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# SIDELITES

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

February 2025

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***The Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be held  
Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.***

We will worship during one service on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00AM.

The annual meeting will include voting for a call committee to interview and present a candidate for associate pastor. The congregation votes to extend a call after the call committee presents the candidate. We will also vote to approve the 2025 church budget and elect members to the ministry teams.



*Annual Meeting of  
the Congregation*

Join us on after the Annual Meeting for a **Celebration Brunch!** The fellowship committee will be serving mini muffins, fruit, yogurt, granola, hard-boiled eggs, coffee, and juice.

Copies of the 2024 Annual Report, including the 2025 proposed budget, are now available in the Social Hall.



*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.*

*Philippians 4:8-9*

Paul's encouragement to the church in Philippi is encouragement for us, too. Paul encourages the church to continue on, to work towards making an impact in their ministry for the sake of the Gospel. These words of encouragement are for us personally and for our church, too.

Paul's words to the Philippians can guide our work for the year to come. In ministry together, the people who make up the Body of Christ at Our Savior's are called to hold on to the things which are true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent in the ministry to which we are called. It is not always easy and Paul knows that. He is writing from prison, and he writes to the Philippians about the hardship he endures for the Good News of Jesus. At the same time, he urges them to "stand firm in the Lord," because God will give us more than the world can give.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> we will gather for the annual meeting of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We will give thanks for the work of the many volunteers and staff who have worked toward excellence as we have shared the Gospel inside and outside our church doors. We will give thanks for the ways our benevolence gifts have made an

impact. We will celebrate that we have paid off the mortgage of the 2004 addition; a project that has helped us live into commendable and excellent ministry. We will approve the 2025 budget as we continue to live out our mission. Finally, we will elect a call committee to move forward on calling a new associate pastor. This is important work as we take this opportunity look at our calling to faithfully use and share the resources God has given us to further the Good News of Jesus Christ.

There are many challenges in our church and world. How do we engage all ages in ways that help them grow in faith? How do continue to strengthen our youth ministry with less staff? How can grow in outreach to those who don't know the Good News of Jesus? And how do we grow in ways to help those in need in our community and world? I hope you hear these challenges as an opportunity and as a privilege for us at Our Savior's. We have been richly blessed and need God's guidance as we continue to strive for excellence in our ministry.

I encourage you to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have one service at 9:00 a.m., followed immediately by the annual meeting. Following the meeting we will have a celebratory brunch, giving thanks to God for the way God is working through the people of Our Savior's to share God's love.

Pastor Kathy

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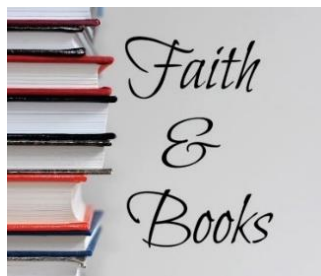
### *A Note from Pastor Kathy:*

You will notice in these next few months that we will have guest preachers, even on days I am here to lead worship. The church council approved having a guest preacher 1-2 times a month to help out while there isn't an associate pastor or interim pastor. In February we will welcome Pastor Margo Martens and Pastor Ted Kunze. Pastor Margo worked at Our Savior's for many years as an organist, choir director, and director of music ministries. She will preach on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Ted is a retired pastor who served in our synod over thirty years. He will preach on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Please join me in welcoming them, and giving thanks for their willingness to share the Good News with us.

### **Mark your calendar!**

Church Council, Ministry Team, Committee, and WELCA retreat will be held on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:00PM - 3:00PM. This will be an opportunity to go over the role of your team, plan and dream for 2025, and connect with other teams on working together.

**Retired Persons Coffee** continues to meet once a month. Join us this month on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. This has been a great time to simply visit and meet some folks from Our Savior's you may not know.



Faith & Books will meet in February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in the church library. The book for February is *Beyond That, The Sea: A Novel* by Laura Spence-Ash. Discussion questions are available in the church library.

The book for March is *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kathy.

## Wednesday Night Suppers

We gather on Wednesday evenings for suppers from 5:00PM-6:15PM! All proceeds from the free will offering go to support Wednesday LinCt programming.



