



Steeple Talk

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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When is Easter?

Easter is not celebrated on a fixed date and can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25. To determine when Easter is in any given year, you'll need to pay attention to the lunar cycle and the date of the spring equinox. Here's how it works:

1. **Spring Equinox.** The date Easter falls on is based on the vernal (spring) equinox which falls on the same date each year: March 21.
2. **Full moon.** Identify the date of the first full moon that comes after the vernal equinox. This date will land no later than a month after the vernal equinox.
3. **Following Sunday.** The Sunday after the first moon following the vernal equinox is the date of Easter.

This year, the first full moon that comes after the vernal equinox is March 25. The Sunday after March 25 is March 31. Hence, Easter Sunday is March 31.

When is Lent?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Saturday before Easter. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is held together with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

When is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent (the 40 days that lead to Easter) and is scheduled the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter. Ash Wednesday is named for the practice of imposing ashes in the sign of the cross on your forehead reminding us, "We are dust, and to dust we shall return". This year, Ash Wednesday is February 14. We will have an Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:30 p.m.

PASTORAL ACTS:

DEATHS:

Ruth Siegert

Born: April 14, 1930
Place of Birth: Reynolds, ND
Died: January 6, 2024
Funeral: January 12, 2024 at OSLC
Pastor Joe Johnson, Officiating
Interment: Riverside Cemetery
Hillsboro, ND

David Engen

Born: February 24, 1954
Place of Birth: Fargo, ND
Died: January 12, 2024
Celebration of Life: January 20, 2024
at Wildeman-Boulger Funeral Home, Hillsboro

TRANSFERRED IN:

Tanya Buethner

FEBRUARY 8 - Giving Hearts Day 2024

Giving Hearts Day continues to grow as a vital avenue to support synod ministry. The Eastern North Dakota Synod is **EQUIPPING LIVES** and **SHARING LOVE** through individuals, congregations, parishes, and ministries. We hope that you will participate in this year's Giving Hearts Day. Our goal is to raise \$80,000! We have already raised \$40,000 in match dollars.

Be a part of the work that we do across the Eastern North Dakota Synod. Together, we are equipping lives for the ministry of sharing God's love in the world. This happens through campus ministry, candidacy, lay ministry trainings, vital church conversations, council trainings, and so much more.

Plan to make a gift yourself!

Did you know you can **schedule your gift** for Giving Hearts Day?

- Go to: <https://app.givingheartsday.org/#/charity/379>
- Select your donation amount and add to cart
- Check-out or find more charities to support!
- In your cart, make sure "Pay on Giving Hearts Day" is checked
- Proceed with checking out

You can also mail a check – just make sure it has GHD in the memo line, is dated 2/8/2024 and is received in our office by 2/8/2024.

Mark Your Calendars for February 8th and Help Us Reach our Goal of \$80,000



5:30pm Wednesday Meal Servers:

- Feb. 7 - Giffey Family
- Feb. 14 - Iverson Family
- Feb. 21 - Job and Hjelmstad Families
- Feb. 28 - Kozojed and (Alex) Thompson Families

Sunday Acolytes in February:

- Feb. 4 - 8:30am: Devin W., Siri W.
10:30am: Brayden A., Keagan A.
- Feb. 11 - 8:30am: Ryland C., Lillie D.
10:30am: Liam E., James F.
- Feb. 18 - 8:30am: Alexis I., Adam J.
10:30am: Treyvion J., Keira K.
- Feb. 25 - 8:30am: Gabriel P., Chloe T.
10:30am: Alexis I., Adam J.



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Council Minutes

January 7, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.



Members Present – Barb Hultin, Joshua Opp, Daniel Nelson, Jason Lovas, Krista Longthorne, Teresa Forseth, Mike Tweten, Dawn Paulsrud, and Pastor Joe Johnson.

