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THE ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
BIRD ISLAND, MINNESOTA
January 26, 2014

1. DEVOTIONS – Inside front cover
2. CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Annual Meeting of January 27, 2013 pages 4 and 5
4. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - a. Rev. Robert Lehner, Interim Pastor
 - b. Jayme Ryan, Youth and Family Ministries
 - c. Church Council – Ben Bohlin, President
 - d. Treasurer – Brenda Prokosch pages 13, 14, 15
 - 1) Operating Fund
 - 2) Mission Fund
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 - 4) Memorial Fund
 - 5) Parsonage Fund
 - 6) Project Account
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 - e. Board Reports pages 8, 9, 10
5. ELECTIONS – page 6

A ballot has been prepared with the nominees selected by the Nominating Committee. The members of the Nominating Committee Peter Caspers, Jane Dale, Jean Campbell, Kim Erickson, Ben Bohlin.
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a.
 - b.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF OUR
SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Bird Island, Minnesota

PRESIDENT

Tim Buboltz

PRESIDENT ELECT

??

TREASURER

??

SECRETARY

Jane Dale

BOARD OF PROPERTY AND PLANNING

Lynn Plumley

BOARD OF EVANGELISM & PUBLIC RELATIONS/STEWARDSHIP & MISSIONS

Gordon Sing

BOARD OF EDUCATION/SOCIAL & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Kim Erickson

BOARD OF WORSHIP & MUSIC

Deb Kopel

need one more ??

DELEGATE TO GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP – February 11, 2014

Bob Ryan

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES – June 13-15, 2014

Allen and Mary Peris

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA SYNOD ASSEMBLY ALTERNATES

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GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE ASSEMBLY – April 26, 2014

Kim Erickson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2014

Three to be nominated from the Annual Meeting

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2013

February– The flooring contractor will be Midwest Custom Coatings. March 24, 2013, will be the last day of Sunday School so the floor project can be started. The Transition Team has been meeting and moving ahead on the Site Profile. A congregational group discussion will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2013, after church.

March– Due to the flooring project, Carolyn will be moving to Saunders' office after March 27th. Pastor Greg is ready to move to the parsonage at any time. Cindi Krause was present to discuss proceeds from WELCA fund raisers. They have \$8000. Some things that were discussed were: Painting parts of the church and replacing ceiling tile in the Fellowship Hall. \$275 was given toward the Confirmation Banquet, which will be held at the CCOC this year due to flooring project. \$1000 was allocated for a new water cooler in the hallway. An anonymous member also gave \$1000. \$4425 was given to the General Fund of Our Saviors. They are asking the Project Fund to contribute \$2300 in matching funds for the projects of painting, replacing ceiling tile, and the new water cooler.

April– Removal of flooring is going well. The Library will be moved to the lounge. Mark Peterson will make some shelving for that.

May–May 5, 2013 – Confirmation of four 9th graders. Our contract is up for the office copier, and it was decided to lease a new copier, which actually will be less than the monthly charge for our old copier. Ad will be put in the church bulletin to ask for seven adult and one youth volunteer for the Call Committee.

June– Joint Vacation Bible School with Cross of Calvary will be held this year at Our Savior's. Flooring project is now complete. Church directory pictures will be taken by LifeTouch June 12 – 15, 2013.

July– Ice Cream Social proceeds given to Millie Larson. Call Committee members are Barbara Marks, Lisa Lund, Shannon Hansen, Jill Rude, Jamie Bohlin, Les Plumley and Allison Krause.

August– Ten new members were received on Sunday, August 18.

September– A letter of resignation was presented by Pastor Greg. He has been offered an interim pastor position for a congregation closer to his home. September 29 was Pastor Greg's last Sunday at Our Savior's.

October– Pastor Bob Lehner, our new interim pastor, arrived on October 2. He will be working 92% of full-time and paid accordingly. Beverly Lentz Estate Bequest, we received a check for \$62,683.51. Will also receive \$5,462.05 each year.

December– The Call Committee researched and compiled an OSLC FMLA policy. Beverly Lentz Estate Bequest will be divided per the OSLC Bequest Policy. 80% will be disbursed to the Endowment Fund with proceeds yearly going to the OSLC Building Fund. 10% will be disbursed directly into the OSLC Building Fund, 5% will be given to the church at large, and 5% to the community at large.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSIONS/ EVANGELISM & PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Board of Stewardship and Evangelism consists of Scot Hagen, Brian Marks, Barb Krogstad.

In 2013 we borrowed on our line of credit most of the year. As the year ended the congregation came through and we ended the year in the black. A very big thank you to everyone who made this possible. As always our stewardship projects (Fair Stand, Turkey Supper, Friendship Supper, Quilting and Ice Cream Social are just a few examples) have been great successes. None of it would happen without the great volunteers we have at our church. Thank you for your time and commitment to our church. We look forward to another great year at Our Savior's.

BOARD OF PROPERTY AND PLANNING

The Board of Property and Planning of Lynn Plumley, Cal Marwede and Brenda Prokosch representing the Church Council. Mark Peterson, Jerry Peterson, serve on the Property and Planning committee.

Did upkeep of the church, Sunday School units, fellowship hall, parsonage, rental unit and Fair Stand.

The big project for the year was the removal of the old tile flooring and replacement with new flooring.

Removal of all items throughout the whole church building was done by March 31, 2013. Removal of the old tile was started on April 2, 2013 and was completed by April 17, 2013. New flooring was installed the week of April 22 through April 27. Moved items back into building starting on May 5 and ended??

