



Steeple Talk

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
204 East Caledonia Ave
Hillsboro, ND 58045

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As we continue our sermon series "Wont you be my neighbor" we look at the idea of religious icons and the ways we can become living icons.

The tradition of inspired religious pictures is known as iconography. Iconography can come in the form of paintings, mosaics, frescos, and stained glass. No matter the form, iconography has been an integral part of Christians worship since apostolic times. Iconography has been referred to as "windows into heaven," and they have inspired and uplifted millions of people. Religious icons have not always been well received and during the late 17th and 18th century many were destroyed with the thought that they encouraged idolatry. One of the chief champions of icons was Saint John of Damascus, who wrote "Through the icons of Christ we contemplate His bodily form, His miracles, and His sufferings, and we are sanctified" Now, in our Lutheran context we can appreciate iconography as a liturgical art form that it is not deciding who God is, but better helping us encounter God in the world.

An artist named Kelly Latimore paints religious icons in a historic and present day setting. He also depicts people, or our neighbors, as "Living Icons" and challenges us to see ourselves as living icons. A tall order to be sure. Seeing others as living icons might come easy, but seeing ourselves as living icons is quite the challenge. To help us along Kelly said this about his art.

"My hope is that these icons can do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue. By transcending our biases, listening, and having inner silence about our convictions, our inherited traditions, or our favorite ideas we can become open to the patterns of work, knowledge and experience we may not have seen in the other or buried in ourselves. The other may have something to teach us about who God is, the world we live in, and who are our neighbors." -Kelly Latimore

My prayer is that you may see Holy good in our neighbor and the shared goodness in you. Maybe you will see this through an icon or just a chance encounter. Perhaps you will then be able to see yourself as a living icon. Living out Gods mission in the world as you love your neighbor and becoming living icons for one another.

Pastor Amanda Johnson

PASTORAL ACTS:

MARRIAGES:

United in Marriage on August 31, 2024
at Venue 31, Hawley, MN

Katlyn Buethner and Hunter Olson

Witnessed by Shauna Buethner and Ian Bergh

Officiated by Pastor Joe Johnson

United in Marriage on September 7, 2024
at First Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND

Colton Miller and Alison Goplen

Witnessed by Megan Roller and Tatum Miller

Officiated by Pastor Joe Johnson

United in Marriage on September 7, 2024 at OSLC, Hillsboro, ND

Serrina Klose and Shane Reyes

Witnessed by Danielle Dubois and Dylan Johnson

Officiated by Pastor Joe Johnson

United in Marriage on September 21, 2024 at OSLC, Hillsboro, ND

Briar Lee and Veronika Pawlikowski

Witnessed by Abigail Lee and Alex Alfson

Officiated by Pastor Joe Johnson

DEATHS:

Carol Jerde

Born: January 8, 1945

Place of Birth: Enderlin, ND

Died: August 10, 2024

Funeral: August 26, 2024

at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery,
San Antonio, TX



10-27-24 is Confirmation Sunday at Our Savior's!



- ◆ **Wednesday, October 23 - Faith Statement Presentations by the 10th grade students @ 6:30 p.m. at OSLC**
- ◆ **Sunday, October 27 - Confirmation Service @ 10:30 a.m.**

All are Welcome and Invited to both the Faith Statement presentations and the Confirmation service!

Congratulations and God's Blessings to the following students on their Confirmation:

**Max Bockness
Evan Czapiewski
Ryan Habeck
Wyatt Myers
Amelia Thompson
Devin Wigdahl
Aaliyah Hjelmstad**

**Malia Bryl
Ethan Drake
Ethan Kittelson
Hayden Richter
Ava Thompson
Siri Williams**

**Lyla Bye
Jacob Foss
Nina Kritzberger
Kate Spokely
Claire Torgerson
Coy Hass**



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

September 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



Members Present – Barb Hultin, Beth Christianson, Daniel Nelson, Michael Bare, Dawn Paulsrud, Vicki Buchholz, Eric Johnson, Teresa Forseth, Brad Ydstie, Mike Tweten, Jason Lovas, Pastor Joe Johnson, and Pastor Amanda Johnson.

