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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
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LCMC
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
"Knowing Jesus, Growing in Jesus, Sharing Jesus"

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KIDS CHOIR – children 2nd – 6th grades

Hello Kids!!! This year Kids Choir will start Sept. 18, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.!! We will enjoy time with Bible stories, visiting about your week, an activity and a snack. There will be a sign up for snacks the first day! I can't wait to see you guys and hear all about your fun and exciting summer!!



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN WHEELERS (FCW)
(9-12 Grade Students)

THANK YOU to all who attended the Fall Kickoff Pool Party! We had 26 for a wonderful meal & devotion by Pastor Chris before heading to the pool!

FCW will meet Sept. 15, 6:00 p.m. at the Legion Park and Sept. 23, 7:45 a.m. in AHS board room for a short devotion and prayer time. Questions, contact President Mason Steckler.

"The Rock" Youth Group will not be meeting on Sunday evenings.

OSLC encourages all High School students to attend FCW!



RALLY SUNDAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

During 9:00 a.m. Worship

*Presentation of Adventure Bibles *Presentation of Beginner Bibles

*Bible School kids sing special music

*Installation of Sunday School teachers/Confirmation Guides/Education Committee

*The worship celebration on Rally Sunday will end in a unique **HEART** felt way that no one should miss! We need every worshipper to join in the blessings as it involves the future of OSLC!*

Following 9:00 a.m. Worship

Preschool-8th Grade will meet following worship for ice cream & donut holes in the downstairs Social Room. Preschool-6th Grade will have some fun games and activities on the front lawn!

Parents are welcome to join in the fun!!

Junior High will meet in their classroom following snack for class time!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Back to School sales are great for buying items for Operation Christmas Child boxes!

Suggested school supplies include: Pens, Pencils, Sharpeners & Blunt Scissors, Crayons, Markers & Colored Pencils, Notebooks & Paper (that will fit in the shoe boxes), Coloring Books & Picture Books (no words), Solar Calculators, Protractors & Glue Sticks, small-medium water bottles, sewing kits, small tools, tape measurer, Shoe Box sized Plastic Containers with lids.

Go to samaritanspurse.org/occ for more shoe box filler ideas.

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL
REGISTRATION...

IS OPEN for the 2024-2025 Sunday School year!
Questions, contact Katie Bierbrodt (712-304-4033).



Hard copy registrations
available in Lobby or Office.

SCUBA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, financial support and food donations for Vacation Bible School. We especially want to thank all our volunteers who helped us in countless ways! We had a wonderful week diving into friendship with God! Our hope and prayer was that all the kids left feeling loved and knowing JESUS!"

What are you doing with the Tools and Toolboxes God has given to you?
The definition of a **tool** is: *any object used as a means of accomplishing a task or purpose*. Just two examples of using this word are: (1) *Education is a tool for success*; (2) *A hammer is a tool consisting of a solid head, usually of metal, set crosswise on a handle, used for beating metals, driving nails, etc.*



And, a **toolbox** can be defined as: *a box or case in which tools are kept*. Another definition is: *any object which contains tools for accomplishing a task or purpose*.
Imagine how difficult it would be to try and repair, create or learn something without the proper tools! And did you know that everyone has more than one toolbox? Our world is full of a great variety of tools. Some help us repair and create while others inform and broaden our knowledge.
What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word “toolbox”? Probably something holding tools most of us have, either in our vehicle, garage or on the farm: a screwdriver, an adjustable wrench, Channellock pliers, oh and don’t forget the hammer! Almost everyone has such a toolbox. And you may have or know someone who has other types of toolboxes, such as for fishing or specific crafts, just to name a couple that are actually in some kind of box that can usually be carried from place to place.

There are other types of “toolboxes,” ones that are not in a typical square or rectangular box shape. **Your brain**, for example, can be thought of as a toolbox with billions of tools working simultaneously, operating all the necessary functions to regulate and fix your body. What a wonderful creation God made when He made our bodies! As David wrote in the Bible: *“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well”* ~Psalm 139.

And please note that **Computers and Smart Phones** provide tools for writing, editing, creating graphics, sorting data, communicating with others, and accessing a myriad of information via the interweb.

The Bible is another wonderful tool, a Book comprised of 66 separate yet linked letters/books, given to us by our heavenly Father. It’s full of historical accounts, inspiration, instruction, exhortations, and most of all, the story throughout time of God reaching out to us in love, especially through His Son, Jesus. *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”* ~2 Timothy 3:16-17

With all that being said, as we enter a new month, we will start a new sermon series on September 8. Our focus will be on Ephesians 6 and using the tools written about in verses 10-20 (*please read*). You will find that these are Godly tools which I will strive to share with you that are applicable in living a strong Christian life. Please invite a friend that needs some new tools in their toolbox so that they will join you in this time of blessing!

