

SALT SHAKER

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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All are Welcome - Connecting People to God, People to People, and People to Mission

A Note from the Pastor

My family and I have had a wonderful, warm welcome to Our Savior's and to Devils Lake. Thank you for the welcome signs, the goodies, the meals, the cards, and the phone calls. We appreciate you and all you've done to make our move as smooth as possible, despite the many obstacles in the way.

It seems appropriate that my beginning as your pastor coincides with the Lenten season - a season of wilderness and wandering. As I stumble through my first weeks and months in my new role, I am reminded of the many different ways we each experience wilderness at times. Whether it be in our work, family, social, or spiritual lives, the wilderness is an uncomfortable, uncertain place to be.

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THIS MONTH AT OUR SAVIOR'S FACEBOOK LIVE AND LIMITED IN-PERSON WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 10AM

3/7 HOLY COMMUNION
 3/14 SERVICE OF THE WORD
 3/21 HOLY COMMUNION
 3/28 SERVICE OF THE WORD

FACEBOOK LIVE LENTEN GATHERING WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

3/3 "CROSS"
 3/10 "COINS"
 3/17 "SHOES"
 3/24 "OIL"

Call Ahead Office Hours
 Wednesdays 9am -1pm
 662-5112

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I am also reminded that God's resurrecting work happens, even in the wilderness. I consider dust, bread, crosses, coins, shoes, oil, and coats. . . and I see God at work, breathing into, nourishing, agitating, stewarding, accompanying, blessing, and equipping us into beloved community.

I invite you this Lenten season to join in our them "Lent in Plain Sight" so that we all might become more aware, through some of life's most ordinary objects, of God at work in our lives. Join in Sunday morning worship, when each week we'll consider another object, and join me on Facebook Live Wednesdays at 6 pm to dig a little deeper. Blessings on in this wilderness season. -Pastor JoHanna

OUR SAVIOR'S FINANCES

2021 BUDGET \$210,967.00

NEEDED MONTHLY \$17,580.58

Date	Online Views	In-Person
Jan 31	149	26
Feb 7	159	19
Feb 14	380	41
Feb 17		38
Feb 21		41

Cash/Check: \$2996.00

Memorials: \$250.00

Simply Giving: \$2,815.00

Online Giving: \$1075.64

Total: \$7136.64

Hope Center \$.00

Total Given through Feb 23: \$ 16924.58

Total Needed through Feb 28: \$35,161.16

For more information about the Simply Giving program, contact the church office at oslcoffice@gondtc.com or 701-662-5112.

OUR SAVIOR'S COUNCIL

Brad Benton - President, Property
Jared Schlenker - Vice President, Outreach
Devyn Halvorson - Secretary, Youth
Luke Wavra - Treasurer
Melissa Pavek - Care and Concern, Communication
Kari Kempel- Worship
Char Burthold - Faith and Fellowship

February Memorials

In honor of **Julian Hagen**
Given by Bonnie Hagen.

WE SALUTE YOU!

Shannon Teigen for over four years serving as Financial Secretary of Our Savior's. We thank you for all you have done for Our Savior's in always keeping our financial book keeping up to date and accurate.

We Thank You

Darwin Pederson

for improving our sound on Facebook Sunday mornings and now Wednesdays too.

World Day of Prayer USA 2021

(usually held first Friday in March)
From the keyboard of Deloris Stenseth

Greetings to each of you! This year's World Day of Prayer, USA, is cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It is our hope that you will still continue to pray for the countries around the world. This year's country was the country of Vanuatu. Vanuatu is a Pacific island nation located in the South Pacific Ocean.

The theme for this year is "Build on a Strong Foundation:.. The theme is based on Matthew 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock". This sentence is found in the final paragraph in Jesus' greatest teaching; The Sermon on the Mount. We are to "love one another!" God commands this of each of us.

World Day of Prayer will resume next year. Please watch for announcements at that time God bless you, one and all.

PRAYER CHAIN

Mary Halldorson	Stan Sigette
Ella Fernandez	Derrel Britsch
Claudia Stoe	Janet Hanson
Char Burthold	Matt Follman's family

Please contact the church office directly if you have a prayer request.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

While our church remains in Phase 1, Faith Formation, confirmation, and other youth activities will continue to be on hold.

We are looking for a new Faith Formation Director, and will post the position on Facebook and on sites like Indeed and JobsND as soon as we have the job description and other details finalized. In the meantime, if you or anyone you know might be interested in the position, please contact the church office.

