

Che Messenger

Fall's Bountiful Blessings!

Fall is around the corner. This means Our Savior's will be gearing up for another program year. Here are a few of the things I will, or would like to be, involved in:

Confirmation:

We will have a new student/parent orientation on Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30 pm. Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, October 15th. This year's confirmands will be confirmed on Sunday, October 26th. You can sign-up for confirmation in the office or after worship during Rally Sunday, on September 7th. Also let me know if you'd like to volunteer as a confirmation leader this year.

Establishing our Core Values for Mission:

We will launch a video recapping all of the work done thus far along with a short questionnaire. From there, the CAT team will identify 1-2 missional goals for OSLC to focus on over the next 1-5 years. These goals will guide our decision-making, staffing patterns, and asset allocations. Thank you for your patience during this process.

Interfaith Worship:

I lead a monthly worship service at Interfaith Care Center in Carlton. This takes place at 11:00 AM on the first Tuesday of each month. I am looking for volunteers to assist me with music during those services. To date, we have been playing recorded music over a Bluetooth speaker. I would love to bring a live music element to these services. This can be done in many different ways. Please contact me to express interest.

The Tears of Things Book Club:

As I wrote about in last month's *Messenger*, I will be leading a book discussion that will couple conversation about the book along with things going on in our world today. The expression of righteous anger and lament, much like the prophets of old, will be explored and encouraged. This is sponsored by the Church in Society team. Purchase your book now and join us.

Bible Explorations:

Whether you like to call it a Bible study or a discussion; whether you like to read over a coffee or a pint; whether it be an early morning or a weekday evening; I want to read the Bible with you. There already is a regular Wednesday morning Bible Study that is traditional as well as a gospel discussion after Palanca meets in prayer, but that doesn't have to be all there is. So, let's get weird with it! Tell me what works best for you and let's get a few more Bible exploration groups together.

I always get excited this time of year. We are a church that wants to engage with the story of Jesus and advance God's mission in the world. How that plays out is up to all of us. So, let's lean into the power of the Holy Spirit and make this a year to remember at Our Savior's!

Dastor Luke



OSLC Men's Ministry -What? Why? Who? HOW?

Do we need a men's ministry group at OSLC? Fellows already participate in dart ball, a winter fishing trip, the Properties Team, Bible study—so why a men's ministry group? Relationships.

Each day, there are many challenges, but where's a safe space to share our struggles and get support and encouragement to continue? What about faith? How do you navigate fulfilling various roles and responsibilities? Christ's sacrificial love gives us a model of how to be better men, strengthening our connections with one another, our families and the world around us.

Let's get a group of men together—teens to retirees—and be there for each other. It's our opportunity to provide man-to-man accountability, encouragement and support for one another, rooted in our faith, fostering a deeper understanding and growth of that faith and its application to daily life, cultivating our relationships with one another and with God. Bible study, prayer, fellowship, discipleship, discussion—these are tools we can use to strengthen our relationships with one another and with God which make us stronger. With the confidence of faith, we can positively affect how we interact with everyone in our lives at home, at work, at church and in our community making all these connections more vibrant.

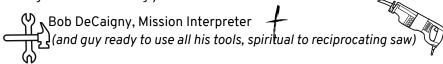
So, take a couple minutes, fill out the on paper – just give us your input. Paper copies are in the narthex.



Men's Ministry survey. You can do it online or Here's a handy QR Code to do it online.

You matter. Let's get together and build something with lasting impact. In fact, let's get together and do some projects as handymen in our congregation with drills and hammers, it's another great way to connect.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.





Dig out your silliest, kookiest, OUTLANDISH and colorful socks for Silly Sock Sunday September 28!

Wear those wild socks to worship, then c'mon down to the Fellowship Hall after service and let's see who has the winning socks in five fantastic age categories.

The top three finishers in each bracket will be eligible to select a prize!!

After the judging is complete, let's enjoy a potluck together. Plan now to bring a dish to share.



Bring your best potluck dish! Want to share the fun and joy of toasty toes? Please share a pair—warm winter to everyday plain—in the donation box for Community of Hope in the Narthex. We want everyone to have happy dry feet.

Tim Kazmierczak, Peggy and Bob DeCaigny and the Fellowship Team are our coordinators for this stocking-clad phalange phun!



