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# *SIDELITES*

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

*October 2023*

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*Optimism* - Hopefulness and confidence about the future or the positive outcome of something.

*Pessimism* - fear or worry with a tendency to see the worst aspect or possible outcome.

*Realism* - the attitude or practice of accepting a situation as it is and dealing accordingly.

*Christian outlook* - recognizing the pain of the past, the work in the present, and the hope for the future.

Flipping through channels or scrolling through streaming services, it is easy to see that the world has its perspective. Pessimism is easy because when someone is afraid or riled up, they stay watching. Optimism is also a powerful way to connect to people, but it does often lead to a skewed or rose-tinted view that ignores necessary points. Realism gives us hope that we are being honest, but often falls right back into pessimism.

We as Christians are called to see the world with a specific point of view: having been saved from our sinfulness and brought into the mission of God. Using the lens of our faith, we can see that optimism, pessimism, and realism all fall short of how we should see the world. We need to use pessimism to see our past and our failing; we need to use realism to view for present; and God has blessed us with promises, so optimism needs to be our view for the future.

All this is a complicated way of saying, we have work to do. Our life of faith is complicated and messy, but we are in this together. When we work as the church should (hopeful, compassionate, and united), God can work incredible things through us.

May the Holy Spirit infect our lives and help us to live in the mission of God.

Pr. Dave

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## **New Members at Our Savior's**

We will be welcoming new members at worship on **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a New Member Orientation on **Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM**. Children are welcome!

If you are interested in becoming a member at Our Savior's, or to sign up for orientation, please contact the church office at (507) 233-4430 or email Jen at [jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org).





## ***Reunion Sunday***

What a joy it was to worship together as a church family on September 17<sup>th</sup>! We welcomed our new Director of Music Ministries, Tom Maidl, and celebrated the beginning of the school year with a Blessing of the Backpacks. Thank you to all who helped make this day special, including the Fellowship Ministry Team serving lunch, the OSLC staff, the teenage volunteers running the games, and our guest musicians, led by Jeff Anderson and Tom Maidl!





## ***Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives***

### **Stewardship 2023**

It's true, God is working through you and this church to change lives! When we feed the hungry through our own food library, through your donations to the local food shelf, and through your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, we change lives for the better. When our congregation sends a gift to Lutheran Social Services, CADA, NUMAS Haus, Ivy House, and other organizations that fill an important need, we change lives. When we give our financial gift to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, it benefits our children and youth, along with many others of all ages. When we send a financial gift to the SWMN Synod, we benefit the ministry of the ELCA and places like Luther Seminary. Because of you, our church changes lives.

We are blessed with many children at Our Savior's and we continue to welcome new members of all ages. We have many opportunities to grow in faith through bible studies, worship, and special events. People are sharing their gifts in quilting, committee work, serving meals, and in ways too numerous to list. As a community of faith we support, encourage, pray for one another. Because of you, our church changes lives.

Our church building is used often with our ministry, and we are able to have other groups use our space as well. Both Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts meet here. Pro Kinship has an office here and uses our space for many activities. MRCI has a group here for activities once a week during the school year. Kids Xcel used the lower level for school age day care over the summer. We are blessed to be able to share our building with non-profit groups that provide important services in our community. Because of you, our church changes lives.

It takes resources for all of these ministries and activities. It takes a building that is safe and clean, it takes volunteers, it takes staff, it takes financial gifts, it takes each of us sharing what God has given us to do the work God has called us to do: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." *Matthew 28:19-20*

Our Savior's stewardship team and building fund committee are working together on a fall pledge drive. The pledge drive is two-fold: One part of the pledge is to raise funds for Our Savior's 2024 operating budget. The second pledge is to pay off the outstanding debt on our building and repair our church parking lot. The stewardship team is also inviting members of the congregation to sign up for ways they are willing to share their time and talent with the congregation. There will be a mailing in early October with all of the details and Stewardship Sunday will be on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

God has abundantly blessed Our Savior's and is using us to change lives. As we begin our stewardship campaign in October, please prayerfully consider how God can work through you and your time, talent, and financial resources.

Pastor Kathy



Thank you for the gifts you have given to treat six of our ash trees!  
We have received \$1,215.00 in donations.  
The extra funds will be held until the next treatment is needed.



Our new Director of Music Ministries is Tom Maidl! Prior to coming to Our Savior's, Tom spent 16 years accompanying for area churches and schools. Tom studied Classical Voice and Piano from Shannon Stuckey for 15 years, as well as a year at NDSU.

