



# EyeOpener

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**



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**Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Aurora, MN  
Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

**The meeting was called to order:** at 6.30 pm April 20, 2021 by President M Boback

**Opening Prayer/Devotional:** Pastor Greg Anderson

**Agenda Topics:**

- February is our reorganizational meeting where all boards are to pick chairpersons and secretaries and give the new names to the church secretary by placing it on her desk or by sending it by email.
- Under Old Business: Approve the minutes for the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes.
- Mutual Ministry Committee and Pastor Greg will begin discussions whether to extend his contract or offer him a settled call.

**Release to Boards:**

Because of low attendance at individual board levels the chairman and secretaries were not able to be picked for the 2021 year and will be done at the May council meeting

**Council Meeting 6:45 PM** In attendance were President M Boback, T Salo, D Barstad, D Maki and Pastor Greg Anderson, J Salo, D Shuck

**Approve Minutes of** March 9, 2021 Executive council meeting a motion was made by D Barstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Salo. Motion approved.

**Approve Treasurers Report for March 9, 2021** the treasurers report was presented by T Salo, a motion was made by D Maki to accept the treasurers report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Barstad. Motion approved.

**Board Reports:**

**Deacons Report:** J Salo reported for the Deacons stating D. Shuck is the Deacon for the month of May the Eucharist Committee is back visiting our members in April, D Maki is doing April and the month of May it will be Y Trowbridge and L Ekman.

**Board of Education:**

**Stewardship and Fellowship:**

**Board of Trustees:** D Barstad reported work will begin as soon as it warms up a bit, they will be putting together the lawn mowing schedule, servicing the lawnmowers and cleaning up the dirt clods from snow plowing.

**Old Business:** At the Annual meeting for year 2020 held on March 28, 2021 the wrong annual meeting minutes were included in the 2020 Annual Report. A motion was made by D Maki to approve the minutes dated January 19, 2020 and inserted in the 2020 report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Barstad. Motion approved.

**New Business:** President Boback informed the council the Mutual Ministry Committee made up of D Maki, J Dickinson, M Boback, and C Worshek would be entering into discussion with Pastor Anderson about whether to extend his contract or offer him a settled call. M Boback will seek advice from the NE MN Synod.

Discussion was held in regard to adding families who attend our church but are not members but their children are members by Confirmation and it is felt that their families need to be added to the church directory and receive the monthly Eye Opener; In addition we have young families who attend church, their children attend Sunday School it is also felt those families need to be added to our directory as friends of the congregation so they too can receive our Eye Opener; by doing this we are being evangelical and living out our affiliation with the ELCA; D Maki will work to get families added and the information to our church secretary.

Discussion was also held regarding concerned members who feel social distancing and mask wearing is not being followed in the church. Some small groups who are fully vaccinated are able to meet without wearing masks if all in the group agree. The small group guidelines come from the ELCA, CDC and State guidelines.

The council will continue in service worshipping where everyone is required to wear a mask, social distance and sanitize their hands upon entering the church. The council will relook at all the CDC and agency guidelines again before the next council meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, until then if you are feeling ill please stay home and remain safe.

A motion to adjourn by M Boback, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Barstad. Motion approved  
Next council meeting date is May 18, 2021

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer  
Respectfully submitted,  
D Maki, Council Secretary

**The council asks for your prayers, guidance and support, that by our faithful service we will see faith abounds and God's kingdom increase. The council invites all members to attend council meetings. "You are our church" and your input is valuable.**

**Council meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30. All members are welcome to attend.**

## *Sending our Love and sympathy*

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Ruby Okstad upon her death on April 6, 2021. May God's love comfort you now and in the days to come.

Gifts have been given to the Living Memorial Fund by Elsie Lehtinen and Don & Joanne Barstad.



## Plan for “In Person” Worship

Upon returning to “in person” worship the following will be necessary:

1. The use of masks or other facial covering will be required.
2. Maintain social /physical distancing. Visiting must be done outside of the building.
3. Hand sanitizer will be used as people enter and leave the building. Hand sanitizing stations will be available inside front and rear entrances.
4. The minister will not greet you before or after worship.
5. When entering the building, please do so by households, maintaining 6 feet from the next person or household and go directly to a pew. Rows will be designated for seating. Every other row will be blocked off.
6. Bulletins will be located in the Narthex, and be picked up by each individual and be taken home after the service. Do not leave the bulletins in church.
7. There will be no hymnals, communion cards and pencils in the pew area. Therefore, no singing of hymns or liturgy. During the service, there will be no sharing of the Peace.
8. The offertory plate will be in the Narthex.
9. On Communion Sundays, located in the Narthex, will be individually pre-packaged communion elements. Take one for each member of your household. You will be directed when to partake of the elements.

