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# SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

May 2023

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## "But who do you say that I am?" - Jesus to his disciples in Luke 9:20

Jesus has been traveling with his disciples for a while at this point in Luke 9. They have seen him feed over 5000 people; they have watched as he calmed a storm with just his words; they learned from his perplexing and powerful parables; they saw pain and disease vanish as Jesus healed people. They have even been terrified as Jesus called someone back from death.

Through all of this, he asks his disciples, "Who do the crowds say I am?" and they say "John the baptist, Elijah, a new prophet." And Jesus hits them with the real question: after all you have seen, "but who do **you** say that I am?" Peter quickly jumps in with his answer: "the Messiah of God!"

What would the other disciples have said? Would they have been so sure? Would they have known how to put it into words? Would they have remained silent? And now comes the question for us... Who do we say that Jesus is? The term "messiah" had a lot of cultural significance with it in those days that we no longer have. So how would we describe Jesus to his face?

Messiah, lord, brother, friend, savior, redeemer, Son of God, one person of the Trinity, our hope, Good Shepherd, the lamb of God, our peace with God, Prince of Peace, the way, the truth, the life, God made flesh, Emmanuel, King, leader, servant... on and on and on...

All are true, but all seem to fall short. This is something to wrestle with. Take some time to think it through. Jesus is asking us this question, "But who do you say that I am?" Write your answer in the margins and discuss it with friends and family. Listen to the voice of Jesus and tell him who he is to you.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Dave

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**Shannon Stuckey, our Director of Music Ministries is retiring!** Shannon has been a blessing to this congregation and we are grateful for her ministry here. Her last Sunday will be **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. There will be special music at both services. Between services we will celebrate and thank Shannon for 23 years of faithfully serving God and this congregation. Shannon will be missed.

Director of Music Ministries Job Opening Update: The church council has been working on filling this position. The position is still open and we are looking at a variety of ways to make sure we will continue to have a strong music ministry at Our Savior's. If you, or someone you know, is interested in this position, please contact Pastor Kathy with questions or to send a resume.



Worship times will be changing slightly this summer! Summer schedule begins **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>:**  
*Sunday Mornings at 8:30AM (also on Facebook) and 10:00AM.*

A flock of Flamingos has been spotted and will be arriving in New Ulm on May 1<sup>st</sup>! The Youth Team and youth going on our trip to Camp House will be spreading cheer and raising funds by flocking yards with Flamingos. Every 3-4 days, Flamingos will be moved from yard to yard by volunteers. If you would like to choose where the flamingos go next, you can make a donation of \$30 to the Youth Fund. There will also be an opportunity to buy flamingo insurance to prevent your lawn from being flocked with a donation of \$50. If you would like the flock moved off your lawn early, you can do so by making a donation of \$20. Flamingo Forms are located by the youth board or on the Church Website.

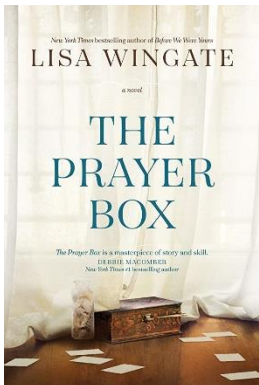


If you are interested in helping us relocate flocks (no animal handling experience required), please get in touch with Pr. Dave or a member of the Youth Ministry Team. Get excited and keep a lookout for flamingos!

### Theology on Tap

Join us for Theology on Tap at the Schell's Bier Halle **May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM!** Come for a night of conversation, discussions about faith, friendship, and a beer or 1919 root beer. *Event for Adults age 21+.*

### Faith & Books



Our Savior's Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM** in the Upper Room. Feel free to bring your supper to the discussion. The May book is "*The Prayer Box*" by Lisa Wingate. We will also talk about books we would like to read for the next program year, beginning in September 2023.

Questions for the May book: How do the prayer boxes change Tandi's perspective on faith? Do you think the simple display of everyday belief can change people, even change a community? Have you ever seen it happen? Lola eventually desires to live her life "in anticipation of the bridges to magnificence." Some people seem to have a talent for doing this—for always seeing the positive and looking at the future with anticipation.

