

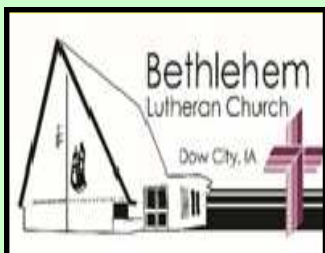
**MARCH  
2018**

Office Hours  
8:00-12:00 M-F  
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## A Message from Pastor's Desk....

**“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” *Hebrews 12:1***

The Preschool teacher was helping one of her students put on his snow boots. He asked for help and she could see why. Even with his pulling and her pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. Finally, when the second boot was on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, “Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.” She looked down and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. But she managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on- this time on the right feet. And it was only then that he announced, “These aren't my boots.” She bit her tongue rather than scream, “Why didn't you say so?” like she wanted to. And, once again she struggled to pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they got the boots off then he said, “Yea, they're my brother's boots. My mom made me wear 'em today.” Stifling a scream, she mustered up the grace and courage she had left to wrestle the little boots on his feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked, “Now, where are your mittens?” To which he replied, “I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots!”

Life can be a challenge. It seems like one thing after another is thrown at us and it is hard to keep our composure. Our own failings and mistakes; the failings and mistakes of others – just life in general can seem overwhelming at times. That why the words of Hebrews are so important to hear and heed. Others have gone before us and have faced many of the same burdens and challenges. We can learn from them how we are able to confess our faith in the living Savior and applying that faith to the circumstances of life.

The devil, the world and the flesh all conspire to entangle and overwhelm us. Hebrews goes on to say how we are able to endure: “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfected of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” *Hebrews 12:2-3*


On the cross Jesus earned for us the victory over our great enemies who would seek to drive to despair with the cares of this world and the guilt of our sin. In Christ we have salvation. In Him, our race is already won. That gives us the endurance to persevere and the endurance to do his will.

*David P. Loeschen*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>† <i>Indicates Holy Communion Service</i></p>	<p><b>Green font indicates a YOUTH Event</b></p>	<p><b>Purple font indicates we are preparing for Easter.</b></p>	<p><i>Little Lambs Preschool Every Tues 9:00-11:00</i> <i>Open Arms Pre-school M-F</i></p>	<p>1 9:45 BBS @ OS  2:00 Silveridge BBS</p>	<p>2 <b>LIFE LINE SCREENING</b></p>	<p>3   5:30 OS Worship †</p>
<p>4 9:00 OS Worship † 10:15 Adult BBS 10:15 Sunday School  9:00 B-BBS † 10:30 B -Worship</p>	<p>5 9:00 Quilters 9:15 Coffee Crew  12:00 BBS @ Hollywood Café  1:30 Heritage Heights BBS</p>	<p>6 9:30 Reed House BBS   7:00 Elders</p>	<p>7 6:30 Men's BBS @ Family Table 8:30 Matins 9:30 Eventide BBS 10:00 Lamplighters 2:00 Oakwood † 5:30 Bethlehem Lenten Service  5:30-6:45 Lent Supper 6:00 Confirmation 6:00 Women's BBS 7:00 Lent Service 8:00 Connect</p>	<p>8 9:45 BBS @ OS  2:00 Silveridge BBS</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10   5:30 Worship</p>
<p>11 9:00 OS Worship 10:15 Adult BBS 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Board of Youth Education 9:00 BBS 10:30 B- Worship  Cleaning at Bethlehem from March 11-25th →</p>	<p>12 9:15 Coffee Crew  12:00 BBS @ Hollywood Café  1:30 Heritage Heights BBS 5:30 Women's Guild</p>	<p>13 Pastor's Circuit Conference  3:30 Realife BBS  7:00 Council</p>	<p>14 6:30 Men's BBS @ Family Table 8:30 Matins 2:00 Food Dist 2:00 Kings Camp 5:30 Bethlehem  5:30-6:45 Lent Supper 6:00 Confirmation 6:00 Women's BBS 7:00 Lent Service 8:00 Connect</p>	<p>15 9:45 BBS @ OS  2:00 Silveridge BBS  <b>WINTER JAM IN COUNCIL BLUFFS</b></p>	<p>16  Road Trip to Concordia @ a College Visit  <b>LOCK-IN WITH ST. PAUL IN CARROLL</b></p>	<p>17   <b>1:00 ST. PARICK'S DAY PARADE</b>  5:30 OS Worship †</p>
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## The Cross of Ashes

In the world today the cross is found quite commonly – in church sanctuaries, on our walls, as jewelry, on certain of our books. In Christ's day it was not so. The cross was not viewed with reverence, sentimentality, or respect. On the contrary, people regarded the cross as we do the electric chair. It was a grim, horrible instrument of shame associated with pagan and tyrannical Roman executioners or with the vilest of criminals. And it was a reminder of the pole and bronze serpent raised in the Exodus wilderness to call people to repentance.

