



# Steeple Talk

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
204 East Caledonia Ave  
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***"I have called you by name, you are mine" Isaiah 43:1***

Names are important. Usually our name means something; maybe a family name, maybe a biblical name, maybe a nickname. I'm named after my grandpa Joe Johnson. Although he died before I was born, I have always been proud to carry his name.

Our summer worship theme is "Hello My Name Is..." During the summer we will wear name tags to get to know each other better. Most people in church already know each other's names, but we also have a lot of new members and visitors and it's important to get to know each other better. The summer worship theme will also explore biblical names and characters to better know and understand who they are. We are also asking you to share part of your life and faith story. Each week we will hear from members of the church and community as you get up and say, "Hello, my name is..." and tell us something about your life. The idea here is twofold; to hear what God is doing in your life, and to get to know each other better. Your story does not need to be profound or specifically theological. We just want to hear your story!

We are looking for fifteen people to volunteer to share your name and a little bit about yourselves. Please consider saying yes to this opportunity. God is doing good things! Let's hear about it!

Blessings,

Pastor Joe

# **PASTORAL ACTS:**

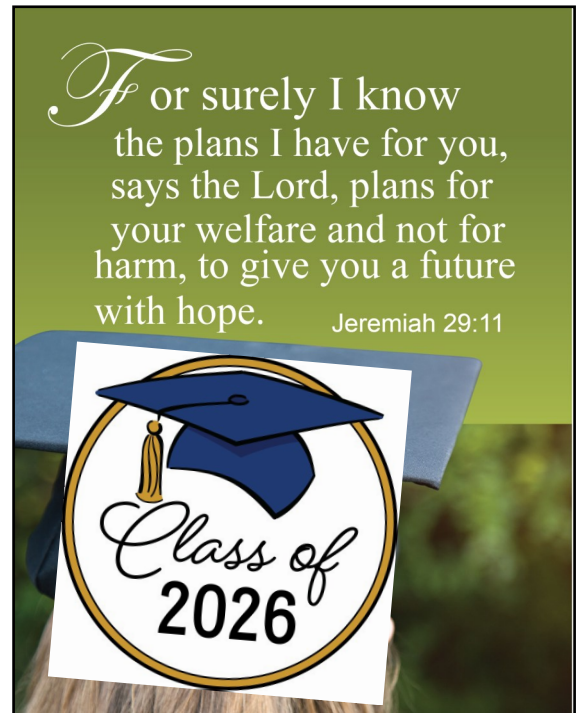
## **BAPTISMS:**

### **Ari Lynn Nygaard**

Daughter of Brady and Shayla Nygaard  
Born: January 20, 2026  
Place: Fargo, ND  
Baptized: April 26, 2026 at OSLC  
Pastor Joe Johnson, Officiating  
Godparents: Chase Fossum, Jensyn Zink,  
Miranda Petersen

### **Niko Anthony Bowman**

Son of Nick and Kayla (Jacobson) Bowman  
Born: November 8, 2024  
Place: Cape Coral, FL  
Baptized: November 19, 2025 at OSLC  
Pastor Joe Johnson, Officiating  
Godparents: Natassaja Eberhardt, Kollin Eberhardt,  
Jill Beliles, David Beliles



BACCALAUREATE  
SERVICE

**Baccalaureate is Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

**6:30 PM at St. Rose Catholic Church**

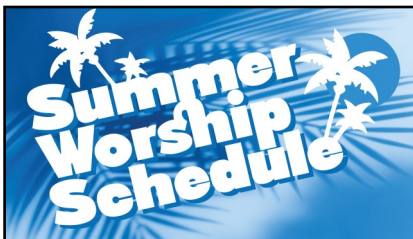
Baccalaureate is a community worship service to honor the graduating seniors. This year Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 503 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE, Hillsboro.

All are welcome and invited to attend!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following Our Savior's graduating seniors:

Emmersyn Arends, Rylan Buchholz, Brayden Chenault, Kyah Chenault, Kenna Culp, Brody Dickhoff, Zander Dovenmuehler, Piper Giffey, Evelyn Holte, Andrew Job, Charlotte Johnson, Carson Kozojed, Jameson Lee, Tyson Leshuk, Madison Lokken, Crystal Magnuson, Avery Merck, Amy Nielsen, Sawyer Owens, Justin Torroll, Evelyn Willison, Niko Zink

**OSLC Senior Recognition Sunday is May 17<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 a.m. service** and Everyone is invited for **Cake & Coffee** during the fellowship hour at 9:30 a.m.!