WELCOMING PARSONAGE CHALLENGE

A group of members have come together to challenge you to give a total of \$8,950 to make our parsonage as welcoming as possible for our new pastor and her family. Each dollar given will be matched by this group of generous donors, for a total of \$17,900. Donations may be brought into the church or given online at oursaviorsdevilslake.org with the designation of "Parsonage Welcoming Fundraiser."

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes-Draft February 10, 2021

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 Brad Benton called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

ATTENDING: Brad Benton, Char Burthold, Kari Kempel, Melissa Pavek, Pastor JoHanna Buchholz, Linda Duerr

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Char made motion, Kari Seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Melissa made motion, Char seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Luke was not present, but Brad covered the Western State Bank Account Statement for January.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Kari made a motion to approve the bills for the month of February of \$1,330.26. Pastor JoHanna seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor JoHanna has one Baptism on February 28 after service. Discussed Lent season with using Lent in Plain Site and having an Ash Wednesday Service at 6pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our Savior's Church will remain in Phase 1.

Annual Meeting held on January 24 with quorum of 53 members present.

Congregation voted and approved:

- Council Members First Term: Rachel Lindstrom, Susan Olson, and Amber Lambrecht
- Council Member Second Term: Devyn Halvorson
- Synod Assembly Delegates: Penny Roher and Lindsay Roher & 1 additional delegate that council can choose later in year closer to assembly in August if needed.
- 2021 Budget approved

Buchholz family arrived on February 2. Pastor JoHanna's first day was February 8.

Daycare expansion discussion with Bethany and Brad determined swapping the nursery room with a daycare storage room was the best option. Since the daycare was already using the storage room, there is no change to the current space being utilized or a need to increase the daycare monthly rent payment. Brad will coordinate with Ed to move nursery signs to new location.

NEW BUSINESS

Parsonage Water Damage update. Insurance Company has authorized additional payment of \$2,925 for rental property for 3 months at \$975 per month. Will need to submit rental property bills to

Insurance Company. Electrical bid proposal of \$8,115 is still with Insurance Company and not approved yet to begin the electrical work, but should be by February 16.

Personnel Committee is reestablishing with council member Char to begin working with other Congregation members for the advertising and interviewing process for Faith Formation Director, Communication Director and Financial Secretary positions. Char will be looking for an additional four congregation members to be on committee.

Administrative Assistant Position: In the short term with training in Pastor JoHanna and the absence of a Communication Director Position council made the following motion:

Motion: To increase the Administrative Assistance Position weekly hours to 30 hours a week from February 8 thru April 2, an increase of 10 additional hours a week for 8 weeks. Brad made motion, Char Seconded. Motion carried. Pastor JoHanna's Installation service scheduled for February 21. The ELCA Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth wants to attend as the presiding minister. Facebook Live audio upgrade options are being put together by Darwin Peterson. He will select an option and present the best option to the council for how we can integrate our audio system into our current phone to boost the audio through Facebook Live.

Laptop purchase for Pastor JoHanna. Pastor JoHanna will find a laptop that meets her needs and will request an approval vote through the council to make the purchase by email between council meetings.

Confirmation groups are being planned by Pastor JoHanna to start in the near future. Pastor JoHanna asked about past adult congregation members that could also assist. More information will be put out through emails and Salt Shaker once plans are completed.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Outreach &

Stewardship- Nothing to report

Communication/Care & Concern-

Nothing to report

Property- Brad will continue to

work with Insurance Company and contractors for the parsonage repairs. Still projecting an April completion date.

Faith & Fellowship- Nothing to report

Youth – Nothing to report

Communion Dates:

Worship- Sunday Service Support:

Usher Dates: 14 FEB – Brad, 17 FEB – Melissa, 21 FEB– Char, 28 FEB – Jared, 7 MAR – Char

Facebook Live Dates: 14 FEB – Luke, 17 FEB – Kari, 21 FEB – Kari, 28 FEB – Luke, 7 MAR – Luke

Communion Dates:

17 February, 21 February, 7 March, 21 March

IMPORTANT DATES: 17 February (Ash Wednesday)



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

NEXT MEETING: 9 March 2021 @ 5:30pm

MEETING ADJORNED Brad Benton called the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully Submitted by Brad Benton, OSLC Council President