1. **Call to Order** – Noting a quorum, Vice President Daniel Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Devotions** – Pastor Joe Johnson led devotions based on being a Neighbor. Luke 5: 10-29.
3. **Confirmation of Agenda** – President Barb Hultin asked a motion to accept the agenda. Daniel Nelson moved to accept the agenda as presented. Dawn Paulsrud seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Pastor Amanda reported that The Hillsboro Café will make and serve the meal for the Neighborhood Block Party. Plans have started for the Neighborhood Block Party on September 8, 2024 following the 10:30 a.m. service. Set up will start at 9:00 a.m.
 - i. Food Ordering– Pastor Amanda Johnson
 - ii. Dessert Volunteers – Pastor Amanda Johnson
 - iii. Picnic Tables – Michael Bare
 - iv. Inflatables – Jason Lovas
 - v. Inflatable Workers – Barb Hultin
 - vi. Set Up/Servers – Brad Ydstie, Teresa Forseth, Daniel Nelson, Beth Christianson, Mike Tweten, Jason Lovas
 - vii. Tear Down – Eric Johnson, Belinda Bye, Dawn Paulsrud, Vicki Buchholz
5. **New Business** – none
6. **Pastor Joe's Report** – Our summer sermon series *Blessings of Everyday Life* was fun and exciting! The theme explored how God is at work in our everyday lives. On Rally Sunday we will begin a new sermon series called *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* The summer ministries included: Hillsboro Days Worship at the Park, Vacation Bible School, Care Center Worship, Sr. High National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Kiwanis worship, confirmation parent meeting, funerals, burials, baptisms, weddings, bible studies, visitations and worship services. I have been having pre-marriage counseling sessions and I have five more weddings scheduled this fall. We have been preparing for Rally Sunday, Sunday School, Confirmation, Sr. High Youth Group, and the Castaway Youth Retreat. Wednesday evening programming begins Sept. 11th for Grades 7-12. We will have a confirmation retreat for the 10th grade confirmands on Sunday, October 13th. The confirmands will present their faith statements on Wednesday, October 23rd. Confirmation Sunday will be on Sun., October 27th. I'll attend Fair Hills Fall Leadership Conference Sept 8th-9th.
7. **Pastor Amanda's Report** - We have had a busy final month of summer. We wrapped up our sermon series that focused on God at work in our everyday lives and made plans for a new fall series entitled "Won't You Be My Neighbor". This month has also been full of plans for the parent Sunday school meeting and confirmation meeting. At the confirmation meeting we communicated schedules and expectations for the confirmands and signed up 12 youth for a fall retreat at Castaway in mid Sept. As part of the Sunday school meeting, we laid out a new "Milestone" plan for the Sunday school students.

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Milestones Ministry is an opportunity for the church to partner with families in equipping them with the tools to live out their faith together. Every milestone has two components: the first component is hands on learning in the class and at home, and the second is a public acknowledgment of this accomplishment. Finally, we have been focusing on Rally Sunday and extending a wide welcome to the community for Sunday worship and Sunday school and confirmation with an emphasis on our neighbor. We have done this by advertising with Facebook posts, newspaper ads, as well as door flyers and elementary school flyers. We are set to have a really incredible year of ministry through God's mission in the world!

