

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## DIRECTORY FOR 2022

**PASTOR:** Dan Beattie  
**OFFICE MANAGER:** Pam Steckler  
**CUSTODIANS:** Brad & Kylie Stroehrer  
**WORSHIP & MUSIC COORDINATOR:** Mary Jo Burger  
**OFFICE ASSISTANT:** Krystal Albertsen  
**DIRECTOR OF PRAISE BAND:** Jo Beane  
**THE ROCK YOUTH LEADERS:** Nate Vorm, Dan Bierbrodt, Jacob Sauers  
**CHOIR DIRECTORS:**

Sr. Choir — Gary Keller; Accompanist - Melissa Hill

**ORGANISTS/PIANISTS** — Barb Smith, Diane Kleckner, Melissa Hill

**CHURCH COUNCIL** — Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month

President — Nate Vorm

Vice-President — Aaron Jorgensen

Secretary — Janell Lowe

Treasurer — Tammy Sauers

Council members — Allie Brooks, Janet Collins, Rod Hansen, Tim Andersen, Elayne Sinow  
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### COMMITTEES

**Building & Property:**

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Arch Andersen

Janet Collins (Council Rep.)

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Bob Sornson

Dan Schmidt

**Education:**

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**Evangelism:**

Allie Brooks (Council Rep.)

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Janell Lowe (Council Rep.)

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Elayne Sinow (Council Rep.)

**Stewardship:**

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Lee Nielsen

Frank Olsen

Tammy Sauers (Council Rep.)

**Worship:**

Judy Baker

Raydene Mathisen

Danielle Derry

Aaron Jorgensen (Council Rep.)

Mary Jo Burger (Worship & Music Coordinator)

Curtis Derry

Linda Keller

**Altar Guild Committee Co-Chairs:**

Mary Jo Burger

*Co-Chair needed*

**Koinonia:**

Aaron Jorgensen (Council rep.)

Chip Hansen

Joe Elmquist

**Mission Ministry Team:**

Tim Andersen

Jolene Burns

Barb Christensen

Curtis Derry

Danielle Derry

Dan Madsen

Lee Nielsen

Norma Nielsen

Nancy Sand

Dan Smith

<b>Caring &amp; Sharing:</b>	<b>Judy Baker</b> <b>Lela Gleason</b>	<b>Ardell Kelly</b>
<b>Mutual Ministry:</b>	<b>Marlene Englin</b> <b>Jenny Smith</b> <b>Steve Stetzel</b>	<b>Dan Madsen</b> <b>Steve Mathisen</b>
<b>Nominating Committee:</b>	<b>Outgoing Council Members:</b> <b>Members at large:</b>	<b>Megan Kelly, Kyle Kjergaard</b> <b>Dan Bierbrodt, Steve Mathisen,</b> <b>Jolene Burns, Lee Nielsen</b>
<b>Photography Team:</b>	<b>Alice Hemmingsen</b>	<b>Traci Irlmeier</b>
<b>Safety Committee:</b>	<b>Megan Kjergaard</b>	<b>Tyler Thygesen</b>
<b>Scholarship:</b>	<b>Lisa Frederiksen</b> <b>Lyle Hansen, Jr.</b>	<b>Shannon Nelsen</b>
<b>Finance Committee:</b>	<b>Karen Nelsen</b> <b>Frank Olsen</b>	<b>Jim Tinker</b>
<b>Wellness Committee:</b>	<b>Barb Jacobsen</b> <b>Shellie Madsen</b>	<b>Lee Nielsen</b>
<b>Women of Faith Officers:</b>	<b>Co-Chairs: Jolene Burns, Janell Lowe</b> <b>Treasurer: Sandy Parsons</b> <b>Co-Secretaries: Carol Albertsen, Mary Kay Lewis</b> <b>Mission Action: Janice Andersen &amp; Donis Hansen</b>	