We today tend to sterilize the cross, to forget about the pain and shame, the blood and death it represents. God, however, does not shy away from unpleasantness. He does not ignore sin, death, and the devil; And His Son did not turn from mounting that cross to conquer them. We cannot begin to imagine the agony, the measureless guilt, the black despair the cross meant to Jesus. Yet this sign of evil and death marked each of us at our baptism as people who belong to God.



The ashes of Ash Wednesday hark back to the tradition of wearing sackcloth and ashes, the Hebrew act of mourning. On this day we mourn over our sins, and in Christ recognize our own dying because of them. But not as those without hope. On Ash Wednesday many Christians wear ashes in the shape of a cross on their foreheads. The cross is not only a sign of death, but also the sign of the One who destroyed death.

*Prayer: Jesus, help me mourn over Your dreadful cross, which carried all my sins. Help me be comforted, even as you promised to those who mourn. Amen.*

*Deacon Jon*

## Vicar Courie Writes

In our Sunday morning Bible studies, we have been looking at the Augsburg Confession (a.k.a. the "Augustana"), the first document of the Book of Concord (a.k.a. the "Lutheran Confessions"). Since the Augustana was first submitted to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V in Augsburg, Germany in A.D. 1530 (i.e. it was written centuries ago and presented to authorities outside of our own country), then how is it relevant to us, and so much that we would consider it a "must-read"?

Well, I'll put it this way: once I finish my vicarage and then one more year (my fourth and final year) of seminary, I will take the following vow at my ordination: *"Yes, I believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn."; "Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God."; and, "Yes, I promise, with the help of God [to perform the duties of [the Office of the Holy Ministry] in accordance with these Confessions, and that all [my] preaching and teaching and [my] administration of the Sacraments will be in conformity with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions.]"*

That's a huge responsibility! Now, the Book of Concord isn't only to be studied by pastors, but it is for Lutheran laymen as well, to not only rely upon it to help you better understand Biblical doctrine and practice, but then it is also the tool by which congregations are able to measure the faithfulness of their pastors, deacons, vicars, and other teachers.



Please join our Sunday morning, adult Bible study as we continue analyzing the Augustana and its Scriptural basis. If Sunday morning absolutely does not work for you, then let us know so that we can look into starting up another study at another day/time.

*Peace in Christ, Vicar Courie*

## SIGHTINGS FROM JESS



I went on a walk tonight. Have you ever went on a walk during winter/spring.... It is truly a maze trying not to get muddy and keep from creating a mess. You are careful, you watch with every step, but then you take one step and squish--you're in the mud. This past month I went to a women's conference called If: Gathering. It was an amazing conference gathered in Kiron with a great group of Christian women seeking to grow closer in the Lord. I only was able to stay for the morning session but was able to watch the rest online. I got to watch a women speak by the name of Ann Voskamp about how often times life brings us mud but it depends on how and what you do with it. In her case she was talking about how she felt under the pressure when she was a kid of a "friend" telling her to drink mud soup and even though she knew better, she would drink it. All because she wanted acceptance she would drink the mud soup that her friend told her to drink. She

continued to talk about how the drinking of mud soup continued throughout her life in a variety of different ways.

Which posed the question of what are you drinking in? Why are you drinking it in? And in the times that you may not be drinking the mud soup are you surrounding yourself in the mud? Are your drinking in the grace that is found in Christ? Or the mud soup of your own variety--acceptance, people pleasing, greed, gluttony, gossip, hatred? One brings peace and the other is poison of the body. Most people try to avoid mud--- unless you are actively seeking it out or a toddler. However, life gets messy and sometimes we step in the muddy parts but do you stay in them, do you invite others to join you, do you look for the mud? Or do you in the moments of muddiness seek the cleansing waters of Christ?

