

The Shepherd Staff

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OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN IS A BIBLE-BASED CHURCH

SUNRISE

Every morning as I step out of Chelle and Jeff Madsen's guesthouse, I stand in wonder. To the North the ground rises up, blocking the view and causing me to ponder what is just beyond my sight. To the West are rolling hills, reminding me that God created everything. To the South is Audubon and His church that I love. To the East... well, that's their house, so I look at it and pray for them and the lives they touch.

As the sun comes up, my world takes focus. As I drive, my perspective shifts and I see new things. The headlights can only show me so much. High beams can only reach so far but the sunlight, well, that's another story entirely. With sunlight I can see the details that surround me, and I can see into the distance.

**"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."
-Isaiah 43:19**

I'm still new enough to Audubon to see things as an outsider. My eyes behold wonders, mystery, and I see God within His people and in this place. But how much of what I see has become familiar, old, or stale to someone else's eyes?

God brings newness to our community and to our lives. He does a new thing and brings with it new life! Sometimes His change is just around the corner (or over the hill), and out of sight. But that doesn't mean it isn't there; God is at work. We can trust Him, always and forever. Pick a direction on your compass and look that way; God is doing something there.

**Don't be afraid, for I am with you. From the east I will bring your
descendants; from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north,
'Hand them over!' and to the south, 'Don't hold any back!'
-Isaiah 43:5-6**

God sets His people free and gathers them to Him. Do you perceive it here, at OSLC and in Audubon? God never left us; He's been at work. Perhaps, out of sight for some but visible to those who see in Son-light. Jesus is the light of the world and he opens our eyes. Take a moment today, to bask in what God is doing and examine your own part in God's plan for His people.

Pastor Sean Dougherty

OSLC's "Homebound" Family

*Helping our homebound! Take a moment and write them a note of encouragement.
Your prayers, calls, visitations, and cards help people feel connected and loved.
Open your Church Directory to see who else, you can touch with Christ's love.*

Exira Care Center 411 South Carthage St, Exira, IA 50076

Ardys Albertsen: #106 **Betty Obermeier:** #112

Thomas Rest Haven 217 Main St, Coon Rapids, IA 50058

Caroline Boeck:

Parkview Assisted Living 210 Park St, Coon Rapids, IA 50058

Thomas Nelsen: #9



LOOKING FOR MOUNTAINS OF FUN?



YOU OTTER BE HERE!

NEW FRIENDS > AMAZING EXPERIENCES > CREATIVE GAMES
SUPER-FUN SNACKS > SURPRISING ADVENTURES > INCREDIBLE MUSIC

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 4th 5PM-8PM
August 5th 5PM-8PM
August 6th 5PM-8PM
August 7th 4:45PM-7:30PM

COME JOIN US!

Register
online here



SAVE THE DATE

"True North" Vacation Bible School

**Monday, August 4th -
Thursday, August 7th**

Check out the VBS supply
display in the lobby!
If you would like to sponsor
a child(ren) to attend VBS,
please fill out an envelope
by the display and put it in
the church office drop box.

**Our goal is to
sponsor 90 kids!
Can we do it?!**

Youth helpers
are also needed!

A Special Thank You

As we close another year of Sunday School, Confirmation and Senior Graduation, we want to thank the teachers for giving their time and talents to our education programs, the students and their families for their participation and growth, and the congregation and community for their support!

OSLC is grateful for the opportunities to teach our youth the love of Jesus!

APRIL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *unapproved*

- Accepted all reports, some submitted electronically
- Approved March, 2025 Council Meeting minutes
- Shannon presented financials of OSLC - accepted.
- The Clemmenson family and the Omaha Foundation will meet Pastor Sean, Monday, April 21, 2025 to have a picture taken, recognizing the 2024 Clemmenson family donation made to OSLC.
- Building is meeting with Twin Construction to examine roof leaks & stains on North side.
- Country Players details are in work to finalize details for August 11-15, 2025.
- Council received Motorcycle Mercy Ministry team proposal for the new memorial bench to honor God and remember Pastor Dan. New design was modified and approved.
- Traci will be providing Council AED training (others may be trained too).
- Higher yield income streams other than CDs will be being sought for church funds.
- Mutual Ministry Team: Pastor Sean will be meeting with individuals to finalize a team.
- Office: Network update is needed. Pastor Sean will bring cost estimates and details to Council.
- Faith Milestones Ministry should be finalized by fall. Confirmation students will receive Bibles already purchased for this specific celebration.
- May 21, 2025 as next Council meeting

Summer is around the corner!

