

Salt Shaker

April 2022



Pastor's Letter:

Written by Pastor JoHanna Buchholz

This month we will enter Holy Week and celebrate the great Three Days! We will also come to the end of our "You Are Here" series, and thus our exploration of the places - both specific and general - that appear in our Lenten Scriptures.

As we've considered how God speaks in and through the places we've "visited" this season, I have become more aware of the places where I most feel God's presence. Sometimes I seek out those places, hoping to encounter the Holy One in the rush of wind or the welcome of a forest. Sometimes I go to a certain place intentionally, having experienced God before in the sanctuary of a church or the embrace of a beloved friend. Still other times God surprises me, making the place where I buy groceries or brush my hair holy ground.

This Holy Week and Easter, I invite you to consider two places where we unexpectedly encounter God: The Cross and The Grave. What does it mean for us that our God occupied both of these places? How does that truth transform us and the places we find ourselves today?

Be blessed this holy season, wherever you are, trusting that God is there with you.

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Bulletin & Broadcast Sponsorship

Celebrate, Honor, and Remember a Special Event

Do you know someone celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other milestone? Consider celebrating them in the bulletin and/or our web broadcast. Call the office to book at date. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin and spoken aloud on the broadcast.

Each bulletin or on-line broadcast is \$50 and helps to offset the cost of making and printing the bulletins, as well as our live-streaming. Plus, it's a special way to lift up those we want to celebrate, honor, and remember!

Communications

How to advertise your church event

Do you have a church event you would like advertised? Do you need help with images, graphics, prints, or posts? Please contact Scott at OSLCCommunicationsDirector@gmail.com with the Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How of your event.



Membership & Giving

Lutheran World Relief is on the ground in eastern Europe, aiding the people of Ukraine by providing food, shelter, and emergency funds.

In March, Our Savior's members and friends gave \$250 to Lutheran World Relief through the church. This money is being matched by other generous congregations, up to \$422,000.

While the church's gift has already been sent, you may continue to give individually through April 25 @ lwr.org/match or by mailing to:

Lutheran World Relief
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21297-1061

Please write:
"Ukraine Match"
in the memo line.

Welcome to the Family

OSLC Newly Baptized, & New Members

Baptisms:

1/30 Charli Fortney

3/20 Kambrie Ebeck

3/27 Braylen Morin, Ryan Morin III, & Conner Crissler

New Members joined in February:

Babe Johnson

Dianne & Jim Johnson

Mikel & Mikkel Buckmier, Eli, & Payson

New Member Spotlight

The Buckmier family lives in Maddock where Mikel farms and raises Bison. Mikkel is a nurse practitioner with Spirit Lake Health Center. Eli and Payson were both baptized at Our Savior's; Eli is three and Payson is one and a half. They love to help on the farm and Eli loves the color green. They are excited to be part of a family-friendly faith community!





Membership & Giving

Financial Health

Year-to-date:

Budgeted: \$48,524.70

Actual: \$41,143.34

Deficit: \$7,381.36

Increasing your regular giving, even if by 1%, can help us meet our budget goals and do the ministry we've been called to do!

Go to the GIVING tab in the upper left of the OSLC website, click on GIVING ONLINE for the Aplos online giving portal.

Amazonsmile

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-0349789>

Please consider setting up an Amazonsmile account and assigning OSLC as your charitable organization. A percentage of all your Amazon purchases will be given to OSLC.

Piano Tuning

With Gratitude

When organizers of the World Day of Prayer were planning the day, they noticed that our piano needed to be tuned and the pedals needed to be repaired. God brought together the right people at the right time to make that happen, as well as cover the cost. We give thanks to God for this gift from members of the Devils Lake community!

Offering

Offering envelopes

We have multiple Offering Envelope books remaining from 2021. If you would like some, they are available on the table in the Gathering Space.

Please cross out any old dates and write the Current Date, your First & Last Name, and any designation other than General Fund, on the envelopes. This will help improve the overall accounting process for the church.



Happenings @ QSLC

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The Circle of Light had two more fun project days. We made lighted gnomes and sock gnomes filled with beans. Fifteen women and young girls had a fun time visiting while making the gnomes. Only two casualties with the glue guns, and they weren't the girls. The gnomes turned out darling, and we had a fun morning.

