
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 2020

Worship with Holy Communion in July at Our Savior's The new schedule begins Wednesday, July 1st!

Thank you so much for your support during these months when we have been worshipping on-line and in the parking lot. The health team recommended, and the church council approved, worship plans for the month of July. We will hold worship outdoors, on Facebook live and on the public access channels. We will serve Holy Communion at each service (bring your own bread and juice).

These are the things you need to know about outdoor worship:

- Outdoor worship will be on the State Street side of the church.
- Bring your own chairs if you plan to sit on the circle drive or grass.
- You may also listen on FM 90.1 from your car if you park on State Street.
- Masks are recommended if you sit outside.
- Maintain a physical distance of at least six feet.
- Singing will be a part of the service. We will not be using hymnals.
- We will serve Holy Communion (see Pastor Dave's explanation of how we will serve Holy Communion in this newsletter).
- Offering will be taken as you arrive or leave. No plate will be passed.
- Weather decisions will be made by 8:00 AM on Sundays and 5:30 PM Wednesdays (posted on the website and Facebook). In that case, worship will be held on Facebook live and cable channels only.
- Sunday Outdoor Worship times: 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- Wednesday Outdoor Worship time: 6:30 PM (Please note that Wednesday worship will be the same service as the preceding Sunday)
- Facebook Live: 9:00 AM on Sundays
- Public Access Channel: Monday at 7:00 PM and Thursday at 5:00 PM. Comcast Channel 14 and Nuvera Channel 3.

Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings

- We will hold funerals in the church during July. They will be limited in number attending, with no singing and no meal.
- Weddings may be held in July, though none are on the schedule. Again, limited numbers may attend.
- Baptisms will be held in July with limited numbers. Please arrange with one of the pastors.

At this time, neither the health ministry team nor the council, feel it is safe for us to worship in the building. As long as it is summer, we have a good option of being outdoors. Gathering together for worship is important for the body of Christ. We will update you on any changes to our worship schedule. Many thanks to the health team and church council for their dedication and wisdom as they strive to make decisions for the safety of all.

For Everything there is a Season



Some seasons seem longer than others. This season of a pandemic and physical distancing seems very long to me. I miss you. I miss seeing you at Oak Hills, Ridgeway on German, and Ridgeway on 23rd and the many other places I see you. I miss you coming in and out of the church, stopping in to help or to chat. I miss gathering at the altar with you for Holy Communion. This season seems very long, doesn't it?

In this season and every season, God is with us. I feel God's presence when we are worshiping on Wednesdays and Sundays. I saw God's active presence in our midst when I saw the collection of diapers, soap and basic supplies we were able to take to Trinity Lutheran in Minneapolis. I feel God's presence when we gather via Zoom for meetings. I see God's love for us when I see the beautiful creation He gave us. I hear and see God's presence in how you care for and encourage one another when we gather for bible studies via Zoom. In this long season God is working in and through us. God is giving us and our congregation what we need to meet the challenges of each day. Thanks be to God!

In this season, we have had good guidance from the state of Minnesota and from our health team, and we are slowly and cautiously changing how we gather. Parking lot worship has been a joy! Small groups (ten or less) have met for meetings in the church and for baptisms. Slowly, we are finding ways to gather face to face again (more information on that in this newsletter). I'm eager for us to be together, but am grateful for the wisdom of our health team and church council. Thank you for being patient, as the decisions being made are meant to keep everyone safe. If you have questions, concerns or in need of pastoral care, please do not hesitate to call one of the pastors. For everything there is a season. This season will pass, though we don't know when. However, we can say with confidence that God is with us in this season and all seasons. May each of us find comfort, hope and strength in that promise.

Pastor Kathy

Holy Communion



The celebration of communion has always been at the center of my faith. Coming to the table where Christ has welcomed us forms us into a community, a family of God. In the coming days, we will begin to celebrate communion again.

For now, I thought I'd take this time to explain why communion is so central. We know it began at the last supper when Jesus commanded this sacrament, but the history of communion is fascinating. The early church celebrated communion as a potluck meal after worship, where they would say the words of institution and feast together. It was their reminder of the feast to come in heaven. There was a lot of confusion about communion early on, but Paul helped people to understand its purpose and how to celebrate it (1st and 2nd Corinthians and Galatians).

