The Mission Statement of Our Savior is:
"SEE CHRIST THROUGH US"
Our Savior Lutheran Church members, through Christ, preach, teach, listen, learn, and live so the world sees Christ through us.

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Dear Members and Friends of Our Savior,

Ambrose was not the kind of person that many people would notice. His grandparents emigrated to the United States when he was young, and he grew up in a small town of immigrants from the same country. At the age of 5, his father died, so he was raised by his mother and his grandparents. He didn't excel in school like many children do. He certainly worked hard, but didn't have the high-level intelligence that earns scholarships and opportunities at college and thereafter. His family didn't have the money to send him to college, and with no scholarships, Ambrose entered the work force. He was willing to work hard, and he found a job working for a sheet metal plant. He got married and had two children, very much living the American dream.

The stable life that Ambrose enjoyed was thrown into turmoil when his wife got sick. In the blink of an eye, the man who seemed to have everything became a single father of two boys. He was only thirty years old. That might be the point where many of us would complain about our lives, curse our bad luck, or maybe even get upset about what God has allowed. Some people would blame God; Ambrose just kept working. He had two boys who depended on him, and with some help from his extended family, Ambrose provided a stable house for his boys and put food on the table. A few years after his wife died, Ambrose met a young woman named Genieva. They were married and had a son, and that marriage lasted nearly forty years. He raised his sons in the same small town he emigrated to, took his family to church and taught them the same work ethic and faith in God that had served him throughout his life. He volunteered to work as a firefighter in a town too small to pay for essential services. He had been given so much as a child of God that he desired to share the blessings he enjoyed with his family and his community. As the years passed, the father of three became a grandfather of three, again all boys. The only thing he enjoyed more than being a father was being a grandpa. He would regularly pick up his grandsons for ice cream or bring them donuts, and he taught them to sing their praises to God just as he had done with his own boys. After sixty-six years of earthly life, Ambrose died and entered into the rest and peace of God's kingdom. Not many people came to the service. He was a small-town worker of little renown. His family was small, and there were not many people who knew much about him or appreciated the work that he had done.

How many of us know someone like Ambrose? Someone who is willing to work hard and cares for his or her family. Someone who isn't focused on making lots of money, but sharing what he or she has with others. Someone who faithfully loves and serves God, willing to serve in ways that few people notice. Every church has people like Ambrose, saints who faithfully do all things to the glory of God.

While Ambrose might not have stood out to many people, he is still remembered. He is remembered because you are reading this, and because I think of Ambrose on All Saint's Day. The first Sunday in November gives us a chance to remember these saints who have gone before us and rest from their labors. We remember those saints who are well-known, those who might not be noticed, and those who are only known to a few. Each year, as we sing *"For All the Saints"* at the beginning of our worship, I think of many of the saints in my own life who rest in the Lord. I think of members of our congregation; the members who have died this year and people from the past fifteen years whose faith has been an inspiration and support to me. I remember my friend Chais; the best man at my wedding and all the life events that we shared together. And I remember Ambrose; he is not some little-known sheet metal worker to me. He's my grandfather. He's the one who taught me the faith, teaching me to sing Ephesians 4:32 as a three-year-old. I was given his nickname, Andy, as my name. Levi's middle name is Ambrose in honor of him. His life of faith continues to inspire and encourage me as I do the work that God has given me to do. And it is my prayer to be faithful, as Saint Ambrose Tessone was faithful.

"Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old and win with them the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia! (LSB#677:3)"

The Lord be with you!

Pastor Tessone



I am usually in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted on the church calendar or by the weekly events noted in the weekly bulletin. I encourage you to contact me when:

- **You are going into the hospital**; I'd like to visit and pray with you. Let me know what hospital you will be going to and when you will be there. **Please note:** Unless you contact me, I don't know you are hospitalized. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospitals do not contact me or the church, nor can they disclose any information about your condition.
- You are **facing any challenge** and in need of the fortification of God's powerful Word and you would like me to keep you in my prayers.
- You are wanting to be **baptized or your child**.
- You would like to receive the Lord's Supper.
- You are **planning to get married** (I need to be notified at least six months prior to the wedding date to reserve the church and to set up times to meet for the required pre-marriage Bible study and Service planning).

You can reach us at the numbers listed below.

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The following are just some of the opportunities offered for you to be involved in Bible study with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at Our Savior:

- **Adult Bible Class** meets on Sunday morning at 10am in the Fellowship Hall and is studying the book of 1 Kings.
- **The Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets every Tuesday morning at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. We are studying the readings for the coming Sunday.
- **Men's Evening Bible Study**: This study meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. We are studying the Augsburg Confession
- **Women's Bible Study**: This group meets every Tuesday at 6 PM. We are studying *Strong in the Lord: A Women's Bible Study on Faith and Mental Health* by Jennifer K. Londgren.