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF PASTOR DAN BEATTIE

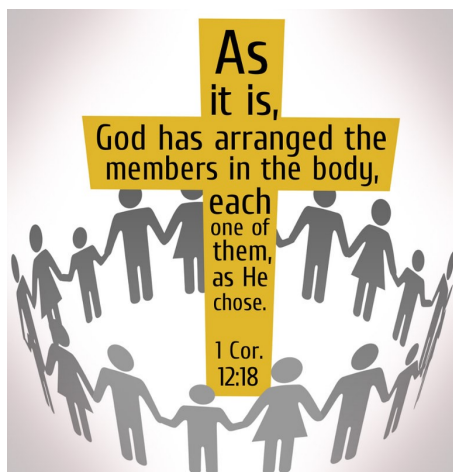
One of my favorite parts of the Bible is in Apostle Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth. In Chapter 12 of 1st Corinthians, he tells Christian people how to properly understand the community of Jesus Believers and how each individual is to understand their relationship to the faith community. He says that the church, the community of Jesus Believers is a body. And just as a human body is one body, but has many (members) parts, so the Body of Believers is one body with many parts. This is a great analogy for helping us to understand where I see our congregation at the end of 2022.

If we think of OSLC as a body using Apostle Paul's Scriptural image of likening it to a human body then what follows is a timeline sketch of recent history. Since our goal is to have a healthy, functional, missional church body, we'll call it a medical history to take full advantage of Paul's imagery. In February 2020 OSLC like many other churches was put into a medically induced coma and life support systems engaged. In June of 2020 the patient/church was revived from the coma but remained hospitalized for the remainder of the year and well into 2021. During this time, the congregation/patient began resuming some normal activities with significant restrictions. Around Holy Week of 2021 the OSLC Body was released from the hospital and encouraged to resume all normal activities as tolerated (to use medical language) and physical therapy was prescribed since the body had been significantly weakened by the lengthy recovery process. The end of 2021 saw us celebrating Christmas in ways we were accustomed. We had completed physical therapy and ready to get on with our new life of recovery.

This brings us to 2022. This past year has been a year of strengthening the body – a year of getting back into shape. It has been a year of finally beginning to feel healthy (normal) again with an ongoing growth in that direction. Highlights for me have been: Six weddings. An enthusiastic response and attendance at a dramatic, theatrical, Good Friday worship followed by our second Easter Sunrise service. A confirmation class of 6 young people who wanted to include a seventh (a seventy something gentleman also wanting to make profession of faith that day). And this year a confirmation group of students totaling 16. Our VBS out pacing the previous year numerically and enthusiastically (likewise for Operation Christmas Child). Our first Motorcycle Sunday Funday wherein OSLC made connection with a new to us ministry - Beacon of Hope Men's Shelter in Fort Dodge. We had 15 motorcycles and one Jeep and twenty something participants with many folks joining in to collect and send much needed personal hygiene items. And to top it all off, this fall there have been a slew of baptisms.

In total, OSLC has baptized 21 people this year. Five of those were adults, one was a confirmation student, and the rest were little ones. This brings me back to where we started with 1 Corinthians 12. There is a key verse in chapter 12 that gives us keen insight into the way God works in and with a Church Body. According to verse 18, you can know/see/recognize that God is up to something, that he is working, that he is doing something, that he has an agenda afoot WHEN you see people (members/parts) being added to the Body. "GOD *arranges* the parts of the Body, just as he wants them to be (1 Cor 12:18)." In addition to the five adults being baptized, we have had twelve additional people added to the church by profession of faith. God, what are you doing? What are you up to? How do you want us to join into and participate in what YOU are doing? These are the right questions to ask every time one person is added to the body, and even more so when it keeps happening. Please join me in asking these critically important questions and seeking His answers in 2023. If we can clearly identify and articulate what God is doing in our midst and how he wants us to participate in His endeavors during this coming year; then, I believe we will be in a place to say at the end of 2023 - the patient (this Body of Jesus Believers) has become healthy, functional, and missional.

PEACE – Pastor Dan.



## OSLC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As 2022 comes to a close, I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as the council president at OSLC. This position has allowed me to see how valuable all of you are to our church. I would like to thank all of our staff for the effort you give to care for our members, community, and facilities. I have seen you care for individuals in times of need and celebration. This year we also welcome back the Stroehers as the custodians.

I have also seen how our many volunteers give their time and energy to our many committees, council, missions, and all aspects of ministry within the church and community. It is exciting to see how God uses these people working together with the staff to spread his word.

This year has seen some new ministry opportunities such as woman's Saturday morning bible study, a bimonthly Monday adult bible study, and the motorcycle ride and visit to homeless shelter. There was also an opportunity for some of our members to serve in South Africa. It is my sincere hope to see continued growth at OSLC in the future.