Some cleaning, painting, rearranging of rooms and furniture was also done.

This was a very big project that took many hands and many volunteer hours. Thank you to all that helped in any way you could.

BOARD OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Members: Pastor Greg/Pastor Bob, Karen Bratt, Karen Stoeckman, Carolyn Olson, Ann Johnson, Deb Kopel, Jessica Listerud.

Have you ever thought about all the people who are involved to put on your Sunday morning worship service? It takes many willing and talented people!

Let's start at the very beginning...

- Our Church Secretary: prepares the bulletins for order of service, hymns, announcements, etc.
- The kitchen crew: serve coffee and goodies for a social time before church
- The greeters and ushers: make friendly impression with a friendly "good morning" or "good to see you" or just "hi".
- Music is probably the next thing: we have many talented musicians who enrich our services...our pianists and organists, "Rock of Ages" a band and vocal group, Sunday School choirs, and "Celebration Ringers" the bells.
- Our Pastor: who leads us with liturgy, sermon, Children's time, and communion, (plus Jayme Ryan and Roger Cooper who sometimes fill in when the pastor is gone.)

- But we still wouldn't be complete without lectors, acolytes, communion helpers, operators of the sound system, and the Altar committee.
- And just to make sure EVERYONE is involved...the sharing the peace. Have you noticed how we are actually getting out of our pews and crossing the aisle? So, a big "THANK YOU" to all that are involved.

BOARD OF EDUCATION/SOCIAL AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The board of education and youth in 2013 consisted of Tim Buboltz, Shannon Hansen, Jason Krumheuer, Barb Marks, Cindi Krause, Jamie Bohlin, Karletta Marwede, Pastor Greg Hall / Pastor Bob Lehner and Jayme Ryan.

This year has once again been a busy and active one!! Thank you to everyone who helps with, donates to, and prays for our Youth Program here at Our Savior's. Here is a sampling of what happens during the year:

January – SPAM (Saturday Pizza and A Movie) was held, as well as an acolyte training was done for all 6th -9th graders.

February – Another SPAM was held. The Souper Bowl of caring was held on Super Bowl Sunday and the offerings went to the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Also starting Ash Wednesday and continuing through Lent the 7th – 12th grade families served suppers before worship and the confirmation students met with their mentors. In February OSLC hosted a SWMN Synod Leadership training with the Synod LYO board.

March –We wrapped up after school programming and Sunday School due to the flooring project. Confirmation was still held during the project but it was located at the CCOC (Christian Community Outreach Center). The Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast was served by the 7th - 12th grade families and the Board of Education and Youth. Vacation Bible School planning was started and it was decided that we would pair up with Cross of Calvary for this year's VBS. We also pair up with C of C for other youth programs through the year such as CLOCK (Christians Living Out Christ's Kindness a 10th -12th grade youth group), and FUEL (a youth lead worship service held 4 times a year for 8th – 12th graders).

April – Final interviews were held with Confirmation students

May- Due to the flooring project the Confirmation Banquet was held at the CCOC and served by The Master's Coffee Shop. Pictures and worship practice were also held on Wednesday just prior to the banquet this year due to sporting events on Saturday morning. This worked out great and will become a new tradition. On the first Sunday in May OSLC Confirmed four amazing 9th graders. The hanging basket sale was also held and delivered in May.

June – A Graduation recognition service was held on the first Sunday. Another set of ducklings have left our nest here at OSLC, all with strong faith wings ready to fly. Our Youth Program served a pancake breakfast at our fair stand during Island Days. In June we also started moving back into the church after our beautiful new floors were completed.

July- Lots of preparations happened to get ready for VBS.

August – Kingdom Rock VBS was held in conjunction with Cross of Calvary. We had over 100 kids in attendance and 45 people helping. It was a GREAT experience and we look forward to joining again in 2014.

September – Rally Sunday theme this year was “God’s Work, Our Hands” and we focused on celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the ELCA and what God calls us to do. We also held a potluck dinner that day. Our Confirmation classes began in September. The Our Savior’s Youth Annual Golf Scramble was held and it was another fun and successful day. Our Confirmation classes attended 30 Hour Famine event organized by five area congregations at BOLD school at the end of September. During the event the young people learned about hunger, clean water, poverty and filled over 9000 food bags for Kids Against Hunger. OSLC helped start a new program at the CCOC for High School Students called Hang Time. Its held on Monday from 6:00-7:30, a light supper is served by rotating congregation’s in the school district, there is also time for homework, hanging out and a short devotion.

October - The Wednesday After School Programs started back up by making apple crisps and cards for the Pastor to take to our shut ins, it was a fun learning and sharing experience. Planning also started for the 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan.

November – The DTC (Detroit Christian Travelers, 2015 National Gathering group) made and sold lefse. It was a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon learning, laughing and flipping lefse. Twelve of our 7th – 9th graders and 3 chaperones attended the SWMN Synod Jr High Gathering. It was another wonderful experience with an amazing band and wonderful speakers.

December – We ended the year with a wonderful Sunday School Christmas Program and potluck to celebrate Jesus’ Birth.

2013 Sunday School Annual Report

Sunday School started out the year the same as the previous year as far as the curriculum that was used. The children gather in the sanctuary for opening with the pastor or Jayme. This is followed by music (Nursery-2nd, 3rd – 9th). Then the children do memory work and a lesson overview with their teacher. At this point, a rotation leader joins them to explore the lesson thru craft, video, science, snack, or craft project. The January lesson focused on baptism and how it marks our entry into God’s kingdom. Ordinary water combined with God’s word frees us from sin and death for a new, eternal life. February lessons centered around Holy Communion and learning that when we share in Jesus’ body and blood, we share in his life. March marked the end of Sunday School until fall due to the flooring project.

