

December 2025

THE GRAPVINE

Our Savior

Bethlehem



BETHLEHEM
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"Vocation"

A Note from Jarryn

Last weekend the district held the Sr. High Rally in Des Moines. This year the theme was "God's Calling Your Life". Our theme verse was Ephesians 2:10

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Over the Mass Events, and Sectionals the youth learned what Vocation means. Many of the youth had never thought of the difference between a job and a vocation. This rally talked about the difference and how we are God's masterpiece and he has called us to our vocations.

If you have never thought of the difference between a job and vocation, a job is that thing people go to from 9 to 5 (or whatever hours you work) because they need to make a livelihood. It is your career. It's that focus on day to day task and your professional profile that earns you a living.

A vocation is a calling that is much deeper and comes from God. It is the meaning in one's life and actions that are seen through faith. It includes all areas of our lives such as being a spouse, parent, sibling, friend, church leader, or citizen. It is what we are; where we use the gifts God has given us to serve others. It doesn't matter how normal or mundane the world thinks it is when that vocation comes from God, it is honorable.

The speakers spoke of how vocations are intertwined with us being God masterpiece/workmanship. How the good works we do in this life because of our vocations won't earn us favor with God. Rather that those good works we do in our vocations help our neighbors and build them up. No matter what your vocations are they are all just as important cause they come from God. Vocation is the way God created us to bring love and serve others in our world. It's about looking outside of ourselves and not being focused on ourselves. When we focus on ourselves and how the world thinks we should be, we will see faults and mistakes. That we aren't as perfect as the models or have as much stuff as those Tik Tok influencers. That our careers according to the world might not be as glamorous or make us as wealthy as another. Leading us to believe that we are failures. If we follow the world in putting careers in front of vocations we will miss the joy God has given us in serving others in those areas.

In Christ,
Jarryn Wiley-Pearce



The Joy of Sharing Christ

Shut-in Cookies and Cards Servant Event

Date: Sunday Dec 14

Time: 11:30 to 3 ish

This year time of year it is especially important to be sharing a little Christmas cheer with the shut-ins of Our Savior. On December 14 we will be meeting at Noon after 2nd service to make cookies and cards for our members who aren't able to get out. Lunch will be provided for those that are there to help.

We will need youth and parents that are willing to help bake cookies and make cards. After we have finished, hopefully around 1 pm we can go and deliver our care packages.

Youth Group
Sr. High Connect
Wednesdays @ 6:30
NO Connect
**December 24th &
31st**

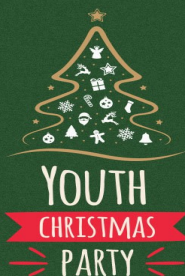
Jr. High Connect
Sundays @ 4:30
NO Connect
December 28th

Connect Christmas Party

We will be doing one Connect Christmas Party on Dec 21st!

We will be doing a wacky gift exchange.

Bring a drink or snack to share!



Cookie Walk December 6th

Please remember to check the cookie walk information on page 5! We do need cookies and volunteers for this event!

Advent Meals

Parents and youth we will be doing two of the Advent Meals this year. Please look at the list of items we need for the meals each week and if you can provide any of the items please sign up.

On Wednesdays we will be starting at 4 pm to make sure we are setup and ready to go by 5:30.



Upcoming December Events:

- Dec 6 Cookie Walk
- Dec 14 Delivering Christmas Cheer (Cookies and Cards)
- Dec 21 Christmas Program
- Dec 21 Connect Christmas Party
- Dec 30 Fire on the Mountain
- Advent Meals:
 - Dec 10— Taco Bar
 - Dec 17—TBD



Check the bulletin for more youth activities.

Sunday School



Sundays @ 10:15 am

Elementary

Pre-k—5th Grade Upstairs in the South Classroom

Christmas Program Practice for the Month of December

Youth

6th—12th Grade Downstairs in the Youth Room

Christmas Program Practice for the Month of December

Christmas Program

We will be doing Christmas Program Practice in the upcoming Sundays for the entire Sunday School!

Program will be Dec 21 during worship!

Christmas Program

**Oh What a
Glorious Night!**

Sunday School Christmas program coming soon!!

This is for ALL our Sunday School kids, youth and adults

**Sr. High Rally
Des Moines**

**Jr. High Rally
Des Moines**

Join Us!



Cookie Walk

December 6, 2025
9:00am - 1:00pm

Cookies sold by weight.

Location

Zion Lutheran Church Gym
Denison, IA



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BENEFIT
CHRIST, OUR
SAVIOR, AND
ZION YOUTH

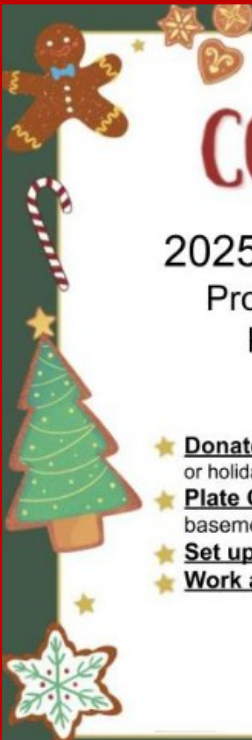
COOKIE WALK

2025 Youth Group Fundraiser
Proceeds go to youth activities!
Plus - It's yummy and fun!

How can you help?