His waters are pure, life giving, and cleanse the soul. There will be muddy moments, Christ talks about it but it is where we go and who we seek in those moments. He will be there ready and waiting to forgive, heal, and cleanse us. Look for Christ in it and stop drinking the mud soup. "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will

February was a fantastic month filled with a whole lot of fun activities here at Our Savior. We got to enjoy making Super Bowl Subs and thank you to all that placed orders with us! We hope they were delicious. We also got to enjoy going to Seven Oaks for some outdoor winter fun with a great group of middle/high school youth! No one broke anything and we had a great time getting to enjoy God's creation! I heard from many of them that they can't wait for next year and to bring more friends along with. We continue to do all of our regular activities with Kings Camp, Connect, Confirmation, Sunday School, and Bible Studies. We will be finishing February with CHAOS retreat in Okoboji and the starting of our Lenten Journey. I look forward to March and all of the fun activities that will *blow on in (haha)*. Here our some dates to look out for:

### Some Dates to Pencil In:

- Connect: Wednesday Nights at 7:30pm-9:30pm
- Confirmation: Wednesday Nights at 6:00pm-7:30pm
- Sunday School: after the 9:00am service- 11:00am
- All Throughout March - Flamingo Flu
- March 14<sup>th</sup>: Kings Camp
- March 14<sup>th</sup>: Lenten Meal - Connect Youth
- March 15<sup>th</sup>: Winter Jam in Council Bluffs
- March 16<sup>th</sup>: Lock-in @ St. Paul in Carroll
- March 16<sup>th</sup>: St. Paddy's Parade



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Relay for Life & Walk to End Alzheimer's  
**FUNDRAISER** >>>>>>> *Team Eventide*  
**CHICKEN DINNER**  
*by Staley's*



WHEN: Tuesday, March 20th 5:00pm-7:30pm  
WHERE: Our Savior Lutheran Church  
500 N 24th Street, Denison  
PRICE: \$10, Adult  
\$7, Children 10 & Under  
Free, Children 3 & Under

>>>> **CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE** <<<<

Pre-Sale tickets are now available!  
Stop by the Eventide Campus to buy your tickets!

February Council Meeting Bethlehem Lutheran Church February 19, 2018

The February Council meeting of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church was called to order by President Nick Ohl, with Pastor Loeschen, Vicar Courie, Sue & Jim Stephens, Francis Bunde, Renee Vary, Rolly Laubscher, Jessica Tibben, and Lori Malone present.

- Opening Devotion & prayer led by Pastor: President's Day, God's authority over those in charge.
- Motion by Rolly/Renee to approve the minutes from the January meeting - Motion carried
- Motion by Nick/Sue to approve the treasurer's report as reported by Renee - Motion carried
- Elder's Report by Francis: Average attendance for January 2017, and 2018 was 35
- Pastor's Report: Lent underway, rotation of services working well, Discussion on delegate for District Convention: motion by Rolly/Nick to appoint Chuck Downing as representative replacing Brett Malone. Motion carried
- Vicar's Report: Looking forward to the Lent rotation; enjoying Bible Study at Silver Ridge
- DYF Report: Jen discussed options for VBS at Bethlehem week of June 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, Promote VBS with an Easter Egg Hunt March 24<sup>th</sup> in the Dow City Park, 10 am, possibly apply for a Thrivent card to purchase candy for eggs and having volunteers fill them.
- Trustee's Report: Light out over stairwell

### **Old Business:**

Rolly has reserved the Community Building for the Easter Breakfast, serving egg casserole.

### **New Business:** No other new business

- With no further business motion was made by Nick/Renee to adjourn - Motion carried
- Closed with Lord's Prayer
- These minutes are as recorded by the secretary and subject to change at the next scheduled meeting.