PRIZES & POTLUCK! -5 AGE CATEGORIES!--

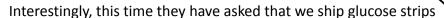
KNOCK OUR SOCKS OFF! --





Haiti Update

Ministry in Medical Mission (MMM) is currently preparing another shipment of supplies for Dr. Manno's clinic. The need continues to be great and the situation there has not improved. Despite the challenges, Dr. Manno's team is planning a to provide their annual diabetic training gathering, currently scheduled for September 26th. The MMM team is working to obtain glucometers and glucose strips to support their needs.





separate from the glucometers. If shipped together, apparently they have concerns that they may get stolen for black market use as they go through customs. But when shipped separately they believe they will get through OK.

Some of our MMM members are working to obtain these diabetic supplies through some of our local pharmacies. But we are encountering more difficulty in locating the supplies on our end as well this time.

Please pray that we can manage to get the needed supplies and that they get through to Dr. Manno's team successfully. Please consider helping financially. If able to help, donations can be given through OSLC by putting Haiti Mission in the memo line of your check or donation, or give directly to Ministry in Medical Missions by contacting Missions Chair, Marilyn Cluka at mcnur@aol.com or 218 390 7264.



Thanks for your prayers and support, Mary Krohn for Ministry in Medical Mission

CHILI COOK-OFF

Silent Auction
Sunday, October 5, 2025

1999 4:30 pm

OSLC Fellowship Hall

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025!





If you have a gold God's Work Our Hands T-shirt, please wear it to church each Sunday in September and be a golden beacon of joy, hope and love. Lutherans put our hands to work, serving and supporting the community at OSLC and beyond.

A limited number of our gold God's Work Our Hands T-shirts are also still available. If interested in a T-shirt, contact Jan Larson at janbruce79@gmail.com.





Are you planning to join in with God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) work on September 14, 2025?

This is a chance for the whole family to volunteer together.

Let's have a large multi-generational contingent rolling up their sleeves to help in a variety of ways again. Sign-up sheets will be available in the church narthex starting in August.

GWOH KIT SUPPLY NEEDS

Do you enjoy garage sales or tracking the fall back to school sales? Consider collecting items for the various kits that will be prepared and assembled on September 14th as part of our God's Work Our Hands day. Often useful items can be found at local garage sales. Among the items needed and the kits to be prepared will be:

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits:

- New light weight bath-sized towels (between 20" x 40" and 27"x 52"), dark colors recommended. Two or three bath size bars of soap equaling up to 8-9
- oz., unscented, in original wrapping.
- One sturdy comb (packaging removed)
- One adult size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One metal nail clipper (attached file optional), (packaging removed)

Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits

(sizes 3 to 24 months) (new or VERY GENTLY used.):

- Two lightweight cotton T-shirts (onesies can be cut to make t-shirts)
- Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers or pant sets
- Blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt
- Two or three bath size bars of soap- no antibacterial or scented soap- Dove brand is good. In original wrapping.
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins
- Cloth diapers, or new or gently used flannel sheets to make into diapers
- Socks 2 pair per kit

Donated materials may be brought to the church office by September 10, 2025 Thank you!

- 70 sheet notebooks, wide or college ruled, approximately 8" x 10 ½ " (no loose leaf paper please)
- 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink please)
- 2½" eraser
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Pencil sharpener
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons

Backpacks for Lutheran World Relief School Kits:

- Heavy fabric like denim or upholstery fabric will be made into drawstring style cloth bags approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps.
- No standard backpacks please
- Instructions to make a backpack can be found at: http:// lwr.org/schoolkits

Ditty Bags:

- Full size bar of soap (in original wrapping)
- Wash cloth
- Tooth brush
- Medium or large toothpaste
- Medium or small sized notebook
- 2 razors
- Sturdy comb
- Travel size shampoo, conditioner and lotion
- Sewing kit (optional)



PPC Minutes 08/19/2025

Present:Brad Browers (Worship, Arts and Music), Bob DeCaigny (Secretary), Jill Elwood (Youth), Connor Hecht (President), Linda Holmstrand (Fellowship), Pastor Luke, Rob Macaulay (Vice President), Shannon Matzdorf (Welcome), Kathy Rye (Past President and Church in Society), Marty Rye (Properties), Sue Stahl (Stewardship), Wendy Thompson (Treasurer and Palanca Deacons)

Unable to attend: Roxanne Frederick (Christian Education), WELCA, NHCP

- 1. Welcome and Sharing of Highs and Lows: Members shared as they desired.
- 2. Devotion and Opening Prayer: Welcome Team Centered on the joy and impact of serving others..
- 3. Approval of June 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Sent out electronically and approved via e-mail.

