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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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February 2023

Our Saviors's Lutheran Church

2022 Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 22, 2023

President M Hess called the meeting to order at 11:15 am, in attendance were 27 members, the meeting was held in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

President Hess welcomed and thanked everyone stating, "we keep busy!" Special thanks was given to the snow plowers and shovelers, the quilters, the bandage rollers, our efforts to support the local food shelf and the schools kids closet, we accomplish so much for our small church in our community and the world.

President M Hess called for a motion to accept the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by M Boback, 2nd by D Peterson. Motion approved.

Pastors Report: in addition to Pastor Greg's report in the Annual Report, Pastor Greg thanked us for a great year and all the ventures we do, saying: "he looks forward to continuing God's work with us."

President M Hess reported we held 2 Executive/Special Council meetings: *1/23/22 we extended Pastor Greg Anderson's call as our Pastor.

*5/22/22 we voted to purchase a new furnace to replace the old furnace.

President M Hess called for a motion to accept/approve the following reports as presented: Pastor Greg Anderson's Report, Presidents Report, Parochial Report, Deacons, Trustees, Treasures, Financial Secretary, Stewardship, Education, Living Memorial Fund, WELCA, WELCA Treasurer, Voyager's Lutheran Ministry.

President M Hess asked for volunteers to fill open positions on the following boards The boards still needing volunteers are:

- The Nominating Committee(5) positions. Those volunteering are M Hess, D Maki, D Shuck, P Peterson, D Peterson
- NEMN Synod/Laurentian Conference (2) positions.

Due to the excessive cost to attend the conference no one volunteered to attend.

President M Hess thanked all those volunteering to fill the open positions for the Nominating Committee. Having a slate of candidates. Pres. M Hess asked for a vote to approve the Nominating Committee Report. A motion was made by K Dickinson 2nd by M Mulari. Motion approved.

Having a completed slate of officers for election Pres. M Hess asked for a motion to waive constitution C11.03 to allow succession of officers, motion moved by M Boback, 2nd by J Salo. Motion approved.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Treasurer, T Salo presented the 2023 budget having no questions or changes a motion by D Barstad to accept the treasurers report as presented, 2nd by D Peterson. Motion approved.
- M Boback informed all present to “be sure” all lights are checked and “turned off” before leaving the church. Electricity is very expensive!
- M Boback reported the individual final financial reports were placed in your mailboxes the end of December, it was noticed that some were crumbled and stuffed into another mail box. Please contact M Boback if you are missing your yearend financial report.

Having no other new business President M Hess thanked all our members who work so hard doing God’s work. President Hess asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion by M Boback 2nd by K Dickinson. Motion approved.

Adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
D Maki Council Secretary



“We are our Savior’s servants in our church, community and the world”



Please take time to examine ways we all can be aware of being good stewards in our lives, community and our church, and using our time, our talents and our money.

“You are our church and your time, talents and generosity are valuable”.



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Joy Norman, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson,
Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Joanne Barstad

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Monthly Volunteers

February Ushers

5 Don Berggren & Mark Boback
12 Roger & Yvonne Trowbridge
19 John & Kathy Baxter
26 Lorna Kallio & Mary Castle

February Readers

5 Janet Salo
12 Maren Lundquist
19 Kari Fallos
26 Mark Boback

Music

5 Diane Boback
12 Diane Boback
19 Diane Boback
26 Diane Boback

February Deacon ~ TBD

February Altar Guild ~ TBD

February Trustee ~ TBD

Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

- The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 24th of each month.
- The deadline for weekly bulletin announcements is Wednesday of each week.