The clay Prayer Pebbles Thumbprint project was a hit with the eighteen kids and their parents. We met after Lenten services to make the pebbles to sell at the rummage sale. We may not have to many to sell because, most of the kids want to keep their pebbles, however, some of us made extra. Come to the sale and check out the pebbles and maybe buy a few, the make wonderful gifts. A pebble in your pocket reminds us to pray, and that we can accomplish anything when we trust in God. Phil. 4:13



Happenings @ QSLC

Holy Week

- 10 Sunday**
(Palm Sunday)
9:00am Sunday School
9:00am Fellowship
Coffee Gathering
10:00am Worship
- 12 Tuesday**
9:30am Quilters
6:30pm Cub Scout
Pack 3028 Den Meetings
- 13 Wednesday**
4:00pm Wednesday
School Program ONLY
- 14 Thursday**
(Maundy Thursday)
6:30pm Worship Service
with First Communion
- 15 Friday**
(Good Friday)
6:00pm Worship Service
- 17 Sunday**
(Easter)
8:00am Worship Service
8:30am-10:00am Sunrise
Breakfast & Fundraiser
10:00am Worship Service
(Silent Auction Winners
announced)

Silent Auction, Sunrise Breakfast

"Raise The Roof" fundraisers

Congregation members and friends donated 17 unique and exciting "baskets" for the silent auction fundraiser. Bidding began March 27th and will be open until after Easter Sunday services on April 17th. Be sure to get your top bid in to secure the win. The auction winners will be contacted on Easter Sunday afternoon.

The Sunrise Breakfast fundraiser is Easter Sunday, April 17th from 8:30-10:00am. An assortment of breakfast items will be served. Volunteers are needed. please contact Brandy and Carrie to help make this fundraiser a success.

Quilting Circle

Come quilt with us!

Meets Tuesdays at 9:30am in the quilting room.

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
March 15th , 2022

OSLC Vision: *"All Are Welcome. Connecting...People to God, People to People, and People to Mission"*

OSLC Mission: *We are a caring family of God's children, growing in faith, spreading His word, and doing his work in the community and beyond.*

CALL TO ORDER President Char Burthold called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ATTENDING Pastor JoHanna, Char Burthold via zoom, Rachel Lindstrom, Maryln Miller, Amber Lambrecht, Sue Olson, Brad Benton, Kari Kempel & Brett Narveson.

DEVOTION Pastor JoHanna led us in an opening prayer, Luke 13; we shared our highs and lows of the day and introduced ourselves to new member, Brett.

APPROVAL OF MARCH AGENDA Kari made motion, Sue Seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS: Amber made motion, Char seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Rachel covered the Balance sheet, Income and expenses for February 2021 with a Year-to-Date total amounts for income and expenses.

APPROVAL OF BILLS Kari made a motion to approve the bills for the month of February, Amber seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor JoHanna has been busy during Lent, getting ready for Easter.
- Hosted a funeral for the Presbyterian church and did together with Pastor Trudi.
- Held World Day of Prayer at Our Saviors.

OLD BUSINESS

- New member welcome and chili feed went well. Three family units joined the church and we had about 10 crock pots of chili for lunch afterwards. We plan to have another New Member installation in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS

- Prayer request process- We went over the duties of the new employees and decided Pastor JoHanna should be notified for prayer requests; not the other two. Scott deals with communications and Maryln finances.
- Membership Management Application- We discussed Flocknote. A new way to manage our members and their information. The council is going to do the free trial and see how we like it.
- Bulletin & Broadcast Sponsors- We talked about having families or businesses sponsor a bulletin board for a fee.

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MINISTRY REPORTS – Share SMART Goal for your team

- **Outreach** – Amber shared ideas on how to grow in the future.
- **Stewardship** – Rachel shared ideas for the future.
- **Worship** – Kari shared about getting communion ready each week and working out a rotation schedule.
- **Congregational Care** – Char shared many ideas that her team came up with. Prayer list, confirmation and graduation gifts, visiting hospital patients or homebound members.
- **Property** – Brad shared ideas for Spring clean up, changing light bulbs, etc.
- **Hospitality** – Sue and her group will be working to get the member list cleaned up as their first priority.
- **Faith Formation** – Nothing to report.

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 23rd- Holy Communion Milestone (½)
- March 27th- Bidding starts on silent auction items, All-Age communion class
- March 30th- Rummage Sale set up after 6pm service
- March 31st- Rummage Sale set up
- April 1st- Rummage Sale set up
- April 2nd- Rummage Sale
- April 6th- Holy Communion Milestone (2/2)
- April 10th- Palm Sunday
- April 14th- Maundy Thursday- service at 6pm
- April 15th- Good Friday- service at 6pm
- April 17th- Easter- service at 8am & 10am- Sunrise breakfast 8:30-10am
- April 24th- Installation of New Council Members

WE SALUTE YOU

- Brad and Devyn for your years of service on the council, you will be missed!!
- Eide and Betty Lou for all you have done for the church lately....heading up the garage sale, World Day of Prayer and the prayer thumbprints.
- Kim Paulson for leading the prayer pebble activity.

NEXT MEETING April 19th, 2022 @ 5:30pm

LORD'S PRAYER

MEETING ADJORNED Char Burthold called the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

Respectfully Submitted by Amber Lambrecht, OSLC Council Secretary