4. Treasurer's Report/ Financials

No Report

5. Pastor's Report

- Since we last met, we held our first Community Day Camp in partnership with Zion Lutheran and Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry. It was a great success, and all parties agree that we want to do it again next year with more planning and a date picked out earlier. We served 11 youth over a period of four days. Several of the youth and their families came to the church picnic. Thank you to all our staff and volunteers for making it a great week!
- The Run Pastor Run fundraiser was also successful even though the event itself was cancelled for poor air quality. We raised \$1,864.56 for ELCA World Hunger. Many people don't know this but, the money that goes to ELCA World Hunger helps people around the world, including in the United States. I plan to capture some video of my upcoming solo 5K walk/run to share with the congregation. Thanks to all who contributed.
- I participated in a community training event at the Cloquet Public Library along with other church leaders and various Carlton County leaders from county government, police and the fire department. The Safe and Strong Communities training was hosted by the United Way. We learned how to protect youth in our community by spotting abuse or neglect as well as how to report it. It was also a great way to network within community leaders.
- Connor and I met with members of Good Hope to discuss them renting some of our space this upcoming school year. Connor has more to report on that meeting.
- I am looking forward to Rally Sunday, Confirmation, plus a new opportunity I will be leading in conjunction with Church in Society. We will be reading and discussing the book, *The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr. More about that is in the August Messenger
- I presided over one funeral and went to two visits this month. I also led the monthly service at Inter-Faith Care Center.

6. Team Leader Reports

- <u>Christian Education</u>: Preparing for Rally Sunday 9-7 and the upcoming school year. Sunday school registration is ready, continuing with the Sparks curriculum, we need teachers and volunteers. Sunday School teachers do not need to teach every Sunday. If you or someone you know is interested contact Jill Elwood or Roxanne Frederick. The Christian Education team will meet soon, new team members are welcome to join us.
- Church Properties: Nothing specific to report.
- Palanca Deacons: Meeting every other week during the summer.
- Welcome: Will provide support with Rally Sunday carnival events. Purchased a new brochure stand for the narthex. Creating a new church brochure and updating new member folders. Planning for a church campfire event, for 10-12 at 3 p.m., with a connection to Indigenous People's Day on 10-13. Coordinating a 3rd annual Trunk or Treat. We are purchasing a few more stand sign holders.
- <u>Fellowship</u>: a.The picnic on July 23rd took place indoors due to rain, but was a great success. About 100 people were served, including counselors and guests from the Community Day Camp. Upcoming events; 9-7 Rally Sunday (coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall prior to youth activities), 9-14 God's Work Our Hands, 9-28 Silly Sock Potluck (coffee in the Fellowship Hall followed a potluck meal the team will serve and cleanup after) and 10-5 Chili Cook-off & Silent Auction sign-up sheets for cooks and other volunteers will be posted soon. Ministry Teams are asked to donate a basket for the auction. Local businesses are being approached for a donation.
- NHCP: No report
- <u>Stewardship Team:</u> The annual garage sale is 8-22 and 8-23. The Generous Together Team is to discuss the annual pledge drive planned for the end of October or first weekend in November.
- Worship, Arts & Music: Fall rehearsals will begin soon. The organ has been tuned.

SEPTEMBER 2025

PPC Minutes Continued



6. Team Leader Reports - continued

- Youth Ministry: will be meeting soon to plan events for the upcoming year. Researching and creating a liability/waiver form for adults to sign before their child(ren) can use the bouncy house. Plan to complete that before Rally Sunday 9-7; along with a posted set of rules and expectations for use.
- WELCA: No report
- Church in Society: New book study coming and a blanket exercise planned.

7. Old Business

- Community of Hope: Dinners are on the second Sunday of the month, next one 9-14. There is no dinner 9-7.
- Rental Space: Sarah Klyve is developing marketing and advertising for the space.
- Generous Together: Two more activities planned.
- NHCP Steering Committee: A meeting will be held 8-22. An architect will be present to discuss options for plans needed for a facility which offers a Christian education piece embedded within a day care.
- <u>Establishing Core Values for Mission</u>: The video will be edited from the All Teams Meeting 5-18. The congregation will be involved with the process when that step is complete
- <u>VLM Community Day Camp</u> a.(held 7-21 to 7-24) The planning committee met to debrief. Consensus is to hold it again in 2026 but with more planning and a date picked out earlier.
- Rally Sunday: 9-7 come join fun activities in the Fellowship Hall 10:45 a.m. 12 noon.
- <u>Silly Sock Sunday</u>: a wear silly socks to service. Coffee will be in the Fellowship Hall after service during which all age groups willing can have their socks judged in a contest where top contestants can select a prize. Bring a dish to share and stay for the potluck meal. Bring new socks as a donation (especially warm ones since you know what is coming). Donated socks will be given to Community of Hope.
- Church rummage sale: 8-22 8 a.m. 5 p.m. and 8-23 8 a.m. 3 p.m. (setup 8-20 and 8-21)
- Constitution and Bylaws revisions presentation: Rich Krikava will present 9-16. Potluck at 6 p.m., presentation 6:30 p.m.
- Storage Room for Boy Scouts: Space has been identified in the garage.
- Storage Room for We the People, Indivisible Cloquet: Space has been identified in Sunday School room #19.
- <u>Door Keys Accounting</u>: Discuss the plan at the annual meeting.