1. **Call to Order** – Noting a quorum, President Josh Opp called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.
2. **Devotions** – Mark
3. **Confirmation of Agenda** – Jason Lovas moved to accept the agenda as printed. Daniel Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **2024 Budget Preliminary** – Jason Lovas reviewed updates to the preliminary budget for 2024. Jason Lovas moved to approve proposed 2024 budget of \$411,845 for recommendation to the congregation at the annual meeting in January 2024. Barb Hultin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Call Committee Update** – Pastor Joe reported the Call Committee met with Pastor Brad Skogen from Eastern ND Synod to review committee responsibilities. Call Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 17th to begin updating paperwork and begin the call process.
 - c. **Kitchen Updates** – Pastor Joe reported the preliminary plans for kitchen updates were reviewed by WELCA and consideration for updates will continue.
5. **New Business**
6. **Pastor Joe's Report** – It has been another good year at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The Advent theme *Watching, Waiting, and Preparing* was well received. Wednesday Advent activities included decorating the church on November 29 and Advent worship December 6, 13, and 20. We had three Christmas Eve worship services including 1:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Care Center, 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the church building. The 3:30 service was very well attended with a smaller group at 5:30 (due in-part to weather). OSLC hosted the Community Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. We had the Sunday School Christmas program on Sunday, December 17 at the 10:30 worship service. In December I met with the Eastern North Dakota Candidacy committee and conducted interviews. Since our last council meeting we have had bible studies, confirmation classes, pre-marriage counseling, marriage counseling, crisis care, and visitations. I finished the year with three vacation days (including 1 Sunday) that were unused. I will have continuing education January 18-22 to attend the ELCA Youth Ministry Extravaganza in New Orleans in preparation for the ELCA Youth Gathering we will be attending in New Orleans in July. I will also have continuing education January 29-February 1 to attend classes at Wartburg Seminary and conduct an independent study.
7. **Treasurer's Report** – Jason Lovas reviewed the Treasurer's report, stating that income exceeded expenses by \$21,711 as of December YTD 2024. Jason Lovas moved to move \$20,000 from the annual budget to the Building and Grounds dedicated account. Barb Hultin seconded. All in favor, motion carries. The balance of the Media Fund dedicated account is \$7,390. Barb Hultin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Krista Longthorne seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
8. **Deacons' Report**
 - a. **Bathroom Project** – project should be completed by the end of February.
 - b. **Signage Project** – next project for the Deacon's will be updates to internal signage.
9. **Trustees' Report**
 - a. **Electrical/Lighting** – Mike Tweten reported outlets have been fixed, lights for under the balcony have been ordered and should be installed in January, breaker repairs are being researched due to outdated equipment.
10. **Committee Reports**

11. **Secretary's Report** – Dawn Paulsrud moved to approve the minutes. Krista Longthorne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting – Sunday, February 11th at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2024 11:30 am