- ★ **Donate** ~ 6 dozen or more Christmas cookies, candies, or holiday bars. ~Drop off: Dec. 5th: Zion Church Office - 9am-3pm.
- ★ **Plate Cookies** ~ Dec.5th at 3:30-5pm in the Zion basement. (Cookies can be dropped off at this time as well.)
- ★ **Set up tables** ~ Dec. 6th: 8am - 9am (Zion Gym)
- ★ **Work a Shift** ~ Event time: Dec. 6th: 9am - 1pm

Contacts for Information
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Our Savior (bold & black)

December 2025

Bethlehem (blue, bold, italicized)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon - Fri 9:00 – 2:00 712-263-3282 <i>Updated 12/1/2025</i> Communion will be served during this service ✚ | 1 9:00 Coffee Crew 9:00 Quilters | 2 4:00 CCHF Backpacks 4-6 Decorate Church for Christmas 6-8 Christmas Program Practice 8:00 AA | 3 4:00: WBS 4 yr. old – 3 rd grade 4:00: Rock 456 Classes 5:30: Beth Advent Worship 5:30: Advent Meal 5:45: Choir 6:00: 7 th – 8 th grade 6:30: Sr. High Connect 7:00: OS Advent Service | 4 9:45 BBS @ OS 6-8 Christmas Program Practice | 5 | 6 9:00-1:00 Cookie Walk @Unity Ridge Gym 5:30 OS Worship ✚ |
| 7 9:00 OS Worship ✚ 10:15 SET YOUR LEGACY Adult BBS & Christmas Program Practice 9:15 Beth Adult BBS & Sunday School 10:30 Beth Worship ✚ Kraft Baptism 4:30 Jr. High Connect | 8 9:00 Coffee Crew 2:00 Women's Guild Cookie Exchange 6-8 Christmas Program Practice 6:00 Cub Scouts (Basement) | 9 4:00 CCHF Backpacks 6:00 Leadership/Staff Christmas Party @Brasel Building, Dow City 8:00 AA | 10 4:00: WBS 4 yr. old – 3 rd grade 4:00: Rock 456 Classes 5:30: Beth Advent Worship 5:30: Advent Meal 5:45: Choir 6:00: 7 th – 8 th grade 6:30: Sr. High Connect 7:00: OS Advent Service | 11 9:45 BBS @ OS Unity Ridge Christmas Program 8:30am or 6:30am 6-8 Christmas Program Practice | 12 Christmas Crusade (Basement) | 13 Christmas Crusade (Basement) <i>Christmas Cantata 7:15 Bethlehem</i> |
| 14 9:00 OS Christmas Cantata 10:15 Adult BBS & Christmas Program Practice 11:30 Youth Cookies & Cards 12:30 Christmas Crusade (Basement) | 15 9:00 Coffee Crew 9:00 Quilters 6-8 Christmas Program Practice <i>Bethlehem Leadership Meeting</i> | 16 CCHF @ Presbyterian Church: 1:00 Preparation 3:00 Distribution 4:00 CCHF Backpacks 6-8 Christmas Program Practice 8:00 AA | 17 4:00: WBS 4 yr. old – 3 rd grade 4:00: Rock 456 Classes 5:30: Beth Advent Worship 5:30: Advent Meal 5:45: Choir 6:00: 7 th – 8 th grade 6:30: Sr. High Connect 7:00: OS Advent Service | 18 9:45 BBS @ OS 6-8 Christmas Program Practice | 19 | 20 Cub Scouts Christmas Party (Basement) 5:30 OS Worship ✚ 10-1 Christmas Program Practice |
| 21 9:00 OS Christmas Program 10:15 Adult BBS 9:15 Beth Adult BBS & Sunday School 10:30 Beth Worship ✚ 4:30 Connect Christmas Party! | 22 9:00 Coffee Crew | 23 <i>January Calendar & Grapevine Info Due</i> 8:00 AA | 24 Christmas Eve! 4:00 OS Family Service 5:30 Beth Traditional Candlelight Service ✚ 8:00 OS Traditional Candlelight Service ✚ Office Closes at 12:00pm | 25 Merry Christmas! 9:00 OS Worship ✚ 10:30 Beth Worship ✚  | 26 Office Closed 12/25-12/26 | 27 5:30 OS Worship Mission Update w/Missionary Gary |
| 28 9:00 OS Worship Mission Update w/Missionary Gary 10:15 Adult BBS & Sunday School 9:15 Beth Adult BBS & Sunday School 10:30 Beth Worship | 29 9:00 Coffee Crew | 30 8:00 AA Fire on the Mountain | 31 New Years Eve! |  | | |

Please contact the office directly if you have a new event/meeting in the next 7 days. If it is in the future, please put it on the large calendar posted in the office or contact the office directly. To make changes, communicate directly to the office. Thank you!

Our Savior Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2025

Attendees: Rod Bradley, Steve Frazier, Rachel Greene, Jarryn -DCE, Sue Bergamo, Alan Suntken, Julie Burhoop, Bri Schillerberg, Shari Frazier, Pastor Trunkhill and Terri Martens, Elders: Landon, Ryan, Dr Bowker, Joe, Scot, Dr Lambert and David Galvin

The meeting was called to order by President Rod Bradley at 7pm.