*Lori Malone, Secretary*

# Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

## Bible

Natasha Fink	1	Zachary Johnson	23
Bethany Fredericks	1	Debra Pieper	23
Christal Lamaak	2	Joe Poggensee	23
Brody Schillerberg	2	Benjamin Weber	23
Kevin Smith	3	Renee Wilson	23
Aliyah Hartwig	4	Sergio Cervantes	24
Deborah Gehlsen	5	Benjamin Hoffman	24
Jordan Williams	5	Scott Hoffman	24
Jennifer Cihacek	7	Kevin Tech	24
Zoey Fink	7	Sarah Thams	25
Haley Gehlsen	7	Lyle Hansen	26
Jason Lee	7	Jessica Quintana	26
Aubrey Young	7	Julie Wood	26
Dawn Hagemann	8	Shelby Downing	27
Madeline Robles	9	Nathan Hansen	27
Trisha Fink	10	Turner Martin	27
Robert Quandt	10	Emma Meseck	27
Jeffery Mendenhall	11	Kris Greder	28
Wyatt Randeris	11	Christopher Schulz	28
Reed Reitz	12	Isabel Bradley	29
Alexander Abbe	12	Norma Hawley	29
Trevor Johnson	12	Cole Qualheim	29
Kimberly Lilleholm	12	Mikenna Broadney	30
Lexie Jo Wiese	13	Ellen Henningsen	30
Ryan Segebart	14	Patricia Leinen	30
Linda Hoffmeier	14	Lillian Poggensee	30
Lyla Johnson	15	Michael Bauer	31
Jeremy Gallagher	15	Lonny Schmadeke	31
William Mathies	15		
Angela Miller	15	Deb Burk	3
Tory Mitchell	15	Donald & Barbara Kahl	4
Brielle Phipps	15	Tom & Peg Hogan	5
Nicholas Wilson	16	Elizabeth & Jayme Woods	5
Shari Frazier	17	Rod & Nancy Bradley	10
Laurie North	18	Bob & Linda Quandt	13
Croix Gotto	18	Dewey & Sharon Reis	17
Ryan Schneider	19	Gaylord & Marcia Moeller	19
Shelby Best	19	Zachary & Christina Courie	20
Dustin Ewoldt	19	Robert & Carmen Hamilton	20
Jason Gotto	20	Jeff & Robbin Weier	23
James Barnes	20	Jason & Shelly Lee	27
Steven Frazier	20		
Austin Rowedder	21		
Genevieve Bonner	21		
Kasey Friedrichsen	21		
Amber Schwarte	21		
Rocio Carventes	22		
Morgan Fink	22		
Lanice Kock	22		
Emily Bahnsen	23		
Jon Best	23		
Janet Jacobsen	23		



**Sunday**  
10:15 a.m.  
North Class Room  
Our Savior Church

**Monday**  
Noon @  
Hollywood Cafe  
"Food for your Soul" with Jessica

**Monday**  
1:30 p.m.  
Heritage Heights

**Tuesday**  
3:30 p.m.  
Realife

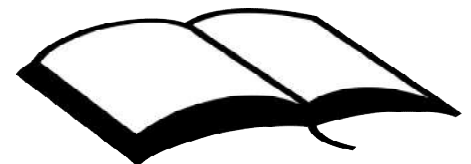
**Wednesday**  
6:30 a.m.  
Men eat breakfast at Family Table

**Wednesday**  
6:00 p.m.  
Women's Bible Study in the  
gathering space.

**Thursday**  
9:45 a.m. North Class Room  
Our Savior Church

**Thursday**  
2:00 p.m. Silveridge

**Everyone is welcome to all  
studies- even if you can't make  
it every week, come when you  
can!**



### **WANTED:**

**Saturday Ushers**

April, May, June,  
September & December,



**REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SHUT INS:**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Gladys Wiegel</i>            | <i>Norma Hawley</i>       |
| <i>Ruth Schroeder</i>           | <i>Delores Stephenson</i> |
| <i>Don Eck</i>                  | <i>Theonne Kolls</i>      |
| <i>Orville Lamaak</i>           | <i>Jean Ellis</i>         |
| <i>Blaine &amp; Lois Butler</i> | <i>Darlene Baedke</i>     |
| <i>Irene Aikman</i>             | <i>Ethel Bocklemann</i>   |
| <i>Ruth Blackmore</i>           | <i>Clarion Holdsworth</i> |
| <i>Betty Miller</i>             |                           |

**REMEMBER THOSE WE SUPPORT SERVING AS MISSIONARY**

- Pastor Willis Grills, Amigos En Cristo, Denison**
- Jamie & Eddie Bynum, Granada, Spain**
- Rev. Stephen Oliver & family, Taiwan, Seminary for Students**
- Rev. Frederick Reinhardt, Kenya**
- Rev. Mark & Stefanie Rabe & family, Ethiopia**
- Rev. James Sharp & family, Uruguay**
- Ritzman Family, Paupa, New Guinea**
- Rev. Joe & Jennie Asher, Germany**

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

The Crawford County Hunger Fighters and the Siouxland Food Bank will be holding the next bulk food distribution on Wednesday, *MARCH 14* at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 500 North 24<sup>th</sup> St in Denison. Food at this event is made available to Crawford County families and individuals in need of assistance. Registration will begin at 1:00 PM with distribution following around 2:30. Please bring your own boxes, bags or laundry baskets to carry your food.

