

# The SERVANT

November 2023



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## Worship

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

### *Pastors*

**Lori L. Hope**  
**Sawyer Vanden Heuvel**



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## Pastor Sawyer's Ordination



**Sawyer Vanden Heuvel kneels during his ordination. Bishop Hagmaier, left, presides. Mark Leemkuil and Pastor Lori Hope give Pastor Sawyer his stole. (Photo Credit: Ann Rosendale)**

Sawyer John Vanden Heuvel was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Friday, October 27. The Rite of Ordination took place at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Bishop Constanze Hagmaier presiding.

Pastor Vanden Heuvel will be installed at St. Mark's on Saturday, November 4, at the 5:00 p.m. service, and on Sunday, November 5, at the 10:00 a.m. service. A luncheon will follow the Sunday service.

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**Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 5.  
Set clocks back one hour.**

# ***“God has made everything beautiful”*** **from Pastor Lori**

***God has made everything beautiful in its time.  
God has also set eternity in the human heart;  
yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.***

-Ecclesiastes 3:11

Sunday, November 26, marks the last day of the church year. There is something about the rhythm of the seasons of the year and there is also something about the flow of the church year. Our church year begins with Advent, the season of waiting. We are reminded as we lean into this particular rhythm that God created this world to be enjoyed and to heal and nurture us. During the seasons of the church year we notice things like the colors of the paraments — blue, white, green, purple, and red. We might notice when we light the Christ Candle. What if we think about the church year in light of enjoyment, healing, and nurturing?

We have seasons of waiting, reflecting, remembering, celebrating and growing. Barbara Brown Taylor writes about the physical seasons, but I think it relates to the seasons in the church as well: “Be patient with the changing seasons and not insisting that spring be like fall or that winter be like summer; trust the change in them. There’s a rhythm that is settling into a pattern and then there’s a point at which the rhythm means breaking the pattern to insert a slower rhythm, a more attentive rhythm. It is a great walk of trust.”

May we live with our hearts open to all that the next year may bring!

***Peace,***  
***Pastor Lori L. Hope***



# ***“Community and Connection”***

## **Vicar Melinda**

As we enter the month of November and prepare for the holiday season, I am reminded of the importance of community and connection. The days will become shorter and the nights longer. The cold temperatures will enter our atmosphere and we will be drawn inward toward our homes and ourselves. For some, the season of Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends. A time to connect with those that we may only see once a year. A time to eat our favorite foods. A time to give thanks for our many blessings. For others, the season brings memories of pain and heartache. It brings a reminder that as everyone else is celebrating, they are alone. Holidays can be the hardest time of the year for many people.

As a community of believers, we are given a special opportunity to be the light of Christ to others. To be someone who represents love to another who has felt unloved. We do this through service, through invitation, and through our generosity. Giving to others requires very little from us. Following the examples of Jesus, giving to others means that we are loving, authentic, inclusive, honest, and present.

Giving to others should not be limited to the world outside of the church doors. It should also include ourselves. Remember your sibling in Christ this year who may need some extra love during this season. While you are taking care of everyone else, give yourself permission as well. Permission to rest, to laugh, to cry, to be still, and to fill your cups.



Beginning in November, I am extending an invitation to Fill Your Cup with me as we come together to discuss life, theology, and faith. You are invited to join me for the first sessions on Wednesday, November 8, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mark's OR on Thursday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. at Severance Brewing Co.

***May you rest in God's peace!***

***Vicar Melinda***

Scripture reference: I Corinthians 12: 12-13 “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

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**St. Mark's Pastoral Team: Vicar Melinda Garza Moran, Pastor Sawyer Vanden Heuvel, Pastor Lori Hope**



