




God's Hand in Leading Us

In Genesis, there is a story about Joseph, who is his father's favorite son and is sold into slavery by his brothers because of their jealousy. He was a slave in Egypt working for Potiphar. While there, he is falsely accused of sexual assault by Potiphar's wife. He was put into prison. During his time in prison, he meets a baker and butler for whom he interprets dreams. This leads him to interpreting the Pharaoh's dreams and becoming the Pharaoh's second in command. When there is famine in Egypt, there is a surplus of food because of Joseph. His brothers come to beg for food. What does Joseph do? Does he retaliate? No! He says "now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life." (Genesis 45:5) Joseph looked at the twists and turns of his life and he saw the hand of God at work.

As we start a new year, I wonder what it will bring. What twists and turns will come my way? What doors will open? What doors will close? I wonder what twists and turns will come into your life and the life of Our Savior's. I wonder what surprises we will be looking back on next New Year's Eve.

As we step forward into this New Year, may our eyes be opened to see the hand of God opening and closing doors. May we see God's hand in the twists and turns of our life and the life of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. May we all step forward in trust and hope. God bless you in the New Year!

Pastor Paul

	<p>1 New Years Day - Office Closed</p>	<p>2 9:00am Quilting 11:00am Staff Meeting 12:30pm Youth Leadership Team Meeting 1:00pm WELCA Bible Study Leaders 5:45pm Congregational Life & Outreach (CLO) Committee Meeting 6:00pm Tiger Cubs Meeting</p>	<p>3 9:00am Quilters "too" 1:30pm Naomi Circle 3:45pm Middle School Youth Group 5:15pm Wednesday Supper 6:00pm Worship & WET (Wednesday Education Time) 7:00pm Confirmation: Parent & Student Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p>4 7:30am Men Reading Scripture at Season's Restaurant 9:30am Lydia Circle 10:30am Bulletin Folders Brigade</p>	<p>5 8:00pm High School Lock-in</p>	<p>6 8:30am Northstar Quilters Guild Meeting 10:00am Miriam Circle</p>
<p>7 9:00am Worship with Communion & Larsen Baptism 10:00am Coffee & Fellowship 10:10am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Communion 7:00pm National Youth Gathering Meeting</p>	<p>8 9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Elizabeth Circle 5:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting 6:30pm Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10 9:00am Quilters "too" 3:45pm Middle School Youth Group 5:15pm Wednesday Supper 6:00pm Worship & WET (Wednesday Education Time) 7:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p>11 7:30am Men Reading Scripture at Season's Restaurant 10:30am Bulletin Folders Brigade 2:30pm Worship at Good Sam 5:30pm Property & Management Committee Meeting 6:00pm Education Committee Meeting 6:30pm Tabitha Circle at Stacy Schlieman's</p>	<p>12 Committee Annual Reports DUE to the Office 6:00pm Bingo Night (National Youth Gathering Fundraiser)</p>	<p>13</p>
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Please join us for Worship in January!

Sunday Worship

- Join us for worship on Sundays at 9am and 11am. Coffee & Fellowship, as well as Sunday School, will be held between services at 10:00am.

Wednesday Worship

- Join us for educational programming and worship on Wednesdays. Free-will suppers will be served from 5:15-6:00pm, Worship and Wednesday Education Time (WET) begins at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary/Worship Center, followed by Confirmation at 7:00pm.

Our Savior's Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to join us for a free-will supper beginning at 5:15pm. Please call the church office at 218-773-8449 to 'rsvp' for supper, so we know how much to prepare. We will then have a short Wednesday Worship beginning at 6:00pm. The Annual Meeting will start at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary/Worship Center.

Join the Altar Guild!

Our Savior's Altar Guild is looking for new members. The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up for communion and baptisms on Sunday mornings. Please contact the church office or Dawn Jenkins if you can help the Altar Guild for a month in 2018!!

Thank you for your generosity!!

The Compassion in Action Committee and the Confirmation classes thank you all for the generous donations to the Holiday Food Drive and the Giving Tree Drive! The Food Shelf received over 1,500 pounds of food from Our Savior's, and loads and load of toys were brought to the library for families in need. Thank you for your generosity during the holiday season!

Teachers Needed for Wednesday Education Time

Our busy and bustling Wednesday Education Time is in need of teachers for the upcoming months. If you can volunteer for a four-week slot please contact the church office or email Karin Bergstrom (karinbergstrom218@gmail.com) for sign-up information. Thank you!

Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting, January 3 at 7pm

We are four months into Confirmation, so we are having a Parent/Student meeting on Wednesday, January 3 at 7:00pm. All students and parents need to make arrangements to be in attendance for this important mid-year meeting. See you on January 3rd!