Opening devotion/prayer by Alan Suntken.

Review of minutes from October 14, 2025, Council meeting- approved as read.

Pastor Report

Worship Attendance

Worship attendance is up overall at Our Savior. We saw a slight drop to our Saturday evening services (3 people on average), but an increase on Sunday mornings (almost 16 people on average). It is nice to see some new faces in the congregation. I will need to work to get to know them and get them assimilated into the life of the congregation. Bethlehem saw a slight drop in Sunday attendance; however, we have seen many new faces during the weeks. I believe that harvest had something to do with low numbers this year. Seems like more of the farmers were out in the field compared to last year.

Official Acts

Morgan Goslar (transfer) from Our Savior to King of Kings, Omaha – Oct 8, 2025

Ardell Adams (Death) Bethlehem – Oct 18, 2025 (No funeral)

Charlie Meyer (Funeral) Our Savior – Oct 28, 2025

Projectors

We have an official quote from Sweetwater based upon our Sanctuary environment. Their recommendation is to go with the Vivitek DU5053Z. This is a 7,500 lumens projector with a laser phosphor system. These come with a \$4,700 price tag. I do not believe that we need the mounting hardware (\$1,450 for 4) as what we have is very similar to what they would like to sell us. Total price on 4 projectors would be \$18,796 plus tax. Option B would be to go with the Sony VPL-PHZ61 projector like we bought for the back of the church. It has lower lumens (6,400) so might not be as bright as the ones recommended. Also, it has a laser diode lamp, which apparently needs more maintenance and shorter life span (but brighter colors?). The cost per projector is \$3,600 each (\$14,396 for 4 plus tax).

Motion by Steve Frazier- seconded by Alan Suntken to present Vivitek projectors to the voters. Motion carries.

Advent Service

We will once again host our Advent Services for the community. We will be doing "A Nativity Story" from the Skit Guys. This includes 5 videos (3 for Advent and 1 for Christmas Eve and 1 for Christmas Day) and a printable devotional booklet. Our services will be on Wednesday Evenings at 7:00p.m. for Our Savior and 5:30p.m. for Bethlehem. Pastors will take turns preaching. Pastor Wade is also offering a late morning service for the community at Zion. We decided to divide and conquer to get as many people involved as possible. On Wednesday evenings we will have a meal prior to each service. This is all tentative at this time, but it is my plan for Advent.

Confirmation Retreat

All of our confirmation kiddos have agreed to attend the Confirmation Retreat in November. We will be heading out around 6pm on Friday November 14. We have one student who made honor band and will be coming up a little later in the evening after the concert. Pastor Wade and I will be doing most of the teaching. Pastor Ted was unsure if he would make it or not because of a Capital Campaign they have going on. Jarryn will also be attending and helping with games and activities. Chuck Downing will also help chaperon. At this time, we are looking to borrow Unity Ridges van for the trip. Pastor Wade will remain the whole weekend. I secured Pastor Jon to lead his worship service. I will come back Friday night or Saturday morning when I am done teaching so I can lead our three services. We will be covering the Sacraments (Baptism, Communion, Confession/Absolution).

Associate Pastor Call

In Dropbox there is an Organizational Chart for Our Savior and Bethlehem. I did not put as much detail into Bethlehem as I could have, however, much of it would be a repeat of what you see on Our Savior. Please look over it and see what you think and what might need to be changed.

Cleaning up the Roles

I am working with Stephanie to get a clean list of names for our members. Once I have this and have time to review it, I will work on putting a team together to help me work on our next steps.

Meeting with All Committees

I have begun working with our different committees as I met with the Discipleship committee this past month. My goal of this meeting is to look over and evaluate the ministry Descriptions for each committee. Discuss what is still valid on the list

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and what has been moved somewhere else. Then look at what we would like to focus on for the next year. Please let me know when I can meet with you (if you are all by yourself) or your group.

Best Practices – Pheonix, AZ

I am looking forward to attending Best Practices in Arizona again this year. This is a great time to recharge, network, get excited with new ideas to help (re) launch ministry. We have already reserved a VRBO house for us to stay in that should save money overall. We have several people who are interested in going, which is awesome. Pastor Chad and Brenda, Jarryn and Ben, Steph and Tristan (Tristan is coming to help with Hadley, drive, and cook when needed), Darrin (Confirmation, Missions, Discipleship), Rachel (Church music, Discipleship, Missions), Sue Missions), Chuck (Confirmation) and Julie Stewardship) Downing. See the information Best Practices document in Dropbox for more information.

Motion by Julie Burhoop- seconded by Sue Bergamo to approve supporting 50% expenses for those attending Best Practices. Motion carries.

Leadership Christmas Party

Brenda and I (with a lot of help from Jarryn and Steph) will once again be hosting the Leadership Christmas Party. This always falls on the second Tuesday of December. I am still planning on having this at Brasel Building in Dow City on December 9, 2025. We will have social hour at 6:00pm and the meal will be ready at 7:00pm. Staley's will once again be catering the meal with chicken, steak, and the fixings. We will have snacks and some drinks available for the Social Hour (if you want to make sure you have your drink, bring it) and desserts to round out the evening. Please mark this on your calendar as it is always a wonderful night. Also, this is for you and your plus one (spouse, friend, someone who likes to eat, drink and have fun).

