
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

May 2021



On this spring day, it's snowing outside...yesterday's temperature was in the high 60's. I'm looking forward to days out on the lake with the sun beating down. But I'm realizing that in the heat of the Summer, I look forward to the cool weather of Fall and the crunching of leaves. In the Fall, I look forward to the cold nights of Winter gathered around the fire. In the Winter, I look forward to the warm days of Spring with green grass sprouting...

I'm never satisfied in the season I'm in. I also think that applies to the time that I'm in. There's always something to look forward to; always something to look back on fondly; always something that I'm waiting to be done with. It's a common human experience to spend time only thinking about the future or reminiscing in the past.

As Christians, we need to be in the present. The words of Christ (paraphrased in a hymn) are ringing in my ears.

Stay with me. Remain here with me.
Watch and Pray. Watch and Pray.

These lines are repeated over and over in this hymn ("Stay With Me," ELW #348). A reminder that we are called to live in this moment, to see the failures of the past, to work for a better future, to bring the Kingdom of God among us. The temptation is to passively wait for what's next, but God, The Holy Spirit, is pushing us to be active in our faith. God is calling us to spread the Good News in thought, word, and deed.

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you." - Luke 17:20-21

Let's live in the Kingdom of God, serving each other, bringing joy and hope into the present time.

Blessings and Peace,

Pr. Dave

Dear Congregation:

I am reminded by these words to help guide me. "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12.
"Love your neighbor as yourself." Romans 13:9.

With these words in mind, I want to commend the members of Our Savior's with words of gratitude ... **thank you** ... **thank you** ... **thank you**. You as a congregation have done a remarkable job of keeping safe from the invisible global threat that we have faced now for more than a year. The church staff, headed by Pastor Kathy and Pastor Dave, have done amazing things and have been nimble and adaptive in



nurturing us in our journey of faith. They continue to seek ways to do church functions that are meaningful and safe. With constant prayer, the administering of vaccines, and continued practice of needed safety measures, we can see hopeful signs that this will end soon. It has not been easy. The members have shown great patience and caring during these trying times. By following the Word and showing our love and respect for our neighbors, we will get through this. I encourage each of you to stay strong and vigilant. We can look back at these events as a difficult period that will never be forgotten.

Yours in Christ,

Ken Varland
Council President

With **GRATITUDE**

Thank you! We recently received a “thank you” from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod for our 2020 mission support. We gave \$15,000 in mission support to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod and \$11,500 to ELCA Word Hunger. The impact of your financial gifts goes beyond Our Savior’s and into the world. Thank you for your generosity.

Dear Our Savior’s,
Thank you so much for your donation to NUMAS Haus! We really appreciate all your kindness and support.
Sincerely,
Karla Diehn, Shelter Coordinator

Hymnal Presentation

May 2nd at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Every year we honor the 6th graders of the Our Savior’s Children’s Choirs by presenting them with their very own, embossed hymnal. Due to the Pandemic we were not able to present the hymnals last spring. So this year we are honoring our 6th and 7th graders. When we’ve been able to have Choir, these young people have memorized many anthems and hymns, learned liturgies, and have spread the Gospel by presenting wonderful musicals each year. This year we weren’t able to meet and we’ve missed them greatly!

Their involvement in the Children’s Choirs has meant that they have been strong worship leaders and I couldn’t be more proud of them. – Shannon

The 7th Graders honored are:

Isabel Krenz Sophia Lund Aubree Schmidt

The 6th Graders honored are:

Gracie Baker Logan Booth Shyla Gehring
Ian Lee Owen Rasche Kate Schmidt
Natalie Severson Keira Sullivan



Senior Quilt Milestone

On **Sunday, May 16th at the 8:30 AM worship service**, Our Savior's will be celebrating our Senior Milestone! Our 2021 High School graduates will be honored, and presented with a quilt so that they may wrap themselves in the warmth of God and our congregation. Seniors should RSVP to Lindsay at lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org. We can't wait to celebrate you!

Outdoor Movie Night - May 7th at 7:30PM

Join us for a movie out on the church lawn. We will be watching "Run the Race" (PG), a film about faith, sports, and family. Make sure to bring a lawn chair, blanket, and snacks! Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website as we get closer to check about timing, weather updates, and more info.

May Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study will meet May 10th and May 24th, at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall.
WELCA Bible Study will meet May 13th and May 27th, at 10:00AM in the Social Hall.

Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering on May 23rd will be for the Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery. Their mission statement tells us best what they provide: "The SMNCN is a 24-hour home that exists to provide a temporary, safe and loving environment for children while supporting and strengthening families experiencing a stressful situation."

The Noisy Offering received in February and March was \$402.15, and was given to NUMAS Haus.



PLEASE Register by June 1st

Pre-k - 5th grade attend VBS
6th grade and up are invited to be helpers/leaders

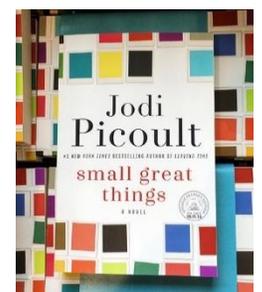
*****OFFERING A MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSION THIS YEAR!*****

All Aboard! VBS registration is OPEN!!

In order to have a safe and fun VBS this year, we are offering a morning session from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, and an afternoon session from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Parents and Grandparents, we need your help to make VBS a success! If you are willing to lend a hand this year, please visit vbspro.events/p/oslcvbs2021 to register. Questions? Contact Lindsay at lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org.

Summer Reading Book Group

This summer the Adult Ministry Team will be hosting a book group. Our first book will be "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. This book will be discussed on **June 10th at 6:30 PM**. This book comes highly recommended and should lead to a great conversation! For more information, please contact Pastor Dave.





Easter Egg Hunt

We had so much fun at our Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd! Thank you to all of the families who joined us!





OSLC Lawn-O-Rama - June 27th at 1:00 PM

The Adult Ministry team invites you to join in a battle for the "Best Lawn Gamer at OSLC!" We will have a tournament for Ladder Golf (aka Ninja Golf) and Bean Bags (aka Cornhole) so come prepared for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. This will be a fundraiser for the Ministries of OSLC so there will be a buy-in (minimum donation yet to be determined), but there will also be prizes for our winners. If you are interested, looking for more information, or willing to bring additional sets of Bean Bags, get in touch with Pastor Dave. More info will be coming as the day approaches. Start practicing and get ready for a joyous celebration of OSLC Lawn-O-Rama!

Baptisms

Over the past few months, we have been delighted to welcome the following children into the family of God!



Walker Halverson

Son of David & Brittany Halverson
Brother of Wyatt



Rhett Hoffmann

Son of Ryan & Chelsie Hoffmann
Brother of Blaire



Brody Eckstein

Son of Jay & Jennifer Eckstein



Celia Haas

Daughter of Josh & Rachael Haas
Sister of Evie



Evan Lang

Son of Jeremy & Rebecca Lang
Brother of Ethan

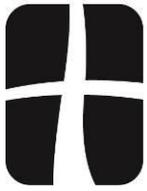
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 Hymnal Milestone 8:30 AM Worship & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship	3 8:30 AM ASIST Training	4 8:30 AM ASIST Training 7:00 PM Health Team	5 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting	6 4:00 PM Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	7 7:30 PM Movie Night	8
9 Brooks Baptism 8:30 AM Worship & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship	10 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study	11 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Adult Ministry Team 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team 7:00 PM Facilities & Grounds Meeting	12 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 10:30 AM NU Ministerial Mtg	13 10:00 AM WELCA Bible Study	14	15
16 Senior Quilt Milestone 8:30 AM Worship & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship	17 3:30 PM Pro Kinship Activity	18 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Missions Ministry Team 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team	19 1:00 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Communion Service	20 9:30 AM Conference Rostered Leaders	21	22
23 Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30 AM Worship & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship	24 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study	25 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting	26 9:30 AM Tree House Preschool Graduation 12:30 PM Tree House Preschool Graduation	27 <i>Last Day of School</i> <i>ISD 88</i> 10:00 AM WELCA Bible Study 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	28 1:30 PM Visitation for Darla and Glenn Swanson 2:30 PM Funeral for Darla and Glenn Swanson	29
30 8:30 AM Worship & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship	31 Memorial Day - Office Closed	1	2	3	4	5

Sign up for our Constant Contact email service and receive our weekly update emails, as well as occasional mid-week announcements. To sign up, call the church office at (507) 233-4430, or email jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.

Don't Miss Our News!

We are aware of an existing problem with Hotmail rejecting emails from the Church's email domain. If you have a Hotmail address and would like us to email a secondary account, please contact Jen!



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Worship

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Facebook Live – Sunday at 8:30 AM

Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

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reaching out and raising up followers of

Jesus Christ