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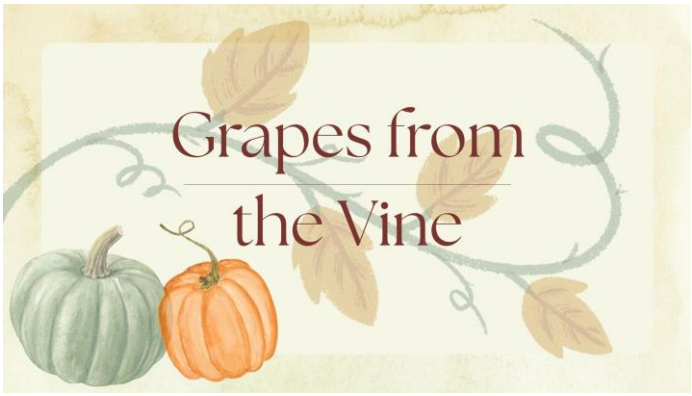

From the Pastor

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:35-36

Beloved,

As I write this letter, there is palpable anxiety in the air all over our country. There have been three "recessions" in my lifetime, the last one being in 2008 with the subprime mortgage crisis. Again, the government and the economy are a mess. It's affecting our everyday lives and the lives of those we love. I'm not trying to stir the pot or pick sides. But I want us to remember who we are and what our calling as Children of God is.

In the early church, believers gathered to worship God, remember the teachings of Christ, pray for the needs of the world, and share gifts of food and drink. They would take wine and bread, give thanks to God, and distribute these gifts to all. The surplus was given to those in need inside and outside their community of faith. Everyone was involved in the family meal.

On November 12th, from 5-7pm we'll invite our community to come "Together at the Table". Our community meal recalls the practices of the early church – welcoming all, feeding the hungry, creating a place of fellowship, hope, and light, in difficult times.

Do you know someone in need of help, OSLC and the Cleveland Community have assistance funds for aid with groceries, utilities, gas bills, etc. Contact me for info.

Peace be yours,
Pr. Liz

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Council 10:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday	3	4	**5** God Squad 6:00 p.m. with Family Worship	**6** Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	7	**8** Lefse Making 9:00 a.m. - noon
9 Worship 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m.	**10** Make & Pray 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	11	**12** Community Meal 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	**13** Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	14	15
16 Worship 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m.	17	18	**19** God Squad 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m	**20** Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	21	22
23 Worship 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Pie Social 10:00 a.m.	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28 Office Closed	29
30 Worship 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. First Sunday of Advent						

Our Savior's Lutheran Church—Council Minutes

October 5, 2025

Council members present: Pastor Liz, Tom Christensen, Terri Heimerman, Betty Consoer, Ginny Grabow, Jim Grabow. Jim provided a devotional.

Financial report: Brian Block presented the September financials:
The general fund received gifts of $15,202.74, versus last year of $9,313.00 giving us a difference of $5,889.74 The checkbook balance is $10,077.34. Year to date, the General Fund received gifts of $97,551.75 versus last year of $90,638.45, giving us a difference of $6,913.30. The financial report was approved on a motion by Terri, second by Betty/approved.

Old Business:

- **Sick-time issue** brought to our attention by Brian. We need to set up an account with the state. We are required to enroll all employees in this program. Brian will administer the program.
- **Pastor's Health Insurance**- She feels that the Portico Select Copay 2000 plan would best serve her needs. The cost of the plan for 2026 will be determined when the salary package is finalized. Ginny moved to provide the Copay 2000 plan, and Jim seconded/motion passed.
- **Parsonage roof**—Nothing new to report.
- **Large Parsonage Maple tree**—We have members who have volunteered to help clean up after the tree is down. We will hire a professional to take the huge tree down. Fall clean-up will be scheduled according to leaves down…probably between October 15 & 20.
- **Dean Heimerman**—Has fixed the self-propelled feature on the lawn mower donated by Kay Wendelschafer.
- **Pew cushions** have been cleaned by Terri Heimerman. Their appearance is remarkably better.

