SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

August 2022



Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Psalm 90:1

It has been a joy to work with the 75th Anniversary Committee! They are people who have been a part of this congregation for varying amounts of time, but all have great commitment and love for this church. They have been hard at work planning all the details for September 25th. If you haven't already, you will soon receive an invitation to the anniversary celebration, with a request to RSVP for the meal.

Celebrating the past, even as we look to the future, is what September 25th is about. Who we are today is because of the dedication and faith of all those who have come before us. If we are grateful for our children's and youth ministry, we can be grateful for the hundreds and hundreds of those who have taught Sunday school, led youth groups, and committed financially for this ministry. If we are grateful for mission circles, we can be grateful for the those who began and continued WELCA and its predecessor organizations. If we are grateful for a congregation who sings well and has multiple choirs, we can be grateful for the hard work and dedication of the many leaders who committed to that for generations. If we are grateful for this beautiful building in which we gather, we can be grateful for all it has taken to get here.

I am so grateful for the people of Our Savior's, beginning with that small group back in 1947, and continuing through all the years. Now each of us must ask, what is our part in continuing the ministry of Our Savior's? We don't know what Our Savior's will look like at its 100^{th} anniversary, but we know God is calling each one of us to continue to heed His call and serve God and God's people through this congregation. Let's get ready to celebrate our anniversary and let's be ready to go where God leads.

Pastor Kathy

Celebrating 75 Years of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our official anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, September 25th. Here is a look at the weeks leading up to the anniversary, along with the anniversary day:

September 11th – Rally Day – "We are the Church, the Body of Christ"

There will be an Anniversary Walk beginning at 8:00 AM. Details can be found in this newsletter. Coffee and rolls will be served in the Social Hall at 9:00 AM, and worship will be at 10:00 AM. Our theme for the day is how we are the church together. We are community who worship together, support one another, and encourage one another.

September 18th – "God's Word is our Guide and Strength"

Again, there will be one service at 10:00 AM. Coffee and rolls in the Social Hall will be at 9:00 AM. Worship will focus on how we receive God's Word in scripture and in our hymns, and how that Word shapes our congregation and our lives.

September 25th - "Lord, our Dwelling Place in all Generations"

We celebrate 75 years as Our Savior's Lutheran Church! Early morning coffee and fellowship begins at 8:30 AM. There will be displays that walk us through our history. <u>Celebration worship will be at 10:00 AM</u>. Lunch will follow worship. We will celebrate the past, and look forward to how God will lead us into the future.

Anniversary Walk on September 11th

We are excited to have an anniversary walk on September 11th, at 8:00 AM. The walk will begin at The Grand, and make stops at each location Our Savior's has worshiped, ending at 1400 South State Street, our current location. The walk is meant to help us celebrate and give thanks for the all of the people, past and present, who have made Our Savior's the congregation that it is today. At each location, we will have a prayer of thanksgiving. You can park at Our Savior's and be shuttled by bus to The Grand. If you don't want to do the whole walk, the bus will shuttle you from downtown to 8th North and Minnesota, and then back to Our Savior's. T-shirts are available for the walk, and to celebrate 75 years. An order form for the shirts is in this newsletter, and must be received by August 21st.

The route of the walk:

- **The Grand** The first families interested in forming a new church met at The Grand Hotel.
- **Guten Tag Haus** This used to be the Silver Latch Café, and is the first place OSLC worshipped.
- City Filter Plant at 3rd North This is the second place OSLC worshipped.
- **Broadway Haus Apartments** This was the location of Creamery Hall, and was the next place of worship as the numbers kept growing.
- 8th North and Minnesota The location of our first church building.
- 1400 South State Street Our current location.

It is about a three mile walk if you start at The Grand and walk the whole route. We hope that there will be many of you who either walk or use the bus shuttle. We will be carrying a processional cross and banner, and will be back at Our Savior's around 9:30 AM, and will look forward to many of you greeting us! Please sign up for the walk at church or by emailing the church office.



What a great way to begin the school year and a great way to lead up to September 25th!



Living in Christ Together

Faith Formation on Wednesdays and Sundays

<u>Beginning September 14th</u>

LinC† for Kindergarten through 6th Grade is offered on Wednesday afternoon or Sunday morning, and families may choose either day. Our Preschoolers (3 and 4 year olds as of September 1st) have LinC† on Sunday mornings only. More information will be available at our Parent Meetings in August/September. Registration is open now online at http://www.oursaviorsnewulm.org/linct-online-registration.html!

