

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

St. Olaf

8:15 a.m. Worship

Communion St. Olaf - 1st Sunday

Our Savior's

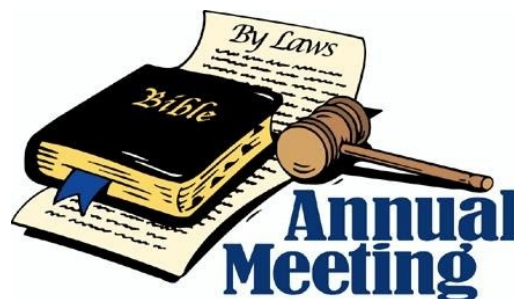
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Communion: Our Savior's
1st Sunday (at rail)

Church Council— 2nd Monday of
each month, 7:00 p.m.
(August No Council Mtg)

Wednesday School
Wednesdays, 3:00 pm.



**2026 Annual Meeting will be held on
January 25th after worship. Members
are asked to bring salads or dessert for
lunch that day.**

Parish Caller - January 2026

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Greeters for January 2026

- January 4—Jerry Fenger
- January 11—Dorothie Overlie
- January 18—Shirley Rudolph
- January 25—Kurt & Ashley Matkin Family



Greeters

Dear SOLC and OSLC families and friends,

We are embarking on what my wife Julie and I fondly refer to as our “exciting adventure.” This month we begin an extended time of transitioning out of “retirement” to part-time pastoral ministry serving the people of SOLC and OSLC three days a week (Saturday – Monday) from now until the end of June. We believe that our God has great plans to unfold in these two congregations and we are excited to be a part of the new chapter that our God is writing in His ongoing story of changing hearts and transforming lives through the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

I shared a brief introduction of myself, my family, and my life in the Sunday sermon I preached on January 4th but, if you didn’t happen to be there, here’s a short recap.

- I am a PK (preacher’s kid).
- I am a third-generation Lutheran pastor – my father and grandfather were pastors too.
- I attended Concordia College (2 years) and graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 1974.
- I received my Master of Divinity degree from Luther Theological Seminary in May 1979.
- I have served parishes in Casper, Wyoming; Powell, Wyoming; and Great Falls, MT. (retiring in 2022 after 28 years of serving as lead pastor at Faith Lutheran Church.
- I am married to Julie, my bride of 45 years.
- We have three children and nine grandchildren and honestly, I believe we won the lottery with the blessings we’ve been given!
- I enjoy hunting, fishing, and taking walks with Julie.
- I LOVE JESUS with every fiber of my being.
- I love the church, my brothers and sisters in Christ, and know no greater joy than serving my Savior and all for whom Jesus died and rose again.
- I have been blessed beyond measure; much more than I deserve! To God be the glory!

Julie and I both look forward to getting better acquainted with all of you! We are eager to connect with you on Sunday morning for worship as well as the fellowship time following the worship service. I should also tell you that visitation ministry is right near the top of what I love most about pastoral ministry!

Special Request: Please keep your eyes and ears open for what I’m proposing we do together on Monday mornings. Along with an informal time of having coffee and muffins with the pastor, I’d like to offer a Bible Study opportunity as well. Bible Study topic and title is yet to be determined. I value your input. The proposed time would be 10:00 – 11:30 with conversations and sharing for 30 minutes with Bible Study to follow from 10:30-11:30am. Our ministry here in Chester may be “part-time” but having full-time friends and sharing this exciting adventure together with you is a priceless treasure.

I love you. Serving Jesus with you,

Pastor Ken

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Reports for the Annual Report are due in the church office by 5:00 pm on Monday, January 19, 2026.

Following is a list of reports that are due:

- ♦ Pastoral Acts
- ♦ Annual Meeting Minutes
- ♦ Call Committee Report
- ♦ Council President's Report
- ♦ Church Council Highlights
- ♦ Vacation Bible School Report
- ♦ Wednesday School Report
- ♦ LYO Report
- ♦ Caring Ministry Report
- ♦ Landscape Report
- ♦ Women of the Word Treasurer's Report and Service Report
- ♦ Memorial Fund Report
- ♦ Scholarships and Investments
- ♦ Balance Sheet—Congregation
- ♦ Benevolences
- ♦ Financial Profit & Loss—Congregation
- ♦ Proposed Budget-Congregation
- ♦ Church Officers, Committees and Delegates
- ♦ Nominating Committee Report
- ♦ 2025 Annual Meeting Attendance Sheet

Thank you for getting reports into the office .

