
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

August 2023



Hebrews 13:1-2 *Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

These verses are held too loosely by interpretation. The first verse seems easy enough; love one another with mutual affection. We do our best to uphold that, but anybody who has recently had a political or religious conversation with someone that they disagree with knows, it's not as easy as it sounds. Some people can make our blood boil with one snide comment or a disregard of our opinions. However, we know that we are called to love like Jesus loves; to forgive like Jesus forgives; to live like Jesus.

Now onto the second verse. It too suffers from our interpretation not taking it seriously enough. Do you think you would work harder for a stranger if you knew they were an angel? What if they were Jesus himself? Jesus tells us in Matthew 25 "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

Let's take the words of Jesus seriously! Let's listen to the needs of the people around us because they are the needs of Christ! We are blessed with this life to do the work of the kingdom and serve God with everything that we have. That is not a metaphor or a hope; that is a calling from God.

So, how are you going to do that? This is NOT RHETORICAL! Think about ways that you can serve God by serving people. Some people will go to do Mission work in far off countries like Lucy Sletta in Young Adults in Global Mission. Some people will donate their time to a nonprofit in their community, like our members who volunteer at the New Ulm Food Shelf. I want to encourage you to do the work of God in this church.

There are so many kids who will come to OSLC in the fall for Confirmation and LinC†. You can help guide or teach. You can even just volunteer to help once in a while. We also have work that our Mission team is getting involved in. You can spend your time serving with them or on another team. We always need volunteers in worship. You can be a part of welcoming your siblings in Christ into worship! You can help with busy bags, Wednesday meals, music ministries, Sunday Studies, Confirmation, LinC†, VBS, helping keep our facilities clean and up to date, or donating time or finances to all of the ministries you see.

God is calling you. When you answer, you will not only be entertaining angels. You will be welcoming your brothers and sisters, and Jesus Christ himself, into your midst.

Blessings and Peace,
Pr. Dave



Reunion Sunday
September 17th at 10:00AM (*one service only*)

Stay tuned for more information!



Thank you to all who volunteer to lector, usher, serve communion, and run the PowerPoint for Sunday worship! Many of you have been willing to see the need on a Sunday morning and fill in at the last minute. Thank you!

We are always in need of more people to help on Sundays. Worship is central to our faith and so these roles are important. Having volunteers fill these roles helps our time of worship flow more smoothly. More than that, it helps in being welcoming to those who attend worship, especially visitors. Having an usher to answer questions and release people for Holy Communion makes visitors more comfortable, because they don't know the way we serve Holy Communion. When we have someone to run the PowerPoint and serve Communion, the pastors are able to spend more time visiting with visitors and members rather than finding volunteers at the last minute. Having lectors lends a variety of voices to worship and reminds us that we are all a part of the priesthood of believers with gifts and talents to share.

We are looking for people willing to add their name to list of people we can contact to fill these worship roles. One way to help is to sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Another way to help is to call or email the church office and add your name to the list of ushers, lectors, PowerPoint helpers, or communion servers we contact to fill worship needs. Finally, if you are comfortable, when you arrive for worship, we will have a table with the needs of the morning written on individual cards. If you are willing to help, you can pick up that card and we will know that area is covered. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can help make our time of worship more meaningful.

Pastor Kathy



Our new Children's Choir director is Madeline Cacciatore-Warta! Madeline joined OSLC in 2016, started work as the Adult Choir director in 2019, and became the Children's Choir director in 2023. She also works full-time as a music teacher at Jefferson Elementary. Madeline is from Des Moines, IA and went to Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. Her husband Joey is a life-long member of Our Savior's, and they are looking forward to continuing their faith journey and growing their family at OSLC. Madeline is looking forward to working with the children of OSLC and their families as well as continuing to make connections with the Adult Choir members.

Youth and Adult Handbells will be directed by Sarah Berger! Sarah and her family have been members of OSLC since 2009. Sarah earned her degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She and her husband, Matt, are originally from Marshfield, WI, and have been raising their three daughters in New Ulm since 2008.