Schedule

November 8-9, 2025 – LMWL Sunday

November 22-23, 2025 – Christ the King Sunday

November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve Services

Bethlehem - 5:30

Our Savior - 7:00

November 30, 2025 – Decorate the Church, after Service

December 3, 10, 17, 2025 – Advent Midweek Services

Bethlehem – 5:30pm

Our Savior - 7:00pm

December 7 – End of Life Planning – after service

December 9 – Leadership Christmas Party

Social Hour – 6:00pm

Meal – 7:00pm

December 13-14 – Christmas Cantata

Bethlehem - Saturday Evening – 7:00pm

Our Savior - Sunday Morning – 9:00am

These are the only two services this weekend

December 21, 2025 – Our Savior Children's Worship

December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve Services

Our Savior Family Worship - 4:00 PM

Bethlehem Candlelight - 5:30 PM

Our Savior Candlelight - 8:00 PM

December 25, 2025 – Christmas Day with Communion

Our Savior - 9:00AM

Bethlehem - 10:30 AM

December 27 – 28, 2-2025 – Missionary update with Missionary Gary

January 17-18, 2026 – Life Sunday

February 11-15, 2026 – Best Practices for Ministry – Pheonix, AZ (Pastor Jon)

February 18, 2026 – Ash Wednesday

Bethlehem – 5:30pm

Our Savior – 7:00pm

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 – Lent Midweek Services

March 29, 2026 – Palm/Passion of Our Lord Sunday

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April 2, 2026 – Maundy Thursday
April 3, 2026 – Nails of Lent – Good Friday
April 4, 2026 – Easter (Saturday Evening)
April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday
Bethlehem – 7:00am
Our Savior – 9:00am
April 29, 2026 – Confirmation Banquet
May 3, 2026 – Confirmation Sunday

DCE report – DCE Jarryn

Sunday School

The lessons are still going great. Sydney has been working still to make sure we have everything we need for each week. Youth downstairs are currently talking about the topic of friendship. Numbers are still holding steady at around 12 upstairs and 6 to 8 downstairs.

Ground Zero

Running well! In Large group time we have started working on memorizing the books of the Bible. Backpacks should be ordered this week for the 4th graders.

Christmas program

Practice for the lead players will begin soon. All lead roles have been filled. We will start practicing for the Christmas program during the Sunday School hour in November.

Youth Group

Jr & Sr High Connect has been running well.

Youth Events

Sr High Rally – Nov 21 – 23 – We have 8 youth registered and 3 adults.

Confirmation Retreat – November 14-16 at Okoboji. Theme would be a focus on the sacraments.

We have been invited to participate in Fire on the Mountain over Christmas Break at Lutheran Valley Retreat.

Fundraiser

Advent Meals – The youth will be covering 2 or 3. Discipleship will be doing the first one.

Service Projects

We will be looking at a Fall servant event at the upcoming board meeting

Thankful baskets Nov 19

Cookies and Cards for the shut-ins

Upcoming

Confirmation Retreat – Nov 14-16

Thankful Baskets – Nov 19

Sr High Rally – Nov 21-23

Trunk or Treat was a great success.

Motion by Steve Frazier- seconded by Rachel Greene to approve staff reports. Motion carries.

Council Board Reports

Board of Elders – Steve Frazier

Nothing new to add

Education/Youth- Julie Burhoop, Bri Schillerberg

Nothing to add

Missions – Sue Bergamo

Missions budget – Supported by Church Budget – 2026

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| District Synod Support | \$20,000 |
| Lutheran Family Services | \$ 1,500 |
| Camp Okoboji | \$ 2,000 |
| Adopt a Seminary Student | \$ 1,500 |
| Convention and Lay Ministry | \$ 1,400 |
| Crossroads | \$ 2,000 |
| Orphan Grain Train | \$ 2,000 |
| Hunger Fighters | \$ 2,000 |
| Local Mission Work | \$ 4,000 |

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Supported by Special Mission Fund – 2026

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| Rev Jason and Emily Groth – Belize | \$1,500 |
| Rev Dr. Tomas Park – Taiwan | \$1,500 |
| Rev Carl and Li Hanson – Korea | \$1,500 |
| Rev James and Angela Sharp - Puerto Rico | \$1,500 |
| Hannah Hester – Asia | \$1,500 |
| Rev Johnathan Anderson – Panama | \$1,500 |
| Vicar Gavin Johnson – Dominican Republic | \$1,500 |
| Zachary Turley – Japan | \$1,500 |
| Benjamin and Ella Goehring – Romania | \$1,500 |
| Ruth Maita – Puerto Rico | \$1,500 |
| Eddy and Jamie Bynum – Spain | \$1,500 |

Discipleship – Rachel Green

We finished up the prayer quilt handouts which were handed out this weekend. Tried to tie it in with the ladies' quilt sale and prioritize prayer part of our "Being Challenge," which all seemed to fall in place nicely.

Pastor visited our meeting the other night and we discussed some new ideas and small changes we could make. One was the suggestion of the Discipleship Minute which was implemented in this weekend's services.

We sent out cards to the shut ins.

Discussed our Christmas handouts which we will work on at our November meeting.

Jarryn asked if we could help out with an Advent meal and we have decided to serve the Dec 3rd meal.