Sincerely,  
Nate Vorm  
Council President



## PRAYER MINISTRY

Peter wrote in his 2nd letter (4:7). The end of all things is near. Therefore, be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray!!!

Our prayer ministry goal - "being devoted to prayer" (Acts 2:42).

What does, being devoted to prayer, look like?

Here is one image: God's people are gathered in worship. God touches souls – often very deeply. God stirs souls during worship. After worship, this stirring is addressed, and spiritual power is released. God's people in need of prayer gather in a set aside place with set aside people. The concerns on their hearts are expressed to our loving Father. Wholeness, fullness, peacefulness is experienced and even healings happen.

When we don't know how to pray or what to pray, even a grunt or a sigh directed to the Lord will be taken up by The Holy Spirit who himself intercedes for us with The Father (Romans 8).

We have several small group Bible Study and fellowship opportunities at OSLC – Saturday and Tuesday mornings, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings. Small groups are great places to experience the power, nurture, and peace that comes to us from God in times of prayer.

The prayer principle in God's Word is very straight forward and not complicated. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you (James 4:8)."

## MISSION MINISTRY REPORT

Mission: What images does that word inspire? If you think in military terms, you think of operations, a mission objective. If you live in the South-West or are a history buff or like to watch old Westerns you think of a religious outpost manned by priests and nuns. If you are a movie buff, you may think of the Mission Impossible films, or the original TV series, or even The Blues Brothers, “on a mission from God.” Or you may think of a church sending people to far away places on a ‘mission trip.’

All of these images are helpful in shaping our thinking about mission ministry. You see, God teaches us in the Bible that every Jesus Believer is a missionary. And ministry is just another word for ‘service.’ Every disciple of Jesus is a missionary called to participate in ministry, in serving our Master:

He gives us **Mission Objectives**- for example, training our young people to walk in the way of Jesus, collecting and distributing needful items (blankets, food, eyeglasses cases, hygiene kits).

He shapes his people to be a **spiritual outpost** in the wild west. An even better image than ‘outpost’ would be an OASIS. An oasis is situated in a dry, dessert land. An oasis means life, refreshment. OSLC is created and called by God to be an oasis of the Kingdom of God in a dry and thirsty world. Jesus says, “come to me and drink, and streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me (John 7:37-38).” The life of Jesus in his people and the life of Jesus among his people brings hope and healing to broken people. Living water is meant to be shared by the church of Jesus Christ. Outside the church, outside the oasis is the dessert. And in the world, the dessert, there are mirages. Outside of Jesus we all are drawn to mirages that are full of nothing – empty promises of life leaving us stuffing our mouths with sand instead of life-giving water.

We are on a **mission from God**; 1) God is active. God saves us. The good news – the Kingdom of God has come in Jesus – is movement, a good news move – hope and healing in Jesus. 2) There is a distinct oasis community – a set of relationships – a way of life – an ever outward movement of generosity – fullness – peace – life. 3) An oasis is open on all sides. It is the opposite of a fortress. We do two things, we invite people into the oasis to drink and we carry water out to those who are thirsty 4) There is an enemy, there is also a dessert, there are mirages.

Everywhere we go is a **mission trip**, even an errand to the bank or post office.

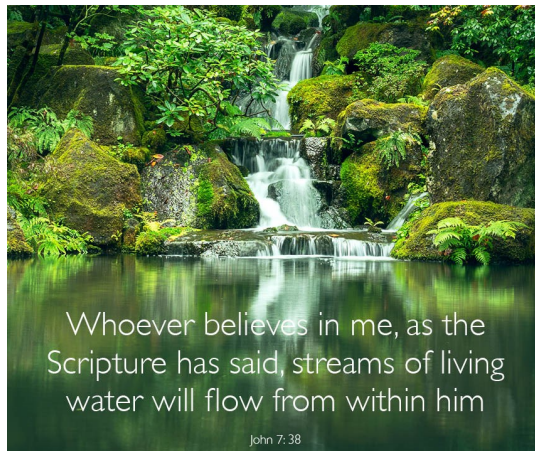
Our prayers for 2023 – What next Lord? What are you up to Lord? How do you want us to participate in what you are doing? Shape us into an oasis. Show us how to partner in this oasis development.

