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CrossTalk Newsletter

The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School is 'connecting families in Christ' by proclaiming the forgiveness of sin in the Gospel and the Sacraments.



May God's peace be yours this month of November! It's definitely the time in which our weather reminds us of all the different seasons we can experience in just one day, here in southern Minnesota. We have some flirtatious freezing winds that, for at least the southern states, would definitely be considered winter! As a downhill skiing fan, I do enjoy these months. We'll have to wait and see just how true the predictions are for 2027. But in the month of November, one of our key Sunday celebrations has already taken place, All Saint's Day.

For all the saints, from whom their labor rests, are remembered and honored for their life of faith and Christian influence. The Lord, our God, has made us for life together, and while we may not realize it in the present, every one of us has been brought to the place where God needs us to be. It is a blessing to have parents who love us, children who enrich our lives, spouses who share the ups and downs of life and extended family who may help continue family traditions. As we enter each stage in life, hopefully we see meaningful connections draw us closer as a family or as a community. Church was designed to operate in that very same way. We want to celebrate the highs and lows of life with you. From birth and Holy Baptism, to educational milestones like Confirmation, or family milestones like weddings; these are the joys in life. But we are also very much with you in times of loss, like funerals. The Church sings together and the Church mourns together. Yet whether in life or in death, Christ is magnified. And in Him our joy is made complete. May our life together in Christ give you hope, looking for the day when all our loved ones are gathered by the grace of God and the mercy of our Lord Jesus.

Christ's peace,

Pastor Gadbow

From the Health Ministry



Prostate Cancer Fact Sheet for Patients and Caregivers



Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer in men (other than skin cancer) and the second-leading cause of cancer death in men (after lung cancer) in the US.

Risk Factors

- **Age:** Men of any age can get prostate cancer, but the risk of having it is higher after age 50.
- **Race/ethnicity:** African American men and Caribbean men of African ancestry are more likely to get prostate cancer than men of other races.
- **Family history:** Having a father or brother who has had prostate cancer increases the risk of getting this disease. Risk is higher if your brother had prostate cancer than if your father had it. Having more than one close relative with prostate cancer raises the risk even more, especially if the relatives were young when the cancer was found.
- **Inheriting gene changes:** Certain gene changes (such as *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* genes) or having Lynch syndrome can increase a man's risk of getting prostate cancer.

Prevention

There is no sure way to prevent prostate cancer. But there are some things you can do that might help lower the risk. Regular physical activity, getting to and staying at a healthy weight, and following a healthy eating pattern that includes fruits, vegetables, and whole grains might help lower your risk of prostate cancer. Also, limit or avoid red and processed meats and highly processed foods.

Screening and Early Detection

Screening is a process used to look for cancer in people who have no symptoms. The American Cancer Society recommends that men talk to their health care provider about whether to be screened for prostate cancer. The decision should be made after getting information about the risks and potential benefits of prostate cancer screening.

The discussion about screening should take place at:

- **Age 50 for men who are at average risk** and are expected to live at least 10 more years
- **Age 45 for men at high risk**, including African American men and Caribbean men of African ancestry, or any man with a first-degree relative (father or brother) diagnosed with prostate cancer before the age of 65
- **Age 40 for men at even higher risk**, including those with more than one first-degree relative who had prostate cancer at an early age

Men who decide to get screened should be tested with the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test. Some doctors might also do a digital rectal exam (DRE).

Signs and Symptoms

Early-stage prostate cancer usually has no symptoms. More advanced prostate cancer (cancer that may have spread outside the prostate) may cause symptoms, such as:

- Problems urinating, such as pain or burning during urination or the need to urinate more often, especially at night
- Blood in the urine or semen
- Trouble getting an erection
- Weakness or numbness in the legs or feet, or not being able to control the bladder or bowel, caused by cancer pressing on the spinal cord
- Pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other areas, caused by cancer that has spread to the bones



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Treatment

Treatment for prostate cancer depends on the type and stage (how big the cancer is and if it has spread) and the results of any testing done on the tumor. Your age, other health problems, and personal choices are also considered. If you have prostate cancer, talk to your doctor about the best treatment for you.