Parish Fellowship – Catherine Lechtenberg

No report

Stewardship Report-Becky Jacobsen

Reminder of on-line giving.

Property – Alan Suntken

Pop machine – Compressor died and it is not worth repairing. Landon will look into a way to get rid of it.

Treasurer – Elaine Gotto

No report

Old Business

Dishwasher replacement. Found a company, Stracken Sales who Sells, Installs and Services. A Refurbished unit would be roughly \$17,500 with a 6-month warranty or New unit at \$25-26,000 with a 1-year warranty. Will schedule a walk-through visit and get a recommendation.

Roof Issue – Waiting for enough rain to test the last repair.

Discussion on November Congregation Meeting – Sunday November 9th immediately following service. Reviewed the Agenda and Packet Documents

New Business

Replacement of Projectors in the Sanctuary. Recommendations will be presented during the Congregation meeting on Sunday.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Terri Martens, Council Secretary

November Parish Records

Deaths:

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| Don Stehr | Born: July 17, 1935 | Died: November 4, 2025 |
| | Service: November 10, 2025 | Pastor Chad Trunkhill |

Transfer In:

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| John, Heather, Owen, Cooper Quandt | To: Our Savior Effective: November 26, 2025 | From: Gloria Dei, Urbandale, IA |
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Annual Congregational Voter's Meeting, Our Savior Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by President Rod Bradley.

Opening prayer by Pastor Trunkhill.

Minutes:

Review of minutes from November 10, 2024, Annual Meeting. Motion made by Craig Dozark, seconded by Pat Fleschner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carries.

New Voting Member:

Motion made by Nancy Bradley, seconded by Craig Dozark to approve New Voting Members: Brody Schillerberg, Coy Poggensee, Jayden Bradley, Mark Feller, Sue Feller, Ashlynn Carlson, Mariah Carlson, Carol Gehling and Barry Bergamo. Motion Carries.

Pastors Comments:

Would like to express the greatest appreciation of staff – Steph and Leslie in the office, Rex custodial and maintenance, Jarryn and Ben-growing the youth groups.

New Business:

Discussion on calling an Associate Pastor

Role of Associate Pastor? Pastoral Care for shut ins, Local and international Missions, Taking Jesus to the streets, Parish Fellowship and preaching schedule.

Estimated cost for Associate Pastor with 5 years' experience - \$117,000.

More discussion in a few months.

Review and approval of the 2026 Budget

Elaine explained Funds can be found in checking account, savings account and CD's. Added a line for Pastor's salary – 20% Dual Parish - \$15,000.

Projector Project

Would like to replace the projectors prior to the Christmas season and hopefully postpone payment until January. \$2,000 was recently donated toward the projector project.

Dishwasher

A vendor has been found who sells, installs and services commercial dish washers. This is the same vendor that the school uses. Rough quote for a refurbished model is \$13,500 dollars and a new model is \$25,000 to 26,000 dollars. Both will have warranties. Once a walk-through with the vendor has been completed, additional information will be shared with the Congregation.

Motion made by Pat Fleschner, seconded by Craig Dozark to approve the 2026 Budget. Motion carried

Election of Elders & Chairpersons

A call for nominations from the floor was made. No nominations were received. Congregation was asked to consider the following ballot;

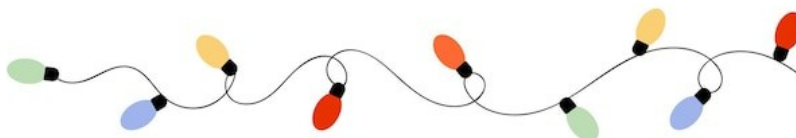
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| Elders | Scott Bowker Nick Bradley Joe Poggensee |
| President | Steve Frazier |
| Council Secretary | Shari Frazier |
| Parish Fellowship | Jackie Surprenant Co-Chair Lisa Weber Co-Chair Sue Feller Co-Chair |

Re-Election:

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| Board of Elders | Darin Johnson Eric Martens (3 rd Term – to even out future rotation) |
| Youth & Education | Julie Burhoop, Co-Chair Brooke Lambert, Co-Chair Brienne Schillerberg, Co-Chair |
| Discipleship | Rachel Greene (6 th Term) |

Motion made by Betty Hawn, seconded by Becky Jacobsen to approve Ballot of Elders & Chairperson as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition and thank you to those leaving leadership positions.



Annual Congregational Voter's Meeting, Our Savior Lutheran Church (Continued)

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| Board of Elders | Steve Frazier Todd Brus Derek Lambert |
| Council | Rod Bradley, President Elaine Gotto, Treasurer Terri Martens, Secretary Catherine Lechtenberg, Parish Fellowship Co-Chair Idamae Fake, Parish Fellowship Co-Chair |

Employee Policy Manual Changes

Reviewed the new Regular Part-time Maternity policy recommendation from the Council and Board of Elders.

Motion made by Nancy Bradley, seconded by Craig Dozark to approve. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Additional Volunteers are needed for the sound booth

Additional Volunteers are needed as Ushers

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Martens, Council Secretary

Our Savior Women's Guild Meeting Minutes November 10th, 2025

Seven members met on November 10th for our monthly meeting.