Distributions are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Donations made to Crawford County Hunger Fighters may be dropped off at V & H Tire, The Hoffman Agency, or Our Savior Lutheran Church. Each dollar donated buys approximately 13 pounds of food from Siouxland Food Bank

**April 11, May 9, June 13**

**OPEN ARMS PRESCHOOL AND LITTLE LAMBS**

**REGISTRATION**

are now being accepted

for 2018-2019 Open Arms Preschool is registering for the 2018-2019 school year! If you or someone you know have a preschool aged child (3-5) or a Little Lambs aged child (2-3) who is looking for a preschool for next year, contact Liz Woods at 712-263-3282 for more information!!

Road Trip Concordia University in Seward, NE High school students and their parents are invited to a "college visit" on Friday, March 16, 2018. You will not be asked to make a commitment. This is just a visit. Check it out. See what Concordia has to offer.

Since the activities begin at 9:00 AM we will need to go to Seward the evening of Thursday, March 15. We plan to leave after school on Thursday and we will be staying at Cobblestone Inn at Seward. We will also be touring dorm rooms, thanks to the courtesy of IDW students. There is NO COST for transportation, main meals (bring own snacks) or lodging. (Compliments of Iowa District West) Carpooling will be arranged. Parents and Pastors are also welcome to attend. To register for the college visit, contact: Ellie Menz 515-370-1159, [ellie@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:ellie@iowadistrictwest.org) Please register by March 9, 2018. Participating adults include:



- Rhonda Mohr, Fort Dodge,
- Ellie Menz, Jefferson



**REMEMBER THOSE WE SUPPORT SERVING AS MILITARY PERSONNEL**

- Daniel Loesch**- Fort Lewis, Washington, son of Pastor & Deb Loesch, wife of Casey. Father of Kahliya
- Cody & Sara Vogt**- Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas NV, son & daughter in law of Mike & Lisa Vogt
- Jeff Storlie**-Fort Bragg, North Carolina, son-in-law of Scott & Marcy Larson
- Scott Meeves**- Kirkland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM. Grandson of Byron & Pauline Meeves
- Major Rob Garvey**- United States Air Force, Baltimore, MD. son-in-law of Ron & Catherine Lechtenberg
- Keaton Segebart**- United States Army, Fort Hood, TX, grandson of Mary Segebart
- Jeffrey Mendenhall**-Iowa Air National Guard, Middle East, husband of Amy, father of Emma, Chloe & Matthew



## PRAYER LIST

### Various Health Issues

Lyle Hansen, Betty Miller, Jane Bell, Becky Willems, Eddie Bynum, Kris Weber, Paul & Darlene Clausen, Tammy Schurke, Lowell Neumann, Dewy Reis, Addison Koch, DeAnn Reetz, Ina Knop

### Cancer Treatments

Verle McCutcheon, Mindy Reetz, Ronald Feddersen, Larry Surprenant, Betty Greder

### In Hospice

Gladys Wiegel, Erin Koch

### Sympathy for these Families

Jordan Allen, Dorothy Nammany,  
Darlene Wagner (Karen Janssen's mother)  
Lois Knutzen (Elaine Carritt's sister)  
Inez Mahnken (Joyce Campbell's mother)

### Praise and Thanksgiving

**Keaton Segebart**- United States Army  
Has returned to the states and is now at Fort Hood, TX. He is the grandson of Mary Segebart.

So that we can minister effectively to the needs of our members, please contact our staff \*before going into the hospital \*when a baby is born \*when there is a death in the family \*before entering the armed services \*when a marriage is anticipated \*when you wish for private counsel \*when you wish to render service to our Lord \*when private communion is desired \*when a family member has a change of name, address, e-mail or phone

### Road to Resurrection Sunday School

will be held on March 25th after the 9am service. It is for all ages and will be done during the Sunday School time frame. There will be games, crafts, storytelling, and an Easter egg hunt for all grades to enjoy it. Youth will be lead around by Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers to different stations. At each one they will learn about Jesus's road to the resurrection. We are in current need of volunteers that can help with stations or leading groups around to each station. If you are able to help out, please contact Jessica. Thank you!

