

Joint Cluster Meeting- 5/27/25
7:00 OLL Parish Center

Called to order: 7:03 PM by Bryan Bichler

Members present:

OLL: Natalie Brochtrup, Bryan Bichler, Leon Jacoby, Jenny Schwab, Lina Vorpahl, Amy Schmit, Kari Stone, Marilyn Sabec, Deb Hamm

DS: Bob Lallensack, JoAnn Karpin, Rusty Zimmerman, Mary Navis, Lora Schroeder, Hannah Shiningier, Barb Duenk, Tina Wick, Eric Poggeman, Shane Van Roo, Susan Urbaniak, Deb Hamm

Guests: Lynn Sauer

1. Opening Prayer: Bryan Bichler led the opening prayer

2. Education Home and School report- Lynn Sauer

*The staff is utilizing a new assessment program, iReady, which will replace AIMS for progress monitoring.

*The 4K-3rd grade classes have begun implementing *Foundations* (reading/phonics program)

*Mrs. Sauer submitted a Love One Another Grant for new Bibles for all the classrooms and was awarded the grant.

*Mrs. Sauer and Mrs. Pierson submitted a Bruce Krier grant for a Health and Safety grant for Stop the Bleed kits, an AED, new flooring and new lunch tables. The grant for \$73,000 was awarded to DSCS.

*The Fourth grade teaching position has been filled by Amanda Longden.

*Fr. Pat will no longer be the school priest. Fr. Don will now be assigned to the school with Fr. Steve available when Fr. Don is unavailable. The school thanks Fr. Pat for his dedication and service to the community.

3. Parish Director's Report: Deb Hamm

*The AV system and camera at OLL have been set up and the company will provide training on use and care. There were some concerns voiced in the 'overflow' space regarding quality of sound/video.

*Bids are being solicited for safety cameras and equipment at OLL through the Love One Another campaign.

*A/V work at Divine Savior will begin soon. There will be a meeting with representatives to discuss options at that site.

*There will be a Mass of Commitment at both the OLL and Divine Savior chapels for the Confirmants during the 8:15 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on September 28, 2025.

*We have been fortunate to celebrate several Baptisms during masses recently.

*The Ham Dinner will be held at OLL on Oct. 5, 2025 from 9:30-1:30. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. All are welcome.

*A candidate for the Outreach Coordinator Position was interviewed and an offer was extended.

*Deb will be attending a conference on OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults- formerly RCIA) on Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025.

*Advent in a Bag will again be available for interested parishioners. There will be a dedicated theme for each week and prayer cards in each bag.

*The book "What We Believe" by Bishop Baron will be distributed at Christmas.

*The Priest schedule is being worked on.

3. Old Business:

- a. Audio-Visual equipment update was provided by Deb Hamm during her Director report.

4. New Business:

*Parish Council Training: Bryan Bichler and Barb Duenk attended the virtual training and slides are being provided to all council members.

*That Man Is You: The new session has begun, Interested men are encouraged to meet at 6:00 AM on Wednesdays in the Divine Savior basement. A light breakfast will be served at 5:45 and the program concludes by 7:00 AM. See the bulletin for additional details.

*All Souls Services will be held on November 2. The schedule is as follows:

9:30 AM at the Random Lake Cemetery

11:00 AM at the Holy Cross Cemetery

1:00 PM at St. Nicholas Chapel with fellowship

2:30 PM at St. Patrick's Cemetery

4:00 PM at Cascade Cemetery

5:00 PM at Lake Church Cemetery

See the bulletin for more information.

*Behold Your Child Ministry- Deb reported that funds have been raised for memorial markers for the Holy Cross, Dacada and Random Lake cemeteries. Plots will be marked with engraved paver stones. Support, including counseling, for families experiencing pregnancy or infant loss are available. There will be no cost to families to utilize this ministry/service and is available to families outside of our cluster who are in need. Db Hamm is checking into engraving options for the paver stones. Contact Deb Hamm for more information or you know of a family in need.

*OLL Ham Dinner- see Parish Director's report

*There will be no Pet Blessing this year as there is a conflict with the Ham Dinner. There will be a blessing printed in the bulletin for those interested.

*Other New Business:

*Hannah Shinniger shared that there will be an Encounter Night during Advent on December 2, 2025 from 6:30-8:00 PM. There will not be a speaker that evening, but there will be music, a time for refecton, and three priests will be available to

celebrate Reconciliation . This replaces the cluster Advent Reconciliation services.

*Shane Van Roo expressed concern regarding security issues at the cluster worship sites, especially since recent events targeting places of worship have surfaced. Deb Hamm will gather information from the Archdiocese in regards to safety procedures that are suggested and allowed. The cluster will revisit safety information dissemination to parishioners on an annual basis in both chapel and Faith Formation settings.

5. Closing Prayer- the councils prayed a closing prayer provided by Kari Stone

6. Adjournment: motion by Marilyn Sabec

Seconded by: Mary Navis

Adjournment time: 7:58 PM

Next meeting;

November 24, 2025; 7:00 PM @Holy Cross Chapel

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Brochtrup
OLL Pastoral Council Secretary