Sponsor a Radio Broadcast

OSLC's 9:00am Sunday Worship is broadcast each week on KNOX 1310 and all are welcome to sponsor a broadcast in memory or honor of loved ones. The cost of each radio broadcast is \$170. The sign-up sheet for sponsoring 2017 broadcasts is in the church office.

Sponsor a radio broadcast today!! The following upcoming dates are open...

February 4: In honor or memory of...

February 11: In honor or memory of...

February 18: In honor or memory of...

February 25: In honor or memory of...

Sundays throughout 2018: In honor or memory of...

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Our Savior's Christian Education

Welcome back after the Holiday break! We resume educational activities on Wednesday, January 3 and Sunday, January 7. Join us!!

Our Savior's Sunday School & WET need your tin cans!

The Sunday School and Wednesday Education Time children are looking for donations of clean, tin cans. If you open a can of soup, beans, corn, etc., please wash it out and bring it to church! The kids will be using them beginning in January, so please have your clean cans to church as soon as possible! Thank you!

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2017-18**



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

MATTHEW 7:24-25

Youth News & Upcoming Events

Ken Dessellier, Youth Director

oslcegyouth@gmail.com; (218)773-8449 or (701)330-1725

All are invited to participate in upcoming youth events. There's something for every age group and all are welcome so bring your friends!

Youth Groups

The Middle School Youth Group will meet each Wed. from 3:45-4:45pm.

The Senior High Youth Group will meet each Wed. from 8:00-9:30pm.

High School Lock-In, Friday & Saturday, Jan. 5-6 from 8pm-8am

All High School students are welcome to join us for a high-energy night full of activities. Join us as we go bowling and play some amazing games all night long! All you need to bring is a pillow and blanket just in case you get tired and need some sleep; socks for bowling; running shoes for games; and \$20, or \$15 plus a couple canned goods for the food shelf. The cost is to help cover bowling and all the food for the night. If you have any questions, please talk with Ken.

Hawaiian Bingo Night & Silent Auction, Friday, January 12 at 6pm

Are you looking for something warm to take your mind off of winter? Then bring the family and come join us for a fun night of Bingo right here at Our Savior's! Prizes that have been donated from local businesses will be given out to winners of each round of bingo. We will also have a Silent Auction Fundraiser and concessions available. Admission is a free-will donation. All proceed will help the High School youth get down to Houston for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering! So dig out that old Hawaiian shirt from your closet and join the fun!!

Elementary Kick-Start, Sunday, January 14 from 1-3pm

We would like to invite any and all elementary students to a fun winter Elementary Kick-Start! We will be going sledding, singing songs, and enjoying a wonderful snack to warm up. Parents, make sure your children have warm outdoor gear and a sled or two. In the event of the weather being too cold, we will have some fun at the church. We'll keep you posted! If you have any questions, please talk with Ken to get more details.

Middle School Lock-In, Friday & Saturday, Feb. 2-3 from 8pm-8am

If you're a Middle School student looking for something fun to do on a Friday night, then come and check out this event! This will be one amazing night as we go bowling and play some amazing games and have a great time all night long! You just need to bring a pillow and blanket in case you get tired, socks for bowling, some running shoes for games, and \$20, or \$15 plus a couple canned goods for the food shelf. The cost is only to help cover bowling and food for the evening.

2018 Ski Trip, Monday, February 19

Come and enjoy a day off of school by going skiing or snowboarding! We will head to Andes Tower Hills near Alexandria, MN. We will leave the church early in the morning to give you more time on the slopes. For more information and prices, please pick up a ski trip packet. Packets will be available the first week of January in the youth office. This opportunity is open to all 6-12th graders. Please contact Ken if you have any questions or concerns.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you an adult who enjoys playing games, telling stories, mentoring, cooking, baking, or being a positive role model for children in our community? If any of these activities bring you joy, then we have some opportunities for you. We are currently looking at expanding our network of adult volunteers for many different youth activities throughout Our Savior's. Activities include chaperoning youth events, Sunday School and Wednesday Education Time teaching, faith story sharing opportunities, driving for activities. If you would like to give a little bit of time and volunteer with the youth, please talk with Ken to get more information!

Congregational Council Summary - December 19, 2017

- Call Committee members will be meeting for the first time on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 with Rev. Laurie Natwick from the ELCA NW Synod office.
- Confirmation students: There is concern with behavior problems with some students who are disrupting learning and discussion opportunities for other students. Cell phones will now be collected at the beginning of confirmation. When students misbehave, their parents will be called to come and get them and will also be required to accompany their child to confirmation in the future.
- Motion carried to accept technology proposal from OSLC member Mike Schlieman for approximately \$2400 to approve rehab network/technology project. Mike has volunteered to do the installation and an electrician will be needed for a small portion of project.

