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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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February 2024

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

2024 Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 21, 2024

President M Hess called the meeting to order at 11:35 am, in attendance were 26 members, the meeting was held in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

President Hess welcomed everyone and went on to thank our congregation for all the wonderful things we do in our church, community, schools, and mission work throughout the world, stating, "we do a lot".

Pastors Report: In addition to Pastor Greg's report within the Annual Report, Pastor Greg thanked everyone for another year serving our church and looks forward to the year ahead. Pastor Greg stated Bible Study will begin again after the busy holiday season we will continue to meet in the Fireside room starting Wed. Feb. 14th at 1pm in the Fireside. Pastor Greg continues to work with our youth weekly and stated we now have 2 groups of youth from our church and students outside our church who meet on Wednesdays to play a Christian based version of Dungeons and Dragons, Pastor Greg and Matias Honkola lead and assist the groups. Pastor Greg stated he is humbled and honored to work and grow together with us where our goal is to proclaim the gospel!

President M Hess called for a motion to accept the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by M Boback 2nd by P Peterson. Motion approved.

President Hess called for a motion to approve the following reports as presented: Pastor G Anderson's Report, Parochial Report, Presidents, Treasurers, Financial Secretaries, Deacons, Trustees, Nominating Committee, Board of Stewardship, Board of Education, Living Memorial Fund, WELCA, WELCA Treasurers Report, Voyagers Lutheran Ministry. A motion was made by M Castle, 2nd by P Peterson. Motion approved.

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

- The Nominating Committee (5) positions, those volunteering are D Maki, K Undeland, M Hess, P Peterson and D Shuck
- NEMN Synod/Laurentian Conference (2) positions.
Due to excessive cost to attend the conference no one volunteered to attend.
- The Bd of Deacons needs 1 position. A volunteer was not found and the search will continue at the February council meeting.

President M Hess thanked all those volunteering to fill the open positions for the Nominating Committee. Having a (-1) filled position on the Bd of Deacons, President M Hess asked for a vote to approve the Nominating Committee Report. A motion was made by D Peterson, 2nd by M Mulari.

Presentation of Candidates (Nominating Committee Report)

Having 1 position on the Bd of Deacons not yet filled President M Hess asked for a vote to approve the Nominating Committee report. A motion was made by P Peterson. 2nd by D Maki. Motion approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Approve the Proposed Budget /Treasurer's Report for 2024: Pres. M Hess called for questions, having none a motion was made by M Boback , 2nd by D Berggren to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion approved.

President M Hess thanked all members who worked so hard on all the church boards through the year, President Hess gave "special thanks" for T Salo who gives so much of his time assisting her with so many things and helps in so many ways! President M Hess "thanks all our members for all they do and give. Thank you all!

President Hess asked for a motion to adjourn, motion by M Boback , 2nd by D Peterson. Motion approved.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
D Maki Council Secretary

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Women of the ELCA February Happenings

More ways to connect...Ladies Luncheons. In February we will be starting a ladies luncheon open to all. Since winter is all around us and it's always good to get together, we've decided to schedule monthly ladies luncheons. This will occur on the second Tuesday of every month starting on February 13 at Megan's Restaurant, gathering at 12:15 to 12:30 p.m. Time is very flexible -- come when you can. If anyone needs a ride, please let us know. We also plan to patronize the other restaurants in town.

This will be very informal, just a wonderful chance to socialize. Plan to attend and bring a friend. We hope to fill more than a couple tables. Questions? Call Kate at 218-780-2436.

Quilting is ongoing and many creative designs are taking shape. Remember, no prior experience is necessary to join in and share time with these talented ladies, meeting every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement.

The Rippers, Strippers and Rollers meet every Tuesday at 9:00; a wonderful time of fellowship while doing mission work.

These are great opportunities for fellowship and creating new friendships.

On Sunday, February 11, 2024, the WELCA will host a Special Valentines Coffee an' following worship. If anyone would like to contribute, you are welcome to do so.

On Behalf of WELCA at Our Savior's,
Kate Undeland (218) 780-2436

Wanted ~ Donated white sheets for the mission project of making bandages for Global Ministries. If you have any questions, please call Jan Moore at 218-229-3466.

Interchurch Lenten Services and Themes
Suppers at 5:30 PM Services at 6:00 PM



DATE	THEME	LOCATION	PREACHER
February 21	Jesus Foretells His Death Luke 9:21-27	St. Marks, Palo (Palo Congregational)	Isabelle Westham
February 28	The Good Samaritan Luke 9:21-27	Our Savior's, Aurora (UCC)	Greg Anderson
March 6	Jesus Denounces Pharisees and Lawyers Luke 12:37-59	Faith Lutheran, Hoyt Lakes. (Trinity United Methodist)	Chuck Barnes
March 13	Jesus Prays on Mount of Olives Luke 22:39-46	Faith Lutheran, Hoyt Lakes. (Trinity United Methodist)	Mary Lou Sixberry
March 20	Jesus Sentenced to Death Luke 23:13-25	Our Lady of Hope Catholic, Aurora	Kristoffer McKusky
March 29	Good Friday	United Methodist Church Aurora	Barb Hegfors



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

Elsie Lehtinen, Barb Swanson, Kim & Joy Norman, Charlotte & Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Susan Ray (Paula Skelton's Sister), Lori and Tom Berrigan



Monthly Volunteers

February Ushers

- 4 Don Berggren & Mark Boback
- 11 Yvonne & Roger Trowbridge
- 14 Mark Boback & Don Barstad
- 18 Kathy & John Baxter
- 25 Lorna Kallio & Maren Lundquist