We also want to help other ministries and organizations build an oasis in their dessert lands, especially those close to home, close to our oasis – Caring and Sharing, Quilting Ministry, Friendship Home and Children’s Nest, Exira Care Center, Adopt a Family, Audubon County Jail and Audubon Fire Department, Beacon of Hope Shelter in Fort Dodge, Hope Ministries in Des Moines, Okoboji Bible Camp. Heartland District/Church Planting Task Force working in Lincoln NE, Surprise Church in North Dakota, Blessman Ministries International, Operation Christmas Child, Awakening Lives to World Mission, Faith Comes by Hearing, GoServe Global. Notice how these ministry partners start nearby and then move outward like expanding ripples on a still pond. This is Biblical. Jesus told the first disciples they would be expanding ripples as well, starting in Jerusalem, then Judea, then Samaria, then the ends of the world- Acts 1.

It is so joyful to be part of God’s people where generosity prevails, where an oasis is established, where life giving water is so abundant it flows in streams out into the surrounding desserts.

One last thing to keep on our Radar: Where should we send our next missionary team? One of the Ministries listed above? There are many from which to choose. Maybe it could be something entirely new. If we seek the Lord, he will make it clear.

God Bless your missionary lives.  
Pastor Dan Beattie



Whoever believes in me, as the  
Scripture has said, streams of living  
water will flow from within him

John 7:38

## **KOINONIA**

The sharing of monetary gifts brings hope, joy and peace to those who are in troublesome times. We thank God that we have been able to extend help to many who are experiencing a crisis and are in need of funds to receive this help throughout the years. We also extend our thanks to everyone who contributes to this fund. The Koinonia Fund is supported by donations, and is not a budgeted item. If you would like to donate, please stop at the church office and visit with Pam.

Committee: Joe Elmquist, Chip Hansen, Aaron Jorgensen (Council rep.)

### **2022 KOINONIA REPORT**

January 1, 2022 Beginning Balance.....	\$958.65
2022 Requests for funds.....	\$0.00
2022 Interest/Donations.....	\$.10
December 31, 2022 Balance.....	\$958.75

### **OSLC ALTAR GUILD**

We really appreciate the many years of dedicated service that Janice Hemmingsen has volunteered as Chair of the Altar Guild and wish her the very best!

It is the responsibility of the Altar Guild to set up and take down the communion services on Sundays and special services. They are also responsible to see that the altar flowers go to the people who signed up to sponsor them and that the liners are returned to the flower shop. We also help set up for baptisms. It is great to be able to share the responsibilities of this wonderful ministry.

Thank you to everyone who serves on the Altar Guild. It is a very important part of the worship presentation. If anyone would like to serve, please give me a call. With Janice stepping down this year, I am looking for someone willing to be a co-chair or be on the schedule in the coming year. I want to thank all of you for all your help throughout the year! May our ministry continue to grow.

Mary Jo Burger  
Altar Guild Chair

### **THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

The Building and Property Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

#### Highlights of 2022

1. Soundproofing of downstairs social room.
2. New LED lighting in downstairs social room, new stage LED lights.
3. Downstairs social room floor stripped and waxed.
4. Installation of water softener.
5. Removal of bushes on south side of church.
6. Metal window well guard installed.

We welcome members to join the Building and Property Committee. Help keep the Lord's House in great condition. Please contact committee with any concerns of building upkeep.

Committee members are:

Bob Sornson, Arch Andersen, Kurt Nelson, Dan Schmidt, Curtis Derry, Bruce Andersen, Janet Collins (Council Rep.), Rod Hansen (Council Rep.)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee's highlights and challenges in 2022:

Our Sunday School curriculum in 2022 has changed to the Brite Curriculum which was created by Awanas. Our Confirmation students are also working through a new interactive curriculum with Pastor Dan called Head to the Heart.

Pastor Dan taught five weeks of Holy Communion classes for the 5th grade beginning February 20th-March 20th and their First Communion was April 3rd. The 6th graders received acolyte instructions that started on March 13th and they began their acolyting duties in May.

It was so great to be able to get to go to the Friendship Home again to sing to the residents during Palm Sunday.

