
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 2021



What is the core focus of the Christian faith? Are we centered on Heaven and Hell? Salvation and Punishment? Forgiveness? Communion? Acts of service? Compassion? Spreading the Gospel?

All of those are important and help us to understand who we are in God's creation, but it's hard to pin down one teaching. That being said, there is one important center that often gets pushed to the side, something we forget about: Fellowship.

Our questions from the first paragraph are interesting, important, and talked about often. They are usually seen as more important than fellowship - gathering together for fun, getting to know each other, and growing in our relationships. I want to make it clear that fellowship is key to faith. Fellowship is where we see faith in practice, outside of the walls of our church; there's no "action" to be taken, so sometimes we think about it as purposeless.

Though it may seem purposeless to some, that's ignoring the Biblical example that Jesus shows us for fellowship. Jesus lived with his disciples. They shared meals together. They hung out. They took time to relax and enjoy each other's company. This isn't time set for any purpose other than fellowship. They started as strangers, became friends and students, and finally became a family of God.

This is what we have needed over the past year. Even though I'm an introvert, I have desperately needed fellowship because it's at the core of my faith. I know that in difficult times, I have people that I can rely on at church - people who are my siblings in Christ!

With all that in mind, I would encourage you to find time this summer to gather with friends. If you don't have time, make some. This isn't just for the sake of fun (even though that is valuable), it is for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Grow closer together, and by doing so, you will grow closer to God. In Matthew 18:20, Jesus tells his disciples, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Gather in the name of Christ with friends, family, acquaintances, strangers, whomever! This is how we share the love of Christ with one another and grow the Kingdom.

Go in peace to share in the joys and sorrows of life together! **Thanks be to God!**

Pr. Dave

Mark your calendars for a big celebration on **Sunday, September 12th!** We are planning a special worship service, music, food and a wonderful time to reconnect with one another, as well as to get to know many new to Our Savior's folks. Many thanks to the team of people planning this special day.



DoNot miss Church on Sunday, July 11th!

Church Donuts are BACK!!!! Please join the Fellowship Team for Donuts and Coffee following worship on Sunday, July 11th. Fellowship hour will be held every other Sunday following worship through August.

OSLC's New Business Administrator

We are pleased to introduce Our Savior's new Business Administrator, Caryn Nelson! Caryn joined the staff on June 8th. Welcome Caryn!



Caryn joined the staff in June 2021. Prior to coming to Our Savior's, Caryn spent 20 years working in the business office at Madelia Hospital and Clinic, and a year and a half as the Office Administrator at Bethel Church in Mankato.

She and her husband, Drew, live a few miles north of Madelia. They have three adult children: Caitlyn, Hailey, and Colton. They are also new grandparents to granddaughters Emmery and Jolie, and are looking forward to a grandson this fall. Caryn enjoys exploring the beautiful state of Minnesota with her husband, and spending time with family.



The Heart of Faith Preaching Series

The heart of faith...God's Kingdom is within Us!

July 4th - Luke 17:20-24

The heart of faith...the marks of a Christian

July 11th - Romans 12

The heart of faith...God Brings Hope

July 18th - Isaiah 43:1-5a

The heart of faith...an eternal promise.

July 25th - John 14:1-6

July Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study will meet on Monday, July 12th and July 26th at 9:30 AM.

WELCA Bible Study will meet on Thursday, July 8th and July 29th at 10:00 AM.

Family Movie Night - July 16th, 8:30PM

Join us for an outdoor movie on the OSLC Lawn! We will be watching "Blue Miracle" an uplifting story for the whole family about the power of friendship, the joys of competition, and what it means to be a family! We look forward to seeing you there!

Faith and Books

This fall we will begin a monthly book discussion. The group will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM. Feel free to bring your dinner to the discussion. This is the schedule of books:

September – *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

October – *The Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff

November – *Night* by Elie Wiesel

December – *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg

January – *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson

February – *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom

March – *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway

April – *The Children's Blizzard* by David Laskin

May – *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

BIG IDEAS:

Tuesday, July 13th at 5:30 PM and Wednesday, July 14th at 10:00 AM

We are thrilled to partner with Big Ideas for another great activity for our OSLC Youth! This event will be held on July 13th or July 14th, with a limit of 5 kids per group. Additional classes may be added if more kids would like to attend.

This session, we will be making a fun cinch backpack! Kids will learn how to work with a sewing machine, and can choose their own fabrics. The cost per student is \$10, please make checks payable to Big Ideas. Please contact Lindsay for a registration form or for scholarship information.

Family Water Park Night

Join us for fun at the Sleepy Eye Family Aquatic Center on **Saturday, July 17th from 7:15 PM – 9:15 PM.** Members of all ages are welcome! Please visit our website or contact Lindsay to sign up.

Boundary Waters Youth Trip

From July 25th to July 30th, Pastor Dave, Madeline Cacciatore, and 14 Youth will be going to the Boundary Waters! This trip will teach us about resilience, fishing, God's creation, and who we are as children of God. We ask that you pray for us: pray for good weather, deep conversations, growing faith, safety (and sanity for Chaperones and Guides), and inspiration as we journey with God.



Tucker Berg	Sophie Berger	Ian Brudelite
Kaelyn Eikanger	Malia Emerson	Graham Glaser
Brynn Gramentz	Addison Haynes	Reid Krenz
Kelsey Landsteiner	Elliot Schabert	Brandon Sieg
Brody Wenner		Katie Wilker

OSLC and Green Lake Lutheran Ministries are excited for Summer Camp 2021.

