
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 2023



A couple weeks ago, I was struggling to think through some things. I felt like I needed to get some clarity and I thought about going fishing to clear my head. The only thing was, I didn't want to fish in the river (I usually run into people while fishing in the river), and I didn't want to drive too far. I looked on Google Maps and found a pond. I checked the DNR Website and they claimed that there weren't any fish in the pond...

I still went fishing there. Over the course of an hour, I caught zero fish, had zero bites (other than mosquito bites), and saw no fish. However, that calm gave me a chance to be quiet and relax through my thoughts rather than stressing and worrying over and over again. We all need some meditative, reflective, "empty" time to process the weight of the world.

In Psalm 46:10, God tells us to, *"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

When was the last time you were still (or fishing in a pond with no fish, or resting in a hammock with no music, book, or entertainment)? How do you think through the stress of situations; on your own or through conversation with a trusted friend? Worship is one of the places where the world slows down and we can just be. God welcomes us into relationship and we can sing God's praises, hear God's word, and be still, knowing that God is God.

Psalm 46 concludes with, *"The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."*

This summer, find some meditative time. Not time filled with activities or work; a time to just be in the presence of God. Take that time in worship. Take that time in God's creation. Take that time with friends and family. Take that time to be with God!

Blessings and Peace,
Pr. Dave

Missions Prayer Corner:

¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. - Ephesians 4:15

Creator God,

Thank you for the summer season. As we watch the flowers bloom and the corn grow tall, keep us grounded in your presence. Help us also to:

G – Give us eyes to see the world as it is; the great godly things and the human challenges.

R – Revive our spirits and give us rest.

O – Open our eyes to see the ways in which we can help our neighbor.

W – Walk with us as we do the work that needs doing. Show us how to be your hands.

Amen.

The Mission Team is organizing an opportunity for our congregation to give to the community. OSLC will be collecting hygiene items for bags to be given to parents taking parenting classes at Brown County Human Services. The hygiene items are tools for teaching their children about taking care of themselves. There will be tags of items needed hanging on the mission board next to the kitchen. Please take a tag or tags and bring in those items by July 31st. The items we are collecting are: Shower gel, shower poofs, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss/floss picks, and deodorant.



Theology on Tap

Join us for Theology on Tap at the Schell's Bier Halle **July 6, at 6:30PM!** Come for a night of conversation, discussions about faith, friendship, and a beer or 1919 root beer. The topic of July is Faith and Citizenship. *Event for Adults age 21+.*



Applebee's Evening for those entering 9th – 12th grade at 9:00PM on July 12th, and August 16th.

Volleyball, Bowling & Pizza at Concordia Lanes for those entering 7th – 12th Grade on July 19th from 3:00PM – 5:30PM.

VALLEYFAIR! For kids entering 7th – 12th Grade on August 9th from 8:00AM – 8:00PM.



In the March issue of *Living Lutheran*, it was announced that the magazine would cease its print publication with the November/December 2023 issue. Below is an excerpt from a letter by Bishop Elizabeth Eaton:

"Throughout the past several years, LivingLutheran.org has been the magazine's online platform, and we are excited about the ways in which we can enhance how you are able to experience the stories and lives of Lutherans throughout the ELCA as we transition to a fully online approach. You will start to see us employing these ways throughout the year, with videos, audio stories and more. This transition will also include a more robust social media presence and more opportunities for user-generated content with the potential for greater engagement from you..."

Being good stewards of the generous support given the church is of the upmost importance to our team. While we will no longer print a magazine each month, the sharing and spreading of the good news continues every day...

We understand there are a lot of questions regarding your subscription, how the ELCA will reach readers who don't rely on the internet for information and how we will assist those who use *Living Lutheran* for church resources and group discussions. We are still working out answers to those questions and will provide them as soon as possible.

We are excited about what is ahead for the ministry of *Living Lutheran* and the future possibilities of reaching even more people about the great work people are doing in God's name."

ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Presentation

We are excited to welcome Lucy Sletta to speak at worship on July 16th. Lucy will spend 2023-2024 in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. Lucy will tell us what she will be doing as a YAGM. Part of her preparation is to build support for her ministry, including financial support. Our *Noisy Offering* in July will support this mission, and there will be an opportunity to give on July 16.

Here is an introduction to YAGM from the ELCA website: *“The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-35 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world. A year of service through the Young Adults in Global Mission program invites young adults to become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, providing critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need. It also invites volunteers into a journey of self-reflection, providing space to consider their sense of identity, God’s work in the world, and their place within it all.”*



What is Young Adults in Global Mission?

The Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) invites young adults to experience fellowship in a life-changing way.

Participants engage with partners and hosts in one of **nine country programs**. Volunteers experience the transformation that comes from living among our siblings around the world. Participants serve in the spirit of accompaniment, which places an emphasis on mutuality and vulnerability as we walk alongside our partners. In an effort to counter the damage of colonial Christianity, relationships and listening are at the core of the YAGM experience.

In recent years, the YAGM program has sent **around 80 volunteers** into partnership annually. Volunteers are placed where their gifts, passions and skills best match the requests and needs of our partners.