Rally Sunday on September 8th brought us back together again. The theme was “God’s Work, Our Hands.” We celebrated with a potluck after the worship service.

A couple of changes were implemented to reduce the workload of the director. There are no longer rotation leaders and the teachers in each of the classrooms decide the additional lessons to teach to their class. September and October lessons revolved around Jesus’ miracles, the wedding at Cana and calming the stormy seas. In November the children began to Anticipate Advent and learn how to prepare for the glory and wonder of Jesus birth. The Christmas program, “The Brightest Star” was performed on December 15th during worship with a potluck (of course!) following. The offering that is collected each week is donated to a charity that the children help decide. The January – March offering was donated to Renville County Back the Pack.

The September – December offering will be donated to Ronald McDonald House. Pop tabs are also being collected form Ronald McDonald House.

There are currently 47 Sunday School children on roll. There are 7 teachers, 3 assistants, and 2 music teachers who graciously teach our children each week.

THANK YOU!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNT
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Bird Island, Minnesota
 Submitted by Cindi Krause

12/31/2012 Checking Acct. Balance		\$375.59
Deposits:		
Sunday School Offering (Jan-May)	\$135.35	
Sunday School Offering (Sept-Dec)	\$195.29	
Donation	<u>\$500.00</u>	
Total Deposits	\$830.64	\$1,206.23
Expenses:		
Christian Book Dist. (Bday cards)	\$19.96	
Renville Co. Back the Pack	\$315.76	
Bank fee-deposit slips	<u>\$15.14</u>	
	\$350.86	
12/31/2013 Checking Account Balance		<u>\$855.37</u>

LIBRARY FUND

No Report

Mission Endowment Fund

The Mission Endowment Fund established January, 2008 has enjoyed growth during the year of 2013. The Fund was established to support the work and mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in and beyond our community, such as scholarships for Bible Camp, special equipment, World Missions, Lutheran Social Services, Food Shelf – things beyond regular operating expenses.

In 2013, allocations from the Fund went to:

Bird Island Cemetery for repairs	\$1,500
Community Christian Outreach Center	\$2,500
LSS Senior Nutrition Program-BI	\$ 500
Ministry in Malaysia, Ashley Dahl	\$ 100
Ministry to Paraguay, Kevin & Rebekah Howell	\$ 500
Missionaries Cameroon Africa	\$ 500
OSLC Floor Project	\$1,100
Second Harvest	\$1,000
WELCA-Quilt batting	\$ 300
	\$8,000

ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust	
Balance 11/30/2012	\$230,923.97
Ending Balance 11/30/2013	\$260,580.88
Increase in Value	\$29,656.91

Endowment Fund Checking Account	
Balance 11/30/2012	\$284.95
Deposit 12/19/2012	\$8,400.00
Allocations to recipients	-\$8,000.00
State of Minnesota	\$25.00
Ending Balance 11/29/2013	\$659.95

The principal amount stays in the Fund in order to grow the Fund. A portion of the interest is used to support the Mission Projects. In the four years of allocations, \$19,900 has been given to various projects. Please consider naming Our Savior's Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund when you plan your giving for the next year, make out a will or plan your estate.

Committee members: Les Plumley, Chairman; Jim Rude, Financial Secretary; Connie Peterson, Recording Secretary; Cindi Krause, Pastor Lehner, Brian Marks, Ben Bohlin

TREASURERS REPORT
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bird Island, Minnesota
Submitted by: Brenda Prokosch, Treasurer

OPERATING FUND

Checkbook Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 865.89
Receipts	+142,226.78
Line of Credit	+ 12,500.00
Disbursement	-138,808.00
Line of Credit	- 12,500.00
Transfers In/Out Other Funds	<u>- 3,570.51</u>
Checkbook Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 714.16

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 3,355.42
Receipts	+2,421.00
Disbursements	-25,397.02
Transfers In/Out Other Funds	<u>+26,128.12</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 6,507.52

MISSION FUND

Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 0.00
Receipts	+2,647.14
Disbursements	<u>-2,647.14</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 0.00

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 962.80
Receipts	+20.00
Interest Earned	+ .08
Disbursements	<u>-55.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 927.88

PARSONAGE FUND

Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 12,890.93
Receipts	+265.38
Rent Income	+6,600.00
Interest Earned	+3.76
Disbursements	<u>-5,894.39</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 13,865.68

PROJECT ACCOUNT - Tillman

Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 147,008.17
Receipts	+68,145.56
Interest Earned	+1,483.79
Disbursements	<u>-86,439.99</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 130,197.53