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- The council will have HB Sound (Fargo, ND) come and look at the sound board. All information will be presented at the annual meeting in January, 2018.
- 2018 budget was reviewed and will be presented at the January, 2018 annual meeting.
- Motion made and carried to donate the baby grand piano that was donated to OSLC to the Sunshine House.
- Congregational Life and Outreach committee has ordered new light fixtures and sconces for the Narthex area with grant money. They should arrive and be installed sometime in January.
- A TV has been installed across from the office area and the youth director office. These will be set up to share information, announcements and OSLC activities.

Congregational Council Minutes - November 21, 2017

Mission Statement – To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known.

Present: Stephanie Larson, president; David Thompson, vice president; Jane Norman, secretary; Alice Goschen, Lauris Svendsen, Al Lind, Dale Thompson, Karin Bergstrom, preacher/ex officio; and Pastor Paul Trenne, ex officio.

Excused: Roy Lillfors, treasurer/ex officio; and Tim Rehn

Other's present: Clarence Vetter, book keeper

- 1. Call to order** (Stephanie) 6:00 pm
- 2. Devotion and prayer** (Pastor Paul)
- 3. Approve agenda** – motion to approve agenda with flexibility and “projector/screen” by Al, second by Lauris. Motion carried.
- 4. Secretary's minutes 10/17/2017** - motion by approve by David, second by Jane. Motion carried.
- 5. Special Congregational meeting minutes 11/05/2017** – motion by Al, second by RaeAnn to approve with the addition of adding a huge thank you to Betsey for her creativity and hard work, second by Jane. Motion carried.
- 6. Stephanie and Jane's meeting in Fosston** – tabled.
- 7. Call Process**
 - a. Council Retreat – meeting Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 3-5 PM in Chapel Lounge.
 - b. Call Committee will meet during the first week of December with Rev. Laurie Natwick, ELCA NW MN Synod office. Stephanie will email committee members with information.
- 8. Christmas Day Worship** – average of 30 attending. Ken to check whether or not there is a radio broadcast scheduled Christmas morning.
- 9. Budget** – Clarence has only heard from three committees with 2018 budget requests.
- 10. Nominating committee** – consists of Jerome Iverson and outgoing council members: Stephanie, Alice and Tim. A list of nominations is needed for the annual meeting, January, 2018.
- 11. Synod Visit on November 30** at St. Paul's in Crookston. Stephanie and Dale will attend.
- 12. Baby Grand Piano** – worship committee will draft a gift-policy proposal to bring to the annual meeting.
- 13. Congregational Life & Outreach project and funding** – Grant monies have been received by the office. The committee decided not to continue with fundraising for the \$15,000 matching funds at this time due to projector and sound update needs. Requested that council remember hearing loop for future ventures.
- 14. Advertising** – need to form a committee and hold meeting to get started.
- 15. Parsonage** – Dave will talk with Aaron Brekke about communicating with the renters on a regular basis.
- 16. Screen and projector fundraiser** – Dave reported that after further discussion option #1 for \$9,400 for a new projector and lens will work. The church is in need of IT assistance to upgrade the sound system and computer systems. Property and management will coordinate.

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17. Reports:

- a. Financial treasurer's report (Clarence) – Envelope giving is \$24,000 under budget. Year to date is down \$7,000. Motion to approve report by Al, second by Dale. Motion carried.
- b. Committee reports & next meetings
 1. Compassion in Action (CIA) (Alice): Warm weather clothing has been delivered where appropriate and the giving tree will be up in Narthex after Thanksgiving.
 2. Congregational Life & Outreach (CLO) (Jane): see meeting notes.
 3. Constitution - has not met.
 4. Education (RaeAnn) – children are practicing for their Christmas Program both at Sunday and Wednesday school.
 5. Endowment – has not met.
 6. Personnel – will be meeting soon regarding pastor's wages and other staffing.
 7. P & M (David/Dale) – a new updated First-Aid-Kit will be purchased for the church.
 8. Stewardship (Al/Lauris) – no report.
 9. Vibrant Faith – Carol Svendson plans to gather the committee together and bring recommendation to council about the future. Pastor to check if we are still paying on contract.
 10. Worship (Stephanie) – The committee had a “think-tank” with some OSLC members and will be moving forward to hire musicians to liven up the Wednesday church service. There is more attendance on Wednesdays than at either Sunday service.
 11. Youth (Tim) – A new TV is being purchased and will hang across from the youth director's office providing programming information, announcements and photos.
 - a. Motion by David to approve all 4 fundraisers listed below for youth attending the 2018 National Youth Gathering, second by RaeAnn. Motion carried.
 - Bingo night – Friday, January 12th
 - Pizza Corner sales – the month of January
 - Christmas Bake Sale – Sunday, December 17th
 - Hugo's coupon savings books – November, 2017
- c. Pastor's report - officiated for one funeral, two baptisms, 27 youth confirmed. New families (17 units-some with children) have joined OSLC. There are about five additional families interested in becoming new members.