10. When you are dismissed, ushers will indicate, by pew, when you will exit. Use hand sanitizer and go directly out of the building. The Fellowship Hall will not be used.
11. Bathroom use. Hand sanitizer and sanitized wipes will be located in the bathrooms. After use of the bathroom, you will need to sanitize door handles, flush lever and sink faucets. It is suggested that young children be accompanied by a parent.
12. If you do not feel well or possibly have a fever, please stay home.
13. If you are at higher risk, over age 65 or with underlying health risks, please consider staying at home.

These suggestions have been compiled from the NEMN Synod, the Wisconsin Council of Churches, the CDC, and the University of Minnesota Department of Epidemiology.  
The Committee for Safety During Worship  
Our Saviors Lutheran Church

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Cell phone # 218-750-4195



## **Monthly EyeOpener & Weekly Bulletin Deadlines**

The deadline for the Monthly EyeOpener is the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month. Submissions may be emailed to Kelly at the church office [oslc1@frontiernet.net](mailto:oslc1@frontiernet.net) . That's oslc (lower case)....the number 1.....@.....frontiernet.net (all lower case)



When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, Kelly or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Members: Lorraine Ekman, Janet Salo, Yvonne Trowbridge, Joanne Barstad, Debbie Maki, Linda Loeffler and Jan Kaster. 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.

## Tables and Chair Use Policy

Contact Kelly in the office at 229-3214 or 750-4195. A log book and calendar is kept in the office. (The executive board does not keep track of the reservations, so that is why it is best to contact Kelly first to see if they are available for the dates and times you want.)

Once approved. Please remember the following: There are times when events happening at the church when the tables and chairs are needed, so that may affect if and how long you may have them. □

The policy States that:

NEW LIGHTER WEIGHT TABLES AND THE ROUND TABLES MAY NOT BE BORROWED AT ANY TIME. ONLY THE OLD HEAVIER LONG TABLES MAY BE BORROWED.

## Monthly Volunteers

### May Ushers

- 2 Mary Hess
- 9 Kim Norman
- 16 Lorraine Ekman
- 23 Carter Skelton
- 30 Doug Shuck

### May Readers

- 2 Mary Hess
- 9 Mary Mulari
- 16 Kim Norman
- 23 Lorraine Ekman
- 30 Pam Peterson

**May Musician** ~ Diane Boback  
**May Deacon** ~ Doug Shuck  
**May Altar Guild** ~ Nothing turned in  
**May Trustees** ~ Rod Salo & Don Barstad

## Attention all Members and Friends of Our Savior's

Please call the church office and update your contact information.

It is extremely important we have your current

Home phone #'s

Cell Phone #'s

Email Addresses

Home Address

In the Corona Virus Pandemic time we want to provide you with our weekly Bulletins and Eye Openers

CALL THE OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE

218-229-3214 OR SEND AN EMAIL [oslc1@frontiernet.net](mailto:oslc1@frontiernet.net)



## May Birthdays

May 3	Andrew Ekman
May 5	Daniel Prazak
May 6	Sara Peterson
May 7	Aubree Ann Skelton
May 10	Warren Undeland
May 11	Linda Loeffler Duane Undeland Alexander Forrett
May 12	Jamey Kaster
May 13	Charles Karish
May 14	Keith Shatava Tanner Sowers
May 19	Barb Swanson
May 20	Glorene Clark Lottie Herrmann Marilyn Olson
May 21	Christine Caldwell
May 23	Margie Nelson
May 27	Samuel Olmstead
May 29	Jonathan Plemons
May 31	Kristina Ekman

### Happy Birthday Everyone!

May God bless you on this special day and for many days & years to come.

### 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.

### CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Our Savior's provides a daily devotional titled "Christ in Our Home" that can keep your focus on God on a daily basis. You can find them on the table in the Narthex.

## Hello Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry supporters!

We have been so blessed in recent years with the response at our Work Days! So much work has been done and some major projects have been completed. **As you make plans to join us this year, we invite you to once again consider applying for a Thrivent Action Team.** Action Teams can be used to cover the cost of camp projects, but

can also be used to pay for gas to allow more volunteers to join us on these important days. Contact the VLM office or visit **Thrivent.com** and click **“What We Offer”** and then **“Generosity”** to learn more.

Review the enclosed list of projects and tasks, and contact our Property Managers with specific questions about how you can help get behind all that needs to be completed at both sites.

**Please note:** We will have Covid-19 protocols in place to help ensure the health and safety of our volunteers. So grab your favorite mask and plan to join us!

We look forward to seeing you at camp this Spring!

