If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and vet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead, (James 2:15-17)

With all the special services we had in October, we were not able to hold a Hunger Sunday worship. This is traditionally held on the second or third Sunday in October. Feeding the hungry is at the core of Jesus' ministry on earth. Feeding the hungry tells the world that there is enough and that the false message of scarcity is a lie told to create "haves" and "have nots."

James quite forcefully tells us that all followers of Christ must tangibly care for the hungry. I give thanks for the hunger ministries here at Our Savior's. Still, I imagine God's vision of a world without hunger and I know we can do so much more. Yes, feed the hungry. Also, seek systemic and institutional change through advocacy. We must get to the root of the problem and become much more than a Band-Aid® for the hungry. ELCA

With that, I'd like to share a Temple Talk and a Prayer from the ELCA's resource for Hunger Sunday 2025.

Temple Talk:

"For I was hungry and you gave me food."

In Matthew 25:35, Jesus instructs us to care for our neighbors by giving them food to eat.

Did you know there IS more than enough food to feed the world? Sadly, it is not distributed well. According to ELCA World Hunger (elca.org) one in ten people in the world (733 million) experience hunger. In America alone, one in seven households suffers food insecurity (foodrescue.us).

How can we feed the hungry? Begin by being aware of hunger matters and praying for solutions. The challenge is to be creative about food distribution. Look at your local community; venture to support it by volunteering time or finances. Worthy efforts can include programs and ideas like:

- a backpack program to feed school children who need support
- setting up a local workplace food drive to fill a food bank
- serving at a soup kitchen
- problem solving about what can be done and how to salvage food that ordinarily is thrown away

The "Feeding Ministries Guide" at ELCA.org website has more great ideas.

On a global scale, choosing to give to the <u>Lutheran World Hunger program</u> or purchasing items at the <u>ELCA Good Gifts program</u> like:

- a microloan to a woman starting a small business
- supplying a month's worth of necessities for a refugee family
- donating to a fruit-tree farm

World Hunger

• a safe water project

all make a beautiful difference to alleviate hunger.

The Lutheran World Hunger program, officially known as ELCA World Hunger, was founded in 1974. It was established by Lutherans in the United States to address the global increase in hunger and poverty during that period. Over the past 50 years, ELCA World Hunger has mobilized significant resources to support its work, with over \$650 million contributed by Lutherans to date. It collaborates with various partners, to maximize its impact. It is a joy to be partners in ministry together across the ELCA. Believe that our God is gracious and will make a way to end hunger!

Prayer: Mighty God, to a hungry world you sent your Son to preach, heal, forgive, and show mercy. In Jesus' death and resurrection you brought salvation to all. Bless these offerings and those who worship, that having received your Living Word, we might be sent out with Christ to extend mercy and love. In partnership with you may we meet the needs of our neighbors and indeed this whole world that you love. **Amen.**

Pastor Luke





alking.

Rain - snow - heat - sleet
Whatever the weather, c'mon
over and enjoy walking indoors
right here at Our Savior's!
Follow the walking path signs
Fridays at 10am

Thank You

Thank you for the cute Halloween puzzle and the little hand-made basket from the Sunday School children and also thanks for the ladies for the cute green blanket.

Joan Essen

Want to walk with God another

day?

You're WELGOME here any day!



Radio Broadcasts for October

Julie and Roger Lyytinen in honor of their 59th
wedding anniversary and in memory of

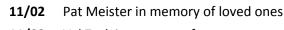
Rosemarie Liimatainen's Birthday

10/12 Jane Oswold in memory of our wedding anniversary.

10/19 Don and Peggy Unulock in honor of our 52nd anniversary on 10-20.

10/26 Chris and Catherine Wagner in memory of Connie Mattson.

Radio Broadcasts for November



11/09 Val Zack in memory of parents

Ron (Papa) and Sue (Grandma Treasure) in honor of granddaughter Layla's 6th bithday!

John and Denise Mykkanen in honor of our 43rd
Anniversary!

11/30 Golden sponsor opportunity!



Thank you Kristen Adams, our Administrative Assistant, for mentoring Middle School students in their recent apple project. Yum!!



The October broadcasts weren't in the last issue! BONUS for November!



