



Steeple Talk

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

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Worship @ 9:30 am All are welcome!

Hello!

My name is Child of God!

You might know me better as Pastor Amanda or just plain Amanda. I was born Amanda Marie Ainsworth. The middle name Marie came from my grandmother. The last name Ainsworth is my father's surname and sounds quite formal, with its roots in our English heritage. My first name Amanda holds the meaning of beloved. While I was given this name at birth, it is still humbling to be called beloved. Although, as I think of it, we are all given this title. Aren't we? We are named and claimed as children of God, and most importantly, we are loved by God.

This summer, as we explore bible characters and get to know them better, we will also get to know one another a bit better. With name tags and introductions during worship.

Because whether we have been lifelong members of Our Savior's or if you just moved into town, we are all God's children. We are all worthy of time and attention. Beloved is the title we have all been given.

May you see yourself as beloved this summer. May you know your roots in God's kingdom as a child of God.

**“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are.”** 1 John 3:1

Pastor Amanda

PASTORAL ACTS:

Transferred In:

Jacob and Alexis Kenney, Conley and Violet



Sunday, June 21, 2026 - Happy Father's Day!


On June 21st a **Community Worship Service** will be held outside at Woodland Park, Hillsboro at **11:00 a.m.** with Coffee/Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. (No worship service at OSLC that day.)

All are Welcome to attend!

Free Pizza Mondays!!
Starting June 1st
EACH MONDAY!!!
11:30AM - 12:30PM
OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH HILLSBORO
DINE-IN & TO-GO

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701-636-5701
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 **GET A WEEKLY
BACKPACK PROGRAM BAG
AT THIS LOCATION
EACH MONDAY!**


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
MUSIC | CRAFTS | GAMES
TEAM Jesus

Vacation Bible School!

For Kids: going into 1st-5th 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.

*Pre-school VBS (3 yrs. -going into K) meets on June 24 & 25 only from 9-11 a.m.

*Students going into 6th and 7th grades can register to be Jr. Leaders!



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

May 3, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.



Members Present – Brad Ydstie, Mike Tweten, Jason Lovas, Carissa Olsen, Glen Hultin, Pr. Amanda Johnson, Pr. Joe Johnson.

1. **Call to Order** – Noting a quorum, Pastor Joe Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.
2. **Devotions** – Pastor Joe Johnson led us in devotions from Matthew 22:34-40.
3. **Confirmation of Agenda**
4. **Old Business**
5. **New Business**
6. **Pastor Joe's Report** – Our confirmation and youth group school year concluded with a strong finish. Our Sr. High end of the year party was at Northern Air in Grand Forks. Pastor Amanda and I attended the Eastern North Dakota Synod/Norwest Minnesota Synod Joint Theological Day at Trinity Lutheran in Morehead. Pastor Emily Harkens was the keynote speaker and shared with the group the mission and ministry of The Dwelling in North Carolina serving the hungry and homeless. I spent a few days in Colorado doing the preparation work and meetings for our Sr. High Missions Trip to Denver this summer. We have 46 youth signed up for the trip. Pastor Amanda and I attended the bishop election forum online and the in-person forum at Faith Lutheran in Valley City.
7. **Pastor Amanda's Report** – The beginning of April brought the culmination of Lent. We had really wonderful Holy Week services with great attendance as well as a large amount of special music and involvement from the congregation. We could not be happier with how Easter services went, and the way we saw the celebration of Christ's resurrection in our midst. April also brought along the last day of confirmation and the last day of youth group for the school year. We were sad to be done and also excited for the new summer schedule. Lastly, I was required to attend a first call retreat at the end of the month. There, I spent time with colleagues, worshiped at Christus Rex campus ministry, and learned about the retreat's theme of inclusive worship.
8. **Treasurer's Report** – Jason Lovas reviewed the Treasurer's report, stating that income exceeded expenses by \$14,000 as of April YTD 2026. The balance of the media fund is \$1,919. Mike Tweten made a motion to approve treasurer's report, seconded by Brad Ydstie. All in favor, motion carried.
9. **Deacons' Report** –
10. **Trustees' Report** – Mike Tweten reported the trustees will complete a walkthrough of the main parsonage to see if any repairs or updates needs to be made. Repairs to the roof by the chimes will also be made sometime this summer.
11. **Committee Reports**
12. **Secretary's Report** – Jason Lovas moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Tweten seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
13. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, June 10, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.
14. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carissa Olsen

I just received my monthly report from Doctor's Without Borders and wanted to share it with our readers. These Doctors work under extreme conditions and provide a much needed service. They are one of the few charitable organizations operating in CAR. If you are a regular reader, you may remember the incident referred to in the article. Keep the Doctors and the patients in your prayers along with the people of CAR. Try to imagine working under these circumstances.

In His Service,

*Sylvia Hansen
Global Missions Committee*



I remember the day clearly. Twenty patients were rushed into our emergency room at the same time—the result of ongoing violence near Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR). Some had stab wounds, others gunshot wounds. Six patients needed surgery, but we only had one operating room. Decisions had to be made. Quickly.

As an emergency physician and medical advisor for Doctors Without Borders, these are the kinds of high-pressure situations I train for.

Amid war, deadly disease outbreaks, and natural disasters, our nearly 67,000 staff members deliver lifesaving medical care in over 75 countries worldwide. No matter how challenging the conditions, we find a way to reach people in need.