Joel Abenth, Executive Director

*Camp Hiawatha Work Day - Saturday, May 1*

*Camp Vermilion Work Day - Saturday, May 15*

*VLM Property Managers*

**Steve Hallie Tyler Vork Camp Hiawatha Camp Vermilion 218-246-8604 218-666-5834**

### *Overnight Opportunity for Families and Youth!*

Join us Friday night for a light dinner at 6:30 followed by games, campfire, and fellowship in the evening.

After breakfast on Saturday, you can explore the camps on your own or join in on Work Day

as we get our camps ready for summer. This is a great opportunity to introduce new friends

to camp - especially if the camper (or camper parent) is nervous about being at camp this summer.

*RSVP at least one week before the event, so we can arrange proper housing and prepare food.*

*Covid-19 safety protocols will be in place; please contact us with questions.*

**Friday, April 30 - Saturday, May 1 at Camp Hiawatha (RSVP by April 26)**

**Friday, May 15 - Saturday, May 16 at Camp Vermilion (RSVP by May 11)**

RSVP by calling (800) 331-5148 or email [VLM@VLMcamps.org](mailto:VLM@VLMcamps.org). This event is FREE for families who help on Work Day. If you choose to do the overnight but can't stay for Work Day cost is \$50 per family or \$5 per youth.

## **Camp Vermilion Work Day**

VLM invites you to **Camp Vermilion for Work Day on Saturday, May 15, 2021** to get the camp ready for summer.

Work Day begins with registration from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Coffee, juice, and rolls available. Lunch will be served around 12:30.

Some additional projects are listed below and the Building/Cabin Projects are listed on the back side of this page.

Projects are listed by order of the sponsoring congregation. If your congregation is interested in adopting a building, please contact the VLM office.

**The general cleaning list for all cabins is:**

**Exterior:** Remove webs, pollen, pine needles. Inspect walls for bees and birds nest and remove. General clean up/raking around the cabin. **Interior:** Sweeping, dusting, cleaning windows, and wiping mattresses down. *Vermilion will have general cleaning supplies available (disinfectant, window cleaner, rags, etc.). You are welcome to bring your own if you choose.*

If the church would like to purchase mattresses for their cabin, contact the camp office. We work with a mattress distributor that gives discounts for larger orders. VLM will place one order for the camp.

If you would like to make a gift in kind donation to Camp Vermilion, please let us know and we will send you a copy of our Wish List. We have a wide range of items in all price ranges.

**\*\*\* Camp Hiawatha work day projects are listed separately. \*\*\***

If you wish to do one of the special projects listed below, please contact Tyler Vork, our Property Manager, at 218-666-5834 to discuss details.

(800) 331-5148

vlm@VLMcamps.org

www.VLMcamps.org



## ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

### Forestry Stewardship Work

**Hazard/Downed tree removal and firewood** - Stacking, hauling, piling firewood. Working to reduce fire load around camp and chipping slash piles.

*Use of special equipment would be helpful- brush saws, commercial chipper, 4-wheelers, trailers, and all safety equipment*

### Site Trail/Road Work

**Road surfacing** - Gravel around Voyageur Lodge, parking lots, driveway and main trails

**Trail Management** - check hiking trails, campsites (Primitives), spread wood chips around camper cabins

### General Site Maintenance

**Outhouses** - Clean and restock with toilet paper, repairs, and decommission two units.

**Campfire Rings** - clean up area, dig out campfire pits, repair/replace benches

**Missionary Village** – downed tree removal, continue to brush and chip understory

**Travois Hill maintenance** - clean and brush out campsites, install new signs, repair electrical and water

**Beachfront** – Assist with raft completion

### Building Maintenance

**Saunas** – Assist with landscaping year round sauna, assist with final touches on summer sauna

**Treetop cabins** – Paint exterior of cabins, finish securing lofts

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## QUILT/ KIT DEDICATION and SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 9, 2021 has been chosen as the day we will dedicate our quilts and kits and recognize our graduating seniors. The quilters will be putting the quilts on the pew backs with signs pinned to them to “GIVE THEM WINGS”. You may pin a donation to the quilt which will help pay for LWR shipping.

The quilts will be on the pews after Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, so the Graduating Seniors may select their quilts. They may pin a slip with their name on it to their chosen quilt. They will be presented with their quilt at the Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> church service.

Please come and congratulate our seniors!

## **QUILTING – WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30 A.M.**

We started quilting the first week of April with 3 people, 4 the next week and 5 the third week. Lets' keep increasing those numbers!

We meet in the church basement and use the side door. You are welcome if you just want to come to chat.

## **INTERCHURCH**

**We will be meeting April 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Food Shelf in its new location which is the former Jehovah's Witness building, so there is no news at this time.**

**J. Salo and P. Peterson are your delegates, so you may see them with questions and concerns.**

Thank you to Richard Hess for snow plowing the parking lot.

Debbie Maki