- 1) **Call to Order** – Noting a quorum, President Josh Opp called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.
- 2) **Devotions** – Pastor Joe Johnson – 1 Corinthians 13:1-4
- 3) **President's Report** – President Josh Opp thanked everyone for attending the annual meeting. Josh reflected on his two years as president and the positive year for the church. He also extended a thank you to the congregation, council, staff, volunteers, executive committee and especially Pastor Joe for the experience and privilege of serving as President. President Opp reminded everyone of the code of conduct that is followed during the meeting.
- 4) **Pastoral Reports** – Pastor Joe Johnson gave his report for the 2023 church year. He thanked the staff, volunteers, staff members not paid and the outgoing members of the council for their service, Endowment Committee Members Darin Oanes and Mark Merck, Trustee Benjamin Strand, Deacon Cindy Dillum, Secretary Carissa Olsen, and President Josh Opp. A very sincere thank you to Our Savior's Lutheran Church. His report is on page 5 and 6 of the 2023 annual report.
- 5) **Secretary's Report** – Jason Lovas moved to suspend the reading of the 2023 meeting minutes as presented in the annual report. Carol Christianson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Jason Lovas moved to approve the Secretary's Report as presented in the annual report. Barb Hultin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 6) **Video** – Recap of 2023 for Our Savior's Lutheran Church by Beth Christianson-Melby
- 7) **Nominating Committee Report** – Pastor Joe presented the nominating committee report.
President: Barb Hultin (1 term, elect 1)
Vice President: Dan Nelson (1 term, elect 1)
Secretary: Beth Christianson-Melby (1 term, elect 1)
Trustees: Michael Bare, Vicki Buchholtz, Eric Johnson (3 yr term, elect 3)
Deacon: Krista Longthorne (3 yr term, elect 1)
Board of Christian Ed: Dera Johnson, Julie Rust (2 yr term, elect 2)
Female Synod Assembly Reps: Barb Hultin and Joy McSparron (1 yr term, elect 2)
Male Synod Assembly Reps: Glen Hultin and Mike Tweten (1 yr term, elect 2)
Endowment Committee: Beth Christianson-Melby and Jason Siegert (3 yr term, elect 2)
Nominating Committee: Josh Opp, Cindy Dillum, and Benjamin Strand (1 yr term, elect 3)
- 8) **Elections** – Jason Lovas moved to cast the unanimous ballot as presented. Jason Siegert seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 9) **Committee Reports** – Jason Siegert gave a report from the Call Committee.
Refer to the 2023 Annual Report for all other committee reports.
- 10) **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Jason Lovas presented the statement of income and expense. Income exceeded expenses by \$5,011 for 2023. Jason noted the balances for the following dedicated accounts: Media Fund \$7,390 and Back Pack Program \$21,053. Jason asked if there were any questions on the statement of income and expenses. Hearing none, he stated that the dedicated accounts total balance as of December 31, 2023 was \$120,058. Jason noted Less Hurt and Josh Opp reviewed the financial records provided for the fiscal year 2023 and found them to be true and accurate. President Josh Opp asked if there were any questions concerning the treasurer's report. Hearing none, Jason Siegert moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Mike Tweten seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

11) Old Business

- a) **Council Secretary Term** - The Council of Our Savior's Lutheran Church proposed the following change to the Constitution of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The current wording in Article XI of the constitution is as follows:

Article XI – OFFICERS AND BOARDS

1. At its annual meeting the congregation shall elect the following officers, each for term of one year:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice-President
 - (c) Secretary

The proposed change to Article XI is:

1. At its annual meeting the congregation shall elect the following officers, each for a term of one year:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice-President
 - ~~(c) Secretary~~
1. At its annual meeting the congregation shall elect the following officers, each for a term of three years:
 - (a) Secretary

Today is the second notification of this proposed change. This change to the constitution be voted on at the annual meeting today and again at the meeting in 2025 and will need a two-thirds majority at both meetings. President Josh Opp asked if there were any questions concerning the proposed change, there were none at this time.

Barb Hultin moved to accept the proposed change listed above. Rita Fandrich seconded the motion. Motion carries.

12) New Business

- a) **2024 Budget** – Treasurer Jason Lovas presented the 2024 Budget. Jason reviewed the changes for the addition of a 2 pastoral staffing model that is included in the budget. Jason asked if there were any questions on the proposed budget. Dan Nelson moved to accept the proposed 2024 budget of \$411,845 as presented. Hayden Allen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

13) Election Results – Congratulations to the new council members and thank you for your service.

14) Adjournment – President Josh Opp adjourned the meeting at 12:14 pm.

15) Closing Prayer & Benediction

OSLC Senior Choir



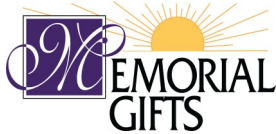
OSLC Choir will resume practice Monday, February 5th from 6:30 – 7:15 pm downstairs just off the dining room to get “I Love You (From an Old Rugged Cross)” ready for Good Friday on March 29th and “Hallelujah Medley” which includes “To God Be the Glory, Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Revive Us Again, and Hallelujah, What a Morning!” ready for Easter on March 31st. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us as a way to be involved in the church service. Choir is a time to share in the joy of music and fellowship with kindred hearts while singing your love and praise to your Lord and Savior!

“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10 (KJV)

GosBELLS

The GosBELLS will resume practice Monday, February 5th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary to get music ready for Easter. We would love to have you join us if you have ever wanted to try ringing the bells! It's a fun way to share music and fellowship with others while being involved in the church service.

