

November, 2021

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*thank
you*

Thank you for a wonderful Pastor Appreciation celebration.

The Fellowship Hall was beautiful, the food was delicious, and the cards, greetings, and gifts were all so thoughtful. You know how to make a pastor (and her family) feel appreciated! I am grateful for you!

SPECIAL EVENTS in NOVEMBER

- 11/22 Photo Directory Photos
- 11/23 Photo Directory Photos
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social
- 11/25 Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- 11/26 Office Closed

PRACTICING GRATITUDE

by Pastor JoHanna Buchholz

As the last of the leaves turn color, the harvesters return home, and we turn the calendar to November, we turn our hearts to giving thanks: for food on the table, for the warmth of a home, for opportunities to gather with loved ones. We do so, of course, aware that not everyone is certain when they will eat again, where they find safe shelter, or who is a friend. Couple that awareness with our own daily struggles and it can be difficult to find the thanks to give.

A popular phrase suggests to "have an attitude of gratitude." It's a sweet teaching. To be grateful may not change the circumstance, but it may change how we perceive it.

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Recently, I came across another suggestion: "practice gratitude." The idea is that a daily practice of giving thanks can cultivate that attitude of gratitude and maybe even change our hearts. I like that "practicing gratitude" is concrete - something I can put on my to-list and then check-off.

So, I invite you to join me in picking up a daily practice of giving thanks for the month of November. Write your words with a Sharpie on pumpkin. Speak them out loud to others around your dinner table. Call up a friend and tell her what you are thankful for. Share your heart in your prayers to God. Post them on social media. Whatever way works for you, let's "practice gratitude" together and see what God does with our hearts.

And then, come, let us give thanks together at our **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Nov. 24 at 6 pm.** Pie to follow!



Dakota Oyate Christmas Project

The Spirit Lake Conference of ELCA churches is once again gathering gifts for the Dakota Oyate Christmas Project. Visit the tree (coming soon!) in the foyer to select an ornament with the age and gender of the child to shop for. Then, put together a gift bag with the requested items. The items should total approximately \$25.

**We want to see
YOU in the
photo directory!**

**Photography
appointments are still
available for Nov. 22 & 23.
Call the church office to
schedule an appointment.**



**Our photo directory will not be
complete without you!**

**November 22 & 23 are the final days
for photography appointments!**

Sign up for an appointment on-line
at ucdir.com
code: nd104
password: photos

-OR-

Sign up by phoning the office
at (701) 662-5112
during office hours

Each bag should include:

- a hat/cap
- mittens/gloves
- socks
- hygiene items (lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush)
- a gift/toy appropriate for that age

**Return the items to Our Savior's by
Dec. 10.**

Esther Circle

Meeting the 3rd Thursday, 2 pm in the conference room of the church, every month until further notice.

This month we are studying the 2nd lesson in the Gather magazine

Quilting Circle

Tuesdays at 9:30am in the quilting room at Our Savior's.

This fall ,the quilters completed 80 quilts for the 2020-21 season. Six were sold to congregation members, helping to offset the cost of batting, thread, and other necessary sewing notions that keep the projects going. 81 quilts were stitched, backed and bound and through various means this is what happened to them...

44 quilts were donated to Lutheran World Relief.
2 were sent to California upon request.
1 given to someone in need.
17 variously sized quilts donated to the hospital.
6 sent to foster care
6 sold through Our Savior's.
5 donated to the Hope Center
Hats off to you, Rubie, Carol and Dorothy



Circle of Light

Meets Thursday, Nov. 10, at 4pm, at Marilyn Millers house. All women of Our Savior's are welcome. The Circle is studying Beth Moore's DVD titled "Breath."

Coming up in December, we have a FUN make and take event scheduled, Saturday, Dec. 4th @ 10am for the women of OSLC. Come for a visit and get to know one another while we create a fun, easy sweet treat project for the upcoming holidays. Cost is \$5.00 to participate.
RSVP to Edie Johnson @ (701) 662-3760.