President Dianne led us in reciting the LWML pledge followed by the common table prayer. Snacks were shared as the meeting progressed.

Treasurer report by Jan Norgaard and Secretary report by Sharon Schoenfeld were both accepted as read.

Christian Growth by Jan Jacobsen reading "Hallowed Be Your Name" Isaiah 6:1-8, Let your light shine before others. Glorify your father in heaven. Matthew 5:16, God is so perfectly holy. Jesus teaches us to pray "Our Father in Heaven"

The Quilt sale has been successful and is going on for 3 weekends in November. Thank you to everybody for your support.

Assorted religious cards for sale in the office.

Bingo is on Tuesday, November 18th, at Gracewell.

Jan Jacobsen is looking for another board meeting for the Gracewell auxiliary.

District Convention is June 10th-13th at Camp Okoboji. Denison Zone and Council Bluffs are to help, and our group is waiting to hear about our responsibilities.

The Women's Guild will be giving \$200.00 to buy water pitchers and coffee servers for the kitchen.

November 29th and 30th is Noisy Offering

Hymn Study: "Now Thank We All Our God" by Martin Rinkart. The song was written in 1636 during the 30 year war in central Europe.

No November Birthdays.

December 8th Meeting to bring mittens, hats, and gloves for TAP. Stocking money for 2 charities.

Women's Guild will be having a cookie exchange at their December 8th meeting at 2:00. This exchange is open to anyone. Please bring 2 dozen cookies and we will be exchanging for a variety.

The meeting adjourned with joining in the Lord's Prayer.

-Sharon Shoenfeld, Secretary Pro-Tem

Women's Guild Cookie Exchange

The Women's Guild will be hosting a cookie exchange at their monthly meeting for our Christmas party on Dec. 8th at 2:00pm. Please bring 24 cookies to exchange and a few to share at the meeting. All women are welcome. Hope to see you there.



Prayers & Praise

"Never worry about anything. But in every situation let God know what you need in prayers and requests, while giving thanks." Philippians 4:6

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THOSE WITH VARIOUS HEALTH ISSUES:

Lowell Neumann, Tammy Schurke, Denise Buckholdt, Jerry Blackmore, Gabby Riessen, Doris Neumann, Raven Stone, Pauline Meeves, Sharlene Hansen, Norma Berens, Eli Riessen, Cheryl Rath, Chris Blume, Marlene Giermann, James Bielfeldt.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SHUT INS

Ruth Blackmore, Jenell Beam, Adlyn Ohl, Mary Jane Petersen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING AS MILITARY PERSONNEL

Cody Vogt – United States Air Force, Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, son of Mike & Lisa Vogt
Tanner Krayneski – United States Marines, Camp Pendleton, Grandson of Byron & Pauline Meeves
Rob Garvey – United States Air Force, Fort Mead, Maryland., son in law of Ron & Catherine Lechtenberg
Alex Wingert – United States Navy, California, nephew of Larry Gittins
Payton Malone – United States Air Force, Grand Fork, North Dakota, Grandson of George & Julie Malone
Hanna Alexander – Marine Base, Quantico, Virginia, Granddaughter of Lynn & Clarence Hoffman
Kaya Auen – United States Navy, Fort Sam, San Antonio, Daughter of Kristin Kastner
Jed Wiley – United States Army, Tacoma, Washington, Brother of Jarryn Wiley-Pearce
Chandler Lee – United States Air Force, Missouri, Grandson of Sam Lee, and nephew of Travis & Rondi Wessel

REMEMBER THOSE WE SUPPORT SERVING AS MISSIONARIES

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| Benjamin and Ella Goehring – Romania | Rev. Jason and Emily Groth and Family – Belize |
| Rev. Dr. Thomas Park – Taiwan | Ruth Maita - Puerto Rico |
| Vicar Gavin Johnson – Dominican Republic | Hannah Hester - Asia Region |
| Rev. Jonathan Anderson – Panama | Pastor Carl & Chenhsi Li Hanson and Family – Korea |
| Rev. James and Angela Sharp – Puerto Rico | Zachary Turley – Japan |
| Eddy & Jamie Bynum – Spain | |

Our Savior Prayer Chain Co-Captains
Doris: 402-350-3022, Shelly: 263-4376

Bethlehem Prayer Chain Co-Captains
Julie: 269-7715, Sue: 263-9613

DECEMBER THY STRONG WORD

Tune in Monday through Saturday, 6:25 a.m. KDSN (104.9 FM)
3–4-minute devotions sponsored by the local LCMS congregations.

December 1st-December 6th
December 8th-December 13th
December 15th-December 20th
December 22nd-December 27th
December 29th-January 3rd

Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Rev. Richard Merrill
Rev. Nathan Peitsch
Rev. Ted Torreson
Rev. Jeffrey Wade

Our Savior/Bethlehem
Multi-Point, Charter Oak
St. Paul LC, Ute
Christ LC, Denison
Zion LC, Denison

To financially support these broadcasts, please send donations to Our Savior and earmark for "Thy Strong Word."