Wednesdays at Our Savior's

3:30PM – LinC†, Living in Christ Together (Grades K-6)

5:15PM - 6:15PM - Suppers (all ages)

5:45PM – Rejoice Ringers (Adult Handbells)

6:30PM - Adult Choir

6:30PM – 5th and 6th Grade Youth Group

6:30PM - 8:00PM - Confirmation (Grades 7-9)

7:30PM – Worship (All ages)

8:00PM - Youth Group (Grades 10-12)

Sundays at Our Savior's

8:30AM - Worship*

9:30 AM - Fellowship

9:40AM – LinC†, Living in Christ Together

(Preschool-Grade 6)

10:30AM - Worship*

Sunday Worship times beginning October 2nd



We are excited to begin Wednesday and Sunday LinC† again this fall! For those who may be new, LinC† means "Living in Christ Together," and is our Sunday and Wednesday faith formation ministry for children. Our Wednesday LinC† program, which is from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM each Wednesday and is for school aged children, combines Bible stories and lessons, choir, and fun! At Sunday LinC†, which is between worship services, we do not have choir. Wednesday LinC† had over 90 children attend last year, and we are expecting the same or more this year!

To continue to offer this awesome program, we need your help. At baptism, we promise parents to help raise their children in the Christian faith, and this is a great chance to be a part of helping to fulfill these promises. We are looking for the following volunteers,

please contact Lindsay if you are interested:

Wednesdays:

- <u>5 Teachers</u>: 3:45 PM 5:00 PM, to lead the lessons, read the bible stories, and lead discussions, projects, and games.
- <u>6 Classroom Assistants:</u> 3:45 PM 5:00 PM, to help with projects, games, and supplies during class time. Lead the children from choir to class.
- <u>2 Kitchen/Snack Volunteers</u>: 3:00 PM 4:00 PM, to sort and serve snacks, and help clean up the Social Hall following snack.

Sundays:

• <u>3 Teachers</u>: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM, to lead the lessons, read the bible stories, and lead discussions, projects, and games.

This number of volunteers is needed each week! If you can help, but not every week, please speak to Lindsay about how you can help.

Snacks for our Wednesday After School LinC† Program

We are blessed to have so many children coming to OSLC after school on Wednesdays...so blessed that we are looking at a new way of taking care of snacks for the kids. We had over 90 kids last year on Wednesdays, and it's very possible that we might have over 100 this year! How exciting is that?!

We are asking for donations of individually-wrapped treats that we can easily have ready for the kids when they get here after school. There will be a box marked "Wednesday LinC† Snacks" by the church office beginning August 1st. If you would be willing to donate treats for the children, we would greatly appreciate it. Here is the list of snacks we are looking for. And again, they need to be individually-wrapped.

Fruit Snacks Fruit Roll Ups Rice Krispie Bars

Granola Bars Little Debbie snacks Small bags of Gold Fish Crackers

Small bags of Animal Crackers Small bags of potato chips

(or other cookies) (or other chips)

Thank you so much,

Pastor Kathy, Lindsay, and Shannon



Required Meeting For Parents of Sunday LinC† and Wednesday LinC† Students

There will be a required meeting for all parents who have children registered for LinC† - Sunday and Wednesday sessions. In teaching our faith, it is so important that parents and church work together. Because it is so important, we are offering the meeting at three different times to make it possible for all parents to attend.

We are requiring the meeting because we have important information to pass along, and know our year will be more successful if every parent has this needed information. We are busy planning for a wonderful year of LinC†, and look forward to sharing all we will be doing with parents. The meetings will be thirty minutes and all three meetings will be the same, so choose the one that fits your schedule best:

Wed., August 17 at 6:00 PM

Sunday, August 28 at 11:00 AM

Wed., September 7 at 6:30 PM

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of children's ministry at Our Savior's!

Confirmation 2022-2023

Confirmation begins September 14th at 6:30 PM. Make sure that you attend one of our meetings (for parents <u>and</u> students - August 17th at 6:30 PM, August 28th at 11:30 AM, September 7th at 7:00 PM) so that you know what is going on this year and all of the amazing things we get to do. These meetings help us to set expectations and to get our year started in the best possible way.

This year we will be focusing on the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, and the 10 Commandments. This sets us up to understand God's whole story of love in the past, present, and future. Please Register for Confirmation on the OSLC website http://www.oursaviorsnewulm.org/online-registration.html or on the registration sheets that will be posted in coming weeks on the Youth Board. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Dave!

Music at Our Savior's

If you enjoy making music and would like to share your gifts with our congregation, we have many opportunities at OSLC for you to do that. Whether you play an instrument or sing, or if you'd like to be part of a choir, just let me know and I will do my best to help you share your talents. All choirs take part in worship, and meet weekly to rehearse and enjoy fellowship. Children's Choir will meet on Wednesdays after school during LinC†, and the Adult Choir and Handbell Choir meet later in the evening.

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MINISTRY

If you've always wanted to join a choir, or give handbells a try, this is the time! If you have any questions, please contact me, Shannon Stuckey, at 233-4434 or shannon@oursaviorsnewulm.org. We'd love to have you be a part of the Music Ministries at OSLC!



