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Looking forward...
March 5, Ash Wednesday at 7pm
March 9, Music Sunday at 9am
March 12, "Aebleskiver" Dinner at 6pm
March 16, Pastor Chris' farewell
**March 23, Pastor Sean Dougherty's
Installation Service at *10am***



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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!

March

The *Shepherd Staff*

2025

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OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN IS A BIBLE-BASED CHURCH

Blessings upon Blessings!!

**Last month we highlighted prayer! Please read below as a reminder
and then read the exciting new information as well!**

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

Many of you have been praying that the Holy Spirit would lead a man of God to become the next called lead pastor of OSLC. And our prayers have been answered through the work of the Spirit's leading and the Call Committee. Praise the Lord! By now you have heard that Pastor Sean Dougherty has accepted the call to become Our Saviour's 13th lead pastor (*note that two pastorates were co-leads*) in it's glorious 116 year history.

This is an answer to prayer and to be celebrated! So, we give God thanks and welcome Pastor Sean to the Our Saviour's family by participating in the "Installation Service" of OSLC's new pastor! ***This "Installation Service" will be part of the great worship celebration on March 23 at 10am.*** After the special **10am worship** we will have a reception hosted by the Call Committee in the downstairs Fellowship Hall welcoming our new pastor! Please note **Sunday School will be at 9am**, just for March 23!

BONUS... What a blessing it has been for myself and Sara to have played a minor role in the positive continuous ministry of OSLC. Through the challenges of arriving post Pastor Dan's death, through many changes, through financial and personnel challenges... You, the Body of Christ, Our Saviour's have risen to the challenge. Thank you for welcoming me into your homes after my arrival in April of 24. Thank you for greeting Sara and I when you saw us out and about in the community. Thanks to so many of you for your simple Christian kindness. We are grateful to have served God in Audubon and at Our Saviour's. Although my time as the Intentional Interim Pastor is coming to an end that does not mean Sara and I will stop praying for you! One of our fervent prayers will be that you tremendously bless Pastor Sean and his wife, Katryn. And I believe in turn when we bless others we also will be blessed... *because God first blessed us!* 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!

Friendship Home 714 N. Division St. Audubon, IA 50025

Arch Andersen: #306

Marvin Christensen: #308

Mark Elmquist: #403

Betty Poulsen: #105

Marcia Synder: #104

Theodore Andersen: #107

Alice Dreier: #712

Mary Kelly: #203

Bob Sornson: #103

Janet Tinker: #724



As a new Pastor steps in to lead OSLC it is vital that we step up!!! You are invited to be a great Saint In Service on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. If you have yet to be contacted by a particular committee chair regarding an area of interest you can serve God and His church... CALL THE OFFICE AND LET US HELP you help others! It is so important that the heavy load of ministry at OSLC be divided amongst us all.

OSLC's Call Committee Final Report...

We were blessed to be lead by the Holy Spirit and to recommend to the Church Council Pastor Sean Dougherty. Pastor Sean & his wife Katryn are a delight! We are thankful that the Congregation voted unanimously to call Pastor Sean! We look forward to his **special installation service on the 23rd at 10am** as well as supporting Pastor Sean, along with you, as he begins leading OSLC this month!

Wednesday, March 12, 6pm Aebleskiver Dinner

MEALS ON WHEELS



This is a program through Congregate Meals, located in the Audubon Memorial Building. Meals are delivered Monday – Friday to individuals who are homebound or in need of a prepared noon meal. Teams of two volunteers are needed for each day, consisting of a driver and a person to take the meal into homes. Meet at the Memorial Building at 10:30am and report to kitchen staff.

Delivery of meals takes 45 minutes to 1 hour. **Please sign up in the Lobby.**

Questions? Contact OSLC coordinators Shellie Madsen (563-4012) or Shelby Jensen (304-2833).

OSLC is responsible for the month of APRIL!