YOUR IRA: SAVE TAXES AND GIVE THROUGH A "QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION"

If you are at least age 70 1/2 you have an opportunity to maximize your tax savings while giving!
You can request your IRA custodian to send money DIRECTLY to Our Savior's with NO TAX CONSEQUENCES!
This also works for your IRA's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) amount. And there's no need to worry about whether you will itemize your deductions as the distribution is not included in your income in the first place! See your financial advisor today for details.

If you want to make your 2026 Church offering in late 2025 for tax purposes, WE CAN DO THAT TOO!

Simply give the check, or information on the distribution from your financial representative, to Kristen or Bruce in the office. You will then get credit for the contribution on the date it is received (So start that process EARLY if you want your financial representative involved!) on your 2025

(year-end tax summary as long as the funds are received in the office BEFORE Wednesday December 31, 2025. On the Church's books however, your donation will be allocated to whatever time period you want (i.e. 12 months of 2026, first six months, whatever) and to the fund you want (i.e. Envelope Offering, Mission Appeal, etc). But you must let Kristen or Bruce know when and how to allocate your contribution, please don't assume we know!

Finally, if you make a contribution in late 2025 for 2026 and are filling out your pledge card, please note what will be paid in late 2025 and what you will wait to contribute until 2026.

(\$) If you have questions, call Bruce at 218-591-9483.





Haiti Update

In September MMM was able to ship 10 boxes of supplies to Dr. Manno's clinic. As I write this, the clinic in Haiti has received 6 of those boxes. The nursing staff tells us it is like Christmas when each box arrives. The need continues to be great and the political and safety situation situation there has not improved. Despite the challenges, Dr. Manno's team is planning to provide their annual diabetic training gathering. The MMM team shipped glucometers and glucose strips to support the diabetic patients.



One of our MMM leaders, Marilyn Cluka, a retired public health nurse, is currently there to support the diabetic education efforts. Please pray for her safety during this challenging trip! Please also pray that the remaining needed supplies get through to Dr. Manno's team successfully.

Many thanks to those who supported the Apple Festival at Zion.

More than \$2500 was raised for MMM.

We sold more than \$500 of jam at this fun event. I am currently planning to have some of Joan's awesome jam available for sale at OSLC before and after the service on November 2, 2025.

Please prayerfully consider helping financially as MMM continues to support Dr. Manno's work in Haiti. 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 continued prayers and support, Mary Krohn for Ministry in Medical Mission (MMM)

"Adopt-a-Child"

Each year the Salvation Army hosts a program that provides gifts for children in the community who might not otherwise receive a gift. Our Savior's has agreed to sponsor 20 children again this year.

How to Participate - "Adopt a Child"

Watch for the decorated Giving Tree in the Narthex later this month. Each ornament has a child's number (#) with age, gender, clothing size and a 'wish list' of gifts s/he would like.

Gifting Guidelines

Please spend no more than \$50 for each child adopted.

- Cost concerns? Partner up with someone or even a family!
- Not a great shopper but want to help?
 Choose a cash gift ornament. Checks can be made out to Our Savior's Lutheran Church with the memo "Giving Tree"
- Please, don't wrap gift; but a gift bag with it would be GREAT!

Our volunteer team will purchase gifts for any unclaimed ornaments and will organize and deliver the gifts to the Salvation Army.

or giving a child a very Merry Christmas!





OSLC Constitution and Bylaws

Thanks to dedicated and diligent work of OSLC members, we can share the updated Constitution and Bylaws with you! These have been reviewed and approved by the Parish Planning Council (PPC), the Council Advisory Team (CAT), and the Synod.

The updated information is available on our website here: https://oursaviorscloquet.org/who-we-are/constitution-and-bylaws

Printouts available upon request to the church office. Please call 218-879-1535 or email Kristen at email@oursaviorscloquet.org.



Generous Together

THANK YOU for your generosity! Thanks to your committed and active support tangibly demonstrating your belief and faith in doing good, we collectively continue our mission to know Christ and have others know him. We simply couldn't do what we do without amazing people like you.



2025 Poinsettia Order Form

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30 poinsettias will enhance the church sanctuary this Christmas season! Want to sponsor a plant?

Please fill out this form, drop it in the offering plate, in the mail, or just give it to the church office.