February 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Chicken Pot Pie
February 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Pancakes
February 19 <sup>th</sup> :	Goulash
February 26 <sup>th</sup> :	Carnitas Tacos

### RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>

- Grades 4 and up
- Bus leaves at 10:15 AM
- Bus returns at 1:30 PM
- Tube time 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- \$20 per tuber
- Bring extra money for concessions
- Adult chaperones needed.

Sign up on the Children’s Board, Youth Board, or email Lindsay at [education@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:education@oursaviorsnewulm.org).

Parents must sign a Mount Kato tubing waiver for each child attending. Copies can be found on the Children’s Board.



**Hey OSLC campers, our camp week is set!**

**OUR CONGREGATION IS GOING TO CAMP WEEK 3 (JUNE 22-26)!**

**REGISTER NOW**

Registration is open now! Early registration discounts are available through February 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please email Lindsay: [education@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:education@oursaviorsnewulm.org).

Join us for **Faith that Overflows 2025**

**CAMP SUNDAY**

**& get excited for summer!**

**GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**

Join us **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** for our annual Camp Sunday! We will be serving a fundraising breakfast between services to raise money to help send our kids to Camp!



## Ash Wednesday Worship

March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon and 6:30 PM

There will be no afternoon or evening programming on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### New Members at Our Savior's

We will be welcoming new members at worship on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**! We will have a New Member Orientation on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM. Children are welcome! If you are interested in becoming a member at Our Savior's, and/or to sign up for orientation, please contact Jen at (507) 233-4430 or [office@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:office@oursaviorsnewulm.org).



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### Mission Corner:

"Mission" is a word that encompasses a LOT! Most people think of soup kitchens, or trips to build houses. These definitely are examples of "mission," but there is so much more!

"Mission" is helping a neighbor by shoveling his walk on a cold January day, taking a pot of hot soup to a family who just brought a new baby home from the hospital ... sometimes it can be a simple smile, brightening someone's day. Reflecting the love of Christ in daily life IS mission that we can ALL do, frequently!

Our Savior's does offer specific opportunities, like the food library out in front, and serving meals at the homeless shelter in Mankato. There also is the option to give monetarily. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, a *Noisy Offering* is taken during worship. The money collected rotates each month to a local group such as NUMAS Haus, Ivy House, the United Way Backpack Project, Lutheran Disaster Response, and ELCA World Hunger.

Gracious and loving God, work through each of us, to help our neighbors, and the strangers in our midst, in whatever way we are able. Amen.



The food library is a ministry of Our Savior's. We are looking for people who would help keep the food library filled. It is kept full of food that will not freeze, and anyone in the community can stop by and pick up needed food. The food we have for the food library is in the wooden box outside the church office. If you would like to help, a sign-up sheet is located in the Social Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Kathy or a member of the Missions Team.

### Snacks for our Wednesday LinC<sup>†</sup> Program:

With over 100 kids coming to LinC<sup>†</sup> on Wednesdays after school, we are running low on snacks! We are asking for donations of individually-wrapped treats (such as fruit snacks, granola bars, small bags of chips or crackers). There is a box marked "Wednesday LinC<sup>†</sup> Snacks" by the church office.



Thank you so much for your generous donation to help keep needy children in Brown County warm this winter. As of 12/31/2024, 309 children received coats as part of 124 families. Your help is truly appreciated!

- Marion Klimmek, Pro Kinship Board Secretary

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$221. Your contribution will touch more lives than you will ever know – you are helping a homeless family start over and build a brighter future. May God bless you all in the coming new year.

- Your friends at NUMAS Haus

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church WELCA,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500 given to Ivy House on December 16, 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.

At Ivy House, we work to strengthen families by offering free and confidential care. Our services ensure that children have a safe and nurturing place to turn to when their families need extra support. Your generosity directly impacts the lives of the families we serve. Whether it's providing a warm meal, a comforting hug, or a safe place to sleep, your support helps us make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community.

The work we do wouldn't be possible without donors like you. Your commitment to our cause is truly inspiring, and we're deeply grateful for your partnership. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.

We could not do this without your support! Thank you for thinking of us!

- Anna Friese, Ivy House Board Chair

## **WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**If weather is in question, please check our website and Facebook page for any cancellations or postponements.** Be sure to 'like' and follow us at [facebook.com/oslcnewulm](https://facebook.com/oslcnewulm) to stay up to date!

