
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

August 2025

Hello and Greetings from Pastor Amy!

It is with excitement and anticipation that I write to you all today, as I look forward to begin serving as your Associate Pastor. Summer is flying by and has been full of transitions for me and my family (husband, Erik, and 8-year-old twins, Emma and Andrew). Soon, I will be moving things into the office and starting to get to know the people of Our Savior's!



Meet
Our
New
Pastor!

As you get to know me, you'll find that I appreciate connecting through conversation or over a cup of coffee. I am one who finds value in community and am grateful for the many and varied gifts God has given to us all. I look forward to hearing your stories—about life, gifts, passions, and exploring questions of faith together, and love having time with people in all ages and stages of life.

As we live into being community together, practicing faith and following the Holy Spirit, I often turn to the writings of the Apostle Paul in the New Testament, as I find they provide guidance for how to live as people of faith. I especially love Ephesians 3:16-19, as it is a good summary of a deep prayer I have for you all: *"I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."*

At our core, my great hope is that we all truly come to know the expansive and deep love God has for each of us, and we might strive to live out that love with others.

This upcoming month, I will be in the office August 11th – 14th, but then have a previously scheduled family vacation August 15th – 20th. So, my first Sunday with you all in worship will be August 24th. I invite you to stop by to say hello or come to the welcome events. I am grateful to the Call Committee, Council, and Congregation for calling me to be your pastor.

May God bless our time together!

In Christ,
Pastor Amy Karlson



Ice Cream Social to Meet Pastor Amy and Family

On August 12th from 6:00 PM – 8:00PM, we will gather for ice cream sundaes and fellowship as we welcome Pastor Amy and her family to Our Savior's. Pastor Amy's husband is also a pastor, so they will be leading worship at the same time in different churches. This will be an opportunity to meet Pastor Amy's entire family, and to welcome them to Our Savior's.



Summer Reflection

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart... Psalm 138:1

Summer is going quickly! Before you know it, hot and humid 90-degree temperatures will give way to cool and crisp temperatures in the 60s. But for now, it is summer. As I reflect on summer at OSLC, I invite you to reflect upon your summer up to this point and what remains of the summer that lies ahead of us.

Summer at Our Savior's began with a bit of change. Many people have commented to me of their enjoyment of having one worship service on Sunday mornings. It has been great to worship in a sanctuary filled with people, and just as wonderful seeing so many people stay after worship for coffee and conversation. Worship is central in all we do at Our Savior's. Thank you to everyone who has shared time and talents to make our worship such a wonderful experience.

A highlight of June was our vote to call Pastor Amy Karlson as our new associate pastor. Vacation Bible School was held in June, as was Our Savior's week at Shores of St. Andrew. The youth service/adventure trip was in July. You can read more about this trip in this newsletter. We have gathered and will gather at a Twins game and a Moon Dogs game. We have been blessed with several baptisms throughout the summer. Important to note about summer at Our Savior's is that our parking lot was completed earlier than expected. I know that we are all thankful to have that project completed in such a timely manner.

August now approaches, and behind the scenes things are moving quickly. Staff prepares for another year of LinC†, adult education, choirs, confirmation, and receiving new members. The list of plans and activities for the year goes on and on. Ministry teams will be gearing up for the year as well. I want to encourage you to remember the ministry teams of our congregation in your prayers, and prayerfully consider saying "yes" to your involvement in our life together here at Our Savior's.

We will welcome Pastor Amy in August. She begins her ministry here on Monday, August 11th, and her first Sunday will be August 24th. We will have a formal welcome and installation on Sunday, September 14th.

As summer moves along, I encourage you to take time to celebrate God's bountiful gifts and God's amazing grace. For parents in particular, as you get ready for the busyness of a new school year, know that your time in worship as a family will fill you and give you needed strength. For all, join us for worship as summer winds down and know that through scripture, prayer and music, God is at work in your life.