Proceeds will benefit the Middle School Youth Group. Please return the form before December 17, 2025 and fill in the lines below.

Name(s) of Buyer:				
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PPC Minutes 10/21/2025

Present:Brad Browers (Worship, Arts and Music), Aleta Brule (Fellowship), Bob DeCaigny (Secretary), Jill Elwood (Youth), Roxanne Frederick (Christian Education), Connor Hecht (President), Pastor Luke, Rob Macaulay (Vice President and Church in Society), Keith Matzdorf (Welcome), Kathy Rye (Past President and Palanca Deacons), Marty Rye (Properties), Sue Stahl (Stewardship), Deb Templeton (Treasurer)

Unable to attend: WELCA, NHCP

- 1. Welcome and Sharing of Highs and Lows: Members shared as they desired.
- **2. Devotion and Opening Prayer:** Worship, Arts and Music Team Centered on God's music.
- **3. Approval of September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes**: Jill made a motion and Kathy seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.
- **4. Approval of the appointment of Deb Templeton as Treasurer.** The Congregation will vote in January to approve the appointment.

5. Treasurer's Report/ Financials

• Deb presented the following information: for September income was \$22,710 compared to our budget of \$21,047 (\$1,663 above plan) and expenses were \$18,071 compared to our budget of \$20,298 (\$2,227 below plan) for a net gain of \$3,890. YTD we are \$15,274 ahead of plan.

6. Pastor's Report

- Since our last meeting, we wrapped up our *Tears of Things* book study. It was very good and there is a plan to do another study with the same book around Lent.
- We held both Stewardship Sunday and Generosity Sunday. This was a culmination of our year with Generous Together. The Stewardship Team, along with the Generosity Team, are working with the leadership of Mary Krohn to develop a Narrative Spending Plan (aka Narrative Budget). Thank you to everyone for participating throughout the year.
- I also want to thank Jim Boyd and PJ for leading a wonderful Native American Sunday service this year. Their storytelling was amazing! Now we are looking forward to hosting our first ever Blanket Exercise both as a continued effort of the ELCA's repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery and to build healthy connections with our indigenous neighbors.
- A special thanks to Joanne Lehrke and Juli Lattner for attending the Walking Together event with me. I led two sessions titled Restorative Conversations: Using the Circle Process to Listen and Heal Relationships. I also attended two sessions, one about using Gospel Based Discipleship and A.I. for Bible Study and the other about Mutual Ministry.
- Confirmation is back up and running. I want to thank Bill Schlengvolt, Conrad Kiehn, and Tim Kazmierczak for being my assistants this year. Also, we will be confirming three students this Sunday, October 26th.
- I went on four visits and presided over one baptism. I also presided over my cousin Brian's funeral service.

7. Team Leader Reports

- <u>Christian Education</u>: Bible Sunday will be 12-7 at the 9:30 service for children in second grade (or older who have not yet received a Bible). Sunday School and Youth Christmas Program will be 12-21 at the 9:30 service. Adult Ed has started walking inside on Fridays. Confirmation has started for the year, and three youth will be confirmed 10-26. Sunday school is in full swing but with low numbers. We had lengthy discussion about the future of Sunday School in changing the model and time. No decisions have been made as we would like to discuss further to see what direction we'd like to go as a church.
- <u>Church Properties:</u> Nothing specific to report.
- <u>Palanca Deacons</u>: Linda Janowski is a new Team member, which fills our roster of 10. Looking for worship service readers. If interested, contact a team member. Keep praying, and let us know if anyone needs prayers.
- Welcome: We had a good turnout at our first church bonfire gathering. Jim Boyd led the group in stories of Shingebiss and The North Wind in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day. The 3rd annual Trunk or Treat event is Saturday, 10-25 from 2 -3:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. We would love to have a few more church members participate handing out treats. Sign up is in the narthex or just show up on Saturday ready to hand out treats.
- Fellowship: Met on 10-14, the main agenda item was the wrap-up of the Chili Cook-Off. Upcoming events were also discussed.
- NHCP: No report
- <u>Stewardship Team:</u> Generous Together Sunday (pledge Sunday) and Celebration Brunch were held 10-19. 121 people attended worship with 70-80 attending the brunch. 43 Pledges have been returned as of 10-19. Many thanks to everyone who returned their pledge cards. We are starting the process of a narrative budget led by Mary Krohn.
- Worship, Arts & Music: Handbells had their first performance last week.