Notice! The cost of the Radio Ministry is $170.00 per Sunday.
NOTE: If you enjoy the Radio Ministry and would like to contribute toward sponsoring a Sunday in whole or in part (smaller donations less than the full $170 will be gladly accepted), please leave your donation at the office or on the offering plate. Please write on the check or envelope that you would like it to be **designated to the Radio Ministry** so it can go to the correct fund.
Thanks to those sponsoring the Radio Ministry in November:

November 1st – In memory of Dorothy Sparks
November 8th – Open
November 15th - Open
November 22nd – Cindy Heimsoth in celebration of Conner Petersen's birthday
November 29th – Dennis and Janice Estel in celebration of William and Eleanor's Confirmation

ELDERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 1st
9:00 AM: Wayne Goosen
November 8th
9:00 AM: Robert Curtis
November 15th
9:00 AM: Gary Coulter
November 22nd
9:00 AM: Bob Wheeler
November 25th (Thanksgiving Eve)
7:00 PM: Brandon Hurt
November 29th
9:00 AM: Chris Nierman



If you sign up for flowers ***AFTER*** the newsletter has been printed, please contact the church secretary or call the altar guild ladies directly to inform them of this information and to let them know ******where your flowers are coming from***.*** Please sign clearly on the line to let others know when a week is taken. The Altar Guild for the month of November will be: Penny Camirand.

November 1st - Open
November 8th - Open
November 15th – Open
November 22nd – Brenda and Cindy Heimsoth in celebration of Conner Petersen's birthday
November 29th - Open





November 1st

9:00 AM: Boston Ross and Drew Moss

November 8th

9:00 AM: Elijah Gertz and Adelynn Abney

November 15th

9:00 AM: Faith Burkhalter and Kelsey Case

November 22nd

9:00 AM: Anna and Liam Robinson

November 29th

9:00 AM: Boston Ross and Drew Moss



Greeters For NOVEMBER:

November 1st
Brandon and Lori Hurt
November 8th
Dennis and Janice Estel
November 15th
Open
November 22nd
Gene Perkins
November 29th
Open



Audio Booth Techs for November:

November 1st	Mel Garrett
November 8th	Dennis Estel
November 15th	Dennis Mueller
November 22nd	Mel Garrett
November 25th	Mel Garrett
November 29th	Dennis Estel



November 1st - 9:00 AM:
Jerry Case, Jim Case, Brandon Hurt, Chris Nierman, Wayne Nierman and Brooks Ross
November 8th – 9:00 AM:
Robert Curtis, Mark Abney, Tyler Abney, Lloyd Heisterberg and Kenny Tatum
November 15th – 9:00 AM:
Robert Curtis, Mark Abney, Tyler Abney, Lloyd Heisterberg and Kenny Tatum
November 22nd - 9:00 AM:
Joe Lollis, Gary Coulter, Gene Perkins, Bob Wheeler and Cooper Woolery
November 25th Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 PM:
Joe Lollis, Gary Coulter, Gene Perkins, Bob Wheeler and Cooper Woolery
November 29th – 9:00 AM:
Peggy McAloose, Mason Goosen, Jackson Hawkins, Scott Matz, Tom Moss and Robert Schlender

CHURCH OFFERINGS may be mailed to the church at your discretion.

DOOR OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 1 will go to Rev. David Hoehler, our LCMS chaplain who visits the hospitals and care centers in Columbia.

LISTEN OUR LUTHERAN RADIO STATION KFUO at *www.kfuo.org* for Christian news and music. It is also available on the App Store. You can now listen to the Sunday Morning Service live broadcast of Our Savior Lutheran Church on two FM stations as well as *KSIS 1050 AM.* The two FM stations are *94.7 and FM 96.9.* The cost to sponsor the broadcast will remain the $170. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday broadcast. It's a nice way of honoring loved ones, a birthday, an anniversary, or your special occasion.

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Council Minutes
September 9, 2026

Attendance: Pastor Tessone, Dave Curtis, Lloyd Heisterberg, David Hockaday, Carl Tilman, Linda Close, Jerry Case, Lori Hurt, Robert Schlender, Arletta Garrett, Jennifer Schlender, Aaron Warner, Tina Sutherland, Heather Hawkins-Hoehne

The meeting was called to order and Pastor Tessone opened with devotion and prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Robert Schlender made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Aaron Warner, and the motion carried.