Thank You

**Edie and Betty Lou Johnson
for organizing the Pastor
Appreciation dinner/potluck.**

Thank You

**Rick Senger for providing song
and vocals during the
appreciation
worship service.**

Our Savior's Finances

MONTHLY NEED: \$17,580.58

JAN-OCT. Budgeted Income \$175,805.80

DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER
(REPORTING PERIOD-OCT 1 - 31)

ONLINE GIVING \$ 891.50

CHECKS/CASH \$10,155.50

SIMPLY GIVING \$ 2,850.00

GIVEN WITH PURPOSE:

Memorials for Pear Nelson

Arvin Rohrer \$150.00

Coffee/Fellowship \$ 18.00

Wednesday Suppers \$ 420.50

TOTAL GIVING FOR MONTH \$13,897.00



As a worshipping community, YOU have a role in worship! We need people to fill the following positions on a rotating basis. Please contact Pastor JoHanna at (701) 662-5112 for the music positions. Sign-up for all others at our worship assistant sign-up genius or at the table outside the sanctuary.

OCT. WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON

ONLINE

(Online views are counted from website and Mailchimp)

OCT. 3	80	164
OCT. 6	92	
OCT. 10	65	101
OCT. 13	42	
OCT. 17	64	51
OCT. 20	42	
OCT. 24	58	39
OCT. 27	50	
OCT. 31	150	215

Accompanists to accompany congregational hymns and special music vocalists on piano or Clavinova.

Vocalists/Musicians to provide special music during the offering.

Communion Assistants to prepare communion before worship (pour wine, plate wafers), and distribute during services.

Ushers to greet worshippers at the door, count those in attendance, pass the offering basket, bring communion elements to the altar, direct worshippers for communion, and count the offering when worship is over.

Videographers to live-stream worship and post to our social media accounts.

Readers to read the Scripture for the day from the lectern.

From your Faith Formation Team

Faith Formation schedule may change as we go through the year so please read your emails and check the schedule at OSLC to stay well informed.

11/7 Sunday school

11/21 Sunday school

11/14 No Sunday school

11/28 No Sunday school

11/3 Wednesday school

11/10 Wednesday school

11/24 Wednesday school

11/17 No Wednesday school

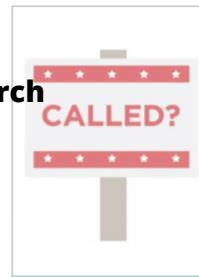
TBA Family Fun Night at church

"Discerning a Call to Ministry" Is God calling you? Candidacy might be your answer!

Perhaps you feel that God can use your gifts in a way that is more fulfilling to you and at the same time serves God more effectively. It is exciting and frightening.

The Eastern North Dakota Synod would like to help you figure out what God is up to in your life. "Candidacy" is the process of preparation and formation leading to the ordained Ministry of Word and Sacrament or the commissioned Ministry of Word and Service.

To help you understand the process we invite you to set up a meeting with Shar Gumke, Assistant to the Bishop or Alia Bartell, Synod Ministry Coordinator.



CHI St. Alexius Health
Devils Lake Foundation
SAAF 
„Lights of Mercy“
6th Annual
Community Tree Lighting
Thursday, December 2nd, 2021 @ 5:30pm
Hospital Front Grounds

Purchase a light on the tree "In Memory Of", "In Honor of", "Prayers for" or "Angel Of Hope"

Blue Light	\$10
Green Light	\$25
Yellow Light	\$50
Red Light	\$100
Purple Light	\$250

Sponsor A Tree Trunk \$500

Angel of Hope Tree-Purchase a light on this tree that is in memory of infants or children who have passed away

White Angel of Hope Light \$10

Please send this form with your check to:

CHI St. Alexius Health Devils Lake Foundation
1031 7th St. NE
Devils Lake, ND 58301