*Submissions may be emailed to Kelly at the church office oslc1@frontiernet.net

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Kelly West ~ Secretary Monday & Tuesday 7:00am – Noon/Wednesday & Thursday 7:00 am – 11:00 am



If any of your contact information has changed, please call the church office and update your contact information. If you wish to receive church correspondence, it is your responsibility to contact the church with any changes or updates. Thank you 😊

It is important we have your current

- Home phone #'s
- Cell Phone #'s
- Email Addresses
- Home Address

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When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Members: Lorraine Ekman 229-3328, Janet Salo 229-2332 or 404-3358, Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463, Linda Loeffler 229-0130, Jan Moore 229-3466, Kate Undeland 780-2436, Debbie Maki 290-1471. If anyone else would like to take part in this ministry, please let a member know. We welcome anyone else who would like to share in supporting others in prayer



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

February Birthdays

Feb 2	Yvonne Trowbridge
Feb 3	Steve LaFrenier
Feb 4	Leonard Herrmann
Feb 5	James Fisher
Feb 8	Jason Lee
Feb 10	Beau Halttunen
Feb 18	Questa Knapper
Feb 28	Erika Ekman Cynthia Shain

May God bless you today on your birthday and every day after. May you be comforted by His presence in your life, and always follow His guiding light. If we have inadvertently omitted anyone, or have an incorrect date, please contact the church office at 229-3214 so we may update our records.

Scripture Readings for the Month of February 2023

Readings for February 5, 2023

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
Psalm 112
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

Readings for February 12, 2023

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Gospel Matthew 5:21-37

Readings for February 19, 2023

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Readings for February 26, 2023

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

2023 Snow Shoveling List

The list will be published in the monthly Newsletter, posted on the bulletin board, as well as reminders sent to each person prior to their assigned week. If you are unable to shovel on your assigned week, please find your replacement, per Don Barstad. Just a reminder ~ please shovel out the mailbox as well. The post office will not deliver mail if not kept up.

Thank you to all who shovel, you all are very much appreciated!!

1/27 – 2/2 Mark Boback
2/3 – 2/9 Kim Norman

2/10 – 2/16	Tim Salo
2/17 – 2/23	Doug Shuck
2/24 – 3/2	No one selected for this time frame
3/3 – 3/9	Jeff Weddell
3/10 – 3/16	Steve Ekman
3/17 – 3/23	Don Barstad
3/24 – 3/30	Jack Jeffrey
3/31 – 4/6	Bill Maki

South side of church sidewalks – front door, Sunday School door, and kitchen door.
 East side sidewalks – clean east entrance, and the Choir door should have a path away from building (fire exit). Ice melt is available at both sides. – More in basement. Don Barstad

Touching Stories of God's Love

Six-year-old Dan decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor.

He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten.

Dan was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad.

He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove, and he didn't know how the stove worked! Suddenly, he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically, he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky.

Just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Dan's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him.

Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process. That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky, we insult a friend, we can't stand our job, or our health goes sour.

Sometimes, we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him.

But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying for God or for others. Sooner or later, we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried.

The Stewardship Guy ~ Love Your Neighbor

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” –Matthew 22:37-40

What a shame that February – the one month of the year with keen focus on love – is also the shortest. We sure could use a lot more love in our world, especially for our neighbor.

The last several years have been particularly hard, as race riots, divisive elections and civil unrest have all unfolded against a traumatic backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic. Currently in very short supply, more love for neighbor would go a long way in helping us to solve our problems.

Love for neighbor is integral to not only good discipleship, but also good stewardship. The greater the “love for neighbor” factor in our lives, the better stewards we will be of every blessing God provides – creation, time, relationships, money, possessions, health, to name just a few. By cultivating love for neighbor we will also enjoy a happier life and promote a healthier and more civil society.

The opposite is also true. Cultivating enmity for neighbor leaves us sour, selfish and cynical, while also making our nation angry and selfish.

This year make February “Love Your Neighbor” month in your personal devotions and your congregational life. Give the concept breathing room in your life. Keep it in your thoughts, sow it in our heart, talk about it to your family and friends.

Pray for God to teach you what it means to love our neighbor. Pray for God to give you the strength and will to live it. And watch as love heals and invigorates your life ... and our world.

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