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” Isaiah 6:8 (KJV)



JANUARY MEMORIAL REPORT

Thank You to all who gave memorials—Tammy Nelson, Memorial Secretary

Dedicated Memorial Accounts: General Account, Media Ministry (radio broadcast, etc.), Global Missions, Building and Grounds, Capital Improvements, Youth Activities, National Youth Gathering/Mission Trips, Christian Education (Sunday School, etc.), OSLC Choir, OSLC Bell Choir, OSLC Bands, Parish Nurse, WELCA / WELCA: Altar, Library or Kitchen, Scholarships (Bible Camps, etc.), OSLC Endowment Fund, and Blanchard Endowment Fund

OSLC BANDS – In memory of Naomi Borke, Olaf Flaten, Lynn Porter and Ruth Siegert, given by M/M Dave Nelson

OSLC CHOIR - In memory of Rich Flieth, given by M/M Richard Mueller, M/M Roger Anderson

GENERAL FUND – In memory of Naomi Borke, given by M/M Dallas Boeddeker; in memory of David Engen, given by M/M Lynn Foss; in memory of Olaf Flaten, given by M/M Dallas Boeddeker; in memory of Ruth Siegert, given by M/M Dallas Boeddeker, Rachael Disrud, Janice Funches, M/M Gary Leraas, M/M Dale Metz and M/M Ron Gadberry

WOW BIBLE STUDY – In memory of Ruth Siegert, given by R&R Contracting

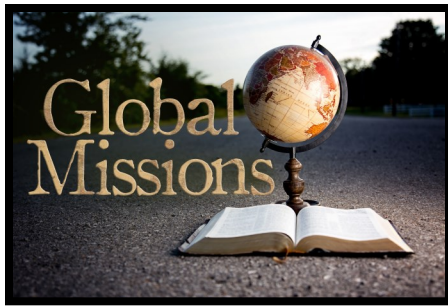
MEDIA FUND – In memory of Lynn Porter, given by Darlene Swanson; in memory of Naomi Borke, given by M/M James Knecht, Robert Tweten, Mavis Hettervig, Carolyn Nelson, Ramona Borke and M/M Dick Hemmersbaugh; in memory of David Engen, given by Duane Haugerud; in memory of Ruth Siegert, given by Darlene Swanson, R & R Contracting, M/M Paul Van Horn, Mavis Hettervig, M/M Herman DeLeon, Ramona Borke, Robert Tweten, M/M Ed Laxdal, Duane Haugerud and Joel Thorsrud

WELCA – In memory of Naomi Borke, given by M/M Roger Anderson, M/M Richard Mueller, Lorna Nysveen and M/M Glenn Brustad; in memory of Shirley Nysveen, given by M/M Roger Anderson; in memory of Jackie Carpenter, given by M/M Lynn Foss; in memory of Ruth Siegert, given by Lorna Nysveen, M/M Lynn Foss and M/M Dan Christianson

WELCA – KITCHEN – In memory of Ruth Siegert, given by Sally Flieth, M/M Llewellyn Rauser, M/M Doug Rensvold, M/M Zachery Bohn, M/M Dennis Rude, M/M Eleanor Holland, Tim Satrom, M/M Bruce Bowersox, M/M Kevin Opdahl, M/M Kelly Kylo, M/M Neal Pulskamp, M/M Mike Kozojed and Carol Ferguson, and Family and Friends of Ruth Siegert



A Sunday Radio Broadcast can be sponsored/dedicated for \$65/Sunday. Call the church office at 701-636-5701 to select a date and dedicate a Sunday Radio Broadcast.



Following this introduction are Lutheran World Relief reports on some of the areas where we make contributions. These reports should warm your heart.

There is a letter from the Landji's, which tells little about work in Central African Republic, but does indicate that Anne is no longer a missionary and she lives in Montana with her son and her parents. Willie is still in Cameroon and oversees the Western Region in Africa, including the CAR. I just learned that we had a group from North Dakota Synods in Cameroon and CAR this fall to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of mission work there.

Information was not shared with us at that time, but I will try to learn more.

There is a bit of information from other groups working in the CAR.

Remember that Lent is soon coming and the Lenten Offering goes to Global Mission. Let us share our bounty with those less fortunate and remember to keep all of them in our prayers.