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November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	9:30am Quilting 6pm Worship planning 6:30pm Cub Scouts	4pm Faith Formation 5pm Supper— Group 1, BBQ 6pm Worship/Comm.	4pm Circle of Light			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	9am Faith Formation 10am Worship/Comm. Fortney Baptism 1:30pm OA	9:30am Quilting 5:30pm Adoptive Fam. 5:30pm Council 6:30pm Cub Scouts	4pm Faith Formation 5pm Supper— Group 2, pulled pork 6pm Worship/Comm.	1:30pm Pierson/Walker Decorating	4:30pm Pierson/Walker Rehearsal	4pm Pierson/Walker Wedding
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	9am Faith Formation 10am Worship/Comm. 1:30pm OA	9:30am Quilting 10am Sp Lk Conf. 6:30pm Cub Scouts	NO Faith Formation 6pm Worship/Comm. 6:30 Confirmation	2pm Esther Circle		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	2-8:30pm Directory Photos by appointment	9:30am Quilting 2-8:30pm Directory Photos by appointment	4pm Faith Formation 5pm Supper— Group 4, Taco in a bag 6pm Thanksgiving Worship/Comm.	Thanksgiving		
28	29	30				
NO Faith Formation 10am Worship/Comm. 1:30pm OA						
	9:30am Quilting 6:30pm Cub Scouts					

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
October 12th
, 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 Vice President Brad Benton called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.
ATTENDING Pastor JoHanna Buchholz, Char Burthold, Brad Benton, Rachel Lindstrom, Kari Kempel.

DEVOTION Pastor JoHanna talked about her last meeting for First Call Core Event which discussed Unity as a spiritual practice with a key note speaker Mr. Allen. Pastor JoHanna read from the book of John verse 20, and asked the council to reflect on how our congregation can bring unity to our congregation and community.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER AGENDA Rachel made motion, Kari Seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES: Rachel made motion, Pastor JoHanna seconded. Motion carried.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS Rachel made a motion to approve the bills for the month of October for \$3,827.94. Kari seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor JoHanna has had two funerals in August & September and one private baptism
 - Attended the First Call Core Event – Unity as a spiritual practice.
 - Completed the four week "Church Business Class" which was online.
- Pastor JoHanna talked about Confirmation and worship are going very well.

OLD BUSINESS

- Photo Directory link was sent in church email and posted on Facebook page. October signups are filling up quickly, but there is still plenty of open time slots in November.
- Personnel Committee formation- Char is continuing to work this Committee, which plans to create an employee manual for current staffed positions.

Security Cameras – Rachel had placed the order, received a partial delivery, and is waiting for the remaining items to be delivered for them to be installed by John Lindstrom.

- Discovery Preschool contract renegotiation- The council will meet with Bethany on October 20th at 5pm to discuss details and implement a new contract.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of Confirmands – Pastor JoHanna made a motion to approve the confirmands: Aaron Bonn, Lucas Bracken, Thomas Graue, Jade Lauinger, Simon Schlenker, Karsen Beck, Cambree Blegen, Tristan Boushey, Lainey Hall, Gabby Hanson, Austin Kempel, Max Langton, Blake Lippert, Caleb Moen, Jax Pavek, Brooke Wayman and Dylan Albrecht. Char seconded. Motion carried.
- Worship Holiday/Special events Schedule – Pastor JoHanna discussed upcoming holiday worship schedules which are listed below in the minutes in the Important Dates.

- Church Council & Staff Christmas Party is planned for December 12th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Pro's Lakeside.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Outreach & Stewardship - Nothing to report

Worship - Nothing to report

Communication/Care & Concern - Nothing to report

Property – Repairs were made on the dome roof, but still having leaks; will be working with contractor to complete the repairs.

Faith & Fellowship - Nothing to report

Youth - Nothing to report

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 27th – 6:30-7:30pm Trunk or Treat

- October 29th – 6:00pm Family Movie Night

- October 31st – Confirmation of Confirmands during service

- November 24th – 6:00pm Thanksgiving service – with a silent auction for pies, with winners announced at the end of service.

- December 19th – Possibly the date for the Live Nativity service – Pastor JoHanna will be coordinating with Suzy Krantz and Penny Roher for available dates and times.

- December 25th – 10:00am Cozy Christmas service (pajamas welcome)

- December 26th – 10:00am service

WE SALUTE YOU Eddie and Betty Lue Johnson for organizing and putting on the Pastor Appreciation dinner/potluck and for Rick Singer providing special music and signing songs during the event.

NEXT MEETING: November 9th, 2021 @ 5:30pm

LORD'S PRAYER

MEETING ADJORNED Brad Benton called the meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Brad Benton, OSLC Council Vice President