



Steeple Talk

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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Congratulations Pastor Nadia Robb-Kern!!!

This month, Our Savior's Lutheran Church has a lot to celebrate! Our very own Nadia Robb-Kern is being ordained into ministry of Word and Sacrament. What does this mean? This means Nadia has met the extensive requirements to be called "pastor"!!!



Nadia grew up in Hillsboro and attended Our Savior's Lutheran Church as a youth. When Nadia was in about 9th grade, we knew God was doing something special in and through her. She was a student leader in our high school ministry program and then attended Concordia College. At Concordia, Nadia double majored in Religion and Art. In the summer of 2017, when Nadia was a student at Concordia, OSLC hired her as an assisting minister. Nadia served OSLC by leading bible studies, children's programs, youth programs, worship leadership, and preaching.

Nadia continued in this role until she enrolled at Luther Seminary to earn a Master of Divinity degree and meet the required components to become a pastor. Nadia has now graduated from Luther Seminary and has accepted a call to serve as pastor at Petersburg Lutheran Church in Petersburg, Alaska.

You are invited! Nadia will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, November 9 at 4:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Shoreview, MN.

Congratulations Pastor Nadia!!! Your home congregation is proud of you!!!

Blessings,

Pastor Joe

PASTORAL ACTS:

DEATHS:

Lois Smith

Born: December 20, 1932
Place of Birth: Halstad, MN
Died: September 20, 2026
Funeral: September 28, 2026 at OSLC, Hillsboro
Pastor Joe Johnson, Officiating
Interment: Highland Lutheran Church Cemetery
Rural Cummings, ND

Travis Wilson

Born: June 6, 1983
Died: October 3, 2026
Funeral: October 10, 2026 at OSLC, Hillsboro
Pastor Joe Johnson, Officiating

BAPTISM:

Walker Michael Reyes

Son of Shane and Serrina Reyes
Born: June 25, 2026
Place: Fargo, ND
Baptized: October 4, 2026 at OSLC, Hillsboro
Pastor Joe Johnson, Officiating
Godparents: Joey Smith, Jacoby Hannestad

Transferred In:

Diana Lovas

Transferred Out:

David and Amy Gordon

MUSIC MINISTRY:

GosBELLS bell choir is underway with rehearsals on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. The group has started working on music for the Community Christmas concert. There is always room for more ringers- if interested, contact Ruth Olson at 701-430-0451.

Concert choir started practices in mid October for the community Christmas concert in December. Practices occurring every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm and Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. All are welcome- you may attend however many rehearsals work in your schedule as we prepare for the **December 13th Community Christmas Concert.**



Sunday, November 1st is ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – a time to look back and remember those who have gone before us and now live in the full presence of God. Family & friends of those in our church family who have passed away this past year are invited to attend the 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship service on November 1st. At both services we will remember those loved ones who have passed with the lighting of the four candles:

Memory, Courage, Love, and Hope

Cynthia Klemetson

Mary Ann Boeddeker

Travis Wilson

Annette Tronson

Eugene Olson

Bonnie (Ydstie) Hunt

Gerald "Bud" Skogen

Lee Eisenbeis

Rollin Eberhardt

Gayle Nysveen

Delores Beck

Patricia Porter

Peggy Gilbertson

Lois Smith



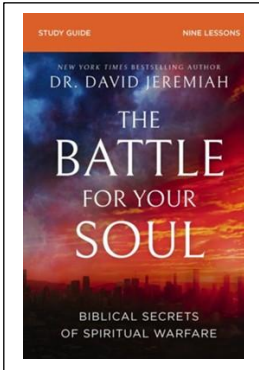
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

October 4 at 11:30 a.m.



Meeting was cancelled as there were not enough members for a quorum.



W.O.W. (Women of the Word) Monday Morning Bible Study

W.O.W. Bible Study resumed on October 26. They meet on Mondays at 9 AM in the 2nd floor lounge at Our Savior's Church. They are currently studying "The Battle for Your Soul" by Dr. David Jeremiah. There are four sessions.

All Women are Welcome! ~Senora Almquist, Leader

NOVEMBER 8TH IS NEW MEMBER WELCOME SUNDAY

- We will welcome new members on Sunday, November 8th at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.
- An **Open House** for people interested in wanting to become a member at Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the OSLC dining room.**
- You can also call the church office at 636-5701 or talk to one of the pastors to get information on how to become a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Confirmation News:

Sunday Acolytes in NOVEMBER:

NOV. 1 – **8:30am:** Owen H., Josephine M.

NOV. 8 – **8:30am:** Emmett H., Brady K.

NOV. 15 – **8:30am:** Mason S., Eli T.