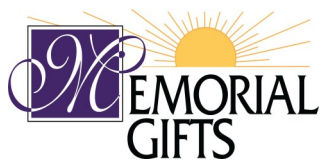
8. **Treasurer's Report** – Jason Lovas updated the council on the financial state of the church. The month of August ended with expenses exceeding income by \$4,943. Year to date, expenses exceed income by \$19,404. The media fund is at \$3,700. Daniel Nelson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Beth Christianson seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Beth Christianson moves that the church council empowers Treasurer Jason Lovas to use OSLC's CDs at Goose River Bank as collateral on a loan to purchase the home at 214 East Caledonia Avenue. Teresa Forseth seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.
9. **Deacons' Report**- New signage will be in the courtyard for Rally Sunday. The Idea Shop has ideas for room placards they will be sharing with the Deacons.
10. **Trustees' Report**- Mike Tweten has been working with Trail County Economic Development on a grant for the replacement trees near the main entrance of the church. The final documents have been submitted.
11. **Committee Reports**
 - a. New Member – Sunday, September 29, 2024
12. **Secretary's Report** –
 - a. **Minutes for September 4, 2024** – Mike Tweten moved to approve the minutes as presented. Teresa Forseth seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting – Sunday, October 6, 2024 @ 11:30 a.m.

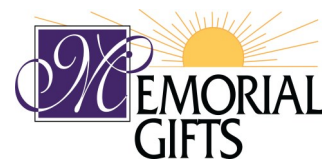
Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Christianson





SEPTEMBER MEMORIAL REPORT



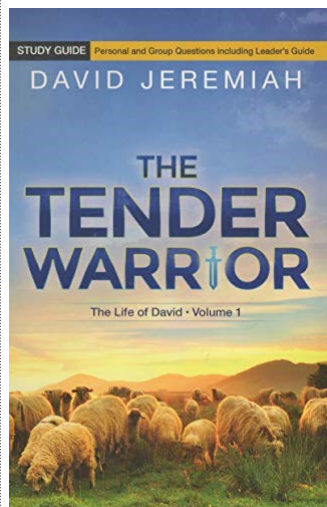
*Thank You to all who gave memorials.
Tammy Nelson, Memorial Secretary*

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

MEDIA FUND - In memory of Betty Johnson, given by M/M Gerald Boeddeker; in memory of Jim Kolanczyk, Duane Bjerke and Delores Bryan, given by Darlene Swanson

GENERAL FUND – In memory of Carol Jerde, given by Eunice Morlock and M./M Dallas Boeddeker; in memory of Lillian Thompson, Ron Gadberry, O'Dell Flaagan, Tammy Carver, Henry Geray, Bob Hertwig, Allen & Ellen Messner, DeVonne Wright, Loren Hamre, Vonie Manthey, Betty Nelson, and Suzanne Klinnert, given by Eunice Morlock

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES



Fall is fast approaching and harvest is in full swing.

It's time for **W.O.W. (Women of the Word) Bible Study** to join together around God's Word!

We will meet at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the 2nd floor lounge beginning **Monday, October 7th at 9:00 AM.**

We will be learning from "A Tender Warrior" The Life of David - Volume 1 by David Jeremiah.

WELCOME one and all!

~Senora Almquist, Leader

ANNUAL SANFORD HILLSBORO AUXILIARY PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL, BAKE SALE, QUILT RAFFLE

Sunday, October 20 from 2-3:30pm

Located in the Sanford Hillsboro Assisted Living Dining Room
12 3rd St SE, Hillsboro

Enjoy homemade pie with your loved one.
(Pie and Ice Cream is free to all Sanford Hillsboro Residents,
patients and tenants)
All money raised stays in Hillsboro to improve the quality of life for our
residents, tenants and patients. Donations are welcomed.



5:30pm Wednesday Meal Servers:

- October 2 - Myers Family
- October 9 - Richter Family
- October 16 - NO Meal
- October 23 - both Ambuehl Families (Faith Statement night)
- October 30 - Carlson Family

NOTE: NO Meal or Confirmation Classes on Oct. 16th!

Sunday Acolytes in October:

- Oct. 6 - **8:30am:** Brayden A., Keagan A. **10:30am:** Lillie D., Jacob F.
- Oct. 13 - **8:30am:** James F., Ross Hamre **10:30am:** Coy H., Alexis I.
- Oct. 20 - **8:30am:** Adam J., Gabriel P. **10:30am:** Keira K., Chloe T.
- Oct. 27 - **8:30am:** Joel T., Easton B. **10:30am:** Noelle B., Coby H.

