



# Steeple Talk

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

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*Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may **grow** into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

-1 Peter 2:1-3

This summer we are focusing on growth! Growth can make us feel many different things. Growth can feel exciting, sometimes fun, sometimes painful, but growth is always a necessary part of life. Whether we like it or not, this life is full of unexpected twists and turns. If we lean into that change and find the beauty in what wasn't there before, that is where the real growth begins.

**Join us this summer as we look at ways that we can grow together!**

- **Growing in Faith**
- **Growing a Family**
- **Growing in Time**
- **Growing Crops**
- **Growing Children**
- **Growing a Feast**
- **Growing Spirituality**
- **Growing Emotional Intelligence**
- **Growing God's Church**
- **Growing Food for our Soul**
- **Growing a Garden**

Pastor Amanda Johnson

## **PASTORAL ACTS:**

### **DEATHS:**

**Melvin "Mel" Erdmann**

Born: July 23, 1945

Place of Birth: Fargo, ND

Died: April 22, 2025

Funeral: May 2, 2025 at OSLC

Pastor Joe Johnson, Officiating

Interment: Watson Cemetery  
Rural Leonard, ND

**JUNE 15, 2025**



## **Free Pizza Mondays!!**

June 2nd-August 18th

**EACH MONDAY!!!**

**11:30AM - 12:30PM**

**OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH HILLSBORO  
DINE-IN & TO-GO**



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**GET A WEEKLY  
BACKPACK PROGRAM BAG  
AT THIS LOCATION  
EACH MONDAY!**

## **HILLSBORO DAYS FOOD**

*Fundraiser*



**MAIN STREET**

**HILLSBORO, ND 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY  
JUNE  
20TH**

- HOT HAM N' CHEESE
- CHILI DOGS
- STRAWBERRIES & CHOCOLATE
- DRINKS AND CHIPS



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# **OSLC**

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**1st-7th grade**

**July 8, 9, 10 9:00am - 2:00pm**

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**3 years-Kindergarten**

**July 9 & 10 9:00am - 11:00am**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Council Minutes

May 4, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

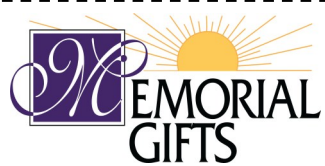


**Members Present:** Pastor Joe, Pastor Amanda, Daniel Nelson, Michael Bare, Dawn Paulsrud, Jason Lovas, Glen Hultin, Teresa Forseth, Mike Tweten

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Devotions:** The Old Life and the New
3. **Confirmation of Agenda:** Jason made a motion to accept the agenda. Teresa seconded. All were in favor
4. **Old Business**
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5. **New Business**
  - a. Lawn Care: The Leshuk boys will be contacted to potentially mow all three lots for the summer.
6. **Pastor Joe's Report:** Our school year programming is finishing with a strong finish. Confirmation ended April 23, Sunday School will end May 4, and Youth Group will end May 7. Pastor Amanda and I attended the Mayville Conference Pastor's meeting. I also met with the Eastern North Dakota Synod Candidacy Committee. We will have a community baccalaureate worship service on May 14. OSLC will host. I have four weddings scheduled and I have been busy with pre-marriage counseling meetings. Synod Assembly is scheduled for June 6-7. The Sr. High Summer Youth Trip is scheduled for June 9-16.
7. **Pastor Amanda's Report:** The lent season was wonderful and busy. In addition to the "Love." Lent Wednesday worship services, as well as Holy Week services, we have been planning the end of the school year events as well as planning for the summer. This summer we will take up "Free Pizza" Monday's and backpack meals once more. This will be in addition to the summer mission trip and vacation bible school. We look forward to the summer worship schedule and the opportunity to have a summer sermon series as we finish out our school year with the last days of confirmation and Sunday school upon us. Additionally, I spent three days in April traveling to Crookston, MN for a first call pastors retreat. Summer Youth Trip is schedule for June 9-16.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Year to date income exceeding expense account \$18,500.00. Media Fund balance \$2523.00. Michael B. made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Mike T. seconded. All were in favor.
9. **Deacons' Report:** Deacon's will replenish the communion supplies for summer. They continue to work on the signage project and are looking for help in completing it.
10. **Trustees' Report:** Trustee's provide an updated project list for 2025. They plan to do a walk through of the parsonages and create a project list for both places. Both properties are vacant and the council is willing to have conversations with individuals looking to rent.
11. **Committee Reports**
12. **Secretary's Report: Next Meeting Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**
13. **Adjournment:** 12:23 p.m.