2013 EXPENDITURE REPORT
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bird Island, Minnesota
Submitted by: Brenda Prokosch, Treasurer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
Pastor's Salary	\$35,920.00	\$35,202.00
Pastor's Pension & Benefits	15,000.00	13,926.00
Pastor's Housing	3,000.00	2,783.00
Pastor's Car Allowance	5,500.00	5,543.00
Pastor's Continuing Education	500.00	85.00
Pastor's FICA Taxes	3,500.00	2,654.00
Pastor's Professional	400.00	92.00
Youth Director Salary	14,518.00	14,518.00
Secretary's Salary	11,477.00	11,477.00
Custodian's Salary	7,163.00	7,163.00
Organist's Salary	2,000.00	1,190.00
Guest Pastor's Salary	300.00	556.00
FICA Taxes	2,735.00	2,735.00
Telephone	800.00	804.00
Electricity	5,500.00	5,544.00
Fuel	8,000.00	6,609.00
Water and Garbage	2,100.00	2,057.00
Internet	500.00	479.00
Office and Church Supplies	7,000.00	5,454.00
Custodian Supplies	800.00	583.00
Youth Director Supplies	800.00	1,021.00
Insurance	8,500.00	8,900.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	696.00
Board of Education	2,000.00	2,164.00
Board of Worship	500.00	1,141.00
Board of Stewardship	200.00	0.00
Conf. and Synod Convention	695.00	570.00
Scenic Valley Conference Dues	100.00	100.00
Green Lake Lutheran Ministries	1,000.00	992.00
Missionary Support	1,100.00	1,100.00
Vacation Bible School	1,000.00	1,148.00
Synod Support	800.00	800.00
Word Alone	100.00	100.00
Lutheran Social Services	100.00	100.00
2013 LOC plus interest	12,800.00	12,662.00
TOTALS	\$156,908	\$151,308

OPERATING FUND DEPOSIT ANALYSIS

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Envelope Offerings	\$107,107.92	\$120,248.84
Loose Offerings	2,379.95	2,356.25
Rent	1,040.00	350.00
Gifts	17,042.16	19,271.69
Turkey Supper	1,807.50	0.00
Reimbursements	<u>141.79</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$ 129,519.32	\$142,226.78

INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL GIVING

The following is the breakdown of individual giving for 2013. A giving unit is a husband/wife and any children who are confirmed, but still attending school or any single member.

Member Giving Units	272
Non-Member Giving Units	15
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Nothing	153
Less than \$10	9
\$11 to \$50	19
\$51 to \$100	15
\$101 to \$200	8
\$201 to \$300	11
\$301 to \$400	4
\$401 to \$500	7
\$501 to \$750	8
\$751 to \$1,000	6
\$1,001 to \$2,000	16
\$2,001 to \$3,000	9
\$3,001 to \$4,000	2
\$4,001 to \$6,000	1
\$6,001 to \$10,000	2
Over \$10,000	<u>2</u>
Total	272

These amounts include all giving by envelopes or check to the Current Fund, Building Fund, Mission Fund, or Parsonage Fund.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2014
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bird Island, Minnesota

<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pastor's Salary	\$35,920.00	\$33,046.00	-2,874.00
Pastor's Pension & Benefits	15,000.00	13,800.00	-1,200.00
Pastor's Housing	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Pastor's Car Allowance	5,500.00	6,000.00	+500.00
Pastor's Cont. Ed	500.00	500.00	0.00
Pastor's FICA	3,500.00	3,220.00	-280.00
Pastor's Professional	400.00	368.00	-32.00
Youth Director	14,518.00	14,518.00	0.00
Secretary's Salary	11,477.00	11,477.00	0.00
Custodian's Salary	7,163.00	7,163.00	0.00
Organists Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Guest Pastor	300.00	300.00	0.00
FICA Taxes	2,735.00	2,735.00	0.00
<u>UTILITIES</u>			
Telephone	800.00	800.00	0.00
Electricity	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
Fuel	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Water, Garbage	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Internet	500.00	500.00	0.00
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
Office & Church Supplies	7,000.00	6,000.00	-1,000.00
Custodial Supplies	800.00	800.00	0.00
YD Supplies	800.00	800.00	0.00
Insurance	8,500.00	9,000.00	+500.00
Miscellaneous & Equipment	500.00	500.00	0.00
<u>PARISH OPERATIONS</u>			
Board of Education	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Board of Worship/Music	500.00	800.00	+300.00
Board of Stewardship	200.00	200.00	0.00
Conference & Synod Convention	695.00	600.00	-95.00
Scenic Valley Conf. Dues	100.00	100.00	0.00
Green Lake Lutheran Ministries	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Missionary Support	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
Vacation Bible School	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Synod Support	800.00	800.00	0.00
Word Alone	100.00	0	-100.00
Lutheran Social Services	100.00	100.00	0.00
Repayment of 2013 LOC + interest*	12,800.00	12,000.00	-800.00

TOTALS	\$156,908.00	\$151,827.00	\$-5081.00
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*The 2013 LOC has been paid in full

YOUTH ACCOUNT 2013
OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bird Island, Minnesota
Submitted by Jayme Ryan & Cindi Krause

Fundraisers

Lenten Suppers	
Income	\$ 990.45
20% to OSY Checking	\$ 198.30
Tithe to OSLC	\$ 99.03
Net Profit	\$ 693.12
Palm Sunday Breakfast	
Income	\$ 672.50
Expenses	\$ 260.00
Tithe to OSLC	\$ 41.30
Net Profit	\$ 371.20
Wing Ding Breakfast	
Income	\$ 775.57
Expenses	\$ 504.72
Tithe to OSLC	\$ 27.10
Net Profit	\$ 243.75
Golf Outing	
Income	\$ 4787.00
Expenses	\$ 2309.97
Tithe to OSLC	\$ 247.67
Net Profit	\$ 2229.36
Lefse Sale	
Income	\$ 170.00
Expenses	\$ 66.60
Tithe to OSLC	\$ 10.34
Net Profit	\$ 93.06