**Beginning May 24, 2026, there will be one worship service at 9:30am with Coffee/Fellowship following.**



### **Sunday Acolytes in MAY:**

May 3 - **8:30am:** Brea H., Aislin M.    **10:30am:** Parker R., Lilah S.  
May 10 - **8:30am:** Trygg T., Lydia T.    **10:30am:** Tenley D., Logan F.  
May 17 - **8:30am:** Brynn S., Audrey T.    **10:30am:** Wyatt T., Easton B.



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Council Minutes

April 12, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.



**Members Present** – Brad Ydstie, Teresa Forseth, Eric Johnson, Glen Hultin, Daniel Nelson, Mike Tweten, Dawn Paulsrud, Michael Bare, Pr. Amanda Johnson, Pr. Joe Johnson.

1. **Call to Order** - noting a quorum Daniel Nelson called the meeting to order @ 11:37 am
2. **Devotions** - Luke 24: 13-35
3. **Confirmation of Agenda** - Teresa Forseth moved to accept the agenda, Brad Ydstie 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Lounge Window Coverings - Pastor Joe met w/ WELCA. Deacons will work with WELCA on updates.
5. **New Business**
6. **Pastor Joe's Report** - The month has been busy with visitations, Lent, bible study, service projects, crisis care, pre-marriage counseling, confirmation and youth group. Our Lenten theme was "Prayer Journey" exploring various methods of prayer as we journey to the cross. We have used Holden Evening Prayer for the liturgy on Wednesday evenings. Holy Week worship services went well and were well attended. We concluded the confirmation classes last week and we will have our end of the year party for Youth Group this week. We have several other youth ministry events coming up including Sunday School Celebration on May 3, Baccalaureate on May 13, Senior Recognition Sunday on May 17, Senior High Summer Missions Trip May 29-June 4, and Vacation Bible School June 23-25. Since our last Council meeting we had a church cleaning, Endowment Committee Meeting, Mayville Conference Meeting, Summer Missions Trip Meeting, three funerals, and one baptism.
7. **Pastor Amanda's Report** - Each month seems to be busier than the last, and March was no exception. We finished out our Lent focus of a "Prayer Journey" with prayers through song, beads, written prayers to affix on our labyrinth, and prayers through art. In addition to our regular visits and pastoral care, I had the honor of conducting the funeral for Gayle Nysveen. The 5th grade finished out their communion classes culminating in communion with their loved ones during our Maundy Thursday service. This month has also been full of planning for the future. Making plans for free pizza Mondays, VBS, and youth trip fundraisers. Finally, we took time to plan Holy week worship and Easter services. With the help of many volunteers, musicians, and staff, the services were a fulfilling and worshipful experience.
8. **Treasurer's Report** - Daniel reviewed the Treasurer's report, stating that income exceeded expenses by \$12,432 as of March YTD 2026. The balance of the media fund is \$2,388.09. Mike Tweten made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Glen Hultin. All in favor, motion carried.
9. **Deacons' Report** - Holy Week was busy preparing for services, including 1st communions
10. **Trustees' Report** - Mike coordinating usher schedule for media helpers
11. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Endowment Fund - Pastor Joe & Daniel met with committee on 4/12 for an informative session
  - b. Personnel - Pastor Joe gave staff update, communication has been great on duties
12. **Secretary's Report** - Minutes from the March meeting were approved via email. *Mike Tweten will email out minutes for review & approval.*
13. Next Meeting – **Sunday, May 3, 2026 @ 11:30 a.m.**
14. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted  
- Mike Tweten

*With the reduction in funds for programs for the less fortunate people in our world, I am getting many requests from charities who provide food and medical services to them. They are pleading for donations because government funds are no longer being provided. For example, UN programs are greatly smaller without funds from the USA. The article I am including speaks to Cameroon, where many of the displaced people from Central African Republic have ended up.*

*Please remember to pray for the needy and the providers of services. Continue to support our congregation's Global Mission account, so we can provide support to groups supporting these needy people.*