SEPTEMBER SPONSORED ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are \$22 payable in the Office. The 2024 flower chart is in the Lobby.

01-Barb Jacobsen	15-Toby & Pam Steckler	29-Randy & Natalie Lange
08-Terrill & Mary Jo Burger	22-Keith & Sheri Bandle	

CHIMNEY TUCKPOINTING UPDATE!

Thank you to all who have donated to the completed repairs for the Chimney Tuckpointing!
We have had \$12,125 donated and \$4,710 left to raise!

JULY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 6pm
Present: Rod Hansen, Jon Irlbeck, Barb Jacobsen, Janell Lowe, Dan Madsen, Lee Nielsen, Tammy Sauers, Intentional Interim Pastor Chris Townsend, Nate Vorm. Absent: Terrill Burger, Traci Irlmeier
President Vorm called meeting to order at 6:02pm. Pastor Chris, opened with devotions and prayer.
The agenda was amended to include under Old Business: Nominating Committee and under New Business #9 Memorial Bequest. Motion by Tammy Sauers, second by Lee Nielsen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. The June Minutes were amended, Old Business: motion presented by Barb Jacobsen and add monies taken from Mission Outreach. Under Stewardship change Waffle Breakfast to meal. Motion by Barb Jacobsen to approve minutes as amended, second by Tammy Sauers. Motion carried.
TREASURER’S REPORT: Memorial CD was cashed and deposited into Special Funds checking for \$851. The checking balance as of 06/30/24 is \$37,419. Budgeted income is under budget \$5,222 and budgeted expenses are under budget \$636. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report by Janell Lowe, second by Dan Madsen. Motion Carried.

TEAM REPORTS SUBMITTED (*details available in the Office*)

OLD BUSINESS
Council is seeking replacement for Matt Fett on the Nominating Committee as Matt has moved.
Council hopes to have a Call Committee of 7 (Constitution requires) in place in August/Sept..

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Barb Jacobsen, second by Tammy Sauers to purchase canvas artwork. Cost not to exceed \$1,000. Allocated from Memorial Fund. Motion carried.
A 5:30pm meal will proceed the 7pm Rescue Tour Concert on August 16.
Discussion on Flood Recovery Mission Project for Faith Lutheran, Spencer. (Pastor Ben’s Church). Pastor Chris will organize a New Member Class.
Discussion to move the Foster Kids Closet to make room for SS classroom continuous locations.
Discussion on Stewardship Ministry Fair. An explanation of each committee’s work and an invitation to take part in their ministry.
Council agreed to remove the guest book area and make better use of the space.
Discussion on updating the upper Kitchen. Possible: flooring, countertop, sink, faucet, and pulls.
Motion by Dan Madsen, second by Tammy Sauers to deposit a Memorial gift given to OSLC into the Memorial Fund as non-designated. Motion Carried.

The next Council Meeting is August 21, at 6pm. Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm.
Respectfully Submitted, Janell Lowe

JULY STEWARDSHIP SQUARE			ONLINE GIVING	
Regular Offerings	07/07	\$9,912.48	Go to http://oslcauduboniowa.org	
	07/14	\$4,362.67	and click on online giving tab	
	07/21	\$2,994.74	located at the upper right hand corner	
	07/28	\$3,852.91	of webpage.	
	Total	\$21,122.80	GIVEPLUS+MOBILE	
Sanctuary Worship	07/07	91	Go to the App store or Google Play	
	07/14	102	and search for “GivePlus Church”	
	07/21	114	to download for free.	
	07/28	81	GIVE PLUS+TEXT	
Questions regarding OSLC finances, contact Treasurer Tammy Sauers or Office Manager Pam Steckler.			Text 833-973-0220, and enter the amount you wish to donate, and press send.	
Needed Weekly to meet budget—\$6,433.84				

AUGUST COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church Council Highlights (unapproved)
Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 6:00pm M/C means Motion Carried

Present: Terrill Burger, Rod Hansen, Traci Irlmeier, Barb Jacobsen, Janell Lowe, Dan Madsen, Lee Nielsen, Tammy Sauers, Intentional Interim Pastor Chris Townsend, Nate Vorm.

President Nate Vorm opened the meeting at 6:03pm Pastor Chris shared a prayer and reflection.