All fundraiser profits deposited in Our Savior's Trip Savings

Our Saviors Youth Checking

After School Programs	
Fees Collected	\$ 30.00
Expenses	\$ 149.91
SWMN Synod Youth Jr. High Gathering	
Fees Collected	\$ 854.00
Registration	\$ 600.00
Hotel	\$ 364.20
Net Cost	\$ 110.20
3 chaperones fees paid in full by Youth Checking	
SWMN Synod Youth Sr. High Gathering	
Fees Collected	\$ 150.00
Registration Fees	\$ 200.00
Net Cost	\$ 50.00

1 chaperone fees paid in full by Youth Checking

<u>Other Expenses</u>	
Bank Fees	\$ 56.00
Confirmation Suppers	\$ 57.56
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 242.21
CLOCK	\$ 27.60
CCOC	\$ 17.07
<u>Donations</u>	
Anonymous Donations	\$ 115.00
Youth Checking Account Balance	
As of 1/07/2014	\$ 1815.55
<u>Our Saviors Camp Savings</u>	
Money Given to Campers	\$1950.00
<u>Our Saviors Camp Savings Balance</u>	
As of 12/31/13	\$ 2755.85
<u>Our Saviors Trip Savings (Individual Accounts)</u>	
2012 Interest \$.42	
<u>Our Saviors Trip Saving Balance</u>	
As of 1/7/2014	\$ 6478.93

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>
Offerings/Scenic Valley/LSS	300.00	300.00
Friendship Luncheon	550.00	550.00
Turkey Supper Profit	2,500.00	
Fairstand Profit	5,900.00	
Thrivent Matching Funds	??	
Local Church		?
Library Fund		400.00
GLBC Campers		1,000.00
Mission Home Community		1,500.00
Mission Work		350.00
Mission Growth		400.00
Mission Action		1,500.00
Kitchen/Church/Fairstand Improvement		2,000.00
Landscaping Maintenance		500.00
Miscellaneous		750.00
TOTAL		\$9,250.00

Evangelical Lutheran Church Women of America

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

All as of 12/31/13

Checking Account: will be reduced by approval of new year WELCA

General fund checking A/C	\$	12,418.39
Savings A/C: designated for specific uses only & not included in checking a/c above.		
Church Cleaning Savings A/C	\$	488.42
Carpet/Floor Savings A/C	\$	148.06
Air Conditioning & Furnace Savings A/C	\$	4,980.20
WELCA Reserve	\$	7,668.01

Receipts:

Ice Cream Social Receipts - (Net Profit \$2,554.60)	\$	3,366.00
Fair Stand Receipts - (Net Profit \$8,257.58)		15,465.66
Turkey Supper Receipts - (Net Profit \$3,383.75)		6,362.00
Thankoffering Sunday Collection		231.00
Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars		2,300.00
Friendship Supper Receipts		571.00
Anonymous donor for Water fountain		1,700.00
Poinsettia donations		210.00
Quilters END. & Prayer Shawl Donations		784.00
Floor Project Donation		35,146.85
Totes Sold		123.98
SW Synod. - small group training		102.37
Misc Receipts		260.40
Total Receipts:	\$	66,623.26

Expenses:

Ice Cream Social Expenses	\$	811.40
Ice Cream Social Profit Distribution - Millie Larson		2,554.60
Turkey Supper		2,978.25
Fairstand		7,208.08
Friendship Supper (Entertainment, food, etc)		1,148.91
Olivia Floral - Altar flowers etc		145.64
Maynard's Foods (communion wine & supplies)		107.89
Quilting & Prayer Shawl supplies		1,368.00
Paper Products		204.92
Library Funding		400.00
Dennis Lyle (Faith chests)		280.00
Scenic Valley Gathering (convention exp)		174.26
Thankoffering to: Renville CO Food Shelf		115.50
& Santa's Closet		115.50
Poinsettias		245.00
Totes for moving		199.80
VBS (food etc)		265.08
Augsburg (Altar supplies)		35.37
CCOC (Confirmation Banquet)		305.00
Nursery Expense		57.98
Women of the ELC (assessment & offering)		95.00
Pete's Grill (coffee)		133.92
Kitchen Supplies		638.88
Olivia Nursing Home treats		52.52
Landscaping expense (Glen Olson)		240.50
Northern Plumbing & Heating (water Fountain)		1,700.00
GLBC Quilt Donation		200.00
Floor Project expense (from WELCA)		672.57
Floor Project expense (from Donations)		35,146.85
GLBS Campers		1,000.00
LYO Board Meeting Supper		77.37
New Member Gifts		55.92
Misc Expense		213.44
End of Year distribution including Thrivent Choice Dollars:		
End of Year distribution to OSL current fund:		12,425.00
End of Year distribution to A/C & Furnace fund:		1,000.00
Total Expense:	\$	72,373.15

QUILTERS - Carol Lyle

Fall of 2013 the quilters began using their new room. Quilters appreciate having all their supplies in one area and being able to leave things set up.

A total of 166 quilts were made in 2013

Quilts were given to Red Cross, Women's Shelter, Renville County VA, Community OutReach, Woodland Center, Hope Pregnancy Center, Golden LivingCenter, Renville County Hospital, Safe Avenues, Circle KinShip, Hope Lodge in Rochester, Santa's Closet and 2013 Our Savior's Seniors.

Thank you to all who help with this project whether at home or church. To those who donate supplies or material, thank you.

Please join us on Wednesday morning for quilting, fellowship, coffee and snacks.