After that, communion went through many different changes; common cup, intinction, individual cups, bread only. However, it's always stayed an important part of how we worship and the forgiveness that we receive from God. With those changes in mind, we will begin celebrating communion again in July. We will do this by having each family bring their own elements for communion (bread, crackers, grape juice). This will be another experiment in how we can worship together.

Keep your eyes looking for more details through our Constant Contact email (please contact Jen if you would like to sign up), on our church website, and on our church Facebook page (www.facebook.com/oslcnwulm).

Blessings and peace,
Pr. Dave



Wow! Summer has finally arrived! Although the kids are finally done with school, things obviously look a little different. As you are well aware, our VBS has been postponed. We are still looking into options for a VBS gathering of sorts in August. Please keep your eyes open for more information in the coming weeks.

Another big difference is the cancelation of Bible Camp through Green Lake. That one especially hit me hard; I feel the benefits of camp are priceless. These days I am constantly looking for ways to get my kids “unplugged,” and camp offers a week of no electronics...along with amazing faith building! It’s a win-win in my book! Looks like we will have to find other ways to occupy our kiddos!

Since my summer work hours are usually filled with VBS and camp, I have found myself with some extra time on my hands. During this time I have taken some online courses in Children’s Faith Formation. I have also been in contact with other churches, brain storming and discussing what is working for them during this strange time. Currently, I am looking into new Sunday school curriculum! Yay! So much fun!!

This down time has brought many new ideas. I am excited to get our congregation back together in person, and I am excited to try some new things in faith building!

God Bless,
Lindsay



Green Lake Lutheran Ministries has a wonderful annual tradition! For the past 35 years, their Quilt Auction has been GLLM’s largest fundraiser for ministry and bible camp opportunities for all ages. However, because of precautions to prevent COVID-19 spread, this year’s auction will be a little different.

Beginning July 17th, Quilts and Silent Auction items will be available for viewing online at gllm.org/quilt-auction.html. The Live Online Quilt Auction will begin streaming at 11:30 AM on July 25th. The Silent Auction will close at 4:00 PM on the 25th.



OSLC Prayer Wall

Have you had an opportunity to visit our prayer wall? Everyone in the congregation (and community) can participate by coming to the southeast corner of church and weaving in any type and color of fabric anywhere on the wall. You can write the prayer on the fabric, say a prayer as you are weaving, or both. Bring your own bright fabric strip or piece of an old shirt, towel, or sheet, or take a fabric strip from the tote located by the church's front doors. Our prayer wall will continue to grow throughout the summer as we work together as a church family to build something beautiful and heartfelt for our community.

Young Adult Gatherings

All college aged young adults are invited to two gatherings during the month of July. We will gather at Our Savior's on Sunday, July 12, at 7:00 PM. Bring your own lawn chair. On Sunday, July 26, we will gather at Pastor Kathy and Gregg's home at 7:00 PM. Please contact Pastor Kathy with any questions.

Men's bible study will continue to meet over the summer. We will gather via Zoom on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, at 8:30 AM. The July meeting dates are Thursdays, July 9th and 23rd. If you would like to join this group, please e-mail Pastor Kathy at kathy@oursaviorsnewulm.org. If you have been attending via Zoom during June, there is no need to send another email.

Christ in Our Home daily devotional for July, August and September is available on a table outside the church's front entrance. If you would like a large print copy of the current edition, please contact the church office at jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.

2020 Offerings vs Needs		
	2020 Y-T-D Income	Y-T-D Budget Needs
General	\$228,263.36	\$207,917.54
Building	\$28,599.00	\$34,961.52
		As of 6/15/20

United Way Backpack Project

A community project of the United Way of the Brown County Area, Inc.



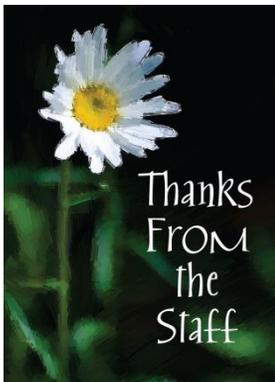
Beginning in early July, Our Savior's will again host a public collection box for the United Way "Stuff the Backpacks" Project drive to help students who live in or attend school in Brown County. Last year, more than **400 backpacks** filled with school supplies were given to children throughout Brown County in grades K-8 who qualify for the free lunch program. We anticipate the need to be even greater this year.