Theology on Tap

August 4th, from 7:00PM - 8:30PM at Schell's Brewery

If the weather is nice, we will meet on the deck. All those who are 21 or older are invited to attend and be part of the conversation. A different topic of faith is chosen each month and we learn and discuss together.

Applebee's Evenings

(completed grades 9-12)

August 17th at 9:00PM

Come for half-priced apps and a time to catch up.

Comfy Chair!

(completed grades 6-8)

◆ August 17th 10:00AM at Church Come check out the refreshed Youth Room and enjoy some great food with friends!

Youth Game Day

(completed grades 7-12)

② August 24th from 2:00PM − 4:00PM

Come and play Gaga Ball, Bocci ball, volleyball, basketball, organized games, Beanbags and Ninja Golf tournament, 4-square, and more! See you there!

Senior Dining Sponsorship

The Missions Team will be sponsoring the Senior Dining meal on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 18th</u> at the New Ulm Community Center (600 North German St, New Ulm)! The sponsorship will reduce the cost of the meal to \$2.50 per person.

Have you been curious about the Senior Dining program? This is a wonderful opportunity to give it a try! The meal is for adults age 60 and older, and begins at 11:30AM. The menu for August 18th is roasted turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, and milk and coffee. If you are interested, please RSVP by August 15th by calling (507) 359-2243.

Missions Prayer Corner:

Taken from Day 15 of ELCA's 60 Day Journey Towards Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence:

We are a church of people moved by our faith in Jesus Christ and equipped by the Holy Spirit to share hope, compassion, and support in the world, especially with people who have suffered loss, are grieving, or live in fear of violence and injustice.

Let us pray:

Holy One, you do not distance yourself from the pain of your people, but in Jesus you bear that pain with all who suffer at others' hands. With your cleansing love, bring healing and strength to those who have been affected by gun violence, and by your justice, lift them up, that in body, mind, and spirit, they may again rejoice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p.84)

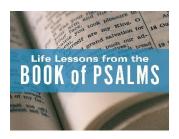




Beginning in October, we will be gathering at the OSLC kitchen for some fun cooking classes. Have you ever wanted to learn how to make Czech food? Kuchen? Regional Christmas cookies? A delicious Chili? Cheese Buttons? Something other than Mac and Cheese from a box (this is the only thing Pastor Dave knows how to make...)? Join us for a time of fellowship and fun as we share our knowledge and delicious food. We have some volunteers willing to share their gifts with us, but we are still looking for more. Please get in touch with Pastor Dave or the Adult Ministry Team if you are interested!

Praying the Psalms

In between Worship services we will begin a study on how we can pray the Psalms. This will be a multi-week series, but you can come to all of them, or just one. Take this time to learn ways to improve your faith journey through prayer, meditation, and reflection on the Psalms. A signup sheet will be in the Social Hall in August, and we will order books as the study approaches.



Faith & Books

The books for the 2022-2023 Faith & Books group have been chosen! There will be one copy of each book at the church.

September – The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb

October – *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson

December – *The Deal of a Lifetime* by Fredrik Backman

February – *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

April – Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans

November – *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

January – Icy Sparks by Gwyn Hyman Rubio

March – The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

May – The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate



OSLC and Pastor Kathy, Thank you for the quilt.

Tatiana Rolloff

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$267.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you. With you in the Spirit,

- The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, Mission Funding, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response.

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Together, we are neighbors helping neighbors. Thank you for your generous gift to support the services of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS). Your contribution of \$125.00 was received on 6/10/2022. With gratitude,

Jesse M. Stremcha, Vice President & Chief Development Officer

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting	3	4 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 7:00pm Theology on Tap	5	6
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21 8:30am Worship & Facebook Live 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	22	9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team	24 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 2:00pm Youth Game Day	25 3:00pm Pro Kinship Activity 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	26	27 Krosch/Uhl Wedding
28 Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship & Facebook Live 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship 11:00am LinCt Parent Meeting 11:30am Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting	29	30 First Day of School ISD 88 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	31	1	2	3

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.



Church Office Summer Hours

Monday to Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 Noon

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.

Our Savior's 75th Anniversary T-Shirt Order Form

The shirt color is "sport blue" for adults and "royal blue" for children's sizes. Sample sizes will be available at church if you want to see the sizing. All shirts are \$10.

Name				
Address _		Phone		
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Adult Shi	rts Ordered			
S	M	L	XL	
XXL		XXXL		
<u>Children'</u>	s Shirts Ordered			
XS	S	M	L	
	Number of Items Total Cost			

Orders are due by August 21st. Payment due with order.



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Summer Worship

Sunday Worship – 8:30AM & 10:00AM Facebook Live – Sunday at 8:30AM

Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3) Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

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OUR SAVIOR'S is a Welcoming

community, experiencing God, reaching out and raising up followers of

Jesus Christ