*A Library Chirp..*



The war with terrorism (sin) continues.  
We are not the way we were.  
Our history is being changed and we will face new temptations.  
Examine and the read by Gene Veith -

### Christianity in an Age of Terrorism.

Answers can be found in scripture and our church confessions. In Luther's time Christianity was being threatened and we need to follow his example—responding with repentance and prayer.

“The word of God abides forever” 1 Peter 1:25

### *Our Savior Membership Updates*

*Transferred Out:* Jeanie Fink was transferred to Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Longmont, CO. on January 31, 2018.

*New Members:* Merlin and Brenda Miller have transferred from Faith Lutheran Church in Deloit. Although we have heard Brenda's beautiful voice in our choir for several years, it is great having both of you as official members on January 31, 2018

### OSLC Adult Fellowship

The Adult Fellowship met for a short meeting on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Hillside Grille.

Items discussed at the meeting were a March volunteer activity such as the Backpack Program or the Hunger Fighters distribution. Pat will check on the Backpack Program first. We will have a meeting after the activity to determine what we will serve for the March 28<sup>th</sup> Lenten meal.

After the meeting, almost 30 members and friends enjoyed a Valentine dinner. Each lady in attendance received a beautiful red rose, compliments of President Byron Meeves.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Pat Fleshner Secretary*



## Our Savior Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 13, 2018

- Attendees: Scott Larson, Craig Dozark, Liz Woods, Pastor Loeschen, Jessica Tibben, Vicar Courie, Jon Jacobsen, Doris Neumann, Larry Andersen, Darin Johnson, Ron Lechtenberg, Lynette Mohr, Steph Schmadeke, Ken Willems, Rahn Eischeid
- The meeting was called to order by Craig Dozark at 7:00 p.m.
- Ron Lechtenberg led us in an opening devotion--"Chris Singleton's Message"
- The minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting were approved.
- Pastor's Report (Pastor Loeschen) •Attendance, January attendance for 2018 was down slightly when compared with January 2017 •Pastoral Acts -1 transfer out; 9 transfers in; 2 baptisms •Upcoming -Lenten Services—start Feb 14--"Return from Exile—A Lenten Journey" •Other Items -New copy machine in the office -Vicar request for next year has been submitted -"Ask the Vicar" discussion -Area church/circuit discussion
- Vicar's Report (Vicar Courie) •Continuing to help with services & youth "Connect" •Now leading Thurs after noon Bible study at Silveridge •Looking forward to Lenten rotation
- Elder's Report •No Report
- Deacon's Report (Jon Jacobsen) •Adult information class to begin on Feb 26
- Youth & Family Ministry Report (Jessica Tibben) •Ski trip was a great success—14 attended •VBS plans are underway •My Girl Dance: The My Girl Dance committee has gathered for the first meeting and is excited to be doing our 7th annual one. It will be on April 22nd at Boulder Conference Center.
- Early Childhood Ministry Report (Liz Woods) • We are registering for next year already! We currently have 24 enrolled for Open Arms (leaving 8 spots available) and 5 enrolled for Little Lambs (leaving 3 spots available)! •We are continuing with our candy sales. •We recently held a mom's day where moms came in with their preschool student and participated in painting a flower pot, planting some seeds, reading stories and having a snack. We had a great turnout with 28/32 attending! •Dr. Seuss week (Read Across America) coming up •P/T conferences coming up
- Motion by Ron L./Steph S. to accept staff reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Youth/Education (Steph Schmadeke) •Board of Education and Youth met Sunday, February 11. •Teacher Appreciation Brunch will be April 29th starting at 11:00. •April 29th is also the last day of Sunday School.
- Missions (Darin Johnson/Sue Bergamo) •Deposits are due on Feb. 25 for the Hong Kong Connection mission trip. •We will soon begin the process of planning fund raisers to help defray the cost of the trip. •Rev. Joe and Jennie Asher, missionaries serving in Germany, will be at Mission Central on Saturday, Feb. 17
- Discipleship (Rachel Greene) •More Women's Joy Boxes have been made
- Parish Fellowship/Public Relations (Doris Neumann) •Served one funeral
- Stewardship (Larry Andersen) \*\*Motion by Darin J./Steph S. to approve Endowment members as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.\*\*
- Property Report (Ken Willems) •No Report
- Treasurer's Report (Elaine Gotto) •No Report
- Motion by Larry A./Ron L. to accept the Board Reports. All ayes. Motion Carried.
- **Old Business**
  - ~Elevator plan discussion
  - Estimate to have plans developed-\$20,000
  - Explore the possibility of a "Family Life Center"?
  - \*\*Motion by Ken W./Steph S. to have plans drawn up for FLC/w elevator-use Church Improvement Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.\*\*
- **New Business**
  - "Just Because" potlucks to start up after the Lent season
  - After Church donut discussion—free will offering to cover the cost
  - Lenten meals discussion
  - Delegate for upcoming convention
  - \*\*Motion by Ken W./Larry A. to have Chuck be the delegate and Brent the alternate for the convention. All ayes. Motion carried.\*\*
  - Projection 1-year review-(Rahn E.) •Camera system discussion
- Motion to adjourn by Ron L./Doris N. at 8:24 pm. All ayes. Motion Carried.
- Closed with The Lord's Prayer