The agenda was amended to include: *In New Business: 2. Pastor Dan’s Memorial. 3. A thank you to Danish Winery. 4. Improving technology to improve streaming services. In Old Business: 4. Renovation of upstairs kitchen. Motion by Barb Jacobsen to approve the agenda as amended, second by Jon Irlbeck. M/C*

Dan Madsen made a motion to approve minutes as presented, second by Traci Irlmeier. M/C
Treasurer’s Report: Checkbook balance is \$34,972 as of 7/31/24. Year to date income is under budget \$10,210. Year to date expenses are under budget \$1,176. The actual general offering income for July was \$21,374 and actual budgeted expenses were \$20,866. A motion by Lee Nielsen to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented, second by Rod Hansen. M/C

TEAM REPORTS SUBMITTED (details available in the Office)

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Dan Madsen to give \$750 from the “other benevolence fund” to the Rescue Tour, Shepherd Canyon Retreat Center, second by Rod Hansen. M/C

Motion by Barb Jacobsen to approve Call Committee Candidates: Tim Andersen, Jolene Burns, Dan Bierbrodt, Jennifer Ellingson, Brandon Hansen, Megan Kjergaard, Trey Kellner, Dan Smith, Marla Sunberg and start the call process, second by Terrill Burger. M/C

Motion by Dan Madsen to hold a fundraiser for Faith Lutheran Church of Spencer on September 21 with a meal and auction, second by Barb Jacobsen. M/C Pastor Ben will be present. Auction items will be collected by the Council.

The Building & Property Committee is working on renovating the upstairs kitchen. They will be getting detailed cost for flooring, countertop, sink, faucet, and cabinet pulls.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Dan Madsen to hire Sue Kroeker as the OSLC Choir Accompanist, second by Traci Irlmeier. M/C

Continued discussion regarding a physical memorial for Pastor Dan. Additional discussion, especially to help determine possible placement.

Motion by Lee Nielsen to give \$1,200 to the Danish Winery as a thank you for donating our Communion wine for many, many years, second by Barb Jacobsen. M/C

Motion by Barb Jacobsen to purchase a new camera (and controls) for live streaming our worship services, cost not to exceed \$2,500, second by Traci Irlmeier. M/C

Motion by Dan Madsen to pay approximately \$2,200 for the downstairs Social Room replacement window air conditioner, second by Terrill Burger. M/C

Next council meeting: September 18, 2024, at 6pm Respectfully submitted, Janell Lowe

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ACOLYTES

01-Kadi Burger & Layne Slater

08-Kam King & Layne Slater

15-Layne Slater & Alex Eldal

22 & 29-Ushers

ALTAR GUILD

Calise Thygesen & Kathy Jensen

SOUND

01-Logan Nielsen

08-Traci Irlmeier

15-*Volunteer needed*

22-Jim Dick

29-*Volunteer needed*

PROJECTION

01-Curtis Derry

08-Traci Irlmeier

15-Raydene Mathisen

22-Lori Applegate

29-*Volunteer needed*

VIDEO/STREAMING

01-*Volunteer needed*

08-Chris Bylund

15-Tim Andersen

22-*Volunteer needed*

29-*Volunteer needed*

COFFEE SERVERS

01 & 08-Janell Lowe

15-Steve & Susan Stetzel

22-Lela Gleason & Rose Madsen

29-Holly Kjergaard &

Janell Lowe

GREETERS

01-Dick & Judy Baker

08-Cindy Vokt & Barb Elmquist

15-Delrene Greve & Jodi Soll

22-Jason & Betsy Smith

29-Alice Hemmingsen &

Janell Lowe

USHERS

Dick Baker, Dan Smith,

Terrill Burger, Craig Jensen,

Jeff Jacobsen, Dave LaFoy,

Greg Baier, Curtis Derry

QUILTING

Quilting is an important ministry at OSLC, reaching out to those in our country and around the world who are in need of a warm blanket. Quilting resumes Monday, September 9 in the downstairs Social Room at 1:00 p.m. Invite a friend and join in the fellowship and in the Women of Faith Mission Outreach Ministry. Coffee and snacks are enjoyed. You will be blessed to be a blessing by assembling these gifts of warmth and comfort.

No Quilting experience necessary - just a desire to help someone in need!

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO REACH OUT TO YOUR NEIGHBORS?

OSLC is responsible for “Meals on Wheels” for the month of October!

This is a program through Congregate Meals. Meals are delivered Monday – Friday to individuals who are homebound or in need of a prepared noon meal. Teams of two volunteers needed for each day, a driver and a person to take meal into homes. Meet at Memorial Building at 10:30 a.m. and report to kitchen staff. The reward of smiles of appreciation from those receiving meals is heartwarming! Sign up on the bulletin board to participate.