Vacation Bible School this year was from Monday, July 18th- 21st for 3 year olds- 4th grade with the theme Monumental. We purchased all the supplies and decorations this year. Bible school was held in the evening from 5:00-8:00 p.m. We had daily lessons, music, and activities that reminded us to Celebrate God's greatness. The week ended with a program and slideshow for families to see what we had been doing all week. We again invited community members to attend and had another very successful and well run VBS with about 152 kids, helpers, and adults.

Rally Sunday this year was September 11th. We presented Pre-K students with their beginner bibles and third graders were presented their NIV bibles. We have worked with the Women of Faith to provide snacks for the Sunday School students.

Sunday School offering is supporting a good cause, helping our Compassion International children, and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ! We continue to sponsor two children from Tanzania through Compassion International ministry - a girl, Grace, and a boy, Ibrahimu. We have sent letters to these children and are supporting them financially every month. We also have given monetary birthday and Christmas family gifts. They have written us back and drawn us pictures many times! It is our goal to keep the OSLC congregation informed and these children visible to them as well. This year we were able to adopt a family within our community from the Sunday School classes with their offering money. Council matched our offering up to \$400. Thank you for your continued support of donations of Sunday School offering.

The annual Sunday School Christmas program was December 18th. It is always so wonderful to see our Sunday School kids show us their musical talent and share the birth of Jesus through acting. We gave ornaments to the kids following the program. We took a two week Christmas break and resumed classes on January 8th, 2023.

We continue to sponsor 1-2 Family Nights a year. This year we offered Halloween pumpkin painting. The children come together for games, fun, snacks and fellowship. It has been wonderful for the kids to enjoy fellowship with all age groups of children, youth & adults. We are having discussions on how to grow our family ministry within our church.

The Rock Youth Ministry (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) continues with Junior High meeting the first or second Sunday of the month for supper/games/devotions (they enjoy supper with the High School students), and High School meeting on Sundays evenings. The Rock took the summer months off and resumed in the fall. The Rock attended Winter Jam in January and attended Ignite Youth Conference in March. Youth group is a time for the students to get together to play games, talk about challenges they are facing, and learn about how to keep God in their lives. This fall, several students started discussion and Fellowship of Christian Wheelers was started for High School students. They meet every Monday morning at school for devotion and prayer and they meet twice a month at the Rec. Center. This is bringing youth from many different churches together to grow in faith and have fellowship together. Local churches also joined together and had a first annual Reggie's Sleep Out in October, camping at the Wheeler stadium, and bringing awareness to the youth homeless problem in Iowa. We look forward to growing our youth program in 2023!



Plans for 2023 and upcoming challenges facing the Education Committee are:

- ~Inconsistent attendance (attendance is very inconsistent in several classes, so we are trying to do our best to combine classes/teachers but keep the curriculum still age based).
- ~Keep the Compassion Child ministry going and growing with SS offering.
- ~Holy Communion instruction for 5th grade offered in the Spring of 2023.
- ~6th grade acolyte instruction in the Spring of 2023.
- ~Prepare for VBS.
- ~Recruit SS teachers, VBS leaders, and new members for the Education Committee.
- ~Family Fun Night (coming up with new ideas to help get families active).

The Education Committee gained one new member this year. If you are interested in working in any way with the youth of OSLC, please talk to a committee member. We would like to offer our appreciation to our teachers, parent volunteers, and music leaders. The many activities of the Sunday School students would not be possible without the outstanding support of our volunteers. Thanks to a Memorial gift, we added a new tv for our Jr. High Classroom. We look forward to working with the youth of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and to a rewarding 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Bierbrodt - Danielle Derry - Megan Kjergaard - Pam Steckler - Heather Toft - Sara Vorm - Tim Andersen (Council Representative)

### **OSLC WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

First off thank you to everyone who has helped in anyway with matters of the Worship Committee. It takes many hands to keep worship moving as smoothly as possible right now.

The Worship Committee joins in coordinating many activities and services at OSLC by working with the Pastor, church council, Altar Guild, ushers, choirs, Praise Band, organists/pianists, projection system/sound/video & live stream operators and children message volunteers. We assist with all regular and special services at our church, The Friendship Home and the Exira Care Center. Our thanks go to those who are always willing to serve the Lord by participating in or by overseeing these many areas of worship.

We are still live streaming our services for those who are unable to physically attend services and for those who visit from afar.