Tom and his partner, Michael Looft, live a few miles west of Winthrop. Michael is currently the City Manager in Winthrop. In Tom's spare time he enjoys Gardening, Quilting, working on the family farm, and campaigning their champion Clydesdale horses across the Midwest. Tom is very excited to be a part of Staff at OSLC, and looks forward to keeping OSLC a singing congregation.

## Fire & Ice

**October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00PM - 7:30PM**

Youth in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come play games, make s'mores, eat ice cream, and enjoy music! Need I say more? Okay... Free, Fun, Friends! See you there! Contact Pastor Dave with any questions.

## WELCA Bazaar and Bake Sale



WELCA's Fall Bazaar is back! Join us on **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM to Noon!** Coffee cake and coffee will be available beginning at 8:30AM, and we will have frozen apple pies, apple crisp, lefse, and other baked goods for sale. If you would like to contribute, please bring your homemade baked goods for the sale to the church by Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon. We also need volunteers for the sale!

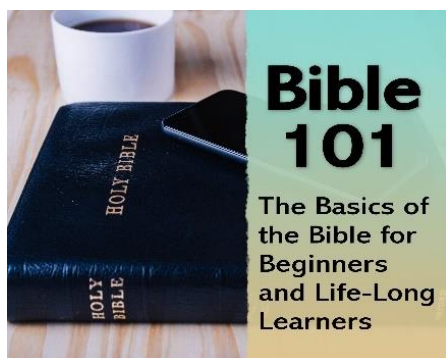
Women AND men of the church are invited to Apple Pie & Apple Crisp making on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM – Noon, and to stay for lunch of sandwiches! Lefse making will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – Noon. Questions or want to volunteer? Please contact Marlys Zetah at (507) 351-6692, or Susie Hoban at (612) 516-6493.

## Theology on Tap


Join us for Theology on Tap at the Schell's Bier Halle on **October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM!** *Event for Adults 21+.*

## Faith & Books

Our Savior's book group begins on **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM.** We will meet in the church library. The book for October is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Please contact Pastor Kathy with any questions.



**Starting Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>, and Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>,** we will be hosting a new Bible Study on Sundays in between services, and on Mondays at 1:30PM. Come to either the Sunday or Monday sessions, they will have the same information. Our focus will be on learning the basics of the Bible: where to begin reading, how the Bible was written, how we interpret, and more. This study is for any adult who is anywhere from a beginner with the Bible to a life-long learner of scripture. There is no previous knowledge required; come to start a journey in the Bible or to continue your study.



**5TH QUARTER**  
**FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADE**  
**OCTOBER 13TH FROM**  
**8:00PM - MIDNIGHT**

**Games, Pizza & Fun at OSLC**  
**after the Eagles' Football Game.**  
**Bring a Friend!**



**Living IN Christ Together**

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Children's Choir Sings at both services

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 3 year old Milestone at 8:30 service

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 No Programing

**Sunday, October 22<sup>th</sup>**  
 No Programing

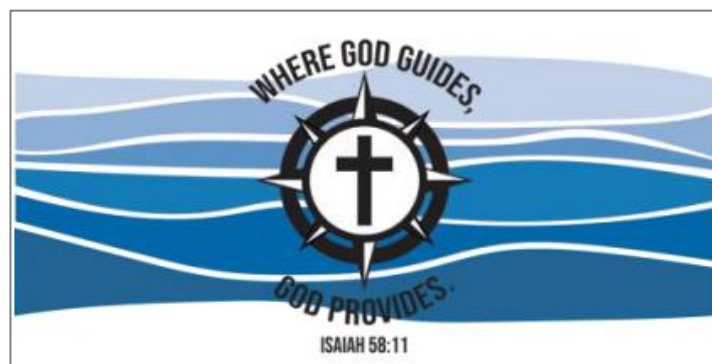
**October 27th @ 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

**TRUNK or TREAT**

**OSLC parking lot**



**\*\*sign up to host a trunk!!**  
**\*\*looking for candy/treat donations for this event**



## **2023 Junior High Youth Gathering for Grades 6 – 9!**

**November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Wilmar Conference  
Center**

Friday after school (leaving at 4:00PM) – Saturday  
afternoon (arriving back about 2:00PM)

Cost is \$80.00 per person, Deadline to register is  
October 10<sup>th</sup>!