*In His Service,*

*Sylvia Hansen  
Global Missions Committee*



## **Cameroon: Empty Cooking Pots, Rising Hunger in Cameroon**

***United Nations World Food Programme (Rome)*** By Nyandoh Paho Tadfor  
[allAfrica](#) 9 April 2026

WFP and other humanitarians are stretching lean budgets to support millions reeling from conflict, displacement and climate shocks in the Central African nation

By the time the sun climbs high over the town of Mora, in Cameroon's Far North Region, many cooking pots like Esther's are already empty. She has joined dozens of women queuing up at a World Food Programme (WFP) food distribution site, her youngest child tied securely to her back. Displaced by violence from Kolofata, a small town about 22 km away, she now relies on WFP assistance to feed her family. "Without this, we would not eat," says Esther, who has four children (her surname is withheld for her protection).

Across Cameroon, Esther's reality is shared by millions, as conflict, displacement, climate shocks and rising food price erode their ability to cope. "In Cameroon, millions of people are facing deepening hunger," says Gianluca Ferrera, WFP Country Director in Cameroon. "WFP is assisting the most vulnerable families, enabling them to meet their immediate food and nutrition needs and avoid falling deeper into crisis."

Today, more than 2 million people are displaced by ongoing unrest roiling swathes of the Central African country. Nearly 3 million are projected to face crisis or emergency levels of hunger during the upcoming June-August lean season between harvests. Nearly one in three children under five is stunted, or too short for their age, due to malnutrition. Those realities will greet Pope Leo XIV during his 15-18 April visit to Cameroon - part of a four-nation papal tour focusing on peace and on turning "the world's attention to Africa," according to a senior Vatican official.

### **Hunger shaped by conflict**

The situation is particularly dire across six regions, from northern to southwestern Cameroon, where insecurity has disrupted livelihoods and agriculture production, limited access to land and markets, and deepened dependence on humanitarian assistance. More than 8 in 10 people facing acute hunger are concentrated in these crisis-affected areas.

It is in these regions where WFP's crisis response, the backbone of our work in Cameroon, counts the most. Amounting to 70 percent of our emergency funding in the country, this response includes food distributions and cash-based transfers, treatment and prevention of malnutrition, and emergency school meals - reflecting the urgency and scale of needs.

Last year alone, WFP delivered nearly 8,000 metric tons of food and more than US\$18.5 million in cash assistance to more than 900,000 people - more than a third of whom were refugees or displaced people like Esther. That support helps stabilize households, ensuring families can eat and avoid harmful coping strategies such as skipping meals, pulling their children from school, or forcing them into early marriage. "This is not just about food," says WFP's Ferrera of the assistance. "It is about protecting lives, dignity and stability."

But what is trickling in now is shrinking by the day. Funding cuts are forcing WFP to slash our food assistance to reach just 590,000 people this year - or just over half of those we planned to assist in 2026. The cuts have also shuttered several WFP field offices, reducing our access to already hard-to-reach communities.

In some areas, we are reducing food rations by up to 50 percent, and prioritizing support to the most vulnerable - like Esther's family. The shrinking aid comes as staple food prices remain high, driven up by reduced agricultural production due to conflict, climate shocks and rising prices of agricultural inputs, among other economic pressures that place even basic meals beyond the reach of many.

For displaced families like Esther's, who once relied on farming, hunger is no longer seasonal: rising and ebbing depending on harvests or access to farmland. It is constant, as funding cuts translate into less and more erratic food aid. "When there is no food, everything changes," she says. "The children cannot stay in school. They cry at night."

When Esther's name is called, she steps forward with a value voucher, which allows her to collect food according to her family size. In exchange, she receives rice, beans, vegetable oil, beef, and other items to sustain her family for four weeks.

As Esther leaves the distribution site, she balances the food on her head and begins the walk back home. "For now, we will eat," she says. Beyond that, nothing is certain.

*WFP requires US\$95.2 million to sustain food and nutrition assistance in Cameroon in 2026. Without urgent funding, nearly 600,000 people, including refugees, internally displaced persons and vulnerable host communities risk losing access to food and nutrition assistance in 2026.*

*WFP's emergency response in Cameroon is made possible thanks to support from Canada, Japan, Luxembourg, Private Sector Donors, Switzerland and the United States.*



**NOTE:** WELCA has **Meal Delivery: May 26-29** (NO Delivery May 25)

Our Savior's WELCA met on **Thursday, April 2, 2026** with President Sylvia Hansen presiding.