We have resumed most of our activities in the community and these are the ones we conducted in 2022:

Nursing Home Vesper and Communion Services, First Communion Sunday, Wednesday Lenten Services with meals being served, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Services along with Easter breakfast, Confirmation Sunday, Senior Recognition, Praise in the Park along with a Sunday Funday motorcycle mission ride to Ft. Dodge, Rally Sunday, Backpack Blessing, Quilting ministry, All Saints' Sunday, Reformation Sunday, Staff Appreciation, Fall and Advent decorating, Wednesday Advent Services with meals prior and annual Ecumenical Music Service and Christmas Eve and Day services.

We have always enjoyed all forms of music at Our Saviour's and we are grateful to the directors, accompanists, musicians and singer/players who share their musical gifts throughout the year. "Behind The Cross" Praise Band leads worship the fourth Sunday of the month (Aug.-May), provides AHS Baccalaureate music in May and plays occasionally at area churches. The Praise Band currently consists of 10 youth under the direction of Jo Beane along with Gary Keller "the sound man" and is enjoyed by everyone in our church and in the community. The Senior Choir directed by Gary Keller and accompanist Melissa Hill started back up in September and have been singing the first and third Sundays during worship and for special services. Kids Choir will be starting back up soon!

Our Saviour's is blessed with many faithful volunteers who commit to carrying out the work of the Lord! Raydene Mathisen, Danielle & Curtis Derry, Judy Baker, Linda Keller, Sharon Frederiksen, Ashley Irlbeck, Aaron Jorgensen – council Rep and Mary Jo Burger, committee leader



## **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

**Ephesians 4:11-12 “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up”.**

The Evangelism Committee has continued their work of reaching out to members of OSLC in various ways this past year.

Our regular Evangelism opportunities include:

- Confirmation reception
- Graduation reception
- New Member reception
- Baptismal crosses are presented to the newly baptized.
- Update the Cradle Roll, that hangs in the entry way. This project is managed by Joyce Taggart.
- Honor Mothers on Mother’s Day with a gift. This includes Moms that are in the Friendship Home or shut-ins.
- Honor Fathers on Father’s Day with a gift. This also includes the Dads in the Friendship Home or shut-ins.
- Hand out treats or small gifts for the various holidays to the Sunday School students.
- Hand out goodie sacks to all the children at the Christmas Eve Service.
- Line up greeters for the extra Worship Services throughout the year.
- Update the Military board honoring our Military men and women serving our country.
- Newspaper ads are placed in the local newspaper announcing Holy Week, Easter, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.
- The lawn banner announcing various Church functions. Which include Vacation Bible School, Rally Sunday or “Jesus Lives” for Easter.

Members: Joan Mortensen, Elayne Sinow, Janell Lowe,  
Sharolyn Fett, Alice Hemmingsen and Allie Brooks (Council Rep.)

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The stewardship committee of Tammy Sauers, Frank Olsen, Lee Nielsen, and Dan Madsen met several times throughout the year to plan and carry out the various activities the committee is responsible for throughout the year.

The committee helped plan and host the Praise in the Park service and pot luck on the fourth Sunday of August. We presented a temple talk on Stewardship Sunday, formally known as Consecration Sunday, on October 23. We also prepared and served the meal for the first Wednesday evening Advent service and passed fresh fruit out after church services in December to promote wellness.

Wrapping the year up, we worked to plan a budget to present to council for consideration for 2023. We also took a look at our current benevolence recipients and made recommendations to change some of the recipients that we as a church are no longer as involved with. We want to support missions that current members are involved with and support to help promote the mission based focus we share at OSLC. Many of these groups are more locally based than they have been in the past, which would echo the sentiment we received talking to members after the Stewardship Sunday service. The committee is currently lower on members than we have been in the past, so if anyone would like to be a part of this committee please reach out to one of us. Also, if you have a mission weighing on your heart as we move into 2023, contact a member of the stewardship committee or church council to help make it a reality in the upcoming year!

Thank you for your continued stewardship of time, talents, and treasures for God’s Kingdom!