Where do you think that ability comes from? Does this reflect your outlook on life? If not, how could you cultivate a spirit of anticipation? What did you take away from *The Prayer Box*? Did you relate more closely to Lola's story or to Tandi's? More questions are available in the church library.

### Wednesday Night Suppers

We are so grateful to be gathering on Wednesday evenings through May 10<sup>th</sup> for suppers from 5:15PM-6:15PM! Carry-out meals are available each week, just stop by the Social Hall to pick up your supper!

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sliced Pork Loin & Potato | May 10<sup>th</sup>: Pizza

### Zion Q&A Session

Conversations with Zion Lutheran in Hanska regarding a contract for pastoral services are continuing. There will be another question and answer session on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45AM. At the last meeting we shared a draft of a potential agreement. We will have further information on the questions asked at the first question and answer session. There will be a final report to the congregation in June, as the council was directed to that date at the annual meeting. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Kathy or one of our church council members.

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

On Sunday, **May 14<sup>th</sup>**, Our Savior's will be celebrating our Senior Milestone! Our 2023 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 Jen at [jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org) by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Copies of the RSVP sheet can be found by the Youth Board.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Hymnal Presentation

**May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM**

Every year we honor the 6<sup>th</sup> graders of Children's Choir/Wednesday LinC† by presenting them with their very own hymnal. These young people have memorized many anthems and hymns, learned many of the liturgies that we sing as a congregation, and have spread the gospel through reading the lessons and presenting musicals during our worship services. Some of these 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been in choir since kindergarten! Their involvement in the children's choirs has meant that they have been worship leaders for this congregation and I couldn't be more proud of them. — Shannon

The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders honored this year are:

Brooklynn Apitz	Addley Berg	Greta Berger
Nevaeh Brown	Khloe Cariveau	Kylie Domeier
Bristol Hacker	Eli Hagert	Brecklyn Harazin
Zoey Havemeier	Savanna Hedlund	Javen Nachreiner
Lauren O'Neill	Madison Rieke	Charles Sharits
	Bryce Winter	



The last day of Confirmation for the year is on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We have had a wonderful year of learning and growing. We will have a closing worship service at 7:30 PM and are asking all parents to attend.

Ninth Grade Students and Parents will meet on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 PM regarding the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation service in the Fall. We will discuss dates, faith statements, robes, and other important information. Contact one of the pastors if you are unable to attend.



**Last day of Wednesday LinC†:  
May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Last day of Sunday LinC†:  
May 14<sup>th</sup>**

We will enjoy fun games and a sweet treat to celebrate the end of our program year!

## News for “Created to Be” ELCA Youth Gathering 2024

Information about the gathering and registration information will be available in May. The Gathering is July 16-20, 2024. We will leave early enough to do some interesting and fun things along the way and in New Orleans before the Gathering. Students in grades 8-12 in the Fall of 2023, are eligible to attend.

## Vacation Bible School 2023 June 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>



Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

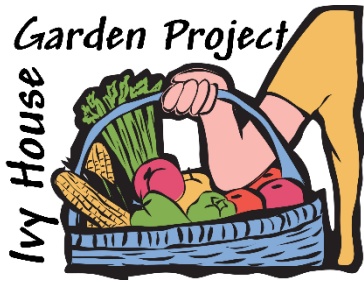
*Please Note:* We are only offering ONE session this year from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

**Register Today at** <https://vbspro.events/p/oslc2023>



We need your help to make VBS a success! We are currently in need of the below supplies. Please contact Lindsay with any questions.

- Permanent Markers – black
- Yellow Highlighters
- Arrow-shaped Sticky Notes
- Disposable Plastic Cups
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic Ziplock Bags – all sizes
- Spray Adhesive
- Tape – Duct tape/clear tape/masking tape/gaffers tape
- Plastic Table Covers – any color
- Glow Plastic Stars
- Iridescent Cellophane
- Canvas Drop Cloths – can be used – will be dyed/painted
- Large sheets of cardboard



### ***Ivy House Spring Planting Volunteers Needed***

The Mission Team is looking for volunteers to help plan and plant a garden and flower pots at Ivy House. Ivy House is a 24/7 crisis nursery providing direct care to children ages 0-12 whose families are in crisis or stressful situations. Volunteers would help plan a vegetable garden and plant it, along with planting some flower pots. Tending the garden over the summer would be left to Ivy House. The Ivy House staff and volunteers have found that children staying there enjoy gardening and eating the produce. If you would be interesting helping to plan and/or plant, please contact Pastor Kathy or Karole Lieb.

