
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

August 2024



*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore. Psalm 133*

Wouldn't it be great if everyone lived together in harmony and unity; a place where everyone agreed with each other and there were no arguments? That would be paradise. I imagine that IS paradise.

But we live in this world; a place with differences of opinion, understanding, belief, and more. This often means that we have two choices of how to interact in our social media, 24-hour news cycle lives. We either argue constantly or ignore differences. Those are the two easiest ways to interact. They are not the best way to interact, but they are the most common choices.

Last month, I took an online class with an organization called Braver Angels, www.braverangels.org. They are a group that promotes dialogue between politically opposing people. You take a class designed for Democrats ("blues," as they call it) or Republicans ("reds"). You learn about how you are perceived, and how you can have a productive conversation by building common ground. This is so important in our political world and in our lives in general. We may not agree on everything, but that doesn't mean every conversation needs to start an argument; maybe we can listen to each other and learn together.

In our Psalm, we hear that finding unity brings the blessings of God, life forevermore. Unity isn't found in debate or argument. It is found through love and mutual respect. As we head into this election season, let's look for the blessings of God and how we can bring God's love into our chaos.

Blessings and Peace,
Pr. Dave



Reunion Sunday

September 15th at 10:00AM (*one service only*)
Stay tuned for more information!

Our Savior's is seeking an Adult Choir Director. The Adult Choir Director provides musical leadership for the Adult Choir at Our Savior's. They will choose anthems for the choir that fit the theme of the worship services and that are appropriate to the make-up of the choir. He/she is accountable to the congregation through the Church Council. The schedule is Wednesdays, approximately 6:00PM - 7:30PM (about 30 Wednesdays, from September – May); Sundays approximately 7:30AM - 9:30AM or 9:30AM - 11:30AM (18 Sundays, from September-May); Special Services: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, etc. Salary is paid monthly, September-May. Please contact Pastor Kathy with any questions.

The tickets for the Twins game on August 15th have all been claimed. Please pay for your tickets as soon as possible so we are sure to have all of our seats filled. If you can no longer attend, please let Pastor Kathy know as we do have a waiting list. Cost of the tickets are \$34. We will leave from Our Savior's parking lot at 9:00 AM.



Four Square Tournament!

August 5th at 4:00PM for Grades 7-12 (in the 2024-2025 year)

Join the Youth team for a Four Square Tournament! We will play a King-of-the-Hill rules tournament to find the best foursquare team at OSLC. Rules can be found on the Church website as well as a sign-up for teams. We will also be grilling some hotdogs for supper. Sign up on the Youth board to bring chips, dips, condiments, veggies, or other foods to share.

Lawn Games and Grill Out

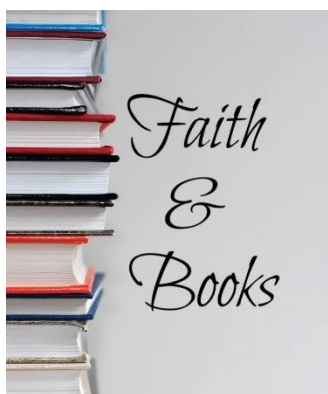
August 11th from 4:00PM – 6:00PM

Ladder Golf, Bean Bags, Lawn Dice, oh my! Join the Adult ministry team in some summer lawn games and a grill out. Bring a dish to share, and OSLC will supply hot dogs! If you would like, you can bring another game. Hope to see you there for a time filled with summer fun!

Women's Night Out

August 29th from 6:30PM – 8:30PM

Women's Night Out at Lykke Books on Thursday, August 29th. We will meet from 6:30PM - 8:30PM for devotions and conversation in this beautiful new space. Bars and coffee will be served. There will be a \$5 cost, with any extra funds raised going to NUMAS Haus. Sign up on the WELCA bulletin board at church or call/email the church office.



Faith and Books Reading List for 2024 – 2025

- September - *Tom Lake*, by Ann Patchett
- October - *The Women: A Novel*, by Kristin Hannah
- November - *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, by Gail Honeyman
- December - *The Christmas Box*, by Richard Paul Evans
- January - *The Five-Star Weekend*, by Elin Hilderbrand
- February - *Beyond That, The Sea: A Novel*, by Laura Spence-Ash
- March - *The Dictionary of Lost Words*, by Pip Williams
- April - *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club: A Novel*, by J. Ryan Stradal
- May – Share a favorite book with the group. Plan the next year's books

Mission Corner:

"MISSION"... what is that? We are all called to be a 'good neighbor,' to help one another, to be God's hands in our world. The Mission Team at Our Savior's supports a special monthly offering that is designated each month for a specific entity. This month, the money will go to ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Relief. Other regular recipients are the local food shelf and other local programs supplying food, hygiene products, diapers, clothing, etc. We are always looking for suggestions and opportunities to help, either monetarily OR hands on.

If you are aware of a need, or have any suggestions or ideas, please contact any of the mission team members, or the church office.

This month, we ask everyone to remember that 'loving our neighbors' does not mean we always have to agree. But, it does mean that we all need to truly listen... think... speak courteously... and recognize humanity in everyone!

LinC† and Confirmation Parent Meetings

- August 28th 6:00PM for LinC†
- August 28th 6:30PM for Confirmation
- September 8th 9:30AM Sanctuary - Confirmation
- September 8th 9:30AM Upper Room - LinC†



As we approach a new program year, we are preparing for parent meetings. These meetings will go over all relevant details for our program year; schedule and calendar, rules, expectations, purpose. As a parent to a student in Confirmation or LinC†, you are required to attend one of these meetings. There will also be a covenant agreement to make sure we are all holding to the same expectations. If you are unable to make it to the meeting, please contact Pr. Dave or Lindsay.

