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# SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 2022

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## Over and Over

During one of our cloudy and rainy stretches in May, this passage from John 14 was a part of my daily devotion: Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This is a very familiar passage to me, yet it struck me in an entirely different way that day. What spoke me to that day was "life." Maybe because there had been so many gloomy days.

Maybe because sometimes the way of Jesus is challenging. Maybe because the news is filled with so many tough stories. Whatever it was, that day what I heard and meditated on was that following Jesus gives me life. Not just eternal life, but life right here and right now. I needed to hear those words from John 14 again. It filled my heart and encouraged me. In hearing a familiar story or passage that we often think we know well, God may surprise us with a new learning, we may be encouraged just when we need it, or we may be reminded of how that truth has helped us in the past. It's good to hear God's word over and over again.

I know that the pace of summer is different for many people. There are family reunions, family trips, weddings, graduations, ball games...so many things that take us away on the week-ends and often take us away from our own congregation. I encourage you to find a place to worship this summer, wherever you are, so you can hear again and again God's love and promises for you. If you have to miss Sunday worship, bring along a devotion. Enjoy these summer months and find time to hear God's Word, for in that you will find life.

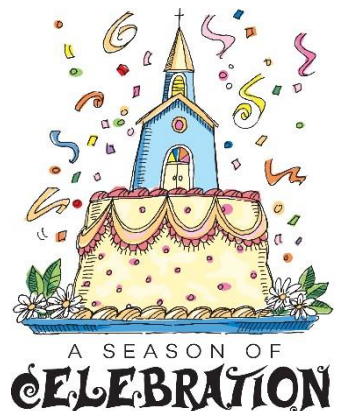
Pastor Kathy

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## 75th Anniversary Update

We are looking forward to September 25<sup>th</sup> and celebrating 75 years of mission and ministry at Our Savior's. Our former pastors have received letters of invitation, and worship, program, and meal are being finalized. Letters are also being sent to many of our friends who have moved away, but please share the anniversary date with those you know who would like to attend. The congregation will be receiving a letter later in July so that you can RSVP for the meal.

Leading up to the anniversary you will see pictures and memories posted on Facebook each Thursday (you can also see it on the website), and there will be special activities leading up to the anniversary in September. Please reach out to the anniversary committee with any questions: Coryn Enck, Annette Haynes, Sue Hunstad, Maxine Remme, JoEllen Tessmer, and newly joined committee member Deb Kaehler. If you would like to help - we would love to have you and we will find something for you to help with!



## Theology on Tap

**July 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00PM - 8:30PM** at Schell's Brewery

If the weather is nice, we will meet on the deck. All those who are 21 or older are invited to attend and be part of the conversation. A different topic of faith is chosen each month and we learn and discuss together.

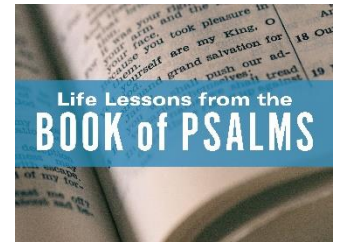
## Fall Cooking Events



Beginning in October, we will be gathering at the OSLC kitchen for some fun cooking classes. Have you ever wanted to learn how to make Czech food? Kuchen? Regional Christmas cookies? A delicious Chili? Cheese Buttons? Something other than Mac and Cheese from a box (this is the only thing Pastor Dave knows how to make...)? Join us for a time of fellowship and fun as we share our knowledge and delicious food. We have some volunteers willing to share their gifts with us, but we are still looking for more. Please get in touch with Pastor Dave or the Adult Ministry Team if you are interested!

## Praying the Psalms

In between Worship services we will begin a study on how we can pray the Psalms. This will be a multi-week series, but you can come to all of them, or just one. Take this time to learn ways to improve your faith journey through prayer, meditation, and reflection on the Psalms. A signup sheet will be in the Social Hall in August, and we will order books as the study approaches.



## Faith & Books

The books for the 2022-2023 Faith & Books group have been chosen! There will be one copy of each book at the church.

September – *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb

October – *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson

November – *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

December – *The Deal of a Lifetime* by Fredrik Backman

January – *Icy Sparks* by Gwyn Hyman Rubio

February – *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

March – *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

April – *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans

May – *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate



Our youth and chaperones couldn't be more excited for our trip to Camp House this summer, July 15-19. We ask that you pray for good weather, safe travel, good health, and wonderful growth in God. We also wanted to let everyone know that we still have spots available. If you know anyone who is interested, have them get in touch with the Church Office or Pastor Dave. Thanks for your continued love and support of our youth as they grow in faith!



### Valley Fair Trip!

July 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM to 8:30PM

Cost is \$30 (completed grades 7-12)

Join the OLSC Youth going to Valley Fair for a day of rides, food, and fun. A bus will leave from church in the morning and return after a wonderful day! Bring friends! Sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Hall.

### Applebee's Evenings

(completed grades 9-12)

★ July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00PM

★ August 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00PM

Come for half-priced apps and a time to catch up.