Principal's Report:

Principal Tina Sutherland gave the report. Yesterday, SPLSA added two new students (Kindergarten & 4th grade students) which brings enrollment to 87 students. SPLSA is off to a great start for the 2026-2027 school year and getting back into the school routine. The new staff and returning staff are working well together and most of them will be attending the October Pastor and Teacher Conference at the lake.

Thank you to our custodians, Matt and Tom, for making our school look great and ready for the school year. Thank you to Jill and Pastor Freeman for their work on the office remodel, and to those St. Paul's members who contributed to the project as well.

The Panther volleyball team competed well last week in their first game of the season. Mrs. Sprinkle is very proud of them! The next game is Monday, September 14th at LSA, Cole Camp. A copy of the calendar of events has been given to Pastor Tessone, Renee Curtis, and Jennifer Schlender to be advertised in the bulletins, newsletters, and the church sign.

The new Odyssey Platform that handles the payment process for MO Scholars is processing funds allocated from families to SPLSA. We are waiting for that process to be completed.

A copy of the August 2026 SPLSA financial report was provided to the Council. As it is a new program and the year is just beginning, some reported financials have not been added (ex: liabilities). A more accurate financial report should be provided at the next Council meeting.

Pastor Tessone's Report:

Pastor Tessone is working his way through shut-in visits for the month of September.

Confirmation will resume September 13th. We will have one confirmand for next year and three 7th graders. Families would like to meet on Sunday evenings again, so we will have confirmation from 6 to 7:15p.m. New member classes continue for four people.

Pastor Tessone has arranged and prepared all the Sunday Services through September 14th. He served the people of Amigos de Cristo on August 16th and September 6th.

Sunday morning Bible class is continuing going through the books of the Bible. We started 2nd Samuel and studied David and Bathsheba last week. Men's Bible study continues their study on the Augsburg Confession. Women's Bible study began a study on mental health on September 8th, and the morning Bible study has been looking at the readings for the coming Sunday each week.

School at St. Paul's has resumed. Their theme is "Rooted in Christ," and Pastor Tessone had the opening chapel service on August 24th as well as the first week of 7th and 8th grade religion classes, which went well.

Pastor Tessone attended the Pastor's Conference on September 8th at Trinity, Cole Camp and presented the Bible study, St. Paul's Association board meeting August 6th, attended back to school night at St. Paul's on August 20th and provided drinks for the staff members, opening chapel service August 24th, St. Paul's pool party on August 30th, attended the volleyball game on September 2nd, and helped with peach orders.

Report of the Boards:

Board of Elders: Robert Schlender gave the report. The membership report for August was 376 Baptized and 282 Communicants. The average August 2026 attendance was 109.

The Elders decided after only one person signed up for pickleball, to change the event to a game night with food on September 19th from 6 to 8p.m.

Board of Education: Linda Close gave the report. Michael Gertz has been elected as the Sunday School Superintendent. Cindy Titus will be teaching Pre-K, Laura Schuber and Dana Curtis will be teaching 1st -3rd grades; and Michael Gertz and Janice Estel will be teaching 4th-6th grades. Sunday School will open as a group with a devotion before going to their classes. We will be reopening the token store and adding lots of other ideas for the Sunday School year.

Youth Group will consist of Our Savior Lutheran, St. Paul's, and Amigos de Cristo children.

The Board of Education will be hosting the Trunk-or-Treat on October 31st.

The Board of Education has been working on their budget for 2027.

Board of Trustees: Carl Tilman gave the report. The Trustees are still waiting for the window repairs. The Trustees are waiting for a return call from the contractor out of Warsaw about the window repairs. Originally, he had said September for a time to make the repairs.

The Trustees are looking into quotes for insurance coverage for the church.

Board of Finance: Jennifer Schlender gave the report.

Monthly Budget/Expense Report:

1. The August Sunday Offering Budget: $26,408.00

2. Offerings collected: $29,742.72

3. Bank Balance as of September 1st, 2026: $92,798.21

Fundraising Balances:

1. Elevator: $37,730 as of last Sunday

2. SPLSA: $9,256.99 as of last Sunday

Committee Reports:

1. **Nominating Committee:** Dave Curtis (Chair), Jerry Case, Michael Gertz, Mel Garrett, and Scott Matz. Letters were mailed out requesting members to serve in one of the twelve positions to fill for the coming year for the boards and Council.

Old Business:

1. **None.**

New Business:

1. **Budget:** Boards should be working on their 2027 budgets and will need to have them ready by the next meeting.