A table will be placed outside the church's front doors from approximately 8:00 AM – 2:00PM each day for supplies. Donations can be dropped off through July 22nd. A list of needed supplies is below:

Disinfecting Wipes	Hand Sanitizer	#2 Pencils
2-Pocket Folders	Glue Sticks	Highlighters
Plastic Pencil Boxes	Pencil Bags	Pencil Top Erasers
Spiral Notebooks - wide ruled		Composition Notebooks
Boxes of Facial Tissue – A LOT!		3 Ring Binders
4 oz Bottles of Elmer's Glue – white		Post-it Notes
Crayola <u>Broad Tip</u> Markers		Large Pink Erasers
Crayola Colored Pencils – sets of 12		Dry Erase Markers
Crayola 24 Count Crayons		Fiskars Pointed Kids Scissors
Ultra Fine Tip Sharpie Markers		Scotch Tape

Questions? Contact the United Way at (507) 354-6512.

The Mission Board would like to thank the members of Our Savior's for supplying the needed items for the people who live near Lake Street in Minneapolis. These people lost their food stores during the protests. The volunteers at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church were very appreciative of your generosity. Blessings to you all.



Thank you to Seth Dreckman and Next Level for his time and skill reconnecting the fountain located in the outdoor sitting area in front of our building. And thank you to Susie Hoban for tending to our flowerbeds!

We also appreciate the efforts of our Quilting Group, and thank them for the wonderful quilts they made for our 2020 High School Graduates.

Lastly, thank you to John and Marlene Ingebritson for delivering the supplies raised for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.



Dear Church Family:

I would like to say thank you to everyone who reached out to me upon Randy's sudden passing away. I received calls, cards, texts, messages and prayers. I am so blessed for each and every one of you. Please continue to keep myself and my family in your prayers.

- Jennifer Hauth

Dear Our Savior's:

Thank you so much for all that you have done for me! Whether it is strengthening me in my faith, or showing me a good time. Our Savior's will always have a special place in my heart/life. It makes me sad to be spending the last couple of months at home and not at church, but I always know I have a place there. I would like to say thank you for all you've done for me, especially for remembering me on graduation day. I loved the cupcakes. Even though they were just cupcakes, I know they were filled with love. Writing with love and inspiration,

- Ellie Wilker

Dear OSLC:

Thank you for stopping by with the parade and delicious cupcakes! Your support truly means a lot to me!

Sincerely,

- Paige Hoffmann

OSLC:

Thank you so much for the prayer shawl and keeping me in the prayer chain while I recover. Can't wait to see you all again. Thanks again!

- Katie Wilker

To Our Savior's Family:

Thank you so much for the visit on what should have been our Senior Sunday and for the yummy gift of cupcakes. It means so much that you all took time out of your day to make us feel extra special. You have had so much impact on us growing up. I hope we will all be able to celebrate together soon. Thank you again.

- Ally Steffensmeier

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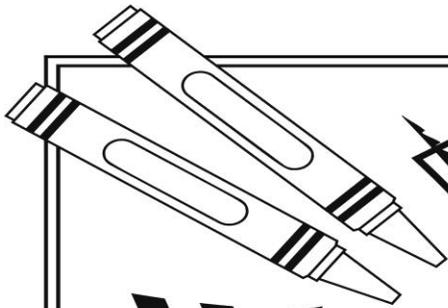
Thank you so much for the wonderful surprise, yummy cupcakes, and support. Although this is not how I expected to end my senior year, the love and support you have shown us seniors reminds me of how truly blessed I am. This surprise was a perfect reminder that God's love shines through even the darkest of times. I am so blessed to have such an amazing church family. Thank you! With love,

- Rachel Hohensee

Staff:

So grateful for all your hard work, you are all thought about and prayed for. Thank you & blessings,

- Tom -n- Linda Postel

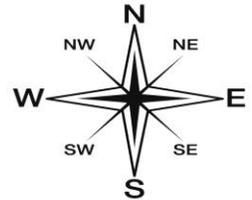
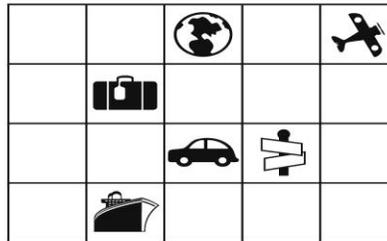


PUZZLE

Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N

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Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE

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Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E

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Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W

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Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW

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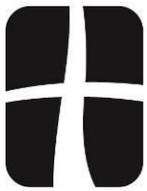
Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW

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The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV



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