March Altar Flower Blessings

2: In memory of loved ones by Natalie & Randy Lange

9: Heavenly birthday for Kathleen Stetzel by Susan & Steve Stetzel

16: In memory of Rilla & Chuck Sornson by Chelle & Jeff Madsen

23: Needed

30: Needed

The cost per Sunday remains at \$22



In this very space last week was an article about CHANGE!



Change happens in many ways.... And as you can see from the photos change has happened in the “Sacristy” through renovation (*I’m told for the first time since the building was constructed in 1950*) by Kurt Nelsen & Nate Vorm. OSLC is blessed that the **Women Of the Word** and Memorial monies paid for the entire project. The Worship Committee is working to get everything in its proper place for long-term best use practices. *But what is a “Sacristy”?*

First, what do we call the room in the Sanctuary, near the Altar area? The room... is called the “Sacristy”. The use of sacristies became common over 1500 years ago. In most churches the Sacristy is beside or behind the Altar area (*often called the Chancel*). At OSLC, it is located to the right of the Chancel.

So, what’s it used for? The Sacristy is the storage place for the blessed items used in God's house. For example, the new communion ware used for Holy Communion is stored there, as well as candles, oil, and all the church paraments (*tapestry hangings used to decorate the Chancel area*). The other awesome use is when the Altar Guild volunteers prepare the elements of Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of each month. This special space also stores the items needed for worship services such as: Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Pentecost, Reformation and so much more! Go ahead and step into this refreshed space and even pray about becoming part of the Worship Committee ministries. Please speak to Council Representative, Barb Jacobsen or Mary Jo Burger who the Chair of the Altar Guild.

FEBRUARY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Accepted all reports, some submitted electronically
- Approved January 15, 2025 Council Meeting minutes
- Approved February 5, Special Council Meeting minutes
- Accepted financial overview
- Prepared for February 23, Special Congregational Meeting
- Discussed Administrative Assistant / applicants / interviews
- Concurred with Ed Com to pay balance of funds owed to Compassion Internation Child sponsor program and discontinue
- Approved Pastor Dan Memorial Bench
- Confirmed that the Jensen Memorial gift of \$10,000 went to our mission partner and Association affiliation, LCMC's, general offering account
- Confirmed that the \$1,649 Advent offering went to support hurricane Helene relief with LCMC partner, Christ the King LC
- Discussed Pastor Chris' departure (3/16+) & compensation
- Set March 18, 2025 as next Council meeting

JANUARY 31, 2025 FINANCIAL SNAP SHOT

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| Budget Weekly Need (52) | \$ 5,159 |
| General Offering Fund Income | \$ 38,532 |
| General Budgeted Expenses | \$ 25,665 |
| General Fund Bank Balance | \$ 61,972 |
| YTD Budget (4 weeks) | \$ 22,357 |
| YTD General Fund Expenses | \$ 25,665 |
| YTD General Offerings | \$ 38,532 |

DESIGNATED FUNDS

(as of January 31)

unreconciled

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| Future Needs | \$ 510 |
| Youth Group | \$ 790 |
| Other Benevolence | \$ 1,194 |
| Christmas Dinner | \$(1,549) |
| Praise Band | \$ 1,767 |
| Operation Motorcycle Mercy | \$*2,449 |
| Church Camp | \$ 4,036 |
| Special Funds (misc. in/out) | \$ 7,205 |
| Mission Outreach | \$ 8,849 |
| Memorial Fund | \$33,252 |
| BALANCE | \$58,333 |

Designated Certificate of Deposits (CD)

(as of January 31)

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| Loan Sec (matures 3.27.25) | \$ 9,891 |
| Ed. Fund (matures 4.7.25) | \$ 21,466 |
| CD 9362 (matures 4.3.25) | \$ 25,000 |
| CD 9361 (matures 4.3.25) | \$145,000 |

"The Last Supper"

If possible, try to see this powerful cinematic Biblical journey that brings to life the ultimate act of love and sacrifice as seen through the eyes of those who walked alongside Jesus.