**Pastor Sawyer and Bishop Constanze Hagmaier**



**The Call: St. Mark's Council President Luanne Alberty issues St. Mark's call to Pastor Sawyer**

**Pastors and Deacons from throughout the ELCA attended Pastor Sawyer's ordination**



**Laying on of hands**



**All Saints 2023**

**Baptized into the Faith**

- Halstyn Rayne Nygaard, Jan. 15, 2023
- Sam Rasmussen Hummel, Aug. 6, 2023
- Sutton Grace Randall, Feb. 19, 2023
- Cooper Jordan Brink, Oct. 21, 2023
- Kyrie Matthew Scott Carpenter, Mar. 25, 2023
- Abigail Margaret Wienhold, Oct. 29, 2023

**Died in the Faith**

- Jenny Westra, February 16, 2023
- Lorraine Smith, June 23, 2023
- Myrl Unzelman, March 9, 2023
- Harley Kuper, August 13, 2023
- Delpha Stockwell, April 5, 2023
- Joyce Parry, August 15, 2023
- Bill Roberts, May 20, 2023
- Charlotte Paulson, October 28, 2023



**In memory**

- DeWayne "Winky" Baumgart, uncle of Janine Scott
- Jim Beddow, friend of Barb and Tim Johnson
- Brad Berner, uncle of Brianna Copley
- Jack Billion, friend of Barb and Tim Johnson
- John Borman, grandfather of Maddie Titze
- Michael Brechtelsbauer, cousin of Dave and Cathy Brechtelsbauer

- Roger Brooks, friend of Dawn and Pat Hartigan
- Michael Carlson, brother of Lori Hope
- Mary Donnelly, friend of Kim and Jane Williams
- Kathryn Garrity, friend of Barb Stanley
- Ardyth Herrick, aunt of Dawn Hartigan
- Duane Luke, brother of Jim Luke; uncle of Dan Luke
- Lisa Mead, daughter-in-law of Ann McGovern
- Terry Mills, brother-in-law of Bill and Judie Roberts
- Russell J. Nesiba, brother of Reynold Nesiba
- JoAnne Ramsdell, mother of Leslie Cunningham and Katie Harms; grandmother of Abby Cunningham; great-grandmother of Sutton Randall
- Susan McGovern Rowen, sister of Ann McGovern
- Randy Seiler, friend of Barb and Tim Johnson
- Rev. Dennis Tevis, cousin of Diane Craig
- Michelle Thomas, cousin of Dave and Cathy Brechtelsbauer
- Paul Wardin, cousin of Dave and Cathy Brechtelsbauer
- Barbara Wilde, cousin of Dave and Cathy Brechtelsbauer
- Bill Wishart, brother-in-law of Dave and Cathy Brechtelsbauer

# Thanksgiving Eve Service

St. Mark's Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m.



## Volunteering Opportunities: Time and Talent Forms

Do you like music, behind-the-scenes assisting, welcoming people, building connections, community outreach? You will find these types of opportunities and more on the 2024 Time and Talent survey. The forms are available in the narthex and are due to be returned by December 3. Your responses help coordinators fill volunteer opportunities throughout the year. If you prefer to fill out your Time and Talent form online, [click here](#).

### FILL YOUR CUP

Join Vicar Melinda for a time of fellowship, as we fill our cups together through conversations about life, theology, and faith.

9:00am - 2nd Wednesdays  
Beginning in November  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

OR

7:00pm - 2nd Thursdays  
Beginning in November  
Severance Brewing Co.  
701 N. Phillips Avenue, Ste. 110

## Congratulations, "Cathy B."

Cathy Brechtelsbauer has been recognized by the Helpline Center with the 2nd annual Wings of Compassion award. The Wings of Compassion award is given to an individual who has shown compassion to others through their work and community involvement.

Cathy was recognized for her relentless advocacy for children, families and individuals who are experiencing challenges and are marginalized by the greater society.



## Norsland Lefse for Sale

The St. Lucia Committee is selling Norsland Lefse. Cost is \$5.00 per package with two rounds per package. Forty packages are available for purchase on a first-come first-served basis. The signup sheet is in the narthex.

The lefse (stored in the kitchen freezers) will be available for pickup starting December 7 at the church. Payment can be left in the lock box in the kitchen when lefse is picked up.