The Our Savior Stewardship Committee would like to remind you of the electronic giving options available to our members. These options offer a safe, convenient way for our members to give *anytime* they choose from *anywhere* they might be. And they offer the convenience of setting up scheduled giving so you can determine when your contributions are sent on your behalf. Our Savior is utilizing the following tools available thru Vanco Payment Solutions:



1) Give+(plus) electronic giving – This option initiates an electronic transfer from your bank account to the Our Savior bank account. You specify the amount, frequency, and fund you desire to give to. For this option, you simply complete the attached authorization form and return it to the church office with a voided check.

2) Give+ Online (Give Now) – this option has recently been added to the church's website – [www.oursaviordenison.com](http://www.oursaviordenison.com) – under the 'Giving' link in the upper right corner. Create a login or donate as a guest for one time or recurring contributions from your checking or savings account.

3) Give+ Mobile (Give+ Church) – this option offers the same functionality as the 'Giving' link on the Our Savior website thru an app you download to your smartphone. You can get the app either thru the AppStore or GooglePlay and searching "GivePlus Church". Search for Our Savior in the app by entering our name or using our zip code (51442). the same functionality as the 'Giving' link on the Our Savior website thru an app you download to your smartphone. You can get the app either thru the AppStore or GooglePlay and searching "GivePlus Church".

### Lutheran Women' Missionary League

- We met on February 12, 2018 at 5:30 PM. Pastor Loeschen led a Bible study about *Sharing Love's Life Giving Words: A study of John 3:16*. The study was from *Lutheran Women's Quarterly, Spring 2010*. If you would like a copy, please see Linda Christensen.
- The LWML pledge was recited.
- Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given by Linda in place of Dianne Furne. Report was filed for audit.
- Mites were collected and Pastor's birthday was remembered.
- Christian Growth lesson by Jan Jacobsen was a different version of New Year's resolutions than usual.
- Communications and thank you's read from Vicar Currie and family and Jane Gronau.
- Spring Rally at St. John's in Kiron will be April 19, with registration at 9:00. Items for intake include: underwear 0-18, personal products and gift cards.
- A sewing project for a Haiti birthing center will be at St. John's from 10-4 on Monday, Feb. 26. Swaddling blankets are made with material priced at \$10.
- Mission Growth members are making infant hats. 12 have been made so far.
- Green Alter paraments will be finished by Betty Greder, as she has time and ability.
- EVENTIDE: \*monthly birthday party was on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Schroeder, honorary member, will be 100 on Feb. 26. A party celebrating her fife will be at Eventide. A birthday card was signed by members and will be sent to Ruth.
- \*hosting a chicken dinner for Relay For Life and Walk for Alzheimers on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-7, at Our Savior Lutheran. Desserts can be made by volunteers.
- \*Volunteer Tea in on April 16.
- \*Bingo is April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Auxiliary meeting is April 30. Jan J. will attend.
- Lamplighters has a Bible study on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.
- Communion helpers have signed up for every service this year.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- \*Silverware project is on hold. Doris will follow up when able.
- \*Banner project awaits the new catalogue. Green banners are needed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- \*Hour of Prayer will be on February 13, at Zion in Denison, beginning at 9:00 with cinnamon rolls and service at 10:00 AM.
- \*Our group will serve the Lenten Supper on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Quilters were approached to purchase a step ladder for \$80, to replace one that was discarded. Shirley moved and Doris seconded. Motion carried.
- \*Deb Loeschen asked if the group wanted to sponsor a Relay for Life team again. Doris moved and Carmen seconded to pay the \$100 registration fee.
- \*Ina Knop thanked the group for prayers on her behalf as she recovers from illness.
- The next meeting is March 12, at 5:30 PM. Carol Segebart will speak about Anxiety and Depression.
- Table prayer offered. Sandwiches were served by Jan and Becky Jacobsen.
- Meeting closed.