### **Missions Prayer Corner:**

God of love, mercy, and hope,  
As we struggle to live in relationship with family, friends, and people who look, thank, live, or believe differently than we do, help us feel your presence and remember that we are your hands, and face, on this Earth. We work, we wait, and we hope for the day that your angels will report back to you... *"We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace."* Zech 1:11 NIV

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

I wanted to take this time to thank you for the "Noisy Offering." We truly appreciate your support and your prayers. Without your support, we could not do what we do to support women and children whom are homeless in our area.

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Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran,

We just received your gifts of mission support the other day – thank you! Please share our sincere thanks to everyone for being so kind and thoughtful! Your congregation's generosity to camp really means a lot, and it's going to make a big difference already in the coming weeks! Your gifts help sustain the ministry happening at camp through these winter months – sharing God's word with campers in new and innovating ways, maintaining the beautiful spaces we've been blessed with, and spreading God's love and grace further through retreat ministry. We're so grateful for your contribution and support!

There is never a dull moment at camp – if you all happen to be in the area, feel free to stop by for a cup of coffee. We have been busy preparing to welcome back summer campers and retreat guests and we'd love to show you around! We can't wait to keep doing this fulfilling work – thanks to you!

Blessings,  
Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director



## ***Baptisms at Our Savior's!***

Our Savior's has welcomed an amazing ten children into the family of God since January!



*Owen Mertz*  
Son of Brady & Dorothy



*Knoxwell Winter*  
Son of Nate & Sheila



*Graham Pfarr*  
Son of Steven & Rachel



*Maddox Osborne*  
Son of Nate & Jessica



*Mary Vangsness*  
Daughter of Troy & Anna



*Eyan and Evan Schiltz*  
Sons of Chad & Heather, and David & Kim



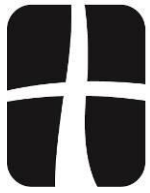
*Lynden, Nolan, and Brynna Gehring*  
Children of Joe & Emily

## May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship	<b>1</b> Flamingo Fundraiser Begins	<b>2</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 11:00am WELCA Board Meeting 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Children's Handbells 5:15pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Rejoice Ringers 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap	<b>5</b> 10:30am MRCI Group 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>6</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>7</b> Hymnal Milestone Kraus Baptism Schugel Baptism <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 9:45am Zion Question & Answer Session <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:30pm Youth Ministry Team	<b>10</b> 9:00am Cards of Caring 10:30am NU Ministerial Mtg 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Children's Handbells 5:15pm Children's Ministry Team 5:15pm Wednesday Suppers 5:30pm Faith & Books 5:45pm Rejoice Ringers 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b> 8:00pm 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:00am Immanuel Circle 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service	<b>12</b> 10:30am MRCI Group	<b>13</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>14</b> Mother's Day Senior Quilt Milestone <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Deacons Ministry Team 6:00pm Missions Ministry Team 7:00pm Stewardship Team	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30am Conference Rostered Leaders 5:30pm Scouts Pack Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting	<b>19</b> ISD 88 Graduation 10:30am MRCI Group 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>20</b> Wedding 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>21</b> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>23</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>24</b> 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 6:30pm Personnel Committee	<b>25</b> ISD 88 Last Day of School 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	<b>26</b> 8:30am Sidelites Group 10:30am MRCI Group	<b>27</b> 10:00am Private Event 2:00pm Private Event
<b>28</b> Noisy Offering Sunday Private Event <b>8:30am Worship</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>29</b> Memorial Day Church Office Closed	<b>30</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	<b>2</b> 10:30am MRCI Group	<b>3</b>

**The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day holiday.**

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](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org) or call the church at (507) 233-4430.



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## **Worship Schedule**

Sunday Worship – 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Wednesday Worship – 7:30 PM (thru 5/10)

## **Television Broadcasts**

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

4<sup>th</sup> 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