Confirmation 2024-2025

Confirmation will begin again on Wednesday September 18th 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† meetings. We will also have a covenant agreement to clarify our rules and expectations.

Meeting times:

- August 28th 6:30PM - Sanctuary
- September 8th 9:30AM - Sanctuary

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



Volunteers needed for Faith Formation Leaders

Our community of faith supports and raises up followers of Jesus Christ. One of the most important ways we do this is through education at OSLC. Confirmation and LinC† are looking for volunteers to help us teach and raise up faithful kids. Teaching can be an intimidating prospect, but it is such a rewarding part of faith. When you teach, you learn more about yourself, find joy in being with our kids, and become a part of God's blessings in this world. Please consider volunteering!

If you are interested in helping with LinC† get in touch with Lindsay, and if you are interested in helping with Confirmation, get in touch with Pr. Dave.

My Time In New Orleans - By Ellie Marti

This year our church went to New Orleans, Louisiana for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. When I first heard about this opportunity, I immediately wanted to go because I thought it would be a fun experience, even though I wasn't friends with anyone on the trip. I was excited to see all the sights and eat all the unique food there that my parents had told me so much about. But, when the trip was nearing, I started to feel scared. Scared that since I didn't hang out with the people going on the trip, it would ruin the fun.

I got to the church early in the morning, with my stuff packed and my mind open to all the possibilities that could occur on the trip. I got on the bus and endured the first few days on the road. Not much happened those couple days besides going to the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. We finally got to New Orleans on July 15, and the first thing we did was go on a swamp tour. We saw lots of alligators, racoons, and even some wild pigs and turtles, which I was very surprised to see. After that we spent the first night in the Cambria hotel.



Throughout the week, our whole church would go to fun places and landmarks together, like the World War 2 museum and Mardi Gras World, and break off into small groups to do more specific things. Finally every night we'd go to the mass gathering at the Smoothie King Center, which consisted of lots of singing, and several speakers that talked about their lives with God. One of my favorite speakers was Jacqueline Bussie, who went through a lot of grief after losing her husband. I really admired how she fought through the pain and never gave up, even though it would have been so easy to. She and many other speakers experienced loss or pain, and they also never gave up on themselves. Those parts of the speeches stood out the most to me.

This trip was overall a very fun experience. There are some minor things I would change about it, but nothing like this is ever going to run perfectly, and that's completely normal. I think this is something everyone should get to do, because I feel it brought me closer to God, and brought things into a whole other perspective that I had never known. I know that the Holy Spirit was with me the whole trip because at first I was scared I would be bored and friendless, but now I've come home with some new friends and exhaustion from all the fun I had. And I'll never forget that you, the people of the congregation reading this, made this amazing trip possible. I hope that through your generosity we can have another great gathering like this in 2027.







Thank you so much for helping send us to camp! We had so much fun meeting new people and making so many memories. Some of our favorite activities were swimming in the lake, quiet times where we were able to choose what to do, and surviving the blackout during the storm. We are so happy we got to go to camp this year and can't wait to go again! Thank you so much, we are so thankful for you! From,

- The Barkas – Greta, Krin, Karin

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$331.30 given to the United Way Backpack Project, given on July 5, 2024. You will help make possible free school supplies and backpacks to children in Brown County. Last year, over 475 kids received these necessary supplies because of people like you.

Thank you for GIVING UNITED so Brown County can LIVE UNITED!

- Sandra Juni, Executive Director

Thank you for your generous gift of \$455.07 given to Ivy House on June 14, 2024. Your support plays an important role in allowing us to carry out our mission of sharing God's love with families by providing a safe and caring place for kids to stay.

Thank you for your continued support. You are all a blessing to Ivy House!

- Trisha Homan, Executive Director

Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran,

Thank you for your generous gift of mission support to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries! You make it possible to foster a space where faith is introduced, explored, and celebrated! You are enriching the camp experience, shaping young adults, and molding the future stewards of faith. The profound impact you can make through camp is beyond measure. That's so special – thank you! Blessings,

- Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director, GLLM

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Members:

Your \$300.00 donation to the Heart to Home organization is so very much appreciated! Your financial support has helped Heart to Home Furnishings provide furniture to over 900 families in the past eight years, including 137 last year (2023). Our team of volunteers depends on community support to cover the cost of building rent, insurance, equipment, supplies, and the purchase of mattresses and bed frames.

We thank the members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for their dedication to community outreach in and around New Ulm. Sincerely,

- Bill Steinke – Treasurer, Heart to Home Furnishings

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:00am Worship	29 5:00pm Women's Dinner & Golf Outing	30 5:15pm Confirmation Leader Meeting 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	31 12:30pm Water Park Trip for 3rd - 12th Grade 4:00pm Ukulele Class 6:00pm Stewardship Team 7:00pm Directory Planning Team Meeting	1 10:30am Ridgeway Memory Care Service 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	2	3
4 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Private Event	5 4:00pm Four Square Tournament	6	7 4:00pm Ukulele Class	8 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service	9	10
11 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:00am Worship 4:00pm Lawn Games & Grill Out	12	13 <i>Primary Election Polling Place</i> 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team	14 9:00am Cards of Caring 9:00am Twins Game 4:00pm Ukulele Class	15	16	17
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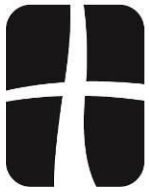
Have you moved recently, changed your phone number/email address, or gotten rid of a land line? Would you like to sign up to receive our weekly emails? Please contact Jen with any updates at jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org, or call the church at (507) 233-4430.



Church Office Summer Hours

Monday to Friday
8:00 am – 12:00 Noon

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.



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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

The 8:30 service will be live 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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community, experiencing God,

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Jesus Christ