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**Looking forward...**  
**March 9, 2025 we will connect**  
**with our tradition of a:**  
***"Music Sunday"* at OSLC!**



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**The Shepherd Staff** is the monthly newsletter of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and is published for the **members** and **friends** of Our Saviour's, which has been bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit in Audubon and the surrounding communities since 1909! OSLC strives to reach out and minister to our members, our community, and the world!



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**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN IS A BIBLE-BASED CHURCH**



## Love & Prayer

These 2-words will be a consistent theme for OSLC during February! In the USA, during the month of February, there is a focus on love BUT what kind of love and to whom is that love focused towards?

**Love...** to love one another is a calling from God to be sure! But, first, we are called to love God! So, in this month of love let's strive to love God by serving Him and one another! Can you think of a way to serve at OSLC? Maybe it's as simple as sharing the website: [oslcauduboniowa.org](http://oslcauduboniowa.org) with someone so they can join in our online Sunday worship celebration or next month's mid-week Lenten time of worship. Maybe it's caring for another in the OSLC family you have not seen in worship for sometime by sending a simple card of care. Maybe it's expressing love to one of our homebound (*see list on next page*). And maybe simply talking to God as He directs you to fill the *maybe*!

**Prayer...** such a powerful tool yet one many of us don't take out of our toolbox! Oh, we may take the prayer tool out when it's crazy cold outside as we ask for protection for ourselves and others but do we regularly use the tool of prayer as the Bible intends us to do? As this article concludes here are 3-quick prayer points to consider:

- 1. Pray in ALL situations:** Pray without ceasing, and present your requests to God with thanksgiving!
- 2. Pray with faith:** Believe that God will hear you and answer your prayers
- 3. Pray with perseverance:** Continue to pray even when it's difficult

Intentional Interim, Pastor Chris





# OSLC's Homebound Family

*Helping our homebound! Take a moment and write them a note of encouragement.  
And you can open up your church directory and see who else, beyond those below,  
you can encourage through prayer or with a card or call!*



- Marlys Borkowski:** 311 North Street, Audubon, IA 50025
- Janice Christensen:** 812 Brookside Dr, Audubon, IA 50025
- Helen Lauritsen:** 308 South Division Street, Audubon, IA 50025
- Doug Taggart:** 508 Pacific Avenue, Audubon, IA 50025
- Lois & Larry Thygesen:** 112 East Division Street, Audubon, IA 50025

## OSLC's Call Committee...

has been meeting once or more per month since October to move forward our process in looking for our full-time pastor. We have sent out 347 targeted postcards and emails to potential candidates in December and are getting responses back. We already have some interviews scheduled as this newsletter goes to print! Continue to pray with us: **Gracious giving God**, give us your help again, just as you have always done. Remind us of your care. Let there be gratitude in our congregation, for all that is needful has been sent and ordained for us already. As we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may we be strengthened for this task with the thought that your providing reaches to every need of your church. This call committee and community of believers are your church, too. Amen



### February Altar Flower Blessings

- 2:** Needed
- 9:** In memory of Jack Applegate by Leona Applegate, Lori Applegate, and Jim Dick
- 16:** Anniversary Celebration for Deanna & Jeff Jacobsen
- 23:** Needed

The cost per Sunday remains at \$22

## The Sermon on CHANGE struck a chord with many at Our Saviour's!

**Churches / People are always changing. Only the dead ones don't!**

Many of you have belonged to OSLC for many, many years! You may have been attracted to Our Saviour's because of location, because you liked the pastor, or a relative went here before you. You have served the Lord here in numerous capacities and your children grew up here and now maybe your grandchildren. You have a history here. And now.... Well, now, it's not the same church that it was 20, 10, 5, 1 year ago! *There's a different pastor and new leadership and another pastor coming soon, we pray.*

### What should you do with CHANGE?

- 1. Recognize that OSLC is always in a state of change as we remain faithful.** Every time someone walks in the door or departs, the church can change. Every time you or another saint gets serious about reading the Word or witnessing or tithing or ministering to others, the Body of Christ changes. It is never static, never frozen (*although it seemed close last month at minus 15!*).
- 2. Perhaps you are dragging your feet and resisting something new the Holy Spirit is trying to do in your life.** You may reject the new things He sends because they are outside your comfort zone. Do you suppose Jonah felt comfortable going to Nineveh? Don't you know it was way, way outside his comfort zone?
- 3. Are you open to new things? New ways? If so, you are growing and changing right now!** If you are not, you're going to have trouble with the Lord Jesus. "Behold," the Lord said, "I make all things new" (*Revelation 21:5*). He wasn't just talking about Heaven. He's making me / you ever-new right now. Just read Psalm 92:12-15 to see what I mean!

### So, what do you do when OSLC seems to be changing?

**You grow / go with it!**

## JANUARY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Accepted all reports, some submitted electronically
- Approved December 17, 2024 Council Meeting minutes
- Accepted financial overview
- Approved dispersing designated Advent offerings to LCMC Disaster Relief in NC
- Annual Meeting is January 26, 2025, after worship
- Call Committee report verbally offered by Dan Bierbrodt sharing of positive progress and upcoming interviews
- Approved "craft group" sponsored by a member to meet in Fellowship hall on quarterly basis
- Approved that the women's "Be the light" Bible Study group in organizing frozen food preparation project. Monies approved: not to exceed \$1,000 for upright freezer along with funds from Christmas Dinner Fund
- Set February 19, 2025 as next Council meeting

### DECEMBER 31, 2024 FINANCIAL SNAP SHOT

Budget Weekly Need, General Funds Income	\$ 6,433
General Offering Fund Income	\$ 36,022
General Budgeted Expenses	\$ 26,339
General Fund Bank Balance	\$ 47,606
YTD Budget (52 weeks)	\$334,516
YTD General Fund Expenses	\$291,053
YTD General Offerings	\$282,363

### DESIGNATED FUNDS (as of December 31)

Future Needs	\$ 510
Other Benevolence	\$ 658
Youth Group	\$ 790
Education Fund	\$ 816
Scholarship	\$(1,421)
Praise Band	\$ 1,859
Christmas Dinner	\$(1,959)
Operation Motorcycle Mercy	\$ 2,279
Church Camp	\$ 3,863
Special Funds (misc. in/out)	\$ 7,205
Mission Outreach	\$ 8,849
Memorial Fund	\$33,252
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$56,701</u></b>

### Designated Certificate of Deposits (CD) (as of December 31)

Loan Sec (matures 3.27.25)	\$ 10,000
Ed. Fund (matures 4.7.25)	\$ 21,135
CD 9362 (matures 4.3.25)	\$ 25,000
CD 9361 (matures 4.3.25)	\$145,000