend VBS, fill out an envelope by the registration forms and put in the church office drop box. \$25 to sponsor a child. Youth helpers are needed!

Please contact Katie Bierbrodt (712-304-4033) to volunteer!



CHURCH LIBRARY BOOKS OF THE MONTH

Check out the books of the month on table by coat area. We will rotate books monthly. Check out the many other Christian books in the church library. Questions, talk to church librarian Joan Mortensen or the church office. If you have a request for a Christian book for the library, contact the church office!





'THE ROCK' YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITES

Watch Facebook/texts for youth group activities! Facebook: The Rock OSLC

High School Youth Group

May 7th, May 21st & May 28th

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. @ OSLC

May Junior High Youth Group

May 7th, 5:30 p.m. @ OSLC

Supper served for 7th-12th Grade at 6:30 p.m.

We want to wish Congratulations to our Confirmands and our 2023 graduates!!

We will continue to pray for your faith journey and your future plans!

Questions on The Rock youth events, contact Youth Group Leaders

Nate V. (712-304-0548), Dan B. (319-929-1290), Jacob S. (712-304-4400) or church office!

MUSICAL TALENTS

If you have a musical talent you would like to share with the Friendship Home or Exira Care Center residents during Sunday afternoon vesper services, please contact Mary Jo Burger.

Please come share your God given talent with the nursing home residents of Audubon County.

Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers who have given their time and talents to the children of OSLC this Sunday School year. Thank you to all the children and their parents for getting them to Sunday School, it is a joy to share the love of Jesus with your children!

The Education Committee: Tim Andersen (Council Rep.), Katie Bierbrodt, Danielle Derry, Megan Kjergaard, Pam Steckler, Heather Toft, Sara Vorm

AUDUBON HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE

Wednesday, May 10th at
6:00 p.m. in the Audubon High
School Gym. "Behind the Cross"
Praise Band will be leading music.



If you will be in 8th grade or older this fall and enjoy contemporary Christian music, please consider being a part of the "Behind the Cross" Praise Band. Contact director Jo Beane or the church office for more information!

BEST TIE CONTEST

Dress in your best tie on Mother's Day (May 14th), and dress to impress the Women in your life. Bring your best memory of your tie, and we will have a panel of judges to determine the winners!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT


Friday, May 5th @ 7:00 p.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (in the sanctuary)

Featuring the movie: "A Week Away"
Bring your own blanket or sleeping bag.
Popcorn will be provided.

OSLC MISSION TEAM

Do you need help getting your lawn ready for summer?
Please let the OSLC Mission Team know.
We would be glad to help you with it!
Please contact Lee Nielsen, 712.304.7137
or anyone on the mission team.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Job 39</i>	2 9:00 Women’s Bible Study <i>Job 40</i>	3 6:15 am Men’s Huddle with breakfast <i>Job 41</i>	4 <i>Job 42</i>	5 <i>Pastor Day off</i> 7:00 Family Movie Night <i>Psalms 1</i>	6 4:00 Set up for Senior Breakfast <i>Psalms 2</i>
7 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00 Senior Breakfast 8:30 Morning Prayer 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion-Graduation Recognition 10:15 Coffee 11:15 “BTC” Praise Band Practice 1:30 Pastoral Jail Visit 5:30 Junior High Youth Group 6:30 Supper for JH & HS 7:00 High School Youth Group <i>Psalms 3</i>	8 6:30 Bible Study at Terrill & Mary Jo Burger’s <i>Pastor attending LCMC Leadership Conference</i> <i>Psalms 4</i>	9 9:00 Women’s Bible Study <i>Pastor attending LCMC Leadership Conference</i> <i>Psalms 5</i>	10 6:15 am Men’s Huddle with breakfast 10:00 Women at the Well Bible Study (at the Bakery) 6:00 Baccalaureate <i>Pastor attending LCMC Leadership Conference</i> <i>Psalms 6</i>	11 10:30 Friendship Home Communion <i>Pastor attending LCMC Leadership Conference</i> <i>Psalms 7</i>	12 <i>Pastor Day off</i> <i>Psalms 8</i>	13 Social room reserved for a graduation party <i>Psalms 9</i>
14 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:30 Morning Prayer 9:00 Worship with “BTC” Praise Band 10:15 Coffee 1:30 Pastoral Jail Visit 4:00 Exira Vespers <i>Psalms 10</i>	15 6:30 Building & Property Committee Meeting <i>Psalms 11</i>	16 9:00 Women’s Bible Study <i>Psalms 12</i>	17 6:15 am Men’s Huddle with breakfast 6:00 Church Council Meeting <i>Psalms 13</i>	18 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>Psalms 14</i>	19 <i>Pastor Day off</i> <i>Psalms 15</i>	20 <i>Psalms 16</i>
21 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30 Morning Prayer 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion (Guest Pastor Steven Frock preaching) 10:15 Coffee 7:00 High School Youth Group <i>Psalms 17</i>	22 6:30 Bible Study at Terrill & Mary Jo Burger’s <i>Psalms 18</i>	23 9:00 Women’s Bible Study <i>Psalms 19</i>	24 6:15 am Men’s Huddle with breakfast 10:00 Women at the Well Bible Study (at the Bakery) <i>Psalms 20</i>	25 <i>Psalms 21</i>	26 <i>Pastor Day off</i> <i>Psalms 22</i>	27 <i>Psalms 23</i>
28 The Day of Pentecost 8:30 Morning Prayer 9:00 Worship-Baptism 10:15 Coffee 1:30 Pastoral Jail Visit 4:00 Friendship Home Vespers (led by Pastor Dan) 7:00 High School Youth Group <i>Psalms 24</i>	29 Offices Closed  <i>Psalms 25</i>	30 9:00 Women’s Bible Study <i>Psalms 26</i>	31 6:15 am Men’s Huddle with breakfast <i>Psalms 27</i>			