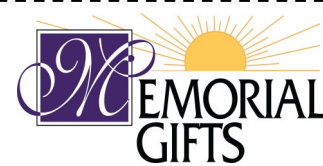
Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn Paulsrud





## MAY 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, GosBELLS, OSLC Bands, WELCA / WELCA: Altar, Library or Kitchen, Scholarships (Bible Camps, etc.), OSLC Endowment Fund, and Blanchard Endowment Fund

**OSLC BANDS** – In memory of Mel Erdmann, given by M/M Dave Nelson, Paula Tronson and M/M Mark Forseth

**ALTAR FUND** – In memory of Betty Kolanczyk, Greg Gashler and JP Waters, given by M/M Don Halverson

**OSLC FOUNDATION** – In memory of Mel Erdmann, given by M/M Jack Hansen

**WELCA KITCHEN PROJECT** – In memory of Sonja Diehl, given by M/M William Bixby and M/M John Ferguson

**YOUTH TRIP** – In memory of Mel Erdmann, given by M/M Gary Leraas, M/M Dan Christianson, M/M Steve Doeden and Eunice Morlock; In memory of Marjorie Riemer, Elizabeth Hanson and Julianne Sandvik, given by Eunice Morlock

**GENERAL FUND** – In memory of Betty Kolanczyk, given by Cathy Stanghellini; in memory of Charmaine Bohn Swenson, given by M/M Dallas Boeddeker; in memory of Elizabeth Hanson, given by M/M Gary Rosevold and M/M Thomas Hanson; in memory of Mel Erdmann, given by Teresa Miller, Mike Kozojed, C.A. Pederson, M/M Roger Parkhouse, M/M John Juelson, Rachel Coltvet and Family, M/M Duane Knutson and M/M Dallas Boeddeker

**MEDIA FUND** – In memory of Mel Erdmann, given by M/M Ray Foss, Duane Haugerud, M/M Glenn Brustad, Marlene Oie, Joel Thorsrud, Darlene Swanson, M/M Allen Mustad, Robert Tweten and Ramona Borke



### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

All the Our Savior's youth & leaders going on the summer youth missions trip to Nashville, TN - June 9-16th!

The theme is "Boundless Love"  
Love of God, Love of Neighbor, Love of Self.



**NOTE:** WELCA has **Meal Delivery: June 23-27** (Dorcas Workgroup)  
**July 28—August 1** (Sarah Workgroup)

Our Savior's WELCA met on **Thursday, May 1, 2025** with President Sylvia Hansen presiding. Pastor Amanda Johnson led the Bible Study on Proverbs 22:6, 2 Timothy 1:13-14 and Matthew 19:13-15. We talked about how the way we grew up has influenced our faith today and how important it is to have the youth involved in church related activities.

The Purpose Statement was read and the previous minutes were read and approved. Judy Doeden gave the Treasurer's report, which was also approved. Coffee/lunch was served by the Hannah workgroup.

Sylvia read a thank-you note from the John Pederson family.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- We had a discussion concerning having a funeral planning class, which would be available for the community, too. It was decided that a Wednesday afternoon would be the best time to schedule.
- Sharon E. and Sylvia talked about the Spring Round-Up they attended, which was held on April 26 at Stump Lake. The theme was *Rooted in Hope*. There was no business meeting, but there were presentations from several individuals. The Fall Round-Up is scheduled for Sept. 27th in Devils Lake. The WELCA Tri-Annual gathering is July 16-19 in Des Moines, IA.
- The Blessing of the Quilts was held at both services on Sunday, April 27th. A total of 48 quilts were made.

The offering was taken and the meeting closed with the recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 10 a.m.**

**NO MEETING IN JULY.**

Hannah workgroup serves lunch at the Assisted Living in May.  
Dorcas workgroup serves lunch for WELCA and Assisted Living in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia



# 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:**

Peanut Butter, Stove-top stuffing, Hamburger Helper, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned vegetables, Pork Beans, Pasta Products, Spaghetti Sauce, Salad Dressing, Jello, Brownie Mix, Flour, Coffee & Tea, Ketchup, Mustard  
Toothpaste, Body Wash, Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Napkins

The Hillsboro Kiwanis Food Pantry is located at the Hillsboro Armory. Open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Watch OSLC worship services and get notified about events on:

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**YouTube** - Our Savior's Lutheran Church Hillsboro ND

**HTC CHANNEL 34** and our **Website:** oslchillsboro.com

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LEFSE & LEMONADE FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, June 15, 2025** from 12:00pm to 2:30pm at Grue Church, 1423 168<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Rural Buxton, ND. Free Will lunch served. 1-2:30pm Music by Lanny Faleide and the Pole Barn Jammers. Silent Auction, Bake Sale, and Church Anniversary Plate Display.

You are invited to a  
**95<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
for Eunice Morlock

There will be an Open House Birthday Party for her on **Saturday, June 14** from 1-4pm at the VETS Club, Hillsboro.  
No gifts, please.

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

**INCOME AND EXPENSES:**

2025 Income received through  
April 30: \$163,757.07

2025 Expenses through  
April 30: \$145,261.02

Income Less Expenses: \$18,496.05

OSLC OFFERING STEWARDSHIP 2025 OFFERING RECEIVED		WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
April 6	\$ 1,431.00	8:30am 10:30am	61 78
April 13	\$ 13,413.70	8:30am 10:30am	50 247
April 20	\$ 10,928.13	8:30am 10:30am	81 319
April 27	\$ 1,352.00	8:30am 10:30am	45 71
Apr. Direct Deposit	\$ 9,393.30		
<b>April Total:</b>	<b>\$ 36,518.13</b>		
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$151,737.70</b>		

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2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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