TRANSFERS

THOSE MEMBERS WHO WERE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER ELCA CONGREGATIONS

Mr. Bill Neubauer

Mrs. Janelle Neubauer

Ms. Miranda Neubauer

Mr. Alex Neubauer

Mr. Mark Neubauer

Mr. Joshua Sing

Mr. Zachary Ryan

THOSE MEMBERS WHO WERE DROPPED

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Ben Mangum

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Mr. Jon Swenson

Mrs. Andrea Swenson

Elijah Swenson

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ATTENDANCE

Membership as of December 31, 2013 is 481 Baptized and 377 Confirmed members

Average Attendance on Sunday Mornings for 2013- 89

Average Attendance on Weekday Wednesday Lenten Services - 68

Special Service Attendance during 2013

Maundy Thursday	80
Good Friday	60
Thanksgiving Eve	St. Mary's
Christmas Eve	234
Christmas Day	No church
SS Christmas Program	158

FUNERALS

MR. EDWARD WOELFEL was born March 27, 1945. He passed away on April 25, 2013 in Winsted, MN. Services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on May 1, 2013. Burial was in the Bird Island Village Cemetery, Bird Island, MN.

MRS. CHARLOTTE FOESCH was born February 5, 1947. She passed away on December 29, 2012 in Pawcatuck/Noank, Connecticut. Memorial graveside services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Hector, MN. on May 4, 2013.

MRS. MARY SING was born February 18, 1923. She passed away on August 14, 2013 in New London, MN. Services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on August 17, 2013. Burial was in the Morton City Cemetery, Morton, MN.

MRS. MARGIE COOPER was born January 6, 1947. She passed away on August 23, 2013 in Olivia, MN. Services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on August 26, 2013. Burial was in the Bird Island Village Cemetery, Bird Island, MN.

MRS MILDRED LARSON, was born April 3, 1940. She passed away on October 4, 2013 in Olivia, MN. Services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on October 9, 2013. Burial was in the Olivia City Cemetery, Olivia, MN.

2013 MEMORIALS

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bird Island, Minnesota

Two liquid-fueled Candle Lighters for the Acolyte wands were given in memory of Mrs. Cecelia Seehusen.

\$400.00 was given to Our Savior's quilters in memory of Mrs. Mary Sing.

Organist Hymnal ELW Simplified Keyboard Accompaniment Edition given in memory of Mrs. Marge Cooper and undesignated memorial funds.

WEDDINGS

John Scheibel and Regina Kopel were married at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on April 20, 2013. Attendants were Jay Gass and Gail Kopel-Bute.

Scott Mathiowetz and Linda Grund were married at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on June 22, 2013. Attendants were Kevin Mathiowetz and Jessica Corneille

CONFIRMATION

The following young people confirmed their Christian faith on May 5, 2013

ALLISON LEIGH KRAUSE, daughter of Doug and Cindi Krause. She was born in Olivia, MN. on April 5, 1998. She was baptized on May 17, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bird Island, MN.

HAYLEY KAY RUSCHEN, daughter of Kelvin and Darla Ruschen. She was born in Willmar, MN. on February 23, 1998. She was baptized on May 17, 1998 at First Lutheran Church in Renville, MN.

AMY MARIE SCHROEDER, daughter of Ben and Kristin Schroeder. She was born in Willmar, MN. on August 4, 1998. She was baptized on July 24, 2004 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bird Island, MN.

BRADLEY JAMES WOLFF, son of Daniel Wolff and Terri McGee. He was born in Olivia, MN. on March 23, 1998. He was baptized on June 7, 1998 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bird Island, MN.

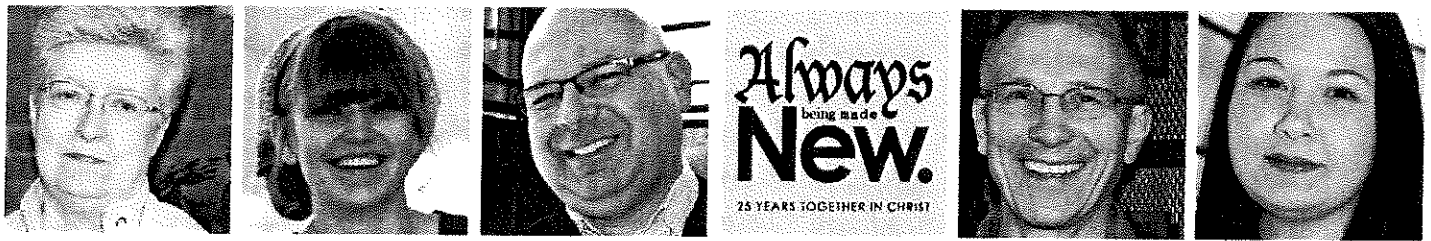
BAPTISMS

ADEN PAUL SWENSON was born October 10, 2012 in Willmar, Mn. He was baptized on March 24, 2013. Parents: Jon and Andrea Swenson. Sponsors are Allen Youngkrantz and Desi Setzepfandt.

CAMRI ANN ELFERING was born March 21, 2013 in Willmar, Mn. She was baptized on April 14, 2013. Parents: Troy and Carla Elfering. Sponsors are Daniel and Chelsey Elfering.

KARA LEE EILER was born March 29, 2013 in Olivia, Mn. She was baptized on June 16, 2013. Parents: Jon and Kory Eiler. Sponsors are Justin and Michelle Eiler.

KEMPER LEE HAFFEMAN was born March 22, 2013 in Buffalo, Mn. She was baptized on August 18, 2013. Parents: Mark and Jamie Haffeman. Sponsors are David Haffeman and Lisa Konkol.



Boldly living out Christ's mission by...
+ engaging leaders + equipping congregations + and serving in God's world...