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PPC Minutes Continued



7. Team Leader Reports - continued

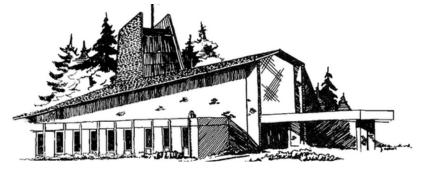
- Youth Ministry: a.Middle School Youth Group has met twice this Fall and we have had between 8 and 11 kids in attendance. Thanks to Kristen Adams who led us in making applesauce and juice on 10-1 as the kids had a wonderful time and really impressed their parents! Our next project will be to help with the "mental health night" dinner on 11-5. We have lost 2 members of our Team. If there is anyone interested in joining us, please contact Jill Elwood.
- WELCA: No report
- Church in Society: Developing the first blanket exercise (way to learn about the history of indigenous and non-indigenous peoples relationships).

8. Old Business

- <u>Community of Hope</u>: Dinners are on the second Sunday of the month, next one 11-9. There will also be one 11-30 since there are five Sundays in November.
- Rental Space: Sarah Klyve is developing marketing and advertising for the space. Consideration is being given to combine this area with the NHCP area to utilize the entire space as one.
- NHCP Steering Committee met with Courtney Greiner on September 30th. Courtney is the owner/director of Esko Minis Child Care and Preschool. She toured Horizon Hall and was very excited with its potential for childcare space. Donna Lekander, Sarah Klyve and Courtney are very knowledgeable of the laws and regulations that dictate how that space must be converted to be legal. The rest of the committee was very discouraged as the necessary work could be extensive and costly. We are still waiting to hear back from the architect.
- Establishing Core Values for Mission: 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>Silly Sock Sunday</u>: Approximately 50 people attended the potluck meal, judging the silliest socks was very enjoyable and about 75 pairs of socks were donated to Community of Hope.
- <u>Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction 10-5</u>: a.There were 12 cooks and 44 businesses or individuals who donated items for the silent auction.1st place Kennedy and Tessa Herbert, 2nd place Hope Wallien and tied for 3rd place Drew Bartczak and Joe Randall.
- <u>Constitution and Bylaws</u>: Synod approval was completed as of 10-19. Will be presented to the Congregation at the January meeting for voting member approval.
- Lutefisk Dinner 11-1
- Fireside Room furniture and carpet replacement: A sub-committee has been formed

9. New Business

- <u>Christmas:</u> How many services we have will be discussed by the WAM Team. Advent services will be held jointly with Zion Lutheran, the Presbyterian Church and Our Savior's, using the Holden Evening Prayer and rotating service location between the churches The service will be at Our Savior's on 12-10.
- Confirmation: To be held Sunday 10-26.
- 10. Next Meeting November 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m.: Devotion and opening prayer--Youth Ministry Team
- 11. Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer
- 12. Adjournment: Sue made a motion, Deb seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., the motion carried unanimously.







· Karen Splett

John Zack

Dan Male

Tyler Gangelhoff

Madeline Pertler · Marlys Udenberg

· Riley Engstrom Brula Maria Macaulay

· Tyler Connor

Pery Affias

Ryan Hanson

Joel Lembke

Tom George

· Brayden Tyman

Cash Johnson

John Harney

Zachary Tyman-

Joseph Peterson

Nov 15

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Rebekah Daigle

Nov 2

• Ella Kolenda

Nov 3

- · Jason Cordle
- · Jamie Oswold

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- · Isaac Gilchrist
- Hadley Hietala
- Jan Larson

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- Janice Beberg
- · Tessa Herbert

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Linda Boyd

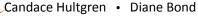
Nov 10

- · Logan Crowser
- · Andrew Elias
- Madeline Kiehn
- Carol Olson
- · Wendy Thompson · Sharon Meger

Nov 11

- Annastyn Hagen
- Jodi Jorgenson
- Eleanor Klyve
- Duane Putikka
- Kaci Vereecken

Nov 13_√



· Courtney Connor





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 at the church office.