Tammy, Frank, Lee, and Dan

## 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President - Nate Vorm  
Vice President - Lee Nielsen  
Secretary - Janell Lowe  
Treasurer - Tammy Sauers

### Council Members

Rod Hansen-(serving first year of two year term)  
Allie Brooks-(serving first year of two year term)  
Barb Jacobsen-(serving first year of two year term)  
Terrill Burger-(serving first year of two year term)  
Tim Andersen-(serving second year of two year term)  
Elayne Sinow-(serving second year of two year term)

Nominating Committee Members for 2023 are:

Outgoing council member - Janet Collins

Members at large - Norma Nielsen, Randy Nelsen, Suzanne Derry, Traci Irlmeier, Dan Madsen

LCMC Annual Gathering, St. Charles, MO. October 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> (2 delegates)

Heartland District Conference - Barb Jacobsen

Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp Annual Meeting - LaDona Jergenson



## OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH

### **Officers for 2022:**

Co-leaders: Jolene Burns and Janell Lowe

Co-secretaries: Carol Albertsen and Mary Kay Lewis

Treasure: Sandy Parsons

Mission Action: Donis Hansen and Janice Andersen

### **Committees:**

Caring and Sharing: Judy Baker, Norma Nielsen, Lela Gleason, Ardell Kelly, Danielle Derry

Meals on Wheels: Shellie Madsen and Judy Baker

A meeting of the officers and co-chairs was held on March 10, 2022 in the church fellowship hall. The meeting was opened with devotions and prayers followed by a light meal of beef burgers and sides. Pastor Dan thanked us for the important mission of serving funerals. We discussed beginning to serve supper to the youth group once a month. We will continue to use the greeters list.

Lenten supper of casseroles and salads was served on April 6th.

The Bakeless Bakesale was held again this year in May and was a great success with proceeds of \$3,682.00 received.

A meeting of the officers, co-chairs and committee members was held on August 31, 2022 at the home of Jolene Burns with refreshments and a light meal served. Sunday morning coffee will now be served upstairs with a tray for the kids to be served in the fellowship hall. A discussion was held on a youth homeless event.

October 22 Reggie's Sleepout was held at the Wheeler stadium with Women of Faith providing s'mores and helping serve the evening meal.

Women of Faith served Advent supper of casseroles and salads on December 7.

Our balance prior to paying benevolences was \$6,774.00.

The following are the benevolences that were distributed:

Okoboji Camp Ministries: \$200. Caring and Sharing: \$500. Hope Ministries: \$500

Operation Christmas Child: \$400. New Opportunities: \$300.

Lutheran World Relief: \$200. OSLC Scholarship: \$400. Oaks Indian Mission: \$200

Good Neighbor Center: \$300. Prison Storybook Project: \$200

Family Crisis Center: \$300. OSLC vacation Bible school: \$300

Life Care Pregnancy Center: \$400 Audubon Co. Foster Closet: \$300

Exira Care Center: \$100. Friendship Home: \$100.