NOV. 22 – **8:30am:** Logan B., Charleigh F.

NOV. 29 – **8:30am:** Brea H., Aislin M.

10:30am: Bergit A., Emily C.

10:30am: Callie K., Lane N.

10:30am: Andrew A., Bergen B.

10:30am: Abigail H., Paxton H.

10:30am: Parker R., Lilah S.

Meals in NOVEMBER:

NOV. 4 – Hinkle Family

NOV. 11 – Hovey Family

NOV. 18 – Myers Family

NOV. 25 – **NO** Meal or Confirmation



NOTE: WELCA has **Meal Delivery: November 23-27** (Hannah Workgroup)

WELCA met on Thursday, October 1, 2026 with Sylvia Hansen presiding. She opened with George Washington's prayer.

The purpose statement was read. Pastor Amanda Johnson led the Bible Study on Exodus 14. The Bible tells us: *do not be afraid*.

Sylvia has not talked to the Care Center about serving the monthly birthday parties.

Coffee was served by Darlene Swanson (Sarah Workgroup).

Mailing for Lutheran World Relief is October 19-23. School bags, Health, Baby, and Sewing Kits are all ready for mailing.

The Secretary and Treasurer reports were accepted as read.

Old Business:

- Discussed coffee at the Care Center
- Talked about the status of the Dorcas Workgroup

New Business:

- **December 3rd meeting is a Christmas Potluck**
- The State Hospital Christmas Gift Program has not been received yet.
- Received a letter from WELCA National needing support for the *Gathering Magazine*.
- It was not clear if Senora would be able to continue the W.O.W. Bible Study. (She did resume the Bible Study on October 26)
- Sarah Workgroup served WELCA Meeting and delivered meals in November. They also serve the next funeral.
- Christina Willison and Kathy Evenson have been helping with the Dorcas Workgroup.

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

NOTE: We will be collecting filled shoeboxes for *Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child* again this year. **National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23, 2026**, so we will need filled shoeboxes returned to Our Savior's Church by Nov. 11th.



We are informing you of the Synod WELCA supporting the Women's Literacy Program that we have been supporting since it first started. None of our members attended the meeting. More news about that later.

In His Service,

*Sylvia Hansen
Global Missions Committee*



October 2, 2026

North Dakota Women's Group Votes to Support Women's Literacy

On September 26 at their Fall Convention, the Synodical Women of the ELCA of Eastern North Dakota took a big step.

During the meeting, LPGM friend and traveler Dianne Billey of Ellendale, ND, proposed that the organization support LPGM's women and girls' literacy program in the Central African Republic. The C.A.R. is a companion synod of the Eastern North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Dianne shared how she had witnessed first-hand the plight of women while visiting the C.A.R.

"I was raised by a teacher," Dianne said. "For me, the idea of not being able to read or write is almost beyond comprehension."

She explained how this initiative, launched as a pilot program in 2024 by the social work arm of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of C.A.R. (ELC-CAR), reaches 80 women and girls in three communities.

"The women are loving it, and more communities are asking for it," she added.

After almost 15 minutes of discussion and getting clarification, the group voted to support it with a percentage of their offerings, to be determined by their executive board. They felt it was particularly meaningful that it is an initiative to empower women, and as a women's organization, would be helping sisters across the world.

Friends and groups like EaND WELCA make this project possible with their financial gifts made through LPGM and their prayers.

The event, held at Zion Lutheran Church in Kulm, North Dakota, included a keynote by LPGM Development Director Bethany Krepela on "True Joy: From Trauma to Triumph," a Communion service, a lunch, and a business meeting.

Attendees included the organization's four elected officers, cluster representatives from each of the eight clusters, and interested members.

Functional literacy is a major force in the fight against poverty and gives women the opportunity to participate in the economic and social life of their communities. This program enhances the quality of life for both students and teachers by creating income-generating opportunities and by promoting dignity.

As literacy is taught, so are themes relevant to improving living conditions of families, neighborhoods, and communities, including:

- Public health & hygiene
- Nutrition
- Women's rights & empowerment

OCTOBER MEMORIAL REPORT

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

Dedicated Memorial Accounts: General Account, Media Ministry (Radio/HTC broadcast), Global Missions, Building and Grounds, Capital Improvements, Youth Group Activities, National Youth Gathering/Mission Trips, Christian Education, OSLC Choir, Bell Choir, OSLC Bands, WELCA (may specify General, Altar, Library or Kitchen), Scholarships (used for Bible Camps, Retreats), OSLC Endowment Fund, Blanchard Endowment Fund