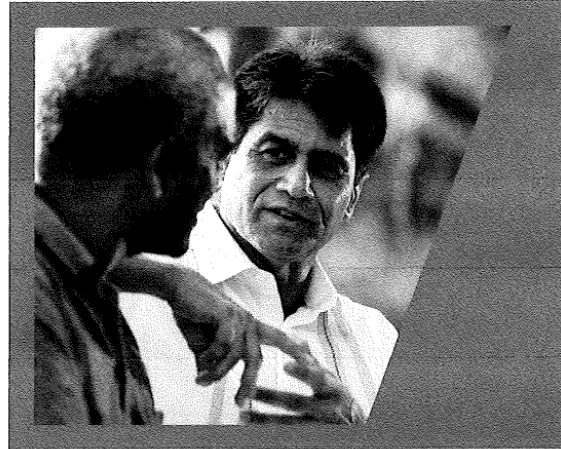
Living With Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer affects a man's quality of life. Different physical, social, mental health, spiritual, and money issues can come up at any time.

Men with prostate cancer may be helped by palliative care at any time. Palliative care focuses on helping manage symptoms, addressing issues, and improving quality of life.

Good communication between a person with cancer and their health care team is important and involves:

- Asking and answering questions
- Working together to set care goals
- Making shared decisions
- Managing side effects and other issues
- Scheduling follow-up tests and care



To learn more about prostate cancer, visit the American Cancer Society website at **cancer.org/prostatecancer** or call us at **1-800-227-2345**. We're here when you need us.



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News from the Early Learning Center

We are thankful during this time of Thanksgiving!

ELC Thankful List

T – the dedicated **TEACHERS** that give their hardest every day.

H – all the **HELP** from others who support the ELC.

A – all the fun, learning **ACTIVITIES** we get to do with the kids.

N – Being able to **NURTURE** and provide children with God's love every day.

K – being able to teach the children **KINDNESS**.

F – the **FAMILIES** that trust us each day to love and care for their children.

U – God's **UNDERSTANDING** and blessings bestowed to us every day.

L – sharing God's **LOVE** every day.

May you have a wonderfully thankful time and be blessed through the Thanksgiving season.

Lori Holtberg

OSL Director



Roof Loan Update

We
currently
owe
\$113,000
on the
loan.

Roof Loan Payoff Progress

\$0

\$113K

\$334K

Upcoming Guild Events

Remember all ladies of the congregation are invited to join us!

- √ Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, **November 10th, 2026**, for our regular Guild meeting which will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons. Jim Lauer will be our speaker after lunch talking about veterans and faith with regular business meeting to follow.
- √ OSL LWML Women's Guild will be celebrating our Veterans on Sunday, **November 8th, 2026**. Please join us for a special program following the divine service during fellowship time in the Activity Center to honor those who helped to preserve our freedom. Special treats will be served.
- √ Sharon Haberkamp will be traveling to AbleLight Thrift Store on **Thursday, November 12th, 2026**, to assist with duties of operating the store. Please see her if you are interested in riding along to help at the store.
- √ Quilters will be meeting on Monday, **November 16th, 2026**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons to tie quilts for Orphan Grain Train and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. All are welcome to attend; you do not even have to know how to sew to tie a quilt!
- √ Looking ahead to December, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, **December 8th, 2026**, for our regular Guild meeting with Pastor Gadbow leading us in Bible Study. Meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons with a Christmas potluck lunch followed by Bible Study, and ending with the regular business meeting.
- √ Just a heads up! Start collecting those favorite Christmas Cookie recipes! Our annual **Cookie Walk** is scheduled for Saturday, **December 5th, 2026**, and we will need your wonderful culinary creations for our sale! Watch for sign-up sheets for helpers for the event! We need a lot of helping hands to make this event successful!