Pastor Joe led the Bible Study based on "Holy Week - What is Happening this Week?"

Thank You notes were received from Dakota Girls & Boys Ranch for the quilts they received.

The Purpose Statement was read. No Secretary's Report for March. Judy Doeden gave the Treasurer's Report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- WELCA'S Annual Spring Round-Up is Saturday, April 18th. Those attending should meet at the church at 7 a.m.
- The Tri-Annual meeting is July 16-19 in Iowa.
- The Dorcas workgroup still needs a co-leader for the group.

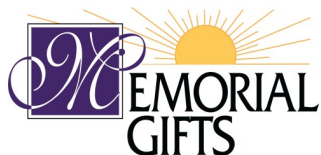
#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Quilting is done and the "Blessing of the Quilts" will be held on Sunday, April 12th.
- Judy D. will do the fundraising letter to be sent to the women of the church.
- Jackie L. has been working on the Health Kits & Baby Kits.

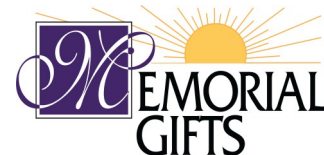
The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to all who contributed to our request on April 12th for donations to pay for delivery of quilts and kits. We received over \$400 and are still receiving donations. This will deliver many items for Lutheran World Relief.





# APRIL 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

**GENERAL** – In memory of Peggy Gilbertson, given by M/M Dallas Boeddeker

**MEDIA FUND** – In memory of Peggy Gilbertson, given by Darlene Swanson, M/M James Knecht and Joel Thorsrud

**Last Day of Sunday School!**

**May 3**

3 year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will celebrate their milestone achievements during the 10:30 church service. All are invited and welcome to celebrate with them!

**Milestone Achievement Event!**  
Who: 3 year olds-6<sup>th</sup> graders  
When: May 3 | 10:30 church service

COMMUNITY MEAL

**WAFFLE BAR!!**

EGG BAKE & COFFEE

9:00-12:30

**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**@ OUR SAVIOR'S HILLSBORO, ND**

Proceeds go to the youth summer mission trip



Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>



# 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:**

Ramen noodles, Stove-top stuffing, Hamburger Helper, Beef Stew, Chili, Chicken Noodle soup, Canned chicken, Canned green beans, peaches & pineapple chunks, Pork/Baked Beans, Cereal, Cookies, Cake mixes, Laundry soap, Dish soap, Hand soap, Body Wash, Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner, Feminine Hygiene Products, Cleaning supplies

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.





**Health Ministry**

The **Health Ministry Committee** is here to support the health and well-being of our church family. If you or a loved one need guidance, resources, prayer, or a listening ear, please know you're not alone. We are happy to help in any way we can. Please contact the church office for any requests or needs.

~Brenda Stallman, Krista Longthorne, Chrissy Torgerson, Maggie Wilson, Joy McSparron, and Katie Reese



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OSLC OFFERING STEWARDSHIP 2026 OFFERING RECEIVED		WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
March 1	\$ 4,645.50	8:30am	48
		10:30am	94
March 8	\$ 1,911.00	8:30am	40
		10:30am	58
March 15	\$ 5,121.25	8:30am	31
		10:30am	68
March 22	\$ 8,850.00	8:30am	46
		10:30am	94
March 29	\$ 3,239.25	8:30am	70
		10:30am	83
Mar. Direct Deposit	\$ 9,188.30		
<b>March Total:</b>	<b>\$ 32,955.30</b>		
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$113,600.07</b>		

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

**INCOME AND EXPENSES:**

2026 Income received through  
March 31: \$114,442.84

2026 Expenses through  
March 31: \$102,010.12

Income Less Expenses: \$12,432.72

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

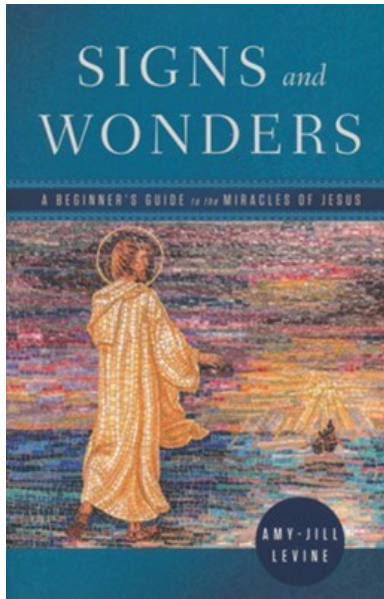
**Facebook** at oslchillsboro (Our Savior's Lutheran Church)