New Business:

- **Lefse making**-Either Nov 8 or 15 will be chosen. Date will be announced, along with a sign-up sheet.
- **Reformation Sunday**-Brunch Potluck October 26 after worship.
- **Trunk or treat**- the school activities coordinator is new and perhaps will not be as involved in this activity as Rich Kern was. We need to rethink this activity how best we can offer this for our community. The thought is to continue the trunk n treat portion and offer popcorn/snacks/hot cocoa inside.
- **Lunch for a buck**--we are signed up to serve soup & bread at Crossroads Campus ministry. January 20.
- **Giving Tree** November 16 we will receive the list of needs, gifts to be at the church by November 30th, gifts to the organization by December 6.
- **Thank you—Dean Heimerman**

Tom moved we adjourn seconded by Terri. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date November 2nd, 2025, after worship. Terri will offer devotions. We may require an additional budget meeting later in November.
Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Ginny Grabow, council secretary

Called to Let Our Light Shine!

OSLC News and Announcements

God Squad

The kids are loving the VBS format with a Bible story, music time, games and crafts, and a snack! We'll continue to have Family Worship (including Holy Communion) on the first Wednesday of the month.

November

5 – Family Worship & Queen Esther
19 – Naomi and Ruth

December

3 – Christmas Program Prep
10 – Christmas Program Prep
17 – Christmas Program Prep
20 - (Saturday) Program run-through
21 - (Sunday) Worship & Program at 9:00 a.m.

Together at the Table

Our Savior's will be serving a community meal on Wednesday, November 12 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. We will need people to bring food, help serve, and clean up. This is an opportunity for our church to respond to current food insecurity in our area and bring people together for fellowship.

It's Time to Order Poinsettias!

We hope you will consider assisting us to make our church home festive for the season, too. We were pleased with the supplier last year and need an order total by Sunday, December 7. The cost for each will be $20. The signup sheet is in the Narthex. You can drop your payment in the offering plate and note its purpose as "poinsettia." If you have any questions, please contact Deb Gehrke.

November Make & Pray

On Monday, November 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., we will gather to make table decorations for the upcoming Community Meal. Please join us for time of fellowship and stewardship!

Giving Tree 2025

We will receive the list of needed items on Sunday, November 16 for this year's Giving Tree. You have until Sunday, November 30 to bring your item(s) to the church so that they can be delivered on time. Thank you for your generosity!

Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Social

We will celebrate Thanksgiving with a special "Seasons of the Church" worship service on Sunday, Nov. 23 followed by a pie social! We give thanks for the last year, for our worshiping community, and for our fellowship with each other!

Choir for Christmas

Calling all Choir Members! To start preparing for Christmas Eve services, we will start choir practice on Wednesday, November 12 & 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead to Advent & Christmas

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30. Here are the important dates to save:

- Midweek Advent Services will be December 3, 10, 17 @ 6:30 p.m. using the *Holden Evening Prayer* Service
- December choir rehearsals will be Dec 3, 10, 17 at 7:00 p.m. after Advent services
- God Squad Christmas Program is Sunday, December 21 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Christmas Eve Services are December 24, 20225 at 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.

Part-Time Office Assistant

We will be posting an advertisement for a new Office Assistant to begin this December.

Birthdays Anniversaries

3rd Levi Wargelin, Lyla Wargelin
10th Sylvia Perron
18th Emily Baker
22nd Mike Miller, Kevin Mueller, Knox Seely
23rd Deb Gehrke
24th John Hultgren
25th Nathan Bateman, Wayne Quiram

Please contact oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com to request changes or prayers.

Preparing for Worship

11/2: All Saints - Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 23; John 11:17-27
11/9: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Psalm 17:1-9; Luke 20:27-38
11/16: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Psalm 98; Luke 21:5-19
11/23: Christ the King - Season of the Church
11/30: Advent 1 - Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Matthew 24:36-44

8th Jason & Mandy Stocker
28th Doug & Lael Starkweather

Prayer Concerns

Members: Charlotte Jacoby+, George Bauer+, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+ , Jean Seely+, Jayne Martin+, Dianne Hansen+, Doug Starkweather+ Joanna Starner, Tracy Strande

Non-Members: Cindy Wieland+, Holly Kallestad+, Deb Vieth+

Those in the military service
Active Military: Brendon Brown, Alex Garrison, Chris Glassel, Tyler Seitz, and Tyler Piotter.

We also pray for all veterans who have served in our nation's Armed Forces.

November 12th

5:00-7:00

Together at the table

NO COST

Menu: soup,sandwich,desserts, drinks

Let us come together to share the blessings God has given us and uplift our community. All are welcome to come enjoy food and fellowship!

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