Checks should be made out to the St. Mark's Lucia Committee with "lefse" on the memo line.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items for the Bishop Dudley House. We wish you could have seen their faces as they held their gift bags filled with your generosity. One guest did a special dance to celebrate the gift!

Pastor Lori  
Vicar Melinda



## ***Icons in Transformation: Art Exhibit at Our Savior's***



The traveling exhibition *Icons in Transformation* has toured cathedrals and museums in both Europe and the United States. And now it's at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church welcomes the acclaimed abstract expressionist artist Ludmila Pawlowska and an impressive collection of her artwork. Pawlowska offers a rare opportunity to see both her work and the path of her contemporary vision — derived from traditional icons, their transformative power and painting techniques.

Contemporary artworks and traditional icons from Vassilevsky Monastery fill Our Savior's worship spaces and gathering places. *Icons in Transformation* presents the mystery and spiritual power of the icon transformed into modern masterpieces of art.

The exhibit will be on display through January 14. Exhibit hours are:

- Sundays, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- Mondays, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays, by appointment. (Contact the church office, 605-336-2942)
- Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (except Thanksgiving)
- First Fridays, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Saturdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Our Savior's is located at 909 West 33rd Street.

## **History Highlights**

St. Mark's will observe its 70th anniversary in 2024. As we prepare for the anniversary, we are sharing some of the church's history highlights along with notes on what was happening nationally and around the world.

### **In 1973:**

- **A building committee for the sanctuary pyramid was formed.**
- CBS radio began broadcasting on-the-hour news, 24 hours a day.
- The first mobile phone call was made from downtown Manhattan to the Bell Labs headquarters in New Jersey
- The US Senate Watergate Committee started its hearings into the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate office complex in Washington, D.C.



## Blessing of the Pets

Members brought their pets to the south lawn for the Blessing of the Pets on October 1. The Sunday School brought stuffed animals to be part of the annual observance.



*Pets are humanizing. They remind us we have an obligation and responsibility to preserve and nurture and care for all life.*

– James Cromwell

## Food to You served more than 450 people

Fourteen members of St. Mark's volunteered at the Food to You distribution on October 19. At that outreach event, 120 households were served, representing some 450+ people, including 203 children and 40 seniors.

The Food of the Month was cereal. With donations from St Mark's and other donations, Food to You gave 300 boxes. In addition, each family received a hygiene kit compliments of St. Mark's and friends of Food to You.

Feeding South Dakota added at least 38 pounds of food for each household, providing government commodities such as canned goods, meat, fruit, bread and pastries, and assorted produce.

## Transportation Ministry and Missionary Support Signups

Sign up sheets for 2024 Transportation Ministry and Missionary Support donations are posted on the bulletin board by the reflection room.

A Transportation Ministry sponsorship, supporting Project Car, is \$25/month. Missionary Support sponsorships that fund our missionary in Nicaragua are \$30/week.

Multiple monthly sponsorships are gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

### St. Mark's Mission Statement

to nurture faith and life for loving service  
in Christ's name.



## November Baptism Anniversaries

Mary Ann Andersen  
Lori Buschena  
Paul DeBoer  
Tayson DeJong  
Amelia Des Enfants  
Cora Hokanson  
Trudy Johnson  
Rebekah Kane  
Nora Lindell  
Diedra Nissen

Emily Sievers  
Lia Sievers  
Kjerstin Smith  
Michael Smith  
Elias Spichal Larson  
Dolores Straatmeyer  
Dan Varns  
Brenda White  
Darla Wilkens  
Aidy Zellmer

### THANK YOU

to those who are sponsoring  
our missionary in Nicaragua  
and our Transportation Ministry  
during the month of November.