OCTOBER FAITH & FUN
 for 4-6th graders
WED. AFTER SCHOOL
 UNTIL 5PM
MEAL SERVED AT 5:30PM

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
204 Caledonia Ave
Hillsboro, ND 58045
701-636-5701

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Faith and Fun classes start Oct 2nd!

Who: 4th-6th Grade Students
When: Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (each Wed. in Oct!)
What: Snacks, Crafts, Bible lessons, and Games
All are welcome. All the time!!

OSLC SENIOR CHOIR

OSLC Choir practices every Monday, from 6:30 – 7:15 pm downstairs just off the dining room. **Practices for the 2024 Community Christmas Concert will start Sunday, October 20th from 4:00-5:00 pm.** We would love to have you join us to share the love of Jesus through song!



Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.
Micah 7:7

GOSBELLS

The GosBELLS practice Monday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We are excited to be making music together again and look forward to sharing with the Congregation this month!

NOTE: I am hoping to purchase uniform dress shirts and new gloves for the GosBELLS this fall and am asking that if anyone would be able to help with a donation and prayers for these items, we would be very grateful and thankful for your generosity.

And whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.
Colossians 3:23

Linda Hawn, Director

Things never seem to settle down for any length of time in CAR. I am printing a news article telling of the latest attacks on villages. I can't imagine living under these conditions and running into the bush to hide. I have not gotten any updates on this situation. Keep them in your prayers and make contributions to the global Mission budget.

In His Service,

*Sylvia Hansen
Global Mission Committee*



Central African Republic Pleads with Fleeing Civilians to Return After Rebels Attack Villages

***Voice of America (Washington DC)
5 July 2024
by Moki Edwin Kindzeka***

YAOUNDE, CAMEROON — Central African Republic officials are pleading with civilians to go back to their villages, after up to 10,000 civilians were displaced this week by fighting between rebels and C.A.R. forces.

Officials say a rebel group known as the Return, Reclamation, Rehabilitation, or 3R, has relaunched hostilities in the central African nation. This week, military sources said 3R rebels attacked nearly 10 villages between the towns of Bocaranga and Bazoum in northeastern C.A.R., near the Cameroon border.



The C.A.R. military says bodies of five government troops and six civilians have been found in villages since the attacks began Tuesday. The military says it is still searching for bodies and transporting injured civilians to hospitals for treatment.

On Thursday, officials said several hundred troops and humanitarian workers were deployed to the villages to push back the rebels and protect civilians.

Glwady Siopathis led a delegation of humanitarian workers to villages affected by the fighting. She says about 10,000 civilians — including children — are hiding in the bush, and are hungry, thirsty and malnourished. She says a majority are reluctant to return to their homes because they believe rebels have simply retreated and could again attack villages for supplies.

The C.A.R. says that besides its troops, forces of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, or MINUSCA, have been deployed to protect civilians and their goods. Both forces say huge quantities of ammunition were seized and several rebels were either neutralized or captured, but did not give further details. The C.A.R is pleading with civilians to return to villages where they will be protected by government troops.

Bruno Yapande, C.A.R.'s territorial administration minister, says the government of the Central African Republic has ordered its military to immediately seal border areas where rebels traditionally attempt to pass through when attacked by government troops. He says several border security checkpoints have been erected to sort out rebels who disguise themselves as cattle ranchers or infiltrate civilian communities to escape to neighboring countries. Yapande spoke Friday on C.A.R. state TV. He did not say which countries the rebels may be attempting to escape to, but the C.A.R. shares borders with Cameroon, Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Congo and Chad.

Last week, Cameroon and C.A.R. officials met in the C.A.R.'s capital, Bangui, and signed an agreement to jointly combat what they describe as increasing insecurity and criminality caused by armed gangs and rebels operating in towns and villages along their border.

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The C.A.R. says the 3R, formed in 2015, is one of several rebel groups in the central African state. 3R rebels claim that they protect Muslim cattle ranching populations from regular attacks by Christian anti-Balaka militias. C.A.R. officials say the rebel group has several hundred armed fighters who fight to control villages on the C.A.R. border and regularly escape to eastern villages in Cameroon when attacked by government forces. The C.A.R. accuses the rebel group of killing, maiming, raping, looting, and regularly displacing civilians from the villages.