Greeters for February 2026

February 1—Trina Thielman

February 8—Need 1

February 15—Need 1

February 18—Ash Wednesday

February 22—Need 1



ANNOUNCEMENTS



This past month God sent (on Average) 45 souls to share in our Sunday fellowship. Praise God for all His blessings including our Coffee/Fellowship Hour Volunteers.

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss
January 1, 2025—December 8, 2025**

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000	Worship Service Offerings	\$ 67,063.67
4100	Coffee Hour	528.93
4400	Sunday School Offering	7.00
4500	Donations	4,281.00
4700	Vacation Bible School	231.46
4800	St. Olaf Reimbursements	\$ 13,486.44
4900	Miscellaneous Income	<u>3,399.95</u>
Total Income		\$ 88,998.45
Expense		
5000	Benevolences	\$ 9,274.16
6000	Service & Ministries	\$ 9,195.08
6020	Office Expenses	\$ 4,719.19
6200	Programs	\$ 414.28
6400	Auto	\$21,110.95
6500	Church & Parsonage	\$31,503.78
6800	Church Staff	\$30,558.22
8000	Payroll Expenses	<u>\$ 2,145.29</u>
Total Expenses		\$104,282.38
Net Income:		—\$15,283.93



We pray for healing and comfort for:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Amayah | Quannah Bailey |
| Chris Berg | Joshua Brown |
| Cliff Christenot | Millie Denter |
| John Fauerbach | Finnley Foster |
| Dick Gebhardt | Lil Gebhardt |
| Bev & Gary Jensen | Rita Laird |
| Penny MaCrae | Jennifer Mansfield |
| Kate McGuire | Carol Mattson |
| Sierra McDowell | Donna Nealy |
| Arletta Nicholson | Steve Oraw |
| Diane Roberts | John Shevlin |
| Dale Soper | Noel Walston |
| Annie Wickum | Marcia Wickum |
| Barbara (Melinda's Mother) | Jim (Melinda's Stepdad) |
| Eugene (Melinda's Dad) | Laura (Melinda's Sister) |

**We pray for the families and friends mourning the loss of:
*Ted Zorn***

Please let the church office know if your have prayer concerns to add or remove from this list

Below are the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting for you to look at.

Our Saviors Lutheran Annual Meeting

January 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 12:15p.m. with Dave Roberts leading us with prayer. Those present are noted on the sign-in sheet.

Minutes: The minutes from the 2024 meeting were read by Secretary Glenda Hanson. There being no changes or additions, Karla Kulpas moved to approve the minutes Matt Roberts seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff reviewed the financial statements. The CD at US Bank was moved to First Bank before the branch closed. The Altana CD was rolled into a checking account by Altana. Benevolence amounts were down. We are giving to Legacy House instead of Gift of Life since they allow any medical facility not just Benefis.

Insurance has gone up another \$2000 but there are no other options at this time. There is still work to do on the parsonage. Trina Thielman moved to approve the finance report Shirley Rudolph seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business: The Call Committee put together a new letter with photos which was sent to prospective pastors. They are considering an online employment service.

Maintenance Report: Carpet in the parsonage has been replaced and walls have painted. The ramp hall in the church has been painted also.

Church Directory: The directory took longer than expected but is done and looks good. Thank you to Dianne for all of her work on this.

LYO: Jenni and Derek have approximately 20-25 kids coming each LYO night. Thanks for all they do with the youth.

VBS: Thanks to Julane and her helpers for all the work they do for VBS.

Paula Childers moved to approve all of the reports. Deanna Standiford seconded and the motion passed.

New Business: The budget was reviewed Julane Jensen moved to approve and Paula seconded the motion passed.

Chris and Jeff are looking for a scrubber for the Fellowship Hall floor.

Parsonage basement floor – The concrete is still crumbling. An option is to put in a sub-floor that would provide air flow between the concrete and carpet. The current carpet can be re-used.

The office computer went down, most everything was recovered but the Revelations software. The software needs updating and we're looking at options.

If you have ideas for the quarterly benevolence talk to a council member. The national gathering is October 5-8th.