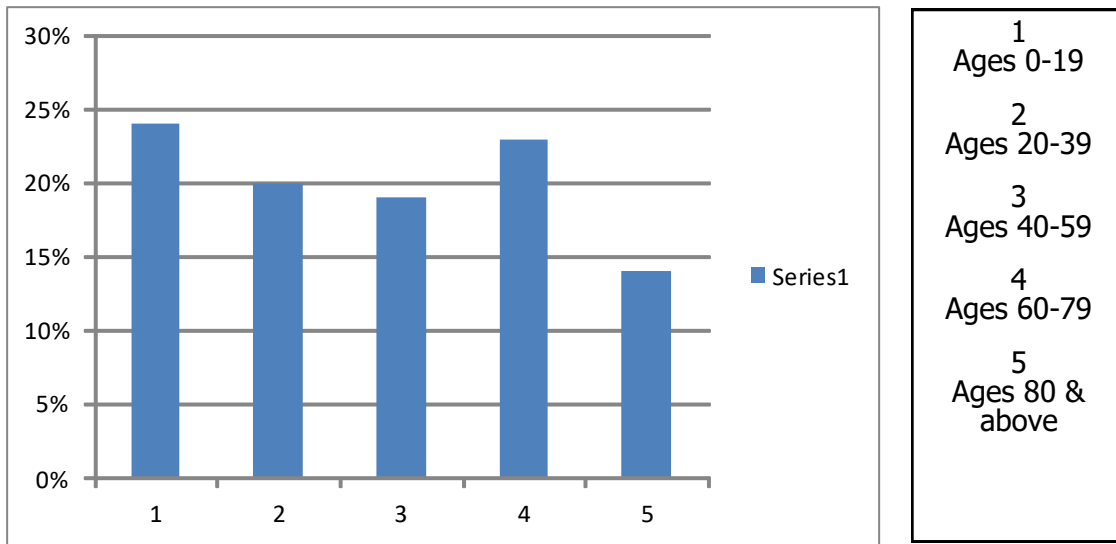
OSLC Staff Christmas gifts: \$325.00

Thank you to all Women of Faith for your continued generous serving our Lord from your hearts.

1 Peter 4:10. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.



**STATISTICAL REPORT**  
**A DECEMBER, 2021 DEMOGRAPHIC OF OSLC**  
**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP TOTALING 598 BAPTIZED MEMBERS**



	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Average Weekly Worship Attendance	231	223	216	220	213	200	96	118	139
Baptisms	11	10	12	8	13	14	7	2	21
Marriages	4	3	3	1	7	4	1	3	6
Confirmations	7	5	7	9	8	8	11	4	6
Funerals	12	15	25	20	23	16	15	10	17
New Members	3	29	3	16	27	10	13	0	2
Baptized Active Membership	603	623	632	631	632	636	605	598	591

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2022, 11:25 am**

**Devotions and Opening Prayer** – Pastor Dan Beattie

**Approval of Agenda (Any Additions or Corrections)**

Motion to Approve: Nate Vorm 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim Andersen Motion Carried.

**Pastor Annual Report** - Read his annual report from booklet and gave thanks to staff and council for work throughout the year.

**Approval of January 24, 2021 Annual Minutes and 2021 Committee Annual Reports**

Motion to Approve: Arch Andersen 2<sup>nd</sup>: Betsy Smith Motion Carried.

**Report of Financial Review Committee and Approval of their Report**

**Elections:**

President Kyle Kjergaard read the 2022 Nominated Candidates as follows and requested any other nominations from the floor:

Report of Nominating Committee:

Congregation Officers (1 year terms) President: Nate Vorm, Vice President: Aaron Jorgensen,

Secretary: Janell Lowe, Treasurer: Tammy Sauers,

Council Members at Large (Terms as indicated on Ballot)

2022 Nominating Committee (Six voting members of the congregation, two of which are to be outgoing Council Members)

Okoboji Bible Camp Annual Meeting, Okoboji, IA (1 or 2 delegates)

LCMC Heartland District Meeting (1 or 2 delegates)

LCMC Annual Gathering, October 2-5, 2022, Lakeville, MN (2 delegates)

Motion to approve as read and that all other nominations cease: Raydene Mathisen 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wes Thygesen Motions carried.

**Old Business: - None**

**New Business: - None**

**Recommendation of 2022 Budget by Stewardship Committee**

**Report of Election Tellers – None**

**Announcements:**

President's Comments

Installation of all 2022 Council Members and Officers will take place on Sunday, January 30, 2022 during church service.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Dan Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marlene Englin Motion Carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA  
JANUARY 22, 2023**

1. Devotions and Opening Prayer – Pastor Dan Beattie
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Pastor Annual Report
4. Approval of January 23, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes and 2022 Committee Annual Reports
5. Report of Financial Review Committee and Approval of their Report
6. Elections:
  - A. Report of Nominating Committee
    1. Congregation Officers (1 year terms: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer)
    2. Council Members at Large (Terms as indicated on Ballot)
    3. 2023 Nominating Committee (Six voting members of the congregation, two of which are to be outgoing Church Council Members)
  - B. Okoboji Bible Camp Annual Meeting, Okoboji, IA (1 or 2 delegates)
  - C. LCMC Heartland District Meeting (1 or 2 delegates)
  - D. LCMC Annual Gathering, October 1-4, 2023, St. Charles, MO (2 delegates)
7. Old Business
  - A.
  - B.
8. New Business
  - A.
  - B.
9. Recommendation of 2023 Budget by Stewardship Committee
10. Report of Election Tellers
11. Announcements
  - A. President's comments
  - B. Installation of all 2023 Council Members and Officers will take place on **Sunday, January 29, 2023**
12. The Lord's Prayer and Adjournment