Featuring: Music by Rachel Kurtz; Speakers: Rachel Kurtz and Pastor Jodi Houge; YOUTH LED Mass Gatherings and a service project, worship, singing, growing in faith, student faith talks, building relationships, and hanging out with other youth for our own Synod. Nightlife includes swimming, games, food, and dancing!

Sign-up continues for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. More information and forms are available on the Youth bulletin board.

Please see Pastor Kathy if you have any questions.

### **Curling – for Adults 21 and older**

**November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM - Meet at Mankato Curling Club**

Come Curling at the Mankato Curling Club with the Adult Ministry team! Scan the QR code to register, or visit this link: <https://mankatocurling.org/index.php/events/event-listings/learn-to-curls/learn-to-curl-nov-10-2023>



Please eat beforehand (there are plenty of restaurants in the area) and meet at the Curling Club at 6:30PM. This is a “Learn to Curl” class, so there is no need to have ever gone curling before. Bring clean shoes and a fun attitude. Cost is \$20.00. Please see Pastor Dave with any questions.

### ***Wednesday Night Suppers***

We are so grateful to be gathering on Wednesday evenings for suppers from 5:00PM - 6:15PM! All proceeds from the free will offering go to support Wednesday LinC† programming.



October 4 <sup>th</sup> :	Tacos
October 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Pizza
October 18 <sup>th</sup> :	<i>No Programming – MEA Break</i>
October 25 <sup>th</sup> :	BBQ's and Hot Dogs

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### **Mission Prayer Corner:**

Heavenly Father,

As our world seems to become more divided and contentious, help us to listen with our hearts, to be open to differing feelings and thoughts...ignoring predetermined labels. As our world is experiencing catastrophic environmental events, be present to those impacted; and, encourage all of us to do what we are capable of to alleviate pain and suffering. Amen.

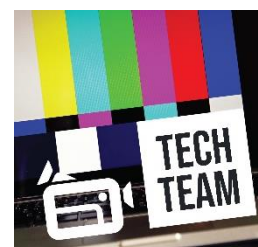


We continue to be in need of food to fill the Food Library! It is a well-used community resource and requires filling multiple times per week. Please consider donating non-perishable foods that will not spoil (or melt). Donations can be left in the wooden box outside the church office.

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### ***The Tech Team Needs You!***

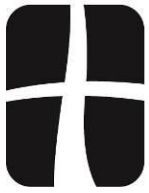
Want to learn a new skill? Want to help spread the Gospel around the world? Join the Tech Team and help record Worship Services on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided, and you can sign up for weekends that fit your schedule. If interested, please contact Pastor Dave.





## October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b> 6:00pm Fire & Ice	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 9:00am WELCA Pie Making	<b>4</b> 11:00am WELCA Board 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b> 8:00pm 10th Grade Confirmation	<b>5</b> 9:00am WELCA Lefse Making 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap	<b>6</b> 10:30am MRCI Group 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	<b>7</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am WELCA Bazaar
<b>8</b> <i>3 Year Old Bible Milestone</i> Synod Theological Conference <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>9</b> Synod Theological Conference 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>10</b> Synod Theological Conference 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team	<b>11</b> 9:00am Cards of Caring 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:30pm Faith & Books 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00am Immanuel Circle 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service 6:00pm Cub Scout Neighborhood Meeting 6:30pm New Member Orientation	<b>13</b> 10:30am MRCI Group 8:00pm 5th Quarter	<b>14</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>15</b> New Member Welcome <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Bible 101 Study 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>16</b> Sidelites Deadline 1:30pm Bible 101 Study	<b>17</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Deacons Ministry Team 6:00pm Missions Ministry Team 7:00pm Stewardship Team	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>MEA Break</i> 9:30am Conference Rostered Leaders 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting	<b>20</b> <i>MEA Break</i> 8:30am Sidelites Group 10:30am MRCI Group 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	<b>21</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>22</b> Noisy Offering Sunday <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Bible 101 Study <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>23</b> 1:30pm Bible 101 Study 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>24</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 9:00am Quilting Group 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>25</b> 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:30pm Children's Ministry Team 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00am Coffee at Garden Terrace 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	<b>27</b> 10:30am MRCI Group 6:00pm Trunk or Treat	<b>28</b> Confirmation Rehearsal 8:30am Men's Bible Study
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# OUR SAVIOR'S

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### Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Wednesday Worship – 7:30 PM

### 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

# SIDELITES

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