Guild Meeting

Highlights of the October 13th, 2026 Guild Meeting

The OSL LWML Women's Guild met on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a pizza buffet. Twenty-one attended, including three guests.

- The guest Speaker was Lisa Kamrath, past LWML MN South District President, who shared with the group some very interesting information about her experiences as an LWML District President and how God had prepared her for the job and continues to lead her to fulfill her duties.
- The October mission project includes the distribution of \$2400.00 from the Ice Cream Social to various mission endeavors.
- Human Care project includes the continuing collection of food items for our OSL Blessing Box with a purple box located in the narthex next to the food shelf grocery cart for the collection of items.
- Cheer Chair Vivian Gonzalez sent 2 cheer cards in September.
- Sharon Haberkamp traveled to the AbleLight Thrift Store on October 8th along with Doris Wegner and Wanda Rannow to assist in store operations. New volunteers are welcome anytime.
- The quilters met on Monday, September 21st and tied nine quilts. Jeanette Bening created a special "Bee" quilt that will be donated to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch which they will display in coordination with their honey project.
- Terri Anderson was welcomed as a new member.
- Thirty-three bottles of honey were sold during the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Honey Sunday campaigns. A total of \$520.00 in donations was collected for the Ranch.
- Plans for the LWML McLeod Zone Fall Rally to be hosted by OSL Guild members on Saturday, October 17, 2026 were reviewed and finalized.
- Guild work Group #3 will be planning a special tribute to Veterans on Sunday, November 8th.
- The next regular Guild meeting will begin in the Commons on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. with lunch. Jim Lauer will be our guest speaker talking about veterans and faith. Regular business meeting to follow. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

Save the Date!

Saturday, December 5, 2026

OSL Cookie Walk

Please help us with your donation of
Christmas cookies/treats.

Cookie Walk

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

800 Bluff St NE, Hutchinson

Cookie & Candy Sale



Saturday, December 5th
9:00 am-11:00 am
(or until sold out)

\$9.50 per pound

- *Bring your own container/lids**
- *Choose your cookies/candies**
- *Weigh & pay**
- *Pack up your cookies**
- *Your Holiday baking is done for the year!**

Forget your own containers? You may purchase a platter/container from us!

Sponsored by the Women's Guild.
All proceeds go to Mission work.
Supplemental funds provided by
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This and That

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

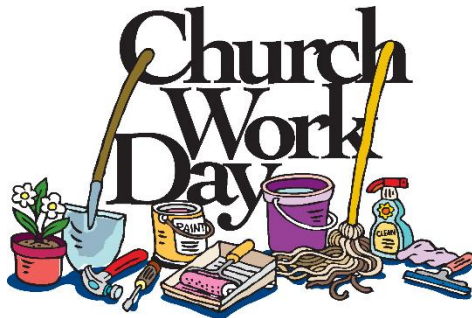
The next social event of this group is scheduled for **Friday, November 6th** from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Commons here at OSL. All widows and widowers are welcome!

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God." (II Corinthians 1:3-4)

Monthly Sunday Door Offering Designations

- 1st Sunday **Habitat for Humanity**
- 2nd Sunday **Common Cup**
- 3rd Sunday **Lutherans For Life**
- 4th Sunday **Seminarian**
- 5th Sunday **"5th Sunday Giving"**
(Red Stocking)

The current designation is listed in the bulletin each Sunday in the weekly calendar in case you forget.



is Saturday, October 31st at 8:00 a.m. Please come and help as you are able.



★ **Veterans Day:** ★
Thank You for Your Service!

Veteran's Sunday is November 8th.

The OSL Guild cordially invites everyone to join them in honoring OSL members who are veterans with a celebration during coffee/fellowship time in the Activity Center following worship service on Sunday, November 8th.

We will be decorating for Christmas, including the tree, on Saturday, November 28th at 8:00 a.m. Please come help if you are able; many hands make light work.