In His Service,

Sylvia Hansen
Global Mission Committee

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

YOUR IMPACT: Wrapping our Ukrainian neighbors in LOVE

When the war in Ukraine broke out, we sat watching the horrific images on our screens, hearts aching. While many longed to help, they felt helpless to do so. **You took action.**

The thousands of quilts and kits made by your caring hands serve as a tangible expression of compassion. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Personal Care Kits restore dignity to those who have lost everything. **This is how you are reminding our Ukrainian neighbors of God's loving presence.**

"The quilts and kits are not just a material possession," said LWR's Rev. Tim Krick. "They really do represent love and kindness and hope that there are other people in the world who care."

Yurij Butrin lives with his wife near the Russian border. Your kindness distributed warmth in the form of a stove and a quilt. **"When it was cold during the winter, there was nothing,"** he said. **"And then the potbelly stove was delivered. It helped us survive."**



Conflict forced Tetiana Besedina to flee with her family twice in the last several years. Your generosity welcomed them in their direst moments. **"We have a place to sleep at night, a roof over our heads, we're given food, and we're treated well,"** she said. **"We're really grateful for that."**

A woman from Kharkiv, Ukraine receives a Personal Care Kit and quilt during a distribution. "War can be so isolating," said Rev. Tim Krick. **"I continually heard 'Thank you for remembering us. Thank you for praying for us.'**



Natalia Chernenka "ran out of everything" during the war. She didn't have water, electricity or gas, even resorting to cooking on bricks and planting her own garden to eat. When she received her LWR quilt, she said, **"Thank God. Thank you for not forgetting us. Thank you very much."**

Nina Cherkashyna and her husband were taken into Russia at the start of the war, while soldiers occupied their home back in Ukraine. When they returned, they found their house destroyed and looted. A wood burning



stove and quilt, given through your love, helped carry them through. **"It's a significant help,"** she said. **"Thanks a lot, to the people. They responded to our call and because of them, we received these things."**



You are bringing tangible expressions of God's grace to people like Valentyna Danylenko. But most importantly, you are bringing comfort and reassurance to God's children caught in conflict. **"People were extremely grateful for the actual quilt,"** Rev. Krick said. **"But they were equally grateful for being remembered by people."**

News from the Langdjis--January 2024

Living in Yaounde, Cameroon
and Helena, MT, USA
Serving West and Central Africa

The year 2023 was one of the celebrations as well as decision-making. In our family Anne and Micah moved back to the USA for schooling needs, so Micah started 9th grade at Helena High School in Montana, where Anne's parents live. It was a big change: bigger school, new environment and new learnings. He joined the cross-country team, got to meet new teachers and started making new friends. He enjoyed it and his first semester has gone well. Anne ended service with the ELCA on December 31st and has been job hunting. The last few months were a time to get settled and learn to live in the USA after 28 years of service with the ELCA overseas.

Willie continues to live in Cameroon and serve as regional representative of the ELCA in West and Central Africa for the time being. He has accumulated other responsibilities in the region, relating to companions in Ghana, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, Gambia, Guinea, Cameroon and Central African Republic. He enjoys serving and the opportunities to support our church companions in their varied ministries.

We celebrated Christmas and New Year's together in Helena with Anne's parents, as well as friends, and the family at St. John's Lutheran in Helena, Montana. Willie returns to Yaounde, Cameroon in early January and has trips planned to CAR and Senegal in the next couple months.

Last year was marked by the celebration of 100 years of Lutheran presence in Cameroon and the Central African Republic. The ELCA, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic (CAR), as well as other international partners, all held events to remember the history of their work together and to look forward to the future.

Events began in Minneapolis in July, continued in Cameroon in October, and in November they concluded in CAR. In both CAR and Cameroon, the ELCA was represented by companion synod bishops, clergy, lay people, ELCA staff, and former missionaries and their kids. Cultural and religious events and services, special music and trips to communities with special significance, as well as commemorative fabric all helped to make the year momentous. 100 years of joint mission is today lived and reflected in the accompaniment model of walking together, sharing our gifts, talents, prayers, and resources, and building and sustaining relationships.