Pastor Kathy

Welcoming Pastor Amy Karlson

Pastor Amy's first Sunday will be August 24th. As part of our welcome to Pastor Amy, we will use nametags for several weeks. They will be available in a variety of places as you come to worship on Sunday mornings.

To welcome Pastor Amy and the many visitors we have on an ongoing basis, we will also add greeters for Sunday worship. Greeters stand at the entrances to the sanctuary and greet people, answer questions or direct people to where a question can be answered, and are a friendly face as we prepare ourselves to worship. You can sign up to be a greeter on the volunteer sheets on the bulletin board in the social hall. Two greeters are needed each week. Thank you so much for all the ways you volunteer and make worship a meaningful experience for those who attend in person or on-line.

Save the Date - Reunion Sunday
September 14th at 9:00AM (*one service only*)
We will also celebrate the Installation of Pastor Amy.
Stay tuned for more information!



Be A Greeter

Greeters are needed for Sunday worship! We often have visitors at Our Savior's, and would like to begin a welcoming ministry again by having two greeters each Sunday (*beginning August 17th*). It is as it says, greet people as they come to worship on Sundays, and point out bulletins, etc. for visitors. Also, be willing to answer questions or point people to where a question can be answered. If you are willing to be a greeter, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Kathy.



Our Savior's is looking for an accompanist for the Adult Choir. Tom Maidl, our Director of Music Ministries, will be directing the Adult Choir, so we are in need of an accompanist. The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings during the school year from 6:30PM - 7:30PM, and sing two Sundays a month at worship and some holidays. Contact Tom Maidl or Pastor Kathy with questions, or if you are interested in this position.

Retired Persons Coffee

Something for the retired, semi-retired, and all who have some free time in the mornings! On **Wednesday, August 6th**, we will have a coffee and conversation in the Upper Room from 9:00AM - 10:00AM. Just a reminder, no sign up is needed and all are welcome!

August Youth Events

- **August 13th at 1:00 PM** – Meet at Caribou Coffee for a refreshing beverage and conversation.
- **August 27th at 12:00 PM** – Meet at Our Savior's for pizza!

At both events you will have an opportunity to meet Pastor Amy, and she will have an opportunity to meet and get to know you! Transportation is available by contacting Pastor Kathy.

Mission Corner:

The August *Noisy Offering* funds will be donated to the REACH Resource Center.

The REACH Resource Center supports youth who are at risk, experiencing homelessness, or have run away. Since opening its doors in 2011, The REACH has served nearly 5,000 youth in the Mankato area. Their mission is to create a safe, nonjudgmental place for young people that will empower and enhance their sense of self-reliance and community connection.

The REACH is a place where youth ages 16 - 24 can acquire the knowledge they need to be healthy, independent, and successful adults, providing youth with a variety of services. Whether they need support meeting basic needs, securing an apartment, or finding medical care or mental health counseling.

Confirmation 2025-2026 for Grades 7-9

Schedule:

Confirmation will begin again on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30PM, and meets until 8:00 PM (The last 30 minutes is worship, and is part of confirmation). We will be having a mandatory parent meeting before we begin. The same meeting will be held twice, and you can choose which best fits your schedule. This meeting is to help all parents and guardians know what is going on in confirmation, the expectations, the requirements, and to pass on important information about the confirmation year. There are changes this year, in particular for 9th grade. These meetings will be about 30 minutes.

Parent Meeting times:

- August 24th at 10:30 AM - Sanctuary
- August 27th at 6:30 PM - Sanctuary

Registration: 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.

Small Group Leader Volunteers (Parents or Other Adults):

Our community of faith supports and raises up followers of Jesus Christ. One of the most important ways we do this is through Christian education at Our Savior's. Confirmation students meet in small groups after a large group presentation each week. Adult leaders are needed to lead small groups. Please contact Pastor Kathy with questions about being an adult leader, or to volunteer.

Confirmation Small Group Leader Training:

All those leading a confirmation small group will meet on Wednesday, August 27th, at 7:00PM, after the parent meeting. If this meeting doesn't work for you, another meeting will be held on September 10th, at 6:30PM.