After Covid-19 caused Green Lake to cancel their 2020 season, their doors are open and they are ready for a summer of fun! OSLC has 38 kids attending camp this year! Yes...38! Wow! We couldn't be happier that so many of our OSLC kids will be spending a week growing their faith!



The Quilt Auction is back at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, and back in person! Online bidding is also available through their website beginning July 18th.

FRIDAY, JULY 23 EVENTS: Quilt Review - 3:00-8:00 PM; Silent Auction opens - 3:00 PM; Hotdish Supper - 4:30-7:00 PM; Beachfront Concert: The Root Beer Choir - 5:30-7:00 PM; Fresh doughnuts and concessions.

SATURDAY, JULY 24 EVENTS: Quilt Review - 9:00-11:00 AM; Pulled Pork Lunch - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; Live Auction begins at 12:00 PM - *featuring multiple antique quilts*; Silent Auction closes - 4:00 PM; Online Quilt Auction closes - 5:00 PM; Fresh doughnuts and concessions.

Rocky Railway VBS

The children of OSLC had an amazing week growing closer to God and one another, and learning to "Trust Jesus!" Thank you to all of the volunteers, helpers, parents, staff, and members who donated to VBS!





United Way Backpack Project

A community project of the United Way of the Brown County Area, Inc.



Our Savior's is again hosting a public collection box for the United Way "Stuff the Backpacks" Project drive to help students who live in or attend school in Brown County. Last year, more than **300 backpacks** filled with school supplies were given to children throughout Brown County in grades K-8 who qualify for the free lunch program. Donations can be dropped off through July 25th and placed in the box in front of the church office.

Fiskars Kids Scissors – <i>pointed</i>	Pencil Top Erasers	Disinfecting Wipes
Spiral Notebooks - <i>wide ruled</i>	Composition Notebooks	Hand Sanitizer
Ultra Fine Tip Sharpie Markers	Pencil Bags	#2 Pencils
4 oz Bottles of Elmer's Glue – <i>white</i>	Post-it Notes	2-Pocket Folders
Crayola Broad Tip Markers – <i>classic colors</i>	Large Pink Erasers	Glue Sticks
Crayola Colored Pencils – <i>set of 12</i>	Dry Erase Markers	Highlighters
Crayola 24 Count Crayons	Plastic Pencil Boxes	Boxes of Facial Tissue – <i>a lot!</i>

PARENTS! If your child is in grades K-8, qualifies for free lunches, and is a resident of Brown County, please stop by the church office for a copy of the registration form. **Forms must be returned to the United Way by July 16, 2021.** Backpacks are provided on a first-come, first served basis, and depend upon availability of backpacks and supplies, so return your form as soon as possible!

Questions? Call the United Way at (507) 354-6512.



Dear Our Savior's,

Thank you for the quilt you made for me for my graduation. I appreciate your consideration on this special day in my life and will use your gift to stay warm and reminded of God's love at the U of M – Twin Cities. Speaking of which, I am excited to start this new chapter in my life when I begin attending classes this fall. Thanks again for your generosity! Sincerely,

- Isaac Blumhoefer

OSLC,


Thank you so much for remembering Micah and including him on Senior recognition Sunday. The framed quilt squares that you gifted us with will be a precious keepsake that we will always cherish. We are so grateful for you and the caring and kindness you've shown us.

- Peter, Angie, & Annika

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 10:00 AM Ridgeway on German Service 11:00 AM Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00 PM Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	2	3 5:30 PM Worship
4 9:00 AM Worship	5 Church Office Closed	6 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting	7	8 10:00 AM WELCA Bible Study	9	10 5:30 PM Worship
11 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship Hour	12 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study 3:00 PM Pro Kinship Activity	13 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Staff Lunch 5:30 PM Adult Ministry Team 5:30 PM Big Ideas 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team 7:00 PM Facilities & Grounds Meeting	14 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 10:00 AM Big Ideas	15	16 8:30 PM Family Movie Night	17 5:30 PM Worship 7:15 PM Family Water Park Night
18 GLLM Bible Camp Blessing 9:00 AM Worship	19 Sidelites Deadline Green Lake Bible Camp	20 Green Lake Bible Camp 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Missions Ministry Team	21 Green Lake Bible Camp	22 Green Lake Bible Camp	23 Green Lake Bible Camp	24 5:30 PM Worship
25 Boundary Waters Youth Trip Noisy Offering Sunday 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship Hour	26 Boundary Waters Youth Trip 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study	27 Boundary Waters Youth Trip 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting	28 Boundary Waters Youth Trip	29 Boundary Waters Youth Trip 10:00 AM WELCA Bible Study	30 Boundary Waters Youth Trip	31 5:30 PM Worship

Sign up for our Constant Contact email service and receive our weekly update emails, as well as occasional mid-week announcements! To sign up, call the church office at (507) 233-4430, or email jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.



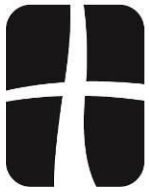
Church Admin. Office Hours
June 1st – September 6th

Monday to Friday
 8:00 am – 12:00 Noon

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th.

The July, August, and September edition of Christ in Our Home is now available in the Social Hall!

Items to be included in the next edition of Sidelites are due by **July 19th!** Announcement pieces must be received no later than each Wednesday at noon. Email your news to jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.



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Worship

Saturday Worship – 5:30 PM

Sunday Worship – 9:00 AM

Facebook Live – Sunday at 9:00 AM

Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

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