Our Savior's Website

www.oursaviordenison.com

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Our Savior Lutheran – Denison, IA
Our Savior Denison-Youth Ministries

"The Lutheran Hour"

6:30 a.m. Sundays:
KDSN-FM 104.9 Denison
10:30 a.m. Sundays:
KDSN-AM 1530

"Thy Strong Word"

Every Mon-Sat. 6:25 a.m.
KDSN-FM 104.9

Iowa District West

www.idwlcms.org

Camp Okoboji

www.campokoboji.org

Mission Central

www.missioncentral.us

Lutheran Family Services

www.lfsiowa.org

Crossroads of Crawford County

www.crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.com
3707 Timberline Dr., Denison
712-263-9950
Director@Crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.org

FCC (Family Crisis Center)

712-449-7196
michellej@familycrisiscenters.org

Additional online resources:

Lutheran Hour Ministries: www.lhm.org

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod: www.lcms.org

Lutheran Women's Missionary League:

www.lwml.org

Men's Network: www.lhmmen.com

Online Bible: www.biblegateway.com

Concordia Publishing House: www.CPH.org

Rightnow Media: www.rightnowmedia.org

Let's Connect!

CHURCH MAILBOXES

Don't forget to check your church mailbox. Located in the gathering area.

If you do not currently have a church mailbox and would like one, or if you have any name corrections you need made, please contact Stephanie at the church office, as I plan to re-do name labels on the mailboxes soon.

Happening in December

Our Savior Christmas Cantata

Saturday, December 13th 7:30 pm

The Cantata will be presented at Bethlehem Lutheran in Dow City. This will be in conjunction with Dow City's Hometown Christmas Celebration.
(no service at Our Savior on the 13th)

Sunday, December 14th at 9:00 am the Cantata will be presented at Our Savior at the normal Sunday Service time.
(no service at Bethlehem on Sunday, the 14th)

Advent Midweek Service

A NATIVITY STORY

December 3, 10, 17, 2025
Bethlehem - 5:30, Our Savior 7:00

Our Savior & Bethlehem Leadership/ Staff Christmas Party

All Church Leaders and Staff are invited to the Annual Leadership Christmas Party on December 10th at the Brasel Building in Dow City. Happy hour with snacks will begin at 6:00 pm (Bring Your Own Beverage) and Staley's dinner (Chicken and Steak) will be served at 7:00 pm. Dessert will also be provided which will include Ashley Brown's Cheesecakes. Plan to come as we thank you for your support/service and just have a great time of fellowship.

Set Your Legacy

December 7, 2025
10:15 AM



Musicians Needed 4pm Christmas Eve Service

Limited Rehearsal

See Pastor Chad for details
Sign-up at volunteer table



Unity Ridge Christmas Program

Thursday, December 11th @ 8:30 AM or 8:30 PM

Fire on the Mountain

We have been invited if we have interest for our 8th grade and older youth by Lutheran Valley Retreat in Colorado to come and help out at the camp.

For this servant event, the goal is to burn piles of fallen trees to clear areas of camp. There will be plenty of fun to be had as well as there will be broom ball, sledding/ tubing, and of course Bible Study with a New Years Celebration.

Fire on the Mountain

Lutheran
Valley Retreat
Colorado

Dec 30—Jan 2
Cost: \$140



Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve (December 24th)

4:00 pm – Family Worship Service, Our Savior ✝

5:30 pm – Candlelight Worship Service, Bethlehem ✝

8:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service, Our Savior ✝

Christmas Day (December 25th)

9:00 am – Our Savior Worship Service ✝

10:30 am – Bethlehem Worship Service ✝

OH  *holy*
NIGHT



ADVENT SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 3rd, 10th, 17th

Our Savior: 5:30: Meals,

7:00: Service

Bethlehem, 5:30 pm

You are invited!

Thanksgiving Eve - 11/26 - Bethlehem at 5:30pm

- Christ Lutheran 6:00pm

- Zion Lutheran at 6:30pm

- Our Savior Lutheran at 7:00pm

Advent Midweek 1 - 12/03 - Zion Lutheran at 11:00am (Luncheon at 12:00pm)

- Bethlehem Lutheran at 5:30pm

- Our Savior Lutheran at 7:00pm

Advent Midweek 2 - 12/10 - Zion Lutheran at 11:00am (Luncheon at 12:00pm)

- Bethlehem Lutheran at 5:30pm

- Our Savior Lutheran at 7:00pm

Advent Midweek 3 - 12/17 - Zion Lutheran at 11:00am (Luncheon at 12:00pm)

- Bethlehem Lutheran at 5:30pm

- Our Savior Lutheran at 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Worship - Zion Lutheran 2:00pm

- Our Savior Lutheran Family Service 4:00pm

- Christ Lutheran 4:00pm

- Christ Lutheran 5:30pm

- Bethlehem Candlelight 5:30pm

- Our Savior Candlelight 8:00pm

- Zion Lutheran Candlelight 10:00pm

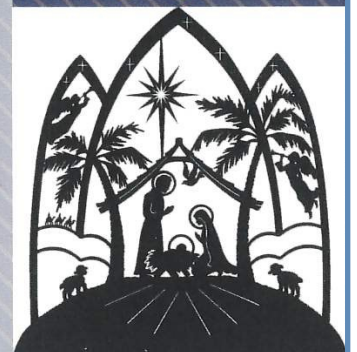
Christmas Day Worship - Our Savior Lutheran 9:00am