18. Other business:

- a. Healthy Congregations: a new class will begin in January, 2018

19. Next council meeting will be Tuesday, December 19th at 6 PM. Motion to Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer by Jane, second by David, motion carried – 7:34 PM

Our Savior's Council

RaeAnn Beauchamp
(Education)
Alice Goschen (CIA)
Stephanie Larson, President
(Worship)
Al Lind (Stewardship)
Jane Norman, Secretary
(CLO)
Tim Rehn (Youth)
Lauris Svendson (Stewardship)
Dale Thompson (P&M)

David Thompson, Vice Pres.
(P&M)
Pastor Paul Trenne (*ex officio*)
Roy Lillfors, Treasurer (*ex officio*)

Committee Chairpersons

Sara Kleinwachter & Amy Ryan - *Education*
Aaron Brekke - *P&M*
Liz Brekke - *CIA*
Mike Schlieman - *Youth*
Robin Thompson - *Congregational Life & Outreach*
Shari Johnson - *Worship*
Lauris Svendson - *Stewardship*

YTD Income and Expenses

(through November 2017)

Income = \$339,163.67

Expenses = \$339,368.52

Radio Fund Balance

\$86.28

December Memorials & Gifts

To the General Fund

- In memory of Effie Gregoire by Lisa & Seth Brown
- In memory of Ilona Molck by Dave & Judi Loer
- In memory of Anna Amundson and Lillian Aaker by Jeannine Flaa
- In memory of Chester & Ulla Olson by Gary & Bonny Grosz

To the Radio Fund

- In memory of Effie Gregoire by Karla Anderson
- In memory of Dorothy Dunham by Mary Ann Ciekliniski
- In memory of Lillian Aaker, sister of Pearl Werner, by Alyce Mae Christiansen, Sylvia Bilden, Ann Marie Srnsky, Leona Bakken, Berneil Nelson, Gwen Erickson, Bonnie Sprague, Helen Bergen, Doris Keller, Pat Hell
- In memory of Anna Amundson by Leona Bakken, Naomi Circle, JoAnn Rhen, Sharon & Tom Budge, Wayne & Jan Sykes, Norm & Marti Vanderpan, Sylvia Bilden, Mary Ann Ciekliniski, Mardie & Dennis Thompson, Jerry & JoAnn Johnson, Duane & Janet Wheeler, Bob Nelson, Pearl Werner, Loretta Machal, Matt & Lois Edman, Ordean & Carol Thompson, Bergliotte Connor, Phyllis Schutz, Delaine & Carol Johnson, Henry Tweten, Raymond & Patricia Twedell, Michael Amundson, Ann Marie Srnsky, Karla Anderson, Alyce Mae Christiansen, Pat Hell and Dick & Wendy Hell
- In memory of parents Albert & Ardelle Riel and Raymond & Edny Neuhalfen by Ray & Lynda Neuhalfen
- In memory of Phillip Lowe, son of Joyce Lowe, by Naomi Circle, Jeannine Flaa

To the CIA Fund

- In memory of Richard Anderson by Wayne & Alyce Goschen
- In memory of Anna Amundson by Alice & Wayne Goschen

To the WELCA Quilters

- In memory of Anna Amundson by Carolyn Gilbertson, Dave & Judi Loer, Teresa Bakken, Jean Brekke, Aaron & Liz Brekke
- In honor of Donna Feragen by Duane & Jody Feragen

To the Youth Fund

- In memory of Marvin Swanson, father of Rhonda Kallock, by Lisa & Seth Brown

To the Music Fund

- In memory of Lillian Aaker by DeLaine Welsh, Lloyd & Bonnie Slette
- In memory of Anna Amundson by Wilma Stinar, DeLaine Welsh, Gerry & Liz Eggers, Dave & Faye Aker, David & Jill Thompson, June Tangen, Sue & Brian Larson, Lloyd & Bonnie Slette, Richard & LoAnn Stallmo, Roger & Roxanne Hagen

To the Education Fund

- In memory of Anna Amundson by Patricia Schutt, David & Laurie Weber, Rick & Jane Beasley, Curtis & Betty Amundson

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Interim Senior Pastor... Paul Trenne
Interim Director of Faith Formation & Growth... Karin Bergstrom
Youth Director... Ken Dessellier
Office Manager... Betsey Aasen
Custodians... Myron Barnes, Elsa Flores
Choir Director... Shelley Bares
Organist/Pianist... Charlene Berg and Liz Eggers
Sound & Screen Technicians... Kayla Schlieman, Bev Voigt

Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30 pm

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