Come sing with the **Adult Choir**! Join this easy-going group of talented musicians. No need to be able to read music, we will teach you all of the parts! Rehearsals are from 6:30PM - 7:15PM on Wednesdays, and we sing twice a month for worship. Please contact Madeline Cacciatore-Warta at mcacciatore@newulm.k12.mn.us for more information, or just show up to our first rehearsal on September 6th!

Come ring with a Handbell Choir! **Adult Handbell** rehearsals are from 5:45PM - 6:15PM on Wednesdays, and we play once a month for worship. **Youth Handbells** are for students in Grades 4 and up. Older students are welcome and encouraged to join or continue playing! Youth Handbells rehearse from 5:00PM - 5:30PM on Wednesdays, and also play once a month. Contact Sarah Berger at mattsarahberger@msn.com with questions, and join us for our first rehearsals on September 13th!



**Church
Staff
Openings**

Our Savior's is hiring choir accompanists. Hours for the children's accompanist are 3:30PM - 5:00PM on Wednesdays during the school year, and one Sunday a month accompanying the anthem at worship. Hours for the adult choir accompanist are approximately 6:30PM - 7:30PM on Wednesdays during the school year (varies during Lent), and accompanying the anthem two Sundays a month, plus special services. Please contact Pastor Kathy for more information or to apply.

Our Savior's is hiring a part-time music director. The music director will oversee all aspects of music at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The music director will assist with worship planning, choosing hymns, scheduling special music, and supporting the Choir/Bell Directors in their jobs. This position will lead worship from the piano and/or organ two weekends a month, some special services, and be available for some of the weddings and funerals. This is an up to a 10-15 hour per week position, flexible according to worship schedules. This is a salaried position. Please contact Pastor Kathy for more information or to apply.

Our Savior's is hiring a Children's Ministry Assistant for Wednesdays during the school year. Hours will be Wednesdays, on days of LinC†, from 1:00PM - 5:30PM. The Children's Ministry Assistant will assist the Children's Ministry Coordinator with classroom prep, curriculum prep, teaching faith formation classes, and supervising the Wednesday LinC† programming for Kindergarten - Grade Six. Qualifications include: A desire to share the joy of Jesus Christ with children and parents. Work well with children and teenagers. Reliable, dependable and responsible. The ability to work well under pressure in a multi-task environment and pass a background check. Please send a resume to Pastor Kathy (kathy@oursaviorsnewulm.org) or speak to her with any questions.

**Wednesday
Snack Help
Needed!**



We are looking to form a group of 5-10 retired people to serve snacks for LinC† each Wednesday of the school year. We are hoping that this group would make their own schedule and rotate who serves each week. This simple job makes the world of difference for our program! The snacks are prepackaged, so the tasks include organizing the snacks in baskets and assisting with clean up. It would require being in the kitchen from 3:00PM - 4:00PM on the Wednesdays of LinC†. Please contact Lindsay!



Living in Christ Together

Faith Formation on Wednesdays and Sundays

Beginning September 13th

LinCt 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 LinCt 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> or watch for our mailing in early August!

Wednesdays at Our Savior's

3:30PM – LinCt (Grades K-6)
5:00PM – Youth Handbells (Grades 4 and up)
5:15PM – Wednesday Suppers (all ages)
5:45PM – 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)

Sundays at Our Savior's

8:30AM – **Worship***
9:30 AM – Fellowship
9:40AM – LinCt (Preschool-Grade 6)
10:30AM – **Worship***

**Sunday Worship times beginning
September 24th**

Required Meeting for Parents of Sunday LinCt and Wednesday LinCt Students

There will be a **required** meeting for all parents who have children registered for LinCt - Sunday and Wednesday sessions. One parent/guardian per household needs to attend a meeting, or their child/children cannot attend OSLC LinCt programming.



In teaching our faith, it is so important that parents and church work together. We need your help to run a successful program. 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 LinCt, 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 23rd at 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 27th at 6:30 PM

Wed., September 6th at 6:30 PM

Final meeting option: Sunday, September 10th at 9:30 AM.

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

Missions Prayer Corner:

O God, Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in the bonds of love; and through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth. Amen. (gcsynod.org) God's work, Our hands.