Annual Report – Bp. Jon Anderson – 2014 – Formation

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ... whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."' Luke 10 - NRSV

As a synod we continue to focus on the word, “formation.” We continue to note and celebrate all the ways we can see that God has been forming us as the baptized, as congregations and as a synod. I invite you to focus on what God is up to in you, in your family, in your community of faith and in God's world. We know that the most important work of the Spirit is often hidden. We know it is easy to make mistakes as we seek to understand the presence and work of God in our lives. Yet we are confident that our Gracious God continues to call us, form us and send us to serve. So, we watch for signs of God's forming and reforming grace. We are grateful for God's many gifts.



God is not done forming us, forming you. God is not done with our church, we continue to be shaped and formed into the cross of Christ. God has a mission for

this synod. God is forming us so that we all share a conviction that **“every baptized one is a minister, every pastor a mission director and every congregation a mission station.”**

The lesson from Luke 10 above has been a cornerstone text in many of our meetings this year as we ponder how God is making us, and all things, new in Christ. Jesus continues to form us like he formed the early apostles and then sent them ahead of him. I invite you to go back and read the text. Notice that God forms them by sending them two by two. God gives us the gift of companions in Christ and the community of faith. God trusts the early disciples and sends us out into a world that is full of challenges and dangers. When we are tempted to protect ourselves and gather more things to do our ministry, Jesus teaches the disciples then, and teaches us now, to travel light trusting in God. Jesus commands us to proclaim the peace that only God can give that we know most deeply in Jesus and his cross. This is our mission field and there is much to do as we seek to proclaim the peace of God to a troubled world, cure the sick, and proclaim the closeness of the reign/rule/kingdom of God in Christ Jesus.





God forms us for a mission that is both local and global. This year's assembly will be a Glocal Mission event. We will focus on the mission we are called to in our many vocations inside God's community and beyond the Church's walls in God's world in our neighborhood, state, country and around the world. We will have time to work on our theme, **"Journey with Jesus: Do you know what has happened?"** based on the Emmaus text from the end of Luke.

As you think about yourself, your congregation, your synod and churchwide expression it is important to remember that growth takes many forms in addition to numbers. We see signs of growth in people, leaders, congregations,

our governance and our engagement with the mission field God has placed us in. Join me in celebrating and affirming growth prompted by God's Holy Spirit.

We are seeing signs that people are listening to God in scripture and prayer, listening to one another and listening to our context as they work on sorting out how to do ministry and mission in this time and in our many contexts. We see signs that our leaders are zooming out to get perspective and then zooming in as they make very specific plans. They are assessing how the environment is changing. Instead of getting lost in anxiety or lost in denial, we are seeing congregations plan, run experiments, evaluate and develop capacities they have not had before. This fall we had multiple events inviting people to think about how to engage in faith formation in this time and culture. We watched our leaders show up in significant numbers, learning, discussing, praying, discerning and then decided to try to new things trusting that our forming and reforming God would be with them. We are thankful for how they seek to be stewards of the Gospel in this time and our future. Our mission field is changing. We are not called to look back and turn into pillars of salt, but rather to follow God's pillar of cloud by day and fire by night through the wilderness of our time.

WARNING



I wonder if we should get signs to put outside our synod office, congregation's buildings, our home and our institutions. If so the sign should say "Warning – God at Work." God is at work. God is calling us to faith, calling us into the community that bears Jesus name in our baptism, called from death to life, called to conversion of our heart, mind and pocketbook, called to new life, called deeper into this world not to climb some ladder of salvation, called to wider awareness of God's Church and called to greater awareness as we live in the world. God is at work calling us to new life.

Your synod continues to **Boldly walk in Christ's Mission** of....

Engaging Leaders –We are thankful for all the new leaders God has called to serve in our congregations in all kinds of ways. We give thanks for all the congregations and synods who prepared the rostered leaders who have come to serve in our mission field with us. We are thankful we have been called to be a hothouse for leaders in God's Church.

Equipping Congregations – We are thankful for all the ways God has been inspiring and encouraging congregations in their proclamation of God's grace, to receive the gifts of newcomers. We are particular thankful for the courageous redevelopment work happening in our new area parishes and congregations who have created alliances. It takes faith to trust God will lead you into new ways to be and do church. We see faithful and fruitful congregations trusting and following Christ into God's preferred and promised future.

Serving in God's World – We are formed to love and serve God and love our neighbors. That work takes place in our everyday life and many callings and beyond our communities. We dream of "Equipping the Saints: Realizing our Dream." We will be sharing more about our invitation to share God's work. We have been listening and learning. God is calling us forward to steward the Gospel in Southwestern Minnesota, our state, our region, our country and God's world.

Bishop Jon V. Anderson

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Report of Interim CEO

Road Trip! This is the theme for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries' upcoming summer season. Our focus will be on Jesus' road trip to Jerusalem. We'll be reminded that whenever and wherever we travel Jesus is with us on the journey.

I've always been up for the adventure of a road trip. Whether it's leading groups on trips, or in my own personal travels, I've taken my share of road trips across country. The ups and downs of life on the road have provided me with many special friends and memories. I have enjoyed the adventures and challenges of the road as well as the sweet homecomings.

This year at GLLM we have also enjoyed a journey. We continue to travel through a time of transition for the organization as well as for the church at large. We have experienced the ups and downs of the road, the adventures and the homecomings. This means that sometimes we find ourselves re-charting our course - in some places trying a different direction, in others returning to the well-known paths.