The Central African Republic descended into violence and political chaos in 2013 when Muslim-led Seleka rebels seized power and forced then-President Francois Bozize from office in the majority Christian nation. A Christian-dominated militia called the anti-Balaka fought back, with both the Seleka and anti-Balaka being accused of targeting and killing civilians.

The U.N. says fighting in the C.A.R. has forced close to a million Central Africans to flee to neighboring countries, including Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria and Chad.



NOTE: WELCA has **Meal Delivery- October 21-25** (Sarah Workgroup)

Our Savior's WELCA met **Thursday, September 5, 2024** with Paulette Bowersox leading the meeting.

Pastor Joe Johnson led the Bible Study. This past summer's Bible studies and preaching focused on various biblical and theological perspectives of everyday living. Our fall worship theme is *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* This theme will focus on: loving our neighbor, serving our neighbor, being a good neighbor, and exploring how God is at work in our neighborhood. We discussed our neighborhood- who is our neighbor and are we friendly? The theme will launch Sunday, September 8 with Rally Day and the Neighborhood Block Party.

BUSINESS:

- It was mentioned that the WELCA Fall Convention is Saturday, Sept. 28 at Sharon Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. We will be collecting items to be brought to the convention. Sharon Enger and Eleanor Holland expressed interest. They will take the items collected to Grand Forks.
- The dishwasher seems to be running, but they are looking into the problem - circuit for the motor is stuck closed -suspect it's a bad card (panel board). It was mentioned that maybe the best solution would be to purchase a new dishwasher.
- Discussion about dollars for homeless. Elaine made a motion to donate \$600 to the helper. Seconded and approved.
- Redo the kitchen is on hold. We may need new electric stoves. Need to talk to an electrician.

The Purpose Statement was said along with the Table Prayer prior to coffee.

Offering was collected. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Dorcus Workgroup served the WELCA meeting today and will have the Sept. Meal Delivery (Sept. 23-27) and the Sept. Nursing Home Coffee. Sarah Workgroup serves the Oct. WELCA meeting and has the Oct. Nursing Home Coffee and Meal Delivery.

The next WELCA Meeting is October 3, 2024 at 10 AM.

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: Green Beans, Juice (orange, grape, apple, cranberry), Flour, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Jelly (strawberry, grape), Ketchup, Mustard, Cooking oil, Cooking Spray, Dry Mashed Potatoes, Crunchy Peanut Butter, Paper Towels, Coffee, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Crackers.

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.

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Facebook at oslchillsboro
Twitter @ OSLCHillsboro
Instagram @ oslchillsboro
YouTube - Our Savior's Lutheran Church Hillsboro ND
HTC CHANNEL 34 and our **website: oslchillsboro.com**

OPEN HOUSE 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

in honor of Sandra Mustad
Saturday, October 12, 2024
 from 1:30 – 4:00pm

Hillsboro Senior Center
 205 N Main St, Hillsboro

All are Welcome!
 (No gifts please)

Open House Bridal Brunch
 to shower and celebrate Payton Kritzberger
 (Jace Stallman)

Saturday, October 5, 2024
11:00 AM

St Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Hillsboro

*Please bring a recipe you'd like to share with the bride, in place of a card.



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OSLC OFFERING STEWARDSHIP 2024 OFFERING RECEIVED		WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
August 4	\$ 1,434.00	9:30am	73
August 11	\$ 1,961.00	9:30am	70
August 18	\$ 2,244.00	9:30am	60
August 25	\$ 4,875.00	9:30am	92
Aug. Direct Deposit	\$ 15,877.64		
August Total:	\$ 26,391.64		
2024 Total	\$230,947.83		

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENSES:

2024 Income received through
 August 31: \$239,434.32

2024 Expenses through
 August 31: \$258,838.82

Income Less Expenses: -\$19,404.50

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