INGHAM OKOBOJI LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

Thinking ahead to summer, check out okoboj.org for summer youth camp opportunities. OSLC has funds available to help with camp expenses! Contact the church office for more information, or call the camp directly at 1-800-okoboji.

USHER TEAMS

Would you be willing to serve as an Usher at OSLC? Each team rotates throughout the year, serving either 2 or 3 months per year. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact Mary Jo Burger! Thank you to the ushers, past and present who have faithfully served in this ministry!

MAY SPONSORED ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are \$22 payable to the church office. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, contact the church office or sign up on the flower chart posted on the bulletin board at OSLC.

7-Toby, Pam, Mason & Madison Steckler

14-Troy & Monica Hagedorn

21-Jim & Lori Dick

28-Brad, Kylie, Jesse, Lucas & Taryn Stroehrer



THANK YOU

Thank you to the many faithful volunteers who put in “extra time” during Lent and Easter and throughout the year. Thank you also to those who sponsor Easter mums and Altar Flowers. Your time, dedication, and generosity are greatly appreciated!



ACOLYTES

- 7- Karli Burger
- Mason Kasperbauer
- 14- Aiden Kjergaard
- Bryli Petersen
- 21- Lucas Stroher
- Leyton Elmquist
- 28- Kodi Lansman
- Karli Burger

SOUND, PROJECTION & VIDEO STREAMING

System currently being updated.

USHERS

- Kyle Kjergaard, Captain
- Wes Thygesen
- Bruce Andersen
- Steve Mathisen
- Jeff Albertsen
- Danny Budd
- Brian Jensen
- ALTAR GUILD
- Troy Hagedorn
- Monica Hagedorn

COFFEE SERVERS

- 7- Evangelism Committee
- 14- Janet Collins
- 21- Steve & Susan Stetzel
- 28- Janet Collins

GREETERS

- 7- Lorri Thygesen
- McKenzey Thygesen
- 14- Rod Hansen
- Tracy Hansen
- 21- Brandon Hansen
- Shelby Hansen
- 28- Brian Jensen
- Kathy Jensen

APRIL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Income for the month of April was under budget and expenses were over budget.
- The Properties Committee is on the move. The water heaters under the kitchen sinks have been installed as well as a new water fountain in the fellowship hall.
- The wood beams in the sanctuary need cleaned and oiled. The men's bathroom needs new ceiling tile.
- The picture Directory has been sent to the company. We are waiting the proof copy.
- OSLC Mission Team will focus on local missions. Stay tuned, the dates will be forthcoming. They are currently working with individuals needing help with yard work.
- Van Ministry is up and running. Easter Sunday was its debut. The ribbon cutting at the Friendship home was Thursday, April 20.
- Council passed a motion to pay the registration for Pastor and Melissa to attend the LCMC Leadership Retreat May 8-11.



Stewardship Square

Regular offerings	03/19	\$3,254.74
	03/22	\$327.00
	03/26	\$3,131.92
	03/29	\$82.00
	04/02	\$7,107.25
	04/06	\$126.00
	04/07	\$95.50
	04/09	\$3,895.00
	04/16	\$2,485.74
Weekly Worship Attendance	03/19	105
	03/22	68
	03/26	85
	03/29	61
	04/02	144
	04/06	57
	04/07	58
	04/09 6:30	76
	04/09 9:00	159
	04/16	86

ONLINE GIVING

Go to
<http://oslcauduboniowa.org>
and click on online giving tab located
at the upper right hand corner
of the webpage.

GIVEPLUS+MOBILE

Go to the App store or Google Play
and search for "GivePlus Church"
to download for free.

GIVE PLUS+TEXT

Text 833-973-0220, and enter
the amount you wish to donate,
and press send.

If you have any questions regarding the OSLC financial report, you are welcome to contact
Office Manager Pam Steckler or Council Treasurer Tammy Sauers.

Needed Weekly to meet budget—\$6,798.19