Your congregation has been and continues to be part of this calling to live together as children of the same God, united by God's saving grace. In CAR and Cameroon your congregation, synod and ELCA churchwide are involved in ministries of health, education, evangelism and outreach, theological formation, food security and disaster response, and much more. All of this happens because of your support that contributes to our companion churches' programs, as well as special giving to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response.





NOTE: WELCA has **Meal Delivery- Feb. 19-23** (Hannah Workgroup)

Our Savior's WELCA met **Thursday, January 4, 2024** with President Sylvia Hansen presiding.

Chris McInnes presented some ideas to update the kitchen appliances. Gas appliances are more effective. Someone questioned the insurance required for appliances with open flames, with so many using the kitchen. Some members of OSLC have stated their willingness to make donations for this cause (kitchen update).

The meeting proceeded with the Bible Study let by Amanda. She gave an introduction of just who Jesus was. We reviewed the life time of Jesus and John's role in Jesus' ministry. John's telling of someone is coming. Baptism can be a transformation thing. The Sacrament of Baptism is for us, not for God. Jesus' baptism showed he was truly God's son sent to proclaim the Good News and save us from our sin.

Sylvia opened the business meeting with a prayer. The Mission Statement was said. No treasurer's report. The Secretary's minutes were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Kitchen Committee stated that the Council wants a recommendation. Judy Doeden recommended to renovate the kitchen, and that WELCA be a part of further explanation before we proceed. Motion seconded and approved.
- Judy D. has ordered coffee from LWR - 5 pound bags with renewal every 4 weeks at \$85.41.
- The leaking valve of the Bunn coffee pot was fixed by Paul from Century Electric & Repair (1-10-24). We are still waiting for a knob part.
- Sarah Workgroup will serve the January birthday party on Jan. 18th at the Nursing Home. Eleanor, Jackie, Elaine and Marilyn will serve bars. Someone will check with Senora about birthday cards.

The following were elected as 2024 Officers: President Sylvia Hansen, Vice President Paulette Bowersox, Secretary Eleanor Holland, Treasurer Judy Doeden. Motion was made to accept the list - Motion Carried. At this time a thank you was extended to Tammy Nelson that acted as our 2023 Treasurer.

Thank you's were read from: The Borke Family, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, YWCA for quilts, Valley Senior Services for meal delivery, and LIRS.

Sylvia handed out the Meal Delivery Schedules to the Workgroups.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. Sylvia served coffee.

The next WELCA Meeting is **February 1, 2024 at 10 AM.**

MONDAY QUILTING REMINDER: QUILTING is being done on Mondays from 9am-4pm in the dining room at OSLC, January through March. All are welcome! Come anytime during those hours, bring snacks for sharing at coffee breaks, and bring your own lunch- if you are there during the noon hour. You do not need to be a sewer, there are jobs for anyone who is willing. If you are interested in sewing tops at home, contact us. We have some fabric and some cut squares that can be used, if you do not have your own supplies.

Questions: Sylvia Hansen at 636-5378 or 430-0820; Jackie Lovas at 430-9310

LIBRARY NEWS: *We have been attempting to find books to fill out some of the series we have with missing books. We have gotten all of the Baxter Series (Take One, Two, Three, and Four) by Karen Kingsbury. These are a good read for almost anyone. They deal with family interactions. Summaries of each book are following:*

“The Baxters: Take One” by Karen Kingsbury

Three short years, two best friends, one unbelievable dream. They wanted to make a film that would save the world . . . but they never dreamed along the way they might lose themselves. Could they change the world—before the world changes them?

Filmmakers Chase Ryan and Keith Ellison left the mission field of Indonesia for the mission field of Hollywood with a dream bigger than both of them. Now they have done the impossible: raised enough money to produce a feature film with a message that could change the world.

But as Chase and Keith begin shooting, their well-laid plans begin to unravel. With millions of dollars on the line, they make a desperate attempt to keep the film from falling apart—even as a temperamental actress, a botched production schedule, and their own insecurities leave little room for the creative and spiritual passion that once motivated them.