For midweek classes and programs, we'll follow the lead of the public schools. If ISD #88 dismisses early, choirs, confirmation, and groups will not meet. We will also not hold evening suppers.

## February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 1st Grade Bible Milestone Noisy Offering Sunday <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Budget Meeting 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am Staff Lunch 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Mission Ministry Team 6:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>29</b> 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth Group 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11:00am MRCI Group	<b>1</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>2</b> <b>9:00am Worship</b> 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:00am Annual Meeting of the Congregation</b> 10:30am Celebration Brunch 2:00pm Girl Scout Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> 9:00am Retired Persons Coffee 10:00am WELCA Board Meeting 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Group 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>6</b> 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>7</b> 11:00am MRCI Group	<b>8</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
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### Offering Envelopes:

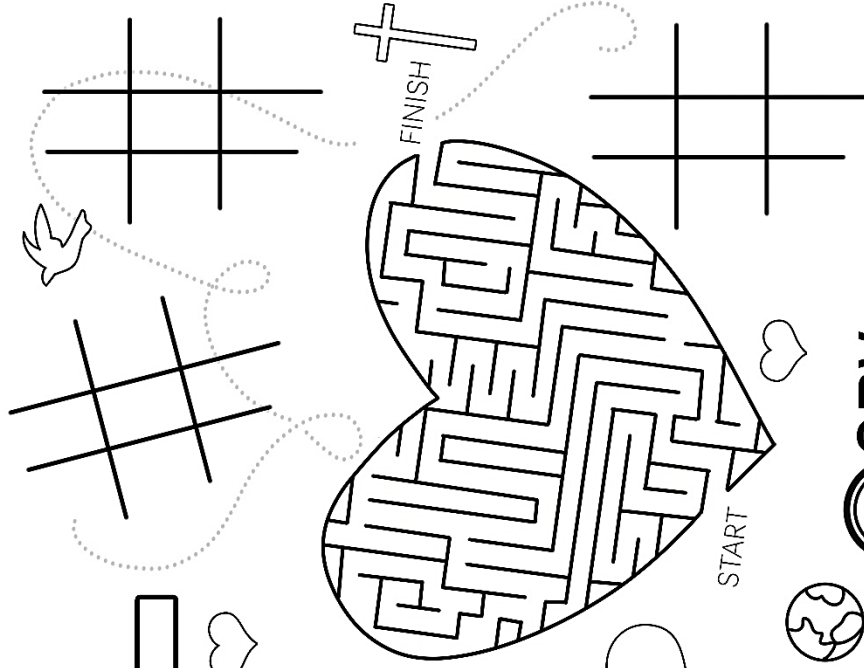
Have you switched to automatic giving and are no longer using offering envelopes? Please let Jen know to remove you from our envelope orders by calling (507) 233-4430 or emailing [office@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:office@oursaviorsnewulm.org). If you don't receive envelopes but would like to, you can speak to Jen about that, too. Thank you for your generosity to Our Savior's. Because of you, our church changes lives!

# JESUS LOVES HOME

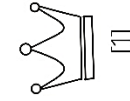
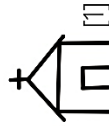
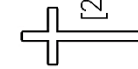
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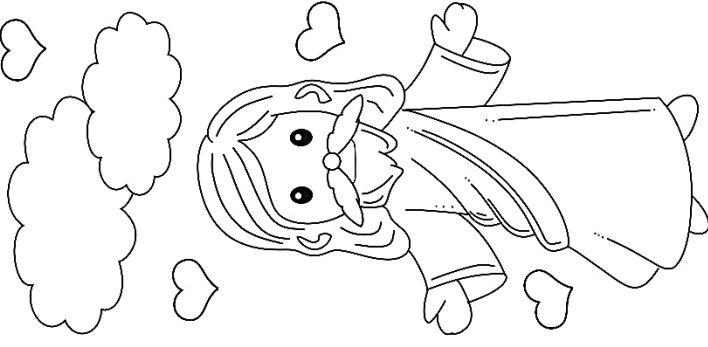


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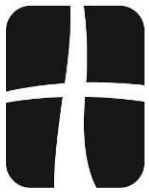
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AS THE FATHER HAS  
**LOVED ME,**  
SO HAVE I LOVED YOU.  
NOW REMAIN IN  
**MY LOVE.**

John 15:9, NIV



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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

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