**Transportation Ministry Sponsor**  
Marlon Mollet is the November sponsor.

**Mission Ministry Sponsors**  
November 5: Jack and Mary Mortenson  
in honor of their  
33rd anniversary  
November 12: Dale and Dianne Schnabel  
in memory of Henry Hansen  
November 19: Marlon Mollet  
November 26: Karen Zingmark

# Council Minutes

## St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council

### Meeting Minutes October 17, 2023

**Present:** Kent Alberty, Barb Stanley, Pastor Lori, Pastor Sawyer, Luanne Alberty, Karin Lindell, Dianne Schnabel, Barb Stanley, Vicar Melinda, Katie Harms, Dana Yost, Mark Smith, Darrell Herman, Kyle Alberty, Becky Luke

**Devotions** – Becky shared devotions. Dianne has devotions for November.

**Minutes** – MSC.

**Treasurer's Report** – MSC

**President's Report** – Obviously, the associate pastor call passed and was signed. Installation at St. Mark's will be November 5 at 10:00 a.m. We will have one service on that Sunday. We will have a soup and pie luncheon after installation. We will need help in the kitchen.

**Pastor Lori's Report** – Thank you for the amazing hospitality towards visitors. She has heard from many of them how friendly people here are. Pastor Lori will be out for several weeks starting November 7 for a medical procedure. The congregation is to call the on-call phone.

**Pastor Sawyer's Report** – He started working on October 15 and is looking forward to the adventure! He is working on figuring out office hours. Sawyer's day off is Friday. His ordination is October 27 at 4:30 at Our Savior's.

**Vicar's Report** – She is starting a series called Fill Your Cup. It will be a time to get to know her better. It will be the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the church or the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Severance Brewing Company downtown. Melinda loves the pastoral care she gets to provide twice a week at Bethany and she is on call through the end of October at Bethany as the main pastor is on leave.

### Committee Reports

**Property** – The roof is fixed, just in time for the big rain a week or so ago. No leaks! Thank you to Bruce Carrier, Jack Mortenson, and Dan Harms for all of their hard work on the new offices. They are a Godsend in getting the work done. The lawn seeding is done and it's growing nicely.

**Congregational Well-being** – They delivered fall baskets to staff at Bethany and sent care packages to our freshmen college students. They plan to send something to all college students for finals week.

**Worship and Music** – They felt Gretchen's sendoff went nicely. Are we going to install Johnathan?

**Old Business.** No old business.

### New Business

Karin handed out the existing Time and Talent sheet for us to review.

We closed with our prayer concerns and the Lord's Prayer.

MSC to adjourn.

Submitted by

Becky Luke, Secretary



# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Lectionary Discussion, 11:00 a.m. Watercolor, 1:00 p.m. Choir, 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.	<b>2</b> Book Study, 10:00 a.m.	<b>3</b> Pastor Sawyer's Sabbath	<b>4</b> Watercolor, 10.00 a.m. Worship, 5:00 p.m. Pastor Sawyer Installation
<b>5</b> Worship, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Sawyer Installation Lucia Rehearsal, 12:00 p.m.  Pastor Sawyer out of office	<b>6</b> Pastor Lori/Vicar's Sabbath	<b>7</b> Quilters, 9:00 a.m. Internship Committee, 6:00 p.m.	<b>8</b> Fill Your Cup, 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Discussion, 11:00 a.m. Office Staff, 11:00 a.m. Watercolor, 1:00 p.m. Choir, 7:00 p.m. 6th-8th Grade Confirmation, 7:00 p.m.	<b>9</b> Book Study, 10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle, 1:00 p.m. Fill Your Cup, 7:00 p.m. at Severance Brewing	<b>10</b> Pastor Sawyer's Sabbath	<b>11</b> Watercolor, 10.00 a.m. Worship, 5:00 p.m.
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<b>12</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. Lucia Rehearsal, 12:00 p.m.  Pastor Lori out of office	<b>13</b> Vicar's Sabbath	<b>14</b> Quilters, 9:00 a.m. Office Staff, 9:30 a.m.	<b>15</b> Lectionary Discussion, 11:00 a.m. Watercolor, 1:00 p.m. Choir, 7:00 p.m. 6th-8th Grade Confirmation, 7:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> Book Study, 10:00 a.m.	<b>17</b> Pastor Sawyer's Sabbath	<b>18</b> Watercolor, 10.00 a.m. Worship, 5:00 p.m.
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St. Mark's office is also open on Fridays  
from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.