Elections: The slate of nominations are Dianne Clark, Shirley Rudolph, and Deanna Standiford. Bob Mattson moved to approve the slate of nominations and Judy Wickum seconded and the motion passed.

LYO will do an Easter brunch after church Easter Sunday.

Sunday School: Diane Roberts is working to get a team to rotate Sundays.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer. Thanks to all of the outgoing Council Members; Marcia Wickum, Gerry Kulpas, Jim Vinson and Matt Roberts.

Glenda Hanson, Secretary

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Council

December 8, 2025

Present: Glenda Hanson, Shirley Rudolph, Diane Roberts, Dianne Clark, Kent Matkin, Logan Anderson, Jeff Mattson, Deanna Standiford and Chris Mattson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m. with Glenda reading devotions.

Minutes: The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed Logan moved to approved the minutes with corrections of Mandy Sanders' name and Pastor Waag's. Kent seconded and the ayes have it.

Treasurer's Report: The finance report was reviewed. Jeff reported that insurance quotes he was waiting for have not come in yet. LCMC has been paid, we pay \$1700 a year to the national organization. With no questions Shirley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Deanna seconded it and the ayes have it.

Old Business

Food Bank – everything was collected for the Christmas baskets. The food bank is doing well right now as the school just did a Cat/Griz food drive.

The Christmas Program will be December 21st during church. After church grilled cheese sandwiches and soup will be served.

Project 686: There is a family in the Ruyard area, a father getting his 2 young kids and needs beds and other items. Logan told Pastor Chad to keep track of costs and we (OSLC) can help with that.

Wednesday School kids will go caroling on the 17th to the nursing home and assisted living.

New Business

The Call Committee has 2 new candidate applications.

The council member list was looked at to see who goes off this year to see how many positions to fill. This year Logan, Glenda and Melissa Sullivan's terms are done. Logan and Glenda have agreed to stay on council; we just need to fill Melissa's spot.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Glenda Hanson, Secretary



St. Olaf & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches February 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1		3 No Quilting	4 3:00 Wed School	5	6	7
8 8:15 SO Worship w/comunion 10:30 OSL Worship w/comunion 11:30 Fellowship	9 7:00 Church Council	10 9:30 Quilting	11 3:00 Wed School	12 7:00 AA	13	14
15 8:15 SO Worship 10:30 OSL Worship 11:30 Fellowship	16	17 NO Quilting	18 3:00 Wed School 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	19 7:00 AA	20	21
22 8:15 SO Worship 10:30 OSL Worship 11:30 OSL Fellowship	23	24 NO Quilting	25 NO Wed School	26 7:00 AA	27	28

Our Savior's Sunday Helpers - January 2026

	Ushers	Scripture Readers	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild	Flowers	Coffee Hour
1/4	Kulpas	Karla Kulpas	<i>Need 2</i>	Judy Wickum (White)	WOW	Diane Roberts Stephanie Smith
1/11	Vinsons	Barb Vinson	NO Communion	Judy Wickum (White)	Bob & Carol Mattson	Shirley Rudolph
1/18	Deanna Standiford	Shirley Rudolph	NO Communion	Judy Wickum (Green)	Bob & Carol Mattson	<i>Need 2</i>
1/25	<i>Need 2</i>	Ashley Matkin	NO Communion	Judy Wickum (Green)	Bob & Carol Mattson	Annual Mtg Lunch

Our Savior's Sunday Helpers - February 2026

	Ushers	Scripture Readers	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild	Flowers	Coffee Hour
2/1	<i>Need 2</i>	<i>Need 1</i>	<i>Need 2</i>	<i>Need 2</i> (Green)	Shirley Rudolph	Diane Roberts
2/8	<i>Need 2</i>	<i>Need 1</i>	NO Communion	<i>Need 2</i> (Green)	Shirley Rudolph	Shirley Rudolph
2/15	<i>Need 2</i>	Shirley Rudolph	NO Communion	<i>Need 2</i> (White)	Shirley Rudolph	<i>Need 2</i>
2/18 ASH WED	<i>Need 2</i>	<i>Need 1</i>	<i>Need 2</i>	<i>Need 2</i> (Purple)	NO FLOWERS	<i>No Fellowship</i>
2/22	<i>Need 2</i>	<i>Need 1</i>	No Communion	<i>Need 2</i> (Purple)	NO FLOWERS	<i>Need 2</i>