That night in Bangui, the emergency room was chaotic. I knew I had to prioritize the patients who most urgently needed attention. First, I examined a man with a stab wound to his chest. His blood oxygen level was falling rapidly: From 90 percent to 80 percent and then 70 percent. With each breath, oxygen leaked from his lungs into his chest cavity. I had to release the pressure in his chest immediately, or he would die. I made a precise cut between his ribs, and the air escaped with a hiss. Within seconds, his condition transformed from near death to stable.

Supporters just like you made it possible for me and my team in Bangui to be there that night to save lives—including the man with the injured lung. This is exactly why I became an emergency physician, and why I work for Doctors Without Borders. I wanted to make a difference in some of the most challenging and dangerous places on earth.

In March 2022, I helped provide mass-casualty training to hospital staff in Lviv, Ukraine. I taught them the very same skills I used that night in the emergency room in Bangui. From the start, I could sense the strain in the training room. We heard air-raid sirens more and more frequently. We had to take shelter several times. We practiced assessing patients in situations where many wounded people needed medical attention at once, with the goal of saving as many lives as possible.

Just a week later, the bombing intensified, and the team in Lviv put into practice the systems we had taught them.

Crises don't wait. Whether it's CAR, Yemen, or Syria, we go wherever we're needed to save lives.

Sincerely,
Dr. Edward Chu
Emergency Physician and Medical Advisor, Doctors Without Borders



NOTE: WELCA has Meal Delivery: June 22-26 (Dorcas) and July 27-31 (Sarah)

Our Savior's WELCA met on **Thursday, May 7, 2026** with President Sylvia Hansen presiding.

Pastor Joe led the Bible Study on Corinthians 13:1-7 and Colossians 3:12-17 - "Love and Mother's Day"

It was National Day of Prayer, which goes back to the days of George Washington when he was struggling with the war. Sylvia read a prayer.

The Purpose Statement was read. Judy Doeden gave the Treasurer's Report and Paulette Bowersox gave the Secretary's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

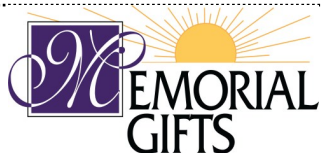
- The money received from the quilt donations will be used for mailing and should also cover the mailing of the health and baby kits.
- Judy D. is still receiving money for the project donations.
- Four people attended the Spring meeting at the Baag Farm. The main speaker was a nurse at the Jamestown Correctional Center.
- The Tri-Annual meeting is July 16-19 in IA
- The monthly birthday party at the Medical Center is working out fine and attendance has been good. Hannah workgroup has this month (May) and will need to check on the date, because of Memorial Day.
- There was a request from Paula T. about displaying quilts at Kelleher Manor. Sylvia thought they could take a couple quilts over that hadn't been boxed for mailing.
- Jackie L. requested funds to finish buying supplies for the kits. Sylvia has applied to Thrivent.
- Sylvia read a Thank You from Chris M. for the wonderful job WELCA does.

NEW BUSINESS:

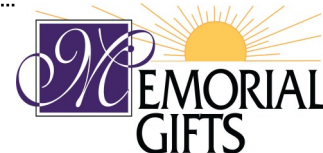
- The fall meeting for the annual convention is in Kulm, ND on Sept. 26. This is mostly a business meeting.
- There are Volunteer appreciation gifts at the church from the Senior Center for those that helped deliver meals. Please pick yours up.
- Hannah workgroup has meal delivery in May (5-26 through 5-29), Dorcas workgroup in June, Sarah workgroup in July.
- There is NO WELCA Meeting in July.

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.





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

MEDIA FUND – In memory of Peggy Gilbertson, given by M/M Clayton Hage



AN OPEN HOUSE BRUNCH & COFFEE

will be served at Our Savior's Church
following the worship service
on **June 7, 2026 from 10:30am-12:30pm**
in honor of **Pete Lovas's 80th Birthday!**

All are Welcome!

Sponsored by his family. No gifts please.

GRAN LUTHERAN CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join us for food and fellowship on **Sunday, June 7th** at Gran Lutheran Church, 15603 Co Hwy 13, Mayville, ND (approximately 6 miles SE of Mayville off Highway 200). Serving food and ice cream from 5-6:30pm. Evening church service at 6:45pm. All are Welcome!

6th Annual Lefse & Lemonade 1891 Grue Fundraiser

The Lefse & Lemonade Fundraiser will take place on **Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 12:00 – 2:30pm** at **Grue Church**, 1423 168th Ave NE, Rural Buxton, ND. Free-will lunch, Music by Fargo Spelemannslag Regional Hardanger Fiddle Group, Bake Sale & Silent Auction. Bring your lawn chair and umbrella and come join the fun! Visit www.1891Grue.org for more info.

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.



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 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.





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	
April 5-Easter	\$ 12,535.00	7:30am	102
		10:30am	321
April 12	\$ 5,235.00	8:30am	51
		10:30am	87
April 19	\$ 2,288.55	8:30am	59
		10:30am	98
April 26	\$ 14,757.90	8:30am	62
		10:30am	89
Apr. Direct Deposit	\$ 7,951.98		
April Total:	\$ 42,768.43		
2026 Total	\$156,368.50		

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

INCOME AND EXPENSES:

2026 Income received through
April 30: \$156,711.27

2026 Expenses through
April 30: \$142,734.56

Income Less Expenses: \$13,976.71

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

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