**Tuesday,
November 24th
at 7:00 p.m.**

Advent Services

Please make plans to worship with us this Advent and Christmas – “[The Everlasting Light](#)”. Advent services begin at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening beginning December 2nd. See the December Crosstalk for more information.

December 2nd

“A Street Called Light”

December 9th

“A Street Called Beautiful”

December 16th

“A Street Called Impossible”

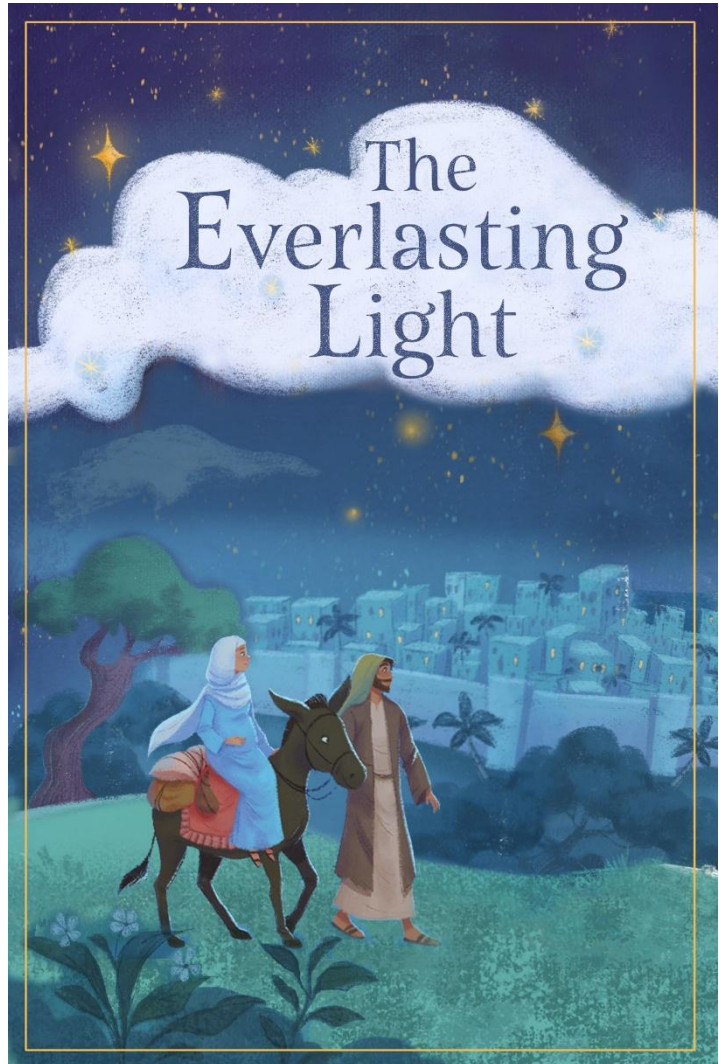
December 24th

5:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

“A Street Called Forever”



But first, join Us for Our Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30 p.m. As we enter the holiday season, what better way to begin than by gathering in gratitude? Let's come together to thank God for the many blessings in our lives. This special evening of reflection and worship is the perfect way to center our hearts before the Thanksgiving celebration.

Celebrating this Month



11/1 Alice Boller
11/1 Robert Morris
11/2 Joan Ewald
11/3 Briggs Blumhoefer
11/3 Laura Knodel
11/6 Kristine Farenbaugh
11/6 Paul Mraz
11/7 Terri Anderson
11/8 Tyler Buresh
11/9 Mike Schumann
11/10 Linda Esser
11/10 Dale Ewald
11/10 Jim Hulkonen
11/12 Michael Smithers
11/14 Doug Ditmarson
11/14 Luke Primus
11/21 Barbara Pischke
11/22 Russell Berge
11/22 Susan Mackedanz
11/22 Janet Mraz
11/27 Dave Penkert
11/28 Marshall Kranz
11/28 Kyle Schumann



11/18	Ralph & Betty Bach	54 Years
11/23	Jason & Paula Coyle	35 Years

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