8. New Business

- <u>Chili Cook-off October 5th</u>: Sign-up sheets for cooks and other volunteers will be posted soon. Ministry Teams are asked to donate a basket for the auction. Local businesses are being approached for a donation
- <u>Storage Space Round-up</u>: Kathy, Jill and Pastor Luke have been working this. Ideas have been generated for consolidating rooms for storage which will free up available rooms.
- <u>Good Hope Rental Space</u>: Plan to rent space for their once a week Royal Rangers program. Two Sunday School rooms and the Fellowship Hall will be rented for the school year.
- <u>Update Rental Costs</u>: The rental costs found in the Building Use Handbook have not been updated since 2021. Information from Fidelity Investments recommends raising rental costs 3 5% per year. The Council Advisory Team took action to raise the rates 20%.
- 9. **Next Meeting September 16, 2025, 6:30 p.m.:** Potluck, 6:30 p.m. Constitution and Bylaws review, devotion and opening prayer—Fellowship Team
- 10. Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer
- 11. Adjournment: Jill made a motion, Marty seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., the motion carried unanimously.



THANK YOU EVERYONE!



for all your help making the sale a SUCCESS!

Radio Broadcasts for September

Peggy DeCaigny in honor of 9/7 Bob DeCaigny's 70th Birthday!

Bob McDonald in memory of 9/14 Bette McDonald.

Barb Ekstrom in memory of husband 9/21 Barry Ekstrom.

9/28 Irene Rudnicki in honor of children's birthdays

uppy Birthday

VISITING TEAM

Visiting our homebound members is important! When we visit, we are bringing a reminder that in the sharing of bread and wine, our church community remembers and prays for them. These visits can be very meaningful to both the

visitor and the visited.



If you would like to volunteer to be a visitor, please call me or the church office. Also please note that

there is training and support.

Contact Shannon Matzdorf at 218-879-1535

Sep 1

- · Jane Bakke
- · Jenifer Behrens
- Dane Kiehn
- Allison Ringat

Sep 2

- · Bob DeCaigny
- Bruce Jutila

Sep 4

- Bonnie Christopherson
- Alisa Paul

Sep 5

· Olivia Jutila

Sep 9

- · Chris George
- John Jorgenson
- Carter Jutila
- Remington Richter Seguin

Sep 10

- Isaac Gladen
- · Zily Kotera

Sep 11

Morgan Petoletti

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· Morgan Petoletti

Sep 12

- Matthew Johnson
- · Dean Kolenda

Sep 14

- · Ellise Boyd
- · Kaia Boyd

Sep 16

- · Betty Lavan
- · Luka Stephens Deb Templeton
- Harleigh Umhauer
- **Sep 17**

David Gerth

- Clayton Kazmierczak Sep 28
- **Emmett Kazmierczak**
- Jacob Vargason

Sep 18

· Virginia Stottrup

Sen 19

· Olivia Macaulay

Sep 20

Logan Lymer

Sep 21

· Cashel Wood

Sep 22

· Eli Maunu

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· Katie Elwood

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- · Mike Klyve
- · Ron Stahl