• Secretary, *Linda Christensen*

**CREATION THEATER AT MISSION CENTRAL**  
**MISSION CENTRAL**

is now ready to receive tour groups to see the Lord's Creation Theater where they will hear the REAL STORY of how our God made the world in 6 days! Due to the number of people coming to Mission Central, it's important to contact them for available tour times. Come and see what the Lord has done at this place in the middle of nowhere as it will "blow your socks off" and will truly be a "once in a lifetime experience." Contact Mission Central at 712-882-1029 or email Gary at Gary.Thies@lcms.org

**BOOKS & THE CROSS OF LIFE**

are displayed in the narthex. Many books are on clearance. The new *Cross of Life* is just \$10.00.

Reserve yourself a copy of "*Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, 2017 edition*", for \$14.49

**United Church Westside**

37th Annual Windsor Chop Supper  
Saturday, March 24 -- 5-8 p.m.  
Westside Community Building

Serving Windsor Chops by Lidderdale Country Store along with potatoes, vegetables, and a huge salad bar!  
Tickets -- Adults \$12, 10 and Under \$6

**Life Line Screening will be at Our Savior on Friday, March 2nd.**

It is a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 3/2/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit or text the word circle to 797979

*The Our Savior 2017 Annual Report has been printed and distributed to Your mailboxes. This contains some reports from 2017, many schedules for 2018. It also has the updated directory of the congregation members.*



**NOEL & SANDY JOHNSON & EDDIE & JAMIE BYNUM**

wish to thank everyone for your prayers during the time of Eddie's stay in ICU after his collapse. He is awake and progressing well, still in the hospital in Granada, Spain. God has answered many, many prayers. Please continue praying for a full recovery so he can return home to his family. He enjoyed a special and joyous birthday on Jan. 31st. PRAISE GOD!

Since then Eddie has received a defibrillator and is at home recovering!

**A Message from President Steve Turner ,**

**Thank you for your partnership!** Just as a congregation is dependent on the financial gifts of their members, so Iowa District West is dependent on the gifts we receive from our partner congregations. Last year you provided just over \$1.5 million to help us support Christ's mission. Those funds enabled us to support 5 missionary partners in IDW, support over 30 congregations with mission grants, provide workshops and resources in a variety of areas, support the work of the LCMS, and work with you as you carry out Christ's mission in your community. As a result, hundreds of individuals came to faith just in IDW, thousands were strengthened in their faith, and a new congregation was planted (The Gate, Ankeny)! Thank you again and may God richly bless our partnership in 2018.

*Pres. Steve Turner and the staff of IDW*



Spring cleaning at Bethlehem will be March 11-25. Look for your name on the poster in the back of the church. Your chairman will be contacting you. Please help as you are able. God's blessings.



## JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK

9:00AM Sunday, March 25 at Our Savior In Denison for Palm Sunday Service

10:15AM Sunday, March 25 at Our Savior In Denison for the Road to Resurrection Sunday School

10:30AM Sunday, March 25 at Bethlehem in Dow City for Palm Sunday Services

5:30PM Thursday, March 29 at Bethlehem in Dow City for Maundy Thursday Services

7:00PM Thursday, March 29 at Our Savior in Denison for Maundy Thursday Services

5:30PM Friday, March 30 at Bethlehem in Dow City for Good Friday Services

7:00PM Friday, March 30 at Our Savior in Denison for Good Friday Services

5:30PM Saturday, March 31 at Our Savior in Denison for Vigil of Easter

7:00AM Sunday, April 1 at Bethlehem in Dow City for Easter Sunrise Service

9:00AM Sunday, April 1 at Our Savior in Denison for Easter Service

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**MARCH GRAPEVINE for:**