G. TEAM

Training and support included! Contact Shannon Matzdorf

at 218-879-1535



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OSLC utilizes Vanco a secure online giving service that is designed for faith organizations.

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You can also download the Vanco Mobile App for easy giving! Scan today!

11/30

9:30 Terry and Sue Nanti

November Volunteers



Altar Guile	<u>d</u>	Communion Servers (Palanca Deacons):			
11/02	9:30	Sherri Waller	11/02	9:30	Denny Painter, Ron Stahl, Duane Buytaert
11/09	9:30	Linda Boyd	11/09	9:30	Curt Nelson, Deb Templeton, Dave Templeton
11/16	9:30	Rob Macaulay	11/16	9:30	Roy Ober, Bill Schlenvogt, Sherri Waller
11/23	9:30	Sherri Waller	11/23	9:30	Jim Boyd, Kathy Rye, Linda Holmstrand
11/30	9:30	Linda Boyd	11/30	9:30	Rob Macaulay, Dean and Cindy Haglin
<u>Readers</u>			<u>Ushers</u>		
11/02	9:30	Gavin Painter	11/02	9:30	Hagen Family
11/09	9:30	Dylan Hanson	11/09	9:30	Randall Family
11/16	9:30	Keagan Daigle	11/16	9:30	Matzdorf Family
11/23	9:30	Will Buytaert	11/23	9:30	Linda and Jim Boyd, Sherri Waller
11/30	9:30	Clay Kazmierczak	11/30	9:30	Jim Boyd, Sherri Waller
Sound Board Operators <u>Video Booth Operator / Video Editor</u>					
11/02	9:30	Bruce Larson	11/02	9:30 Jan	Larson / Kelsey Rye
11/09	9:30	Randy Stahl	11/09	9:30 Kels	sey Rye / Brad Browers
11/16	9:30	Jan Larson	11/16	9:30 NEE	D VIDEO VOLUNTEER! / NEED EDITOR!
11/23	9:30	Randy Stahl and Amy	11/23	9:30 NEE	ED VIDEO VOLUNTEER! / NEED EDITOR!

I would like to thank my
Our Savior's Lutheran Church family
for their prayers and concern for me during my
recovery from my surgery and fall this summer
Your concern for me truly aided in my recovery.
Thank you again,

Roy Ober

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 Nevember book is "The Umbrell's Maker's Service of the Umbrell's Maker's Maker'

The November book is "The Umbrella Maker's Son: a novel of WWII" by Todd Lending.

The December book is "Family Tree" by Barbara Delinsky.

11/30 9:30 NEED VIDEO VOLUNTEER! / NEED EDITOR!



Church Records

	September 25 Budget	September 25 Actual	YTD 2025 Budget	YTD 2025 Actual
Income	21,047	22,710	185,840	182,692
Expenses	20,298	18,071	190,750	172,327
2025 Net Income	748	4,639	(4,910)	10,364
2024 Net Income	(1,268)	4,098	(623)	28,111

<u>Date</u>	Attendance	Offering	Offering Needed
September 21	112	4,017	4,654
September 28	100	1,430	4,654
October 5	105	10,065	4,904
October 12	90	3,206	4,904
October 19	121	3,580	4,904
Totals	528	22,298	24,020

Gifts & Memorials:

- John D. Williams in memory of Carol Lyle to the Music Ministry
- Katie and Jerry Nisula in memory of Susan Amy Bryant to the Worship, Arts and Music
- Virginia Murphy in memory of Susan Amy Bryant to the Cloquet Salvation Army
- Edna Matten in memory of Susan Amy Bryant to the Cloquet Salvation Army





FOOD SHELF SUNDAY

The first Sunday of the month is designated as Food Shelf Sunday.

Monetary gifts collected help *BOTH*Second Harvest and Cloquet Salvation Army.
Every \$1 donated ensures 3 meals for
families, children, and seniors in need.

Let's share our blessings.

Thank you from Katie Nisula, Irene Rudnicki, and Jen Behrens

Contributions 08-31-25 to 10-26-25 were \$861.00



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.



Join us for Worship!

In Person and on

Sundays at 9:30am



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 Robert Fountain Sharon Harney

Ray Manisto Lyle and Candy Hultgren

Joan Essen Carol Maki Bob Fuller Karen Splett Donna Gillmor Donna Redding



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