- Zion Lutheran 10:00am

- Bethlehem Lutheran 10:30am



**Worship this
holiday season at
the time best for
your family at one
of our
congregations!**



More Information to Share



Come Build Home Mexico Mission Trip March 14-20, 2026

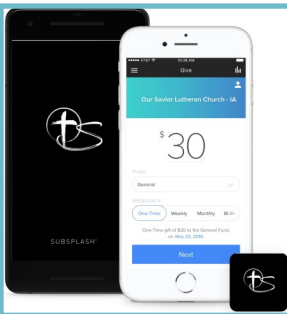
Cost: \$600

**Check bulletin for more
information or speak to
Jarryn if you are interested.**



Women's Guild Christmas Cards

Check out the great selection of Christmas cards in the greeting card display in the office. Single cards are 50 cents and packages of cards are available: 6 for \$3 or 12 for \$6. As always there are other assorted single greeting cards available for 50 cents.



Fast and Easy Giving

Our Savior Lutheran Church - IA



God's Creation 2025 Calendars for sale!

Bethlehem Ladies Aid is selling the God's Creation Calendars for \$9.00. They are available in the office at Our Savior or with Linda McCutcheon or Kathy Ransom at Bethlehem. Thank you to everyone for their support!

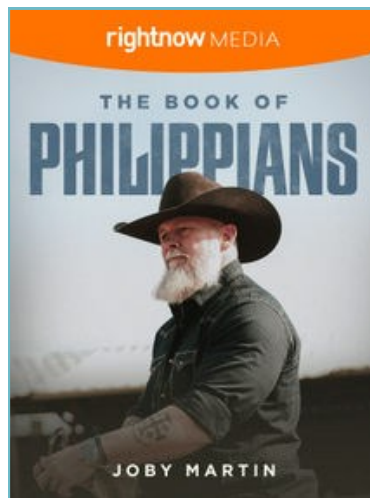
ADULT BIBLE STUDIES Everyone is Welcome!

SUNDAYS

9:15 am Bethlehem
Bible Study & Sunday school
10:15 am Our Savior
Bible Study & Sunday school

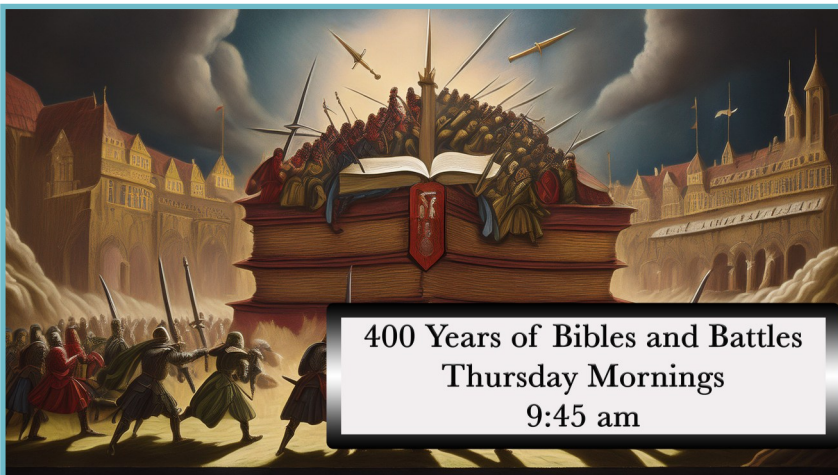
THURSDAYS

9:45 am Bible Study
@ Our Savior
CURRENT STUDY SERIES:

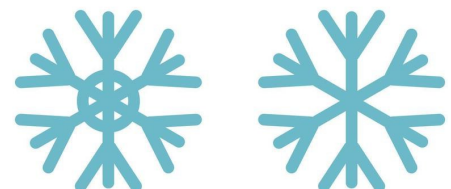


2026 Offering Envelopes in Church Mailboxes

Contribution envelopes for 2026 have been placed in your church mailboxes. Those of you who contribute via online giving will not receive envelopes unless you specifically request them. If you did not receive offering envelopes and you would like them, or if you would like to begin using online giving, please contact the office.



400 Years of Bibles and Battles
Thursday Mornings
9:45 am



NOTES & LETTERS RECEIVED



Rev. Chad A. Trunkhill

Members of Our Savior Lutheran.

Thank you so very much for the wonderful gift for Minister Appreciation Month! I cannot tell you how happy Brenda and I are to have you as our Christ Centered Extended Family. We love serving here in the Denison and are truly blessed to be serving beside each and everyone of you.
All For Him,
Chad

Pastor Trunkhill,

Your labour of love
as you serve the Lord
is a blessing to so many lives.

THANK YOU

FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Joan Adams
Jana Thompson
Morgan Saunders

Jo Schulte
Mindy Baker
Becky Jueh

Christine Hragel
Carol Lamare
Doreen Sands
Paige Whitenack
Lynette Crofton
Kris Schmitz
Heather Hansen
Katie Neumann
Jen Woodbeck
Robb
Imelda Hubsch
Katie Utter

Katie Putnam
Jamie Heffernan
Joy Marting
Katie Koop
Maree Buehner
Maggie Magnusson
Mylie Kaub
Ava Hansen
Jill Martin
Jill Hyslop
Denia Ramos
Mary Ann
Lori Magnusson



**8TH GRADE
CONFIRMATION
RETREAT-
CAMP OKOBOJI**



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