A new direction for us this summer will be the suspension of our day camp program. Much thought went into this decision. Due to the changing needs of congregations, the challenges of staffing day camp teams and the costs associated with day camp we are taking a "time-out" from day camp. We believe this will allow us to hone our focus on quality, on-site, programming to ensure the best possible experience for campers who join us at one of our three sites this summer. We value our congregations as travelling companions and will be looking at ways that we can continue to travel together in that are more effective for our many and varied ministry settings.

Day Camp used to be a "feeder" program for our on-site offerings, but we are finding that is not the case as much anymore, nor does day camp have the life-changing impact on kids' lives the way that our on-site programs do. Studies show that one of the most significant faith formation experiences a young person can have is to attend a bible camp. If you really want to make a difference in kids' lives bring them to camp!

Another new direction, (that really is a return to a familiar path) is that we are excited to be writing our own summer 2014 bible study curriculum for the first time in many years. Over the last several years we have purchased the summer camp curriculum from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. This year we made the decision to write our own and allow for congregational leaders and pastors to have input in shaping what kids will be experiencing at camp. The stories chosen from the Gospel of Luke will reflect our baptismal journey of being called, claimed, changed from the inside out, and commissioned to go out as people of the way – Christ's way – of loving the world. On the road, new people, new places, and new challenges await us. We will make connections to baptism and our life in Christ throughout the week.

One more adventure on GLLM's journey this year was the search for a new Executive Director. The search committee worked faithfully for several months, but the search ended without a candidate being recommended. While the news about the search process may initially seem disappointing, the GLLM Board of Directors sees this as an important and necessary detour, an opportunity to ensure that GLLM remains a quality leader in outdoor ministries.

The GLLM Board has been evaluating what it has learned from the search process and will be engaging in several in-depth sessions about the mission and future vision of GLLM. An action plan and new time table for a renewed executive search will come out of these conversations. In the meantime, our committed and qualified staff are continuing to faithfully serve, moving forward in faith as this ministry has done now for 75 years.

As we continue to move through this time of transition, we thank you for all the ways you support this ministry and we ask for your continued support us as we go forward. Your prayers, financial support, volunteering, and encouragement is what has sustained and will continue to sustain this ministry long into the future.

Finally, at the end of a long road trip it is always good to arrive back home again. This past summer we enjoyed the homecoming of staff and camper alumni as we celebrated GLLM's 75th Anniversary. We hope that all who come through our sites will always feel a sense of coming home when they return and that when you leave you are refreshed for the journey that lies ahead. We go out trusting that God goes with us on the journey.

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Naomi Mahler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev Naomi Mahler

Interim CEO

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries.



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

• ANNUAL REPORT FROM GUSTAVUS CHURCH RELATIONS — DECEMBER 2013 •

Greetings to you from your colleagues in ministry at Gustavus Adolphus College! As we reflect upon this year and every year we find ourselves grateful for and proud of our heritage as a College of the Lutheran Church. We are blessed to be able to provide countless resources to members of our Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations. This Association is important as the place where official governing boards of the College are elected each April. Within this Association, key relationships are formed that help us maintain and grow this connection.

On July 1, the College announced the calling of the Reverend Siri C. Erickson and the Reverend Brian E. Konkol to serve as Chaplains of the College. The chaplains have focused upon greater student engagement and have been carefully discerning how the College will practice daily worship during the scheduled 10—10:20 a.m. chapel time. “We understand the challenges that arise out of changes in leadership, and we will do our best to listen, learn, and grow into our new roles,” Chaplain Konkol said. “We are deeply honored to follow in the footsteps of a long line of faithful chaplains at Gustavus, and we intend to build upon their numerous contributions.”

As you gather for your annual assembly, we hope you are inspired by the reminder of the many others who walk along side you in mission and the great vineyard our God has placed us all within. Thank you to the many of you who have made good use of our ministry partnership. It is our joy to offer ourselves in service to you and the community you serve.

MARK YOUR 2014 CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

• **Annual Gustavus Faith Conference — APRIL 26, 2014**

The theme for the 2014 conference will be “*Road to the Reformation: Deepening our Lutheran Theological Roots.*” Dr. Marcia Bunge, Distinguished Chair of Lutheran Studies and professor of religion at Gustavus will speak on the topic, “*Understanding Lutheran Commitments to Children and Youth: Theological Foundations, Historical Perspectives, and Contemporary Initiatives.*” A panel of speakers in the afternoon will reflect more deeply on the grounds for our commitments and our responsibilities to children today in the areas of child advocacy and faith formation. Panelists include Daniel Lee, vice president of external relations, Lutheran World Relief; the Rev. Jeremy Myers, associate professor for youth and family ministry, Augsburg College; Tim Schmidt, managing partner, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; and Maureen Warren, Family Services Officer, Lutheran Social Services. The Gustavus Faith Conference is open to the public.

- **Student Leadership Day—also APRIL 26, 2014**, a separate event and great opportunity for congregations to bring 5 to 10 key student leaders for this upbeat student leadership development event that features live music and small group discussion time led by Gustavus student leaders.

- **MAYDAY! Peace Conference—APRIL 30, 2014** “*Tibet: Finding Hope in Exile.*”

- **Annual Nobel Conference®—OCTOBER 7-8, 2014** “*Where Does Science Go from Here?*”

- **Christmas in Christ Chapel—DECEMBER 5-7, 2014**

For more information about these events and the many resources we offer congregations, please contact Church Relations in the Center for Servant Leadership (507-933-7001) or visit us on-line at: www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations. Thank you for your partnership and prayers!

Rev. Grady St. Dennis
College Chaplain/Director for Church Relations

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