Youth Summer Trip 2025





A few words about the youth summer trip:

I REALLY liked the Ziplining!!! The 1230 foot one was super fun! Top Golf was fun because I got to hang out with friends (and eat loads of food)! Feed My Starving Children was pretty fun but it also made me feel good that we were helping people in need across the world!

Thank you, OSLC!

- Eli Hagert, Grade 9

What I liked most about the summer trip is that we as a group were able to help pack food for those in need and make a difference in those people's lives. Then I also enjoyed the time we spent as a group together, like Top Golf and Dave and Busters. So, thank you to the congregation for allowing us to have this amazing opportunity to go on this trip.

- Owen Rasche

Wow! I really enjoyed the entire experience of the summer trip, & packing meals for the kids! Thanks to everyone who chimed in to make this possible! God Bless,

- Jake Haynes



Baby Book Club

Are you a parent of a child or children, newborn through age 3 (too young for Sunday LinCt)? We are beginning a Baby Book Club for you and your child/children! We will meet once a month in the church library on Sundays after the first service. We will read a book, have a snack, and just have some time for conversation. The first session will be held on **Sunday, September 21st, at 9:45AM** in the church library. The book we will read is "Pray to God: A First Book About Prayer." For those who sign up in advance, a copy of the book will be given that day.

Whether you sign up in advance or not, you are invited to attend and get to know other parents as we teach our faith to our children. These early years are important, and we are excited to have this opportunity to help parents live out the baptismal promise to "nurture your child in faith and prayer." Sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Hall or by emailing the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kathy.

Faith and Books

Faith and Books is a group that meets in the church library once a month to discuss a book that relates to faith, relationships, and what is going on in the world. You can come once or every month. All are welcome! We will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month from September - May, at 5:30 PM in the church library, beginning Wednesday, September 10th. The book for September is *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, by Ernest J. Gaines. Visit the church website for a complete list of this year's books!



Notes of **THANKS**

Church quilt ladies,

Thank you guys so much for all of the time and effort you put into making the senior quilts for us! They are beautiful and truly show the love you and the whole congregation have for us! I am looking forward to bringing mine to college!

- Mia Lambrecht

Quilters at OSLC,

Thank you for all of your time and effort put into our senior quilt milestone gift! They are very warm and will be used often.

- Kaelyn Eikanger

Our Savior's,

Thank you for the blanket. Thank you for celebrating my graduation with me and supporting me over the years.

- Ian Brudellie

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <i>Davis Baptism</i> Noisy Offering Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	28	29 8:30am Valleyfair Trip	30	31	1	2
3 <i>Haas Baptism</i> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 5:05pm Moondogs Game	4	5 9:00am Staff Meeting	6 9:00am Retired Persons Coffee 10:00am Deacons Bread Baking 5:30pm Children's Ministry Team	7 10:00am Ridgeway on German Service 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 3:30pm Oak Hills Worship Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	8	9
10 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	11	12 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:00pm Ice Cream Social	13 9:00am Cards of Caring 1:00pm Youth Caribou Gathering	14	15 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	16
17 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	18	19 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Mission Ministry Team 7:00pm Stewardship Team	20	21 5:00pm Deacons Ministry Team	22	23
24 Noisy Offering Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:00am LinCt Parent Meeting 10:30am Confirmation Parent Meeting	25 Sidelites Deadline	26 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	27 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 12:00pm Youth Pizza Gathering 6:00pm LinCt Parent Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00pm Small Group Leader Meeting	28 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	29 8:30am Sidelites Group	30
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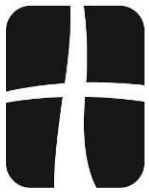
2025 Church Member Directories are ready! Copies are available for purchase in the church office during regular summer office hours. Directories are \$10.00 each.



Church Office Summer Hours

Monday to Friday
8:00 am – 12:00 Noon

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1st for Labor Day.



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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 9:00 AM

The 9:00AM 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,
reaching out and raising up followers of
Jesus Christ