**Instagram** @ oslchillsboro

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

**HTC CHANNEL 34**

and our **Website:** oslchillsboro.com



## *W.O.W. (Women of the Word) Bible Study*

W.O.W. Bible Study finished their study of "Finding Jesus in the Psalms" and they began a new study called "Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine.

Chapter topics include (6 sessions):

- ◇ Take up your pallet and walk (the paralyzed man)
- ◇ Walking on water and stilling the storm
- ◇ The feeding of the 5,000 (or more)
- ◇ On the role of caregivers- A bleeding woman and a dead girl
- ◇ A two-stage miracle
- ◇ The raising of Lazarus

W.O.W. Bible Study meets on Mondays at 9 AM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge at Our Savior's Church.

Welcome to all! ~Senora Almquist, Leader



### **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 10:45 a.m. at the Care Center**

Pastor Joe will lead a Remembrance Service during the regular worship service time of 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at the Hillsboro Medical Center Chapel. All are Welcome!



An **Open House Baby Shower** for family & friends of Julie & Tom Doeden, who are due in August 2026, will be held on

**Saturday, May 23, 2026 from 2-5 p.m.**

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Small Request: Instead of a card, please bring a book that you like best! Sign it with a line or two, so that each time they read it, they think of you.

The couple is registered at Amazon under Julianna Marroquin.

An **Open House Bridal Shower** for Jensyn Zink, bride-to-be of Chase Fossum, will be held on

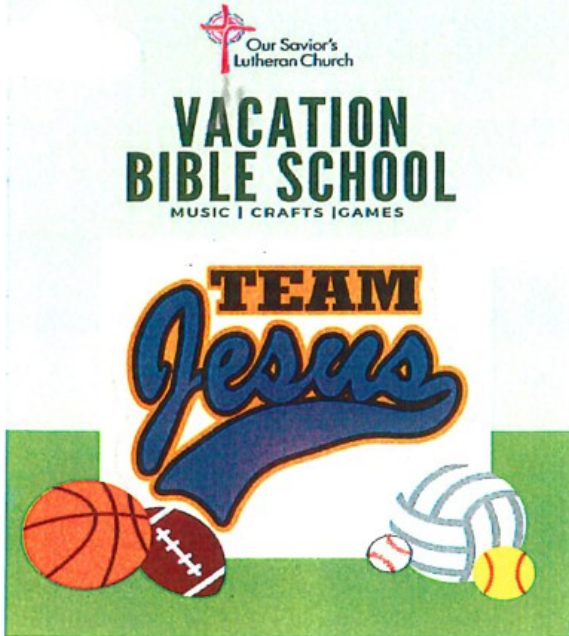
**Wednesday, June 17, 2026 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

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Please bring a favorite recipe to share with the bride-to-be!  
The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.



Have you registered your child(ren) for VBS 2026, yet? Due by June 1st!  
Pre-school (3 yrs. -going into K) meet on June 24 and June 25 from 9-11 a.m.  
Students going into 6th and 7th gr. can register to be Jr. Leaders!



# Vacation Bible School!

For Kids: going into 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- June 23-25 9:00am-2:00pm
- June 25 6:00pm Pizza & Ice-cream served  
6:30pm Short recital/program

Please provide your child with a sack lunch and drink for each day. You may provide sunscreen and a hat if needed. Water bottles labeled with your child's name are encouraged.

Please let us know if assistance for lunch or payment for the t-shirt is needed. OSLC would be happy to help!

218-556-8895 Pastor Amanda Johnson

To ensure your child gets a t-shirt, please detach, and return this form to OSLC along with \$10.00 by June 1st.

Or register online at [oslchillsboro.com](http://oslchillsboro.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Going into: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirts will be ordered for children attending VBS. The cost of the t-shirt is \$10.00.

### Circle T-Shirt Size

Youth:

Adult:

X-Small

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

Medium

Large

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