2. **Shirley Camirand Scholarship:** A discussion was held on using the Nothwehr Memorial funds toward a scholarship for Shirley Camirand. A motion was made to provide from this fund by Dave Curtis. The motion was seconded by Jerry Case. An amendment was made to provide $500 per

semester and was seconded by Robert Schlender, and the motion carried.

Other Business:

1. **Door Offerings:** 9/6 SPLSA, 10/4 Camirand Scholarship Fund

2. **Fellowship Opportunities:** 9/13 Rally Day, 9/19 Game Night

3. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 7th Council, Sunday October 18th Voters

Adjournment: Robert Schlender made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Jerry Case, and the motion carried.

Pastor closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hawkins-Hoehne, Secretary



Join us for a Cornhole Tournament on **Saturday, November 7, at 10:00a.m**. At the LSA Gymnasium, 204 E. Butterfield Trail, Cole Camp, MO. Registration is $20 per person and limited to the first 128 participants. This tournament is a fundraiser supporting Men's Club scholarships for future Christians. Come enjoy a day of fellowship, friendly competition, and supporting a great cause!"

POINSETTIAS: We will be taking orders for our beautiful poinsettias, just in time for the Christmas season. Each poinsettia comes in a 6-inch pot wrapped in gold foil and will be $12.

THANK YOU: On behalf of the Elders and Helping Hands, we would like to thank everyone who either donated pies, cakes, items for the Country Store or Silent Auction, ate the fabulous meal or participated in the raffle during the Fall Festival 2026. The event was truly a success raising $7000 to begin the process of saving money to replace the roof on our church building. Replacement of a roof is a huge project and insurance will not insure our roof until it is replaced. But thanks to everyone and especially those who were involved with the prepping of the dinner and the event happenings, we now have a beginning to work towards the goal of roof replacement.

UPCOMING HELPING HANDS EVENTS: If you have a child who is attending college/trade school, please let Renee' Curtis in the office know, by submitting their name and address. Helping Hands will be sending them something special for finals week. This information is needed by **November 11th.**

VETERANS RECOGNITION: Sunday, November 8th, we will be recognizing those in our congregation who are Veterans of the US Armed Services.

CHURCH WORK DAY: The trustees are planning a work day on November 14th! If you enjoy painting and would like to lend a helping hand, come out and join us for a day of fellowship, fun and getting things done.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	**2** ~Dennis Mueller's Birthday ~Dr. David Roehrs' Birthday	**3**	**4** ~Jacob Burkhalter's Birthday ~Debbie Lamb's Birthday ~Jill Robinson's Birthday ~Mark Taylor's Birthday ~Xzavier Hockaday's Birthday	**5** ~Cinthia Titus' Birthday Joe & Jackie Lollis' Anniversary	**6** David & Karen Gerken's Anniversary	**7** ~Tenea Lowman's Birthday Wayne & Sherry Goosen's Anniversary
8	**9**	**10** ~Kristy Woolery's Birthday	**11** *Veterans Day*	**12** ~Larry Bahr's Birthday ~Bob Wheeler's Birthday	**13** ~Dennis Estel's Birthday ~Ed Holhubner's Birthday	**14**
15 ~Taylor Garnik's Birthday ~Jackson Hawkins' Birthday ~Allen Sydow's Birthday Brandon & Lori Hurt's Anniversary	**16** ~Arletta Garrett's Birthday	**17** Don & Angie Thomas' Anniversary	**18**	**19** ~Lucas Holhubner's Birthday	**20**	**21**
22 ~Kristie Jonson's Birthday	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26** *Thanksgiving*	**27**	**28** Steve & Jill Clarke's Anniversary
29 ~Huxley Nierman's Birthday Mel & Arletta Garrett's Anniversary	**30** ~Renee' Curtis' Birthday	1	2	3	4	5

November 2026

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1 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 6:00 PM Confirmation	**2** 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	**3**	**4** 6:30 PM Elder's Meeting	**5** 6:30 PM Men's Evening Bible Study	**6** Pastor Tessone's Day Off	**7**
8 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 6:00 PM Confirmation	**9**	**10** 10:00 AM NO Morning Bible Study Pastor's Conference 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	**11** *Veterans Day* 6:00 PM Helping Hands 7:00 PM Board Meetings 8:00 PM Council Meeting	**12**	**13** Pastor Tessone's Day Off	**14** Church Work Day
15 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 6:00 PM Confirmation	**16** 5:30 PM Music Committee	**17** 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	**18**	**19**	**20** Pastor Tessone's Day Off	**21**
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