Join us at OSLC for Family Summer Kickoff and Bicycle Blessing on May 4th



OSLC will recognize our 2025 Senior students

May 11th

Coffee will be hosted by Evangelism Committee following service in celebration of our High School Seniors' Achievements!



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Mutual Ministry is...

five people plus your pastor. They listen, support and affirm each other, the congregation, the pastor(s) and their families in order to create healthy, harmonious flourishing, relationships within our congregation.

May Altar Flower Blessings

4: In memory of loved ones by Troy and Monica Hagedorn

11: In memory of Gavin and Jamison by Troy and Pam Steckler, Mason and Madison

18: In memory of Cathy Dick by Jim Dick and Lori Applegate Dick

25: In celebration of their 54th Wedding Anniversary– Janet and Ed Collins

The cost per Sunday remains at \$22
Please designate your payment “flowers”



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Service	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Greeters	Ed & Janet Collins	Dan & Janet Budd	Diana & Nina Deist	Curtis & Danielle Derry Elda Mae, Everett & Zeke
Acolytes	Kadi Burger [NEED VOLUNTEER]	Dalton Miller Dawson Miller	USHERS	Kadi Burger [NEED VOLUNTEER]
Readers	Toni Nelsen	Judy Baker	Dan Bierbrodt	Norma Nielsen
Altar Guild	Monica Hagedorn Troy Hagedorn	Monica Hagedorn Troy Hagedorn	Monica Hagedorn Troy Hagedorn	Monica Hagedorn Troy Hagedorn
Communion Assistants (4)	Marlene Englin Chelle Madsen	N/A	Dan Bierbrodt Katie Bierbrodt	N/A
Organist /Music Leadership	Barb Smith	Diane Kleckner	Barb Smith	Diane Kleckner
Sound	Logan Nielsen	[NEED VOLUNTEER]	[NEED VOLUNTEER]	Jim Dick
Projection	Curtis Derry	Raydene Mathisen	[NEED VOLUNTEER]	Lori Applegate Dick
Video/Streaming	[NEED VOLUNTEER]	[NEED VOLUNTEER]	[NEED VOLUNTEER]	[NEED VOLUNTEER]
Coffee Servers	Family Summer Kickoff (Ed Cmte)	Evangelism Cmte	Lois Baier Marlene Englin	Sandy Parsons Janet Collins
Ushers	<i>Sam Graeve, Captain</i> Logan Nielsen Lee Nielsen Nick Smith Nate Vorm Daniel Bierbrodt Carson Vorm Curtis Derry	<i>Sam Graeve, Captain</i> Logan Nielsen Lee Nielsen Nick Smith Nate Vorm Daniel Bierbrodt Carson Vorm Curtis Derry	<i>Sam Graeve, Captain</i> Logan Nielsen Lee Nielsen Nick Smith Nate Vorm Daniel Bierbrodt Carson Vorm Curtis Derry	<i>Sam Graeve, Captain</i> Logan Nielsen Lee Nielsen Nick Smith Nate Vorm Daniel Bierbrodt Carson Vorm Curtis Derry

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OSLC Office Hours: 9:00am-noon & 1:00pm-3:00pm <i>Monday-Friday</i>				1	2	3 8am "Be A Light" Bible Study
4 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion and Bicycle Blessing during service *following service Celebration Sunday- Family Summer Kickoff 10:15am Choir	5	6 9am Women's Bible Study ~Matthew~	7	8 10:30am Friendship Home Communion	9	10 8am "Be A Light" Bible Study
11 8:00am Senior Breakfast 9:00am Worship w/ Senior Recognition 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Education Comm. Meeting	12 1pm Quilting	13 9am Women's Bible Study ~Matthew~ 6pm Worship Meeting	14 10am Women at the Well Bible Study 6-7pm Baccalaureate	15	16	17 8am "Be A Light" Bible Study
18 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Coffee Fellowship COMMENCEMENT SUNDAY	19 6pm Building & Property Committee Meeting	20 9am Women's Bible Study ~The Chosen Series 4~	21 6pm Council Meeting	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24 8am "Be A Light" Bible Study
25 9:00am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship NO BTC practice 4:00pm Friendship Home Vespers	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27 9am Women's Bible Study ~The Chosen Series 4~	28 10am Women at the Well Bible Study	29	30	31