YAGM requirements

- Young adults ages 21-35. A college degree is not a requirement.
- Connection to the church through an ELCA member, congregation or community; enrollment at an ELCA college or university; involvement in a campus ministry, camp program or event; or interest in the ELCA community
- A commitment to serving and building relationships with host communities
- Flexibility, curiosity, patience and a sense of humor
- Emotional health and resilience
- Openness to exploring and deepening one's faith
- Willingness to learn a new language (in some country programs previous foreign language skill is highly recommended)

United Way Backpack Project

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



Our Savior's is again hosting a public collection box for the United Way "Stuff the Backpacks" Project drive!

From the United Way website:

Each year, approximately 400 backpacks are filled with grade and school district appropriate school supplies and given to qualifying children throughout Brown County.

What's the United Way Backpack Project?

Children in grades K-12 in Brown County who qualify for the free lunch program can participate in this program. United Way has teamed up with local school districts, The Salvation Army, The Koozie Group, Alliance Bank, area businesses, and places of worship to make this opportunity available to families in the Brown County area.

How does it work?

Each summer schools in Brown County mail United Way Backpack Project info and applications to families who qualify for the FREE lunch program in grades K-12. School supplies and backpacks are then collected by participating businesses and organizations to fill the large number of requests. Parents and children who qualify to receive a backpack and supplies are then invited to come and pick up their backpacks with all the supplies they need to get off to a good start in school.

Donations can be dropped off through July 26th and placed in the box in front of the church office.

WHAT WE NEED:

- Elmer's Glue-4 Oz Bottles
- Crayola 24 Count Crayons
- Crayola Broad Tip Markers
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Large Pink Erasers
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Pencil Bags & Boxes
- Fine Tip Sharpie Markers
- Rolls of Scotch Tape
- Dry Erase Markers
- Composition Notebooks
- 1" 3-Ring Binders
- Fiskars Kid Scissors
- Spiral Notebooks
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Hand Sanitizer
- Highlighters
- Post-It Notes
- #2 Pencils
- Facial Tissue –**Need lots**

Thank you for your donation!

Stellar VBS

Our Savior's welcomed 85 children for an amazing week learning to "Shine Jesus' Light!" Thank you to all of the adult volunteers, youth leaders, staff, and members who contributed to VBS!





Thank you to the church women who donate their time and talent to provide senior quilts for the graduates. I will be taking it with me to Winona State University this fall and it is greatly appreciated.

- Rylan O'Neill

OSLC,

Thank you for the wonderful quilt. I feel honored to receive such a special gift. Each time I wrap up in it I will think of my church family and all of their support.

- Katie Wilker

Our friends at Our Savior's,

Thank you for your generous donation to Laundry Love. Our program involves monthly laundromat services in New Ulm and Sleepy Eye. We also partnered with the New Ulm laundromat and obtained their gift cards. We give them to different organizations so that they can share them with people in need. Full of gratitude,

- The volunteers and clients of Laundry Love

To the LinC† families,

Thank you so much for the very generous gift card to Barnes and Noble! I love to read and now I'll have lots of time to enjoy so many books! And thanks again for sharing your children with me. Thank you,

- Shannon

To the OSLC Council and congregation of Our Savior's,

Thank you so much for your very generous gift of money and the beautiful decorative light-up glass block. My retirement celebration was above and beyond anything I could have imagined and it means so much.

There aren't enough words to express my gratitude for the wonderful service and celebration last Sunday. You all made me feel so appreciated. Thank you so much and thank you for all the years of support toward the Music Ministries at OSLC.

- Shannon

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

I want to sincerely thank you for the \$294.75 donation that we received on June 9, 2023. I am always so appreciative when we receive gifts like yours because it reminds me that we aren't doing this work alone. Donations like yours help us provide life-saving and life-changing services like emergency shelter, 24-hour advocacy, support groups, supervised parenting time, and so much more.

- Jason Mack, Executive Director, CADA

Dear Our Savior's Congregation and Cards of Caring,

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness of cards and prayers for me. It has meant so much. I am still in rehab and working on getting better.

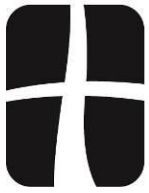
- Eloise Finstad

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	26	27 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	28 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 1:00pm Comfy Chair at Caribou for 7th-8th	29 2:00pm Pro Kinship Activity	30	1
2 8:30am Worship 10:00am Worship	3 Church Office Closed	4 Church Office Closed	5	6 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 2:00pm Pro Kinship Activity 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap	7	8
9 <i>Brethorst Baptism</i> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	10	11 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team	12 9:00am Cards of Caring 5:15pm Children's Ministry Team 9:00pm Applebee's Evening for 9th - 12th Grade	13 Camp House Trip 2:00pm Pro Kinship Activity 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service	14 Camp House Trip	15 Camp House Trip
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The church office will be closed on July 3rd and July 4th.

Have you moved recently, changed your phone number/email address, or gotten rid of a land line? Help us stay in touch with you! Please contact Jen with any updates at jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org or call the church at (507) 233-4430.



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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 8:30AM & 10:00AM

8:30AM Service is also on Facebook

Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

4th Thursday of the month – 6:00 PM

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OUR **SAVIOR'S** is a Welcoming
community, experiencing God,
reaching out and raising up followers of
Jesus Christ