Questions, contact OSLC coordinators Shellie Madsen (304-0288) or Shelby Jensen (304-2833).

OSLC CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

NEW VOICES ARE WELCOME! Come, let us sing to the Lord! Psalm 95:1

OSLC choir (open to high school age and up) practices each Sunday following worship (September – May) at 10:15 a.m., meeting in Sanctuary Choir Loft. Choir sings during worship the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Please contact Director Gary Keller with any questions.

We welcome Sue Kroeker to the staff as the OSLC Choir Accompanist!

LCMC HEARTLAND DISTRICT WOMEN’S RETREAT

Join in a time of relaxion and renewal resting in God’s love and forgiveness through Jesus!

Saturday, Oct. 26—8:30 a.m. registration, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, 535 Third Street, Deshler, NE

Register by Oct. 1 to Linda Fangmeyer, lindafang@gpcom.net Suggested donation of \$10, includes noon meal. *Free will offering to Water 4 Kids International*

Questions, contact WOF Co-Chairs Jolene Burns or Janell Lowe.

OPERATION MOTORCYCLE MERCY

The team has been working hard this year trying new ways to raise funds to help families in need. We started the season with signs that can be put in your yard to help raise awareness to watch for motorcycles. Then we took orders for shirts that the team came up with to wear at different times during the season and at events. Lastly the team has put together a basket full of goodies from area businesses, that you may have seen, to be raffled off at the ride on September 22. We will deliver the fruits of our labor to the two families Jon announced in church on August 18 that we will help. We thank you for your continued support in our mission! We still have signs and shirts available. Please contact an Operation Motorcycle Mercy team member for tickets and more information! Check out our Facebook page for pictures and information!

Terrill & Mary Jo Burger, Jeff DeBower, Jon & Ashley Irlbeck, and Terry & Marla Sunberg

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion (Lee Nielsen preaching) 10:15am Coffee Fellowship <i>Mark 3</i>	2  <i>Mark 4</i>	3 9:00am Women's Bible Study (watching The Chosen) <i>Mark 5</i>	4 5:30pm Confirmation Student & Parent Meeting with Pastor Chris <i>Mark 6</i>	5 <i>Mark 7</i>	6 5:00pm-7:00pm Visitation for Dave Andersen <i>Mark 8</i>	7 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study 9:30am Visitation for Dave Andersen 10:30am Funeral for Dave Andersen <i>Mark 9</i>
8 <i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship, Rally Sunday 11:15am Education Committee Meeting  <i>Mark 10</i>	9 1:00pm Quilting 5:30pm Alzheimer's Support Group (AMVC Management Office) <i>Mark 11</i>	10 9:00am Women's Bible Study (watching The Chosen) <i>Mark 12</i>	11 10:00am Women at the Well Bible Study at Bakery on Broadway 12:00pm Audubon Ministerial Meeting at the Bakery on Broadway 4:00pm Confirmation <i>Mark 13</i>	12 10:30am Friendship Home Communion <i>Mark 14</i>	13 <i>Mark 15</i>	14 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study <i>Mark 16</i>
15 <i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion-First Communion Celebration 10:15am Coffee Fellowship, Sunday School 10:30am "BTC" Praise Band Practice 6:00pm FCW @ Legion Park (9-12 Grade) <i>Luke 1</i>	16 6:00pm Building & Property Committee Meeting <i>Luke 2</i>	17 9:00am Women's Bible Study (watching The Chosen) <i>Luke 3</i>	18 4:00 Confirmation 4:00 Kid's Choir 6:00pm Council Meeting <i>Luke 4</i>	19 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>Luke 5</i>	20 <i>Luke 6</i>	21 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study 5:00pm-6:30pm Meal at OSLC in support of Spencer Faith Lutheran Church/Silent Auction 6:30pm Live Auction <i>Luke 7</i>
22 <i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00am Worship with "BTC" Praise Band 10:15am Coffee Fellowship, SS 10:30am Choir, Motorcycle Mission Ride 11:00am-1:00pm New Member Class 4:00pm Exira Vespers 4:00pm Friendship Home Vespers  <i>Luke 8</i>	23 7:45am FCW morning prayer/devotion 1:00pm Quilting <i>Luke 9</i>	24 9:00am Women's Bible Study (watching The Chosen) <i>Luke 10</i>	25 10:00am Women at the Well Bible Study at Bakery on Broadway 4:00 Confirmation 4:00 Kid's Choir <i>Luke 11</i>	26 <i>Luke 12</i>	27 <i>Luke 13</i>	28 8:00am "Be A Light" Bible Study <i>Luke 14</i>
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