February Readers

- 4 Janet Salo
- 11 Mary Hess
- 18 Sherrie Orazem
- 25 Lorraine Ekman

Music

- 4 Diane Boback
- 11 Diane Boback
- 14 Diane Boback
- 18 Diane Boback
- 25 Beth Getman

February Deacon ~ Janet Salo

February Altar Guild ~ Lorraine Ekman and Sue Sowers

February Trustee ~ Duane Peterson & Kim Norman

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In Memory of past Member Milton Mattson

I am contacting you to inform you of my father’s death . We as a family lived down 2nd street from the church. Grew up, confirmed, married at OSLC. My parents moved to the state of Virginia after my father’s retirement. My father; Milton Mattson died in January 3rd. Celebration of life services will be held at Longview Methodist church in Galax, Virginia on Saturday January 20th. He was 96 years old and had a great life and they had many happy memories of Aurora and OSLC.

Thank you,
Shelley Mattson-Svatos



Prayer Chain ~ When anyone needs 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

Jan Moore 229-3466

Janet Salo 229-2332 or 404-3358

Debbie Maki 290-2728

Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463

Kate Undeland 780-2436

Linda Loeffler 218-248-8511

**Bible
Study**



Bible Study resumes February 14, 2024 at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room



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 any of your address, email, phone has changed, is incorrect or to be added to the directory, please email or call the church office and update your contact information. If you wish to receive church correspondence, please contact the church with any changes or updates. Thank you 😊

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Worship Sundays 10:30am, Sunday School after children's sermon, Coffee An 11:30am

Ash Wednesday service 5:30pm February 14, 2024

Our Saviors Church in Aurora will be hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:30 P.M., prior to worship. The United Christ Church from Biwabik will partner/assist.



2024 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 (this has happened in previous winter seasons).

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

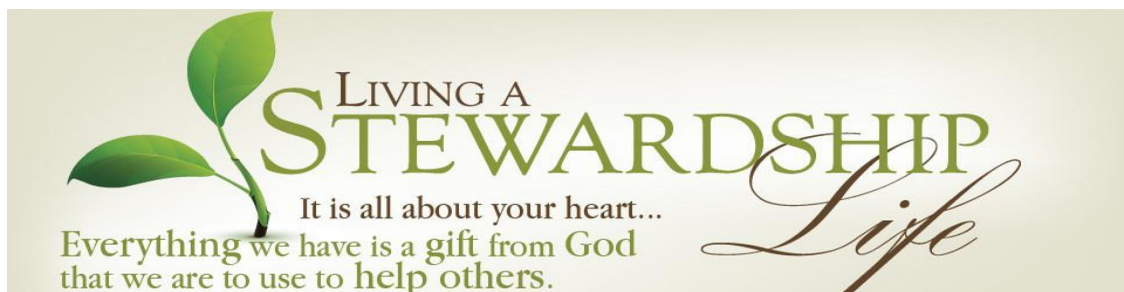
2/1 – 2/7	Kim Norman
2/8 – 2/14	Tim Salo
2/15 – 2/21	Matias Honkola
2/22 – 2/28	Jeff Weddell
2/29 – 3/6	Steve Ekman
3/7 – 3/13	Don Barstad
3/14 – 3/20	Jack Jeffrey
3/21-3/27	John Baxter
3/28-4/4	

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



OSLC Treasury Update

General Fund Net Assets increased in December by \$1,097; decreased -\$12,252.70 for 2023, significantly less than last year's actual decrease of -\$18,407 and less than the -\$14,939.60 budgeted decrease.

General Fund revenue was \$1,000 more than budget while expenses are nearly equal to the budgeted amount. Last December, net assets decreased by -\$1,064 versus the \$1,097 increase this month.

Cash position continues to stabilize. General Fund liquidity is sufficient to operate for the near future with the use of available short- and long-term funds assuming no increased revenues or reduction of expenses. January revenue may be less than budgeted \$6,000/mo.(\$72,000/year) while budgeted expenses\$6,690/mo.(\$75,692/year) may be slightly lower which could generate a decrease in net assets. We need \$4,000 or \$5,000 General Fund offerings to break even in 2024. In January, City of Aurora utilities increased \$20 while Gas heating was \$300 under budget.

Current General Fund Activity.

Statement of Activities	General Fund		Budget	
	Dec-23	Jan - Dec23	Jan - Dec22	Jan - Dec23
Total General Fund Revenue	7,296.08	69,567.89	67,296.18	72,000.00
General Fund Expenses	<u>6,198.99</u>	<u>81,820.59</u>	<u>85,704.10</u>	<u>86,939.60</u>
Net Increase or(decrease) Net Assets	<u>1,097.09</u>	<u>-12,252.70</u>	<u>-18,407.92</u>	<u>-14,939.60</u>

Funds Availability(Short-Term)

Possible Uses of Funds.

Funds Availability(Short-Term)		Possible Uses of Funds.		
General Fund	10,590.90		Low	High
Camperships	215.00			
Capital Improvements	2,032.56	Parking lot maintenance	2,000.00	5,000.00
Food Stand	3,723.54	New Back Steps	300.00	500.00
Sunday School Board of Ed	465.36			
WELCA Quilting	485.00			
Youth Activities	2,903.82		<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>
Miscellaneous	31.00			
OSLC Youth Group	3,771.53			
Altar Guild	411.34			
Interest	12.29			
Bible Day Camp	404.92			
Total Designated Funds	<u>14,456.36</u>			
Beverly Bailey Memorial	<u>76,378.38</u>			
Cash & Liquid Investments	<u>101,425.64</u>			