Was God really behind this movie after all? A chance meeting and friendship with John Baxter could bring the encouragement they need to stay on mission and produce a movie that will actually change people’s lives.

“The Baxters: Take Two” by Karen Kingsbury

Filmmakers Chase Ryan and Keith Ellison have completed their first feature film, and Hollywood is buzzing with the news. In the wake of that excitement, the producers acquire rights to a novel that has all the ingredients they want for their next project. At the same time they cross paths with a well-connected player who introduces them to the right people, and suddenly every studio in town wants to talk to Chase and Keith.

The producers’ dreams are on the verge of coming true, but Chase’s marriage is strained and Keith’s daughter — Andi Ellison — is making questionable choices in her quest for stardom. The producers are gaining respect and are on the verge of truly changing culture through the power of film — but is the change worth the cost?

“The Baxters: Take Three” by Karen Kingsbury

Chase Ryan and Keith Ellison set out to change the world with their films—and they are finally seeing their dreams come true. The dedicated producers are deep in negotiations with America’s top young movie star to play the lead in their next inspirational movie. But life takes a sudden turn for Chase, removing him from Jeremiah Productions permanently.

In the process, Keith brings on one of the Baxter family members and the moviemaking continues. At the same time, a crisis hits Keith’s daughter, Andi, and Keith feels helpless to respond. Devastated by the consequences of her wrong actions, Andi ventures out on her own and decides on a course of action that could destroy her.

Meanwhile, Bailey Flanigan is caught up in her own drama with Cody Coleman. A Campus Crusade retreat gives them time alone along the shores of Lake Monroe and lets them face a possibility they’ve avoided for years.

Will Keith keep the passion he had at the start of his filmmaking—and will there be enough passion left over for his hurting daughter? Or has their quest to change American culture become nothing more than a quest for fame?

“The Baxters: Take Four” by Karen Kingsbury

Two dedicated Hollywood producers seek to transform the culture through the power of film.

In Take Four, after Chase Ryan returns to his family and a job in his hometown, filmmakers Keith Ellison and Dayne Matthews finally ink a deal to have the nation’s top young actor star in their current film. But at the same time, the actor takes a very public fall that threatens his reputation among his fan base.

Meanwhile, healing happens for Andi Ellison in her relationship with God, her family, and those she loves, but is it too late? The new producers find they must truly act as missionaries in order to help save the film, their families, and the young movie star.

Breakthroughs take place that the public will never know about, as the possibility of saving the world through film is finally a very real possibility.



INFORMATION

HILLSBORO KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY: On the first Sunday of the month, it is an Our Savior's tradition to bring donations for the food pantry. Place your items in the wood crate located inside and to the west of the front door of the church.

Items needed include: Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cooking Oil and Spray, Stuffing, Cake and Cookie Mixes, Coffee, Mac & Cheese, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Paper Products: bath tissue, paper towels, Kleenex

The Hillsboro Kiwanis Food Pantry is located at the Hillsboro Armory. Open the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 4-6 pm. THANK YOU for your generous donations for those in need. If you have any questions please contact Rich G. at 701-436-5777 or Dan C. at 701-430-1595.

Happy
Valentine's Day!



Come celebrate and support!
With hand made truffles,
cakes, and pastries!

Feb 11th, 9:30am-11:30am
Proceeds from the sale go
toward OSLC's summer
youth trip.



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- Facebook** at oslchillsboro
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OSLC OFFERING STEWARDSHIP 2023 OFFERING RECEIVED		WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
December 3	\$ 3,711.63	8:30am	69
		10:30am	121
December 10	\$ 3,533.00	8:30am	76
		10:30am	94
December 17	\$ 7,567.15	8:30am	48
		10:30am	261
December 24	\$ 17,189.05	3:30pm	327
		5:30pm	72
December 31	\$ 11,531.00	9:30am	88
Dec. Direct Deposit	\$ 10,037.64		
December Total:	\$ 53,569.47		
2023 Total:	\$395,700.41		

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

INCOME AND EXPENSES:

2023 Income received through
December 31: \$409,770.18

2023 Expenses through
December 31: \$404,758.64

Income Less Expenses: \$5,011.54

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 and 10:30am