Confirmation 2023-2024

Confirmation will begin again on **Wednesday September 13th at 6:30PM**. We will also be having multiple meetings for confirmation before we begin. Attendance at one of these meetings is required. This is to help all parents and guardians know what is going on in confirmation, the expectations, the requirements, and to pass on very important information. Attendance will be taken at each meeting to make sure that each student has had one of their parents or guardians attend one of these meetings. These meetings will be under 30 minutes long. These meetings also coincide with the LinC† meeting nights.

Meeting times:

- **August 23rd at 7:00 PM**
- **August 27th at 7:00 PM**
- **September 6th at 7:00 PM**
- **September 10th at 11:45 AM**

Registration can be completed online on the church website or on paper. Paper forms can be found by the Youth Board or in the confirmation mailing that will go out in early August.

We are excited to begin Wednesday and Sunday LinC† again this fall! Wednesday LinC† had over 100 children registered 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. You do not need to commit to helping every week! Please email Lindsay at lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org if you are interested.



Wednesdays:

- 5 Teachers: 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM, to lead the lessons, read the bible stories, and lead discussions, projects, and games.
- 6 Classroom Assistants: 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM, to help with projects, games, and supplies during class time. Lead the children from choir to class.

Sundays:

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



Wednesday Night Suppers begin on September 13th. This wonderful ministry brings people of all ages together on Wednesday nights to share a meal and conversation. Not to mention how helpful it is to families on busy Wednesdays! We are looking for volunteers to bring bars, help with simple food prep in the church kitchen, serving, and doing dishes. We have some great volunteers already, and are hoping to find more to join them! If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. If you have questions, call the church office.

Snacks for our Wednesday After School LinCt Program

We are blessed to have so many children coming to OSLC after school on Wednesdays. We had over 100 kids last year on Wednesdays! 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 LinCt 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
(or other cookies)

Small bags of potato chips
(or other chips)

Thank you so much,

Pastor Kathy, Lindsay, and Madeline



Water Games at church for those entering 7th – 12th grade on August 2nd from 1:00PM – 3:00PM.

Join us for **Theology on Tap** at the Schell's Bier Halle August 3rd, at 6:30PM! Come for a night of conversation, discussions about faith, friendship, and a beer or 1919 root beer.

VALLEYFAIR! For kids entering 7th – 12th Grade on August 9th from 8:00AM – 8:00PM. Sign up on the Youth Board or contact Pastor Dave!

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



The food library is a ministry of Our Savior's. We are looking for people who would help fill the library with food as needed. If you would like to help, a sign-up sheet is located in the Social Hall.

We are also in need of food to fill the library! Please consider donating non-perishable foods that will not spoil or melt in the summer heat. Donations can be left in the wooden box outside the church office.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	31	1 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 12:30pm Sleepy Eye Water Park	2 1:00pm Water Games for 7th - 12th Grade	3 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap	4	5
6 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	7	8 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team	9 ValleyFair Trip for 7th - 12th Grade 9:00am Cards of Caring 10:30am NU Ministerial Mtg 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle	10 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service	11	12
13 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	14	15 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Deacons Ministry Team 6:00pm Missions Ministry Team 7:00pm Stewardship Team	16 9:00pm Applebee's Evening for 9th - 12th Grade	17 2:00pm Pro Kinship Activity	18	19 9:30am Boy Scouts Training
20 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	21 Sidelites Deadline	22 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	23 10:00am Coffee at Garden Terrace 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 6:30pm LinCt Parent Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting	24	25 8:30am Sidelites Group	26
27 Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship 6:30pm LinCt Parent Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting	28	29 <i>First Day of School ISD 88</i> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	30	31 2:00pm Pro Kinship Activity	1	2

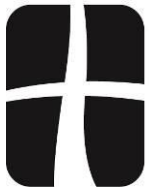
Have you moved recently, changed your phone number/email address, or gotten rid of a land line? Help us stay in touch with you! Please contact Jen with any updates at jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org or call the church at (507) 233-4430.



Church Office Summer Hours

Monday to Friday
8:00 am – 12:00 Noon

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.



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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