GENERAL – In memory of Lois Smith, given by M/M Darin Oanes

MEDIA MINISTRY – In memory of Lois Smith, given by Cheryle Messner, M/M Allen Mustad, Darlene Swanson, and Joel Thorsrud; in memory of Lee Eisenbeis, given by Sandy Johnson, in memory of Travis Wilson, given by M/M Raymond Foss, and Joel Thorsrud

WELCA – In memory of MaryAnn Boeddeker, given by M/M Mark Erickson; in memory of Lee Eisenbeis, given by M/M Mark Erickson, and Merle Haisley

BLANCHARD ENDOWMENT – In memory of Wayne Garrett, given by M/M Ken Beckman & Family

GLOBAL MISSIONS – In memory of Lois Smith, given by M/M Jack Hansen

YOUTH – In memory of Lois Smith, given by Paula Tronson

CHURCH CHIMES – In memory of Lee Eisenbeis and Peggy Gilbertson, given by M/M Tom Klemetson

It's Time for the Flu Shot!

The flu is a serious respiratory illness that spreads easily from person to person. You can protect yourself, your family, and your community from the serious side effects of the flu by taking preventive actions. The best protection against serious illness from the flu is getting an annual flu shot. It is also important to wash your hands frequently, cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue, and stay home when you are ill. Now is the best time to get a flu shot.

Flu shots are available through your medical provider, local public health department and many pharmacies. In Hillsboro, call Traill District Health Unit, 636-4434; Hillsboro Drug, 636-5231; or Sanford Hillsboro Clinic 636-5311. Be sure to ask about other vaccines for respiratory illness, including Covid, RSV, Pneumonia and Tdap (Protects against Whooping Cough or Pertussis). The OSLC Health Ministry Team thanks you for taking care of yourself and each other!

The *OSLC Health Ministry Team* 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

INFORMATION

HILLSBORO KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY, at the Hillsboro Armory, is open the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 4-6pm. You can place item donations in the wood crate located inside and to the west of the front door at OSLC. Contact Dan C. at 701-430-1595 with any questions.

Item donations needed include: Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Tuna, Pineapple Chunks, Canned Peaches, Corn, Hamburger Helper, Mac-n-Cheese, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Peanut Butter, Flour, Sugar, Ketchup, Coffee, Jelly, Spaghetti, Ramen Noodles, Orange Juice, Laundry Soap, Hand Soap, Paper Products, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dish Soap



OSLC LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Located on the west side of Our Savior's Church. Take a book. Share a book.

The Little Library offers a way to **share** good things to read! All of us can help by keeping the library boxes stocked with good (and in good shape) reading material. Anyone can use it! If you see something you would like to read, take it. You don't have to give a book at the same time as you take one. After you've read it, share it: by placing it in *any* Little Free Library book sharing box, by bringing it back to Our Savior's, or by passing it on to a friend.

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity through neighborhood book-sharing boxes. These books are always for lending – never for sale. Charter #103570

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



OSLC OFFERING STEWARDSHIP 2026 OFFERING RECEIVED		WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
Sept. 6	\$ 4,921.00	9:30am	47
Sept. 13	\$ 3,038.00	8:30am	60
		10:30am	130
Sept. 20	\$ 4,689.00	8:30am	60
		10:30am	119
Sept. 27	\$ 7,216.00	8:30am	76
		10:30am	180
Sept. Direct Deposit	\$ 7,610.00		
September Total:	\$ 27,474.00		
2026 Total:	\$280,283.75		

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENSES:

2026 Income received through
September 30: \$283,153.13

2026 Expenses through
September 30: \$304,311.39

Income Less Expenses: -\$21,158.26

St. Rose of Lima Parish FALL TURKEY DINNER – NOV. 8th

The traditional turkey dinner served family style with mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, carrots, pie, and all the trimmings, will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026 from 11:00am – 1:30pm at the Parish Center, 503 3rd St SE, Hillsboro. Adults- \$15, Children K-6 are \$5 and Preschool are free! Gluten-free meal available, drive up for Take-out meal, delivery for homebound – call 636-5981.

Christmas Poinsettias

This year you again have an opportunity to purchase a Christmas Poinsettia to beautify our church.



All gifts will be acknowledged
in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Each plant will cost \$20.00

Please fill out the order form below and return it along with your payment
(checks payable to OSLC) to the church office no later than
Monday, November 23rd.

A Christmas Poinsettia given in...

Memory of: _____

Honor of: _____

or

Celebration of: _____

Given by: _____

Thank you for your generosity!



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Worship services are Broadcast live on Sunday mornings
at 8:30am on **KMAV 105.5 FM** and **KMSR 1520 AM**
and at 8:30am and 10:30am on **HTC Channel 34.**