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· Mati Menze

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· Evelyn Krikava

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· Scott Elwood

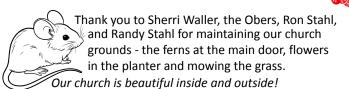
Samuel Painter

· Leif Petoletti

Sep 30

· Ronald Hanson

· Thomas Heren









September Volunteers



Readers			Communion Servers (Palanca Deacons):				
9/7	9:0	30	Keith Matzdorf	9/7	9:30	Denny Painter, Rob Macaulay, and Marty Rye	
9/14	9:3	30	Rich Krikava			Curt Nelson, Linda Holmstrand, and	
9/21	9:0	30	Josh Bailey	9/14	9:30	Jim Boyd	
9/28	9:0	30	Becky Anderson	9/21	9:30	Ron Stahl, Cindy and Dean Haglin	
Altar Guild:			9/28	9:30	Duane Buytaert, Kathy Rye, Sherri Walle		
9/7 Rob Macaulay			<u>Ushers:</u>				
9/14	9/14 Linda Boyd		9/7	9:30	Hagen Family		
9/21	9/21 Sherri Waller		9/14	9:30	Randall Family		
9/28	9/28 Rob Macaulay		9/21	9:30	Matzdorf Family		
Video Booth Operator / Video Editor:			9/28	9:30	Linda and Jim Boyd, Sherri Waller		
9/7 9:30			e Larson / Browers	Sound	Board	l Operators:	
				9/7	9:30	0 Randy Stahl	
9/14	9:30		e Larson / N EDITOR VOLUNTEER!	9/14	9:30	0 Hear need a volunteer!	
9/21	9:30	0	VIDEO VOLUNTEER! / IN EDITOR VOLUNTEER!	9/21	9:3	0 Hear need a volunteer!	
	5.50			9/28	9:30	0 Randy Stahl	



BE A VIDEO VOLUNTEER! /

BE AN EDITOR VOLUNTEER!

The first Sunday of the month is designated as Food Shelf Sunday. The monetary gifts collected will help both 2nd Harvest and Cloquet Salvation Army. This is a real bargain in which every family can participate.



9:30

9/28

May we share our blessings with those in need.

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Katie Nisula,

Irene Rudnicki, and Jen Behrens

August Contributions were \$460.00



Community of Hope 2:16 September 2025 Dinners

September 2025 Diffilers					
Date	Location	Main Course			
Sept. 7	RALLY SUNDAY	NO DINNER			
Sept. 14	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Pulled Ham			
Sept. 21	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Pulled Pork Sandwiches			
Sept. 28	Good Hope Church	Crockpot Chicken Dump over Rice			



Church Records

	July 25 Budget	July 25 Actual	YTD 2025 Budget	YTD 2025 Actual
Income	18,657	18,684	145,987	140,481
Expenses	18,578	16,690	151,425	136,871
2025 Net Income	78	1,994	(5,439)	3,610
2024 Net Income	(1,122)	3,174	2,319	21,290

<u>Date</u>	Attendance	Offering	Offering Needed
July 20	80	3,932	4,467
July 27	77	2,177	4,467
August 3	84	6,610	3,673
August 10	90	4,362	3,673
August 17	77	4,345	3,673
Totals	408	21,426	19,953

Gifts & Memorials:

- Patricia Meister in memory of Gwen Muermann's sister, Carol Lyle, to the Food Shelf
- Run, Pastor! Run! in support of ELCA World Hunger Campaign: Linda Holmstrand, Linda Eastgate, Irene Rudnicki, Julieann Lattner, Kris Abrahamson, Karen Dormanen, Linda Branham, Patricia Meister, and Betty Lavan

in need!"

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm at Our Savior's in the Fireside room to discuss various books of interest for both men and women.

For more information contact Jan Larson or Mary Krohn.

The September book is "Where Rivers Part"

by Kao Kalia Yang.
The October book is "God of the Woods"
by Liz Moore.

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of \$1,175.07.
"Your generosity will
feed many families,
children and seniors

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We want to extress our gratitude for your
support in collecting school sufflies for
our Community Lour uproming Back-to-school
BBQ event. Your Contribution will make a
meaningful difference for Students in Califor
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for your generous summer donation of \$1,175.08.

"Without you our ministry would be impossible. You are truly our lifeline."



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the members of our congregation that are former or current military. Please contact the Church office for any other members we may have missed or if any of these names should be removed.

Tim Schlenvogt Tim Larson

Erika Blesner River Krikava





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Sat-Sun: CLOSED Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Friday: 8 am - Noon



Deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of the month.

Articles submitted after the 15th will be published in the next issue. If possible, e-mail your article to: email@oursaviorscloquet.org.

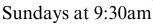


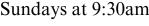
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Church Website:

Join us for Worship!

In Person and on







By 3:00 pm Sundays



CAT-7 Broadcast

2:00pm - Tuesday 3:30pm - Wednesdays 3:30pm - The Following Sunday 9:00am - Monday

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Please remember the following friends below not always able to join us on Sundays:

Mabel Clemens Carolyn Watson Ray Riihiluoma Sharon Harney

Robert Fountain Lyle and Candy Hultgren

Ray Manisto Carol Maki Joan Essen Karen Splett Bob Fuller Donna Redding Donna Gillmor Jeanne Brenna



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Upcoming Fall Events!







CHILI COOK-OFF & Silent Auction Sunday, October 5, 2025

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