### Comfy Chair!

(completed grades 6-8)

★ July 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM at Lola's

★ August 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM at Church

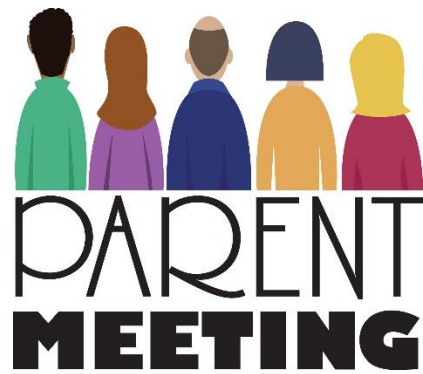
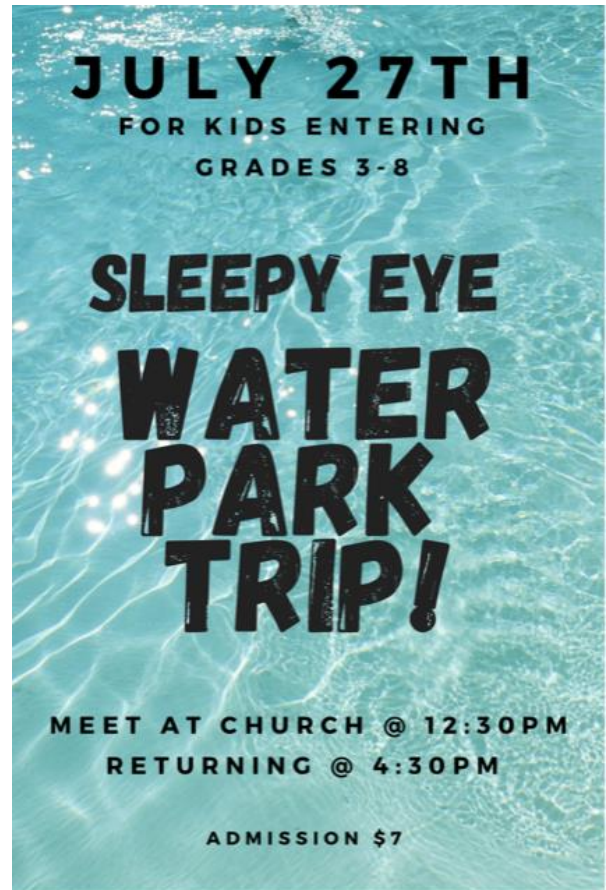
A chance in the summer to get a smoothie or a cookie, talk with friends, and relax.

### Youth Game Day

(completed grades 7-12)

★ August 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Come and play Gaga Ball, Bocci ball, volleyball, basketball, organized games, Beanbags and Ninja Golf tournament, 4-square, and more! See you there!



### LinC† and Confirmation Parent Meetings

We will be holding a required parent meeting for all families registered for fall programming. There will be three meeting options to attend:

August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

August 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM (Following second service)

September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

## Monumental VBS!

The children of OSLC had an amazing week of fun with one another, and giving thanks for our "Awesome God!" Thank you to all of the adult volunteers, teen leaders, staff, and members who contributed 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. Last year more than 350 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 27<sup>th</sup> and placed in the box in front of the church office.

## The July 24<sup>th</sup> Noisy Offering will also benefit the Backpack Project!

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	2-Pocket Folders	#2 Pencils
Crayola <b>Broad Tip</b> Markers	Large Pink Erasers	Glue Sticks
Crayola Colored Pencils – <i>set of 12</i>	Dry Erase Markers	Highlighters
Crayola 24 Count Crayons	Pencil Bags and Boxes	Boxes of Facial Tissue – <b>a lot</b>

**Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will be hosting their 38th Annual Quilt Auction on July 22 and 23!** Visit Green Lake Bible Camp on Friday, July 22 for a viewing of the quilts and auction items, live music from the Root Beer Choir, fresh doughnuts and a hot dish supper. Come back on Saturday, July 23 for another chance to see the quilts before the live auction at noon, bounce in the bounce house, enjoy a pulled pork lunch and fresh doughnuts, and enjoy some time by Green Lake! Proceeds from this event support our Annual Fund, to provide fun, safe, quality, Christ-centered camping and retreating. All schedule details and online bidding can be found at [www.gllm.org/quilt-auction](http://www.gllm.org/quilt-auction).



## Notes of THANKS

Our Savior's Church Family,

I want to thank you for allowing Tree House Preschool to be a part of your beautiful facility all these years! Being here has allowed me to touch the lives of so many children and their families during my 16 years and the numerous other families since 1979! Thank you,

- Mrs. Pam Lendt, Tree House Preschool

Thank you so much for the wonderful quilt that I was given. The hard work is evident and much appreciated. Thank you also for all of the guidance and support while growing up at Our Savior's. Some of the best memories of growing up are ones that include church activities. Thanks again,

- Luke Steffensmeier

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for thinking of NUMAS Haus. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated! Thanks for your support!

- Hailey Hulke, Case Manager

# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Malm Scholarship Application Deadline	2
3 8:30am Worship & Facebook Live 10:00am Worship	4 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	5 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	6 8:00am Fall Planning Meeting	7 9:00am LinCt Planning Meeting 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 7:00pm Theology on Tap	8 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	9 Ahlers/Hale Wedding
10 8:30am Worship & Facebook Live 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	11	12 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:30pm Children's Ministry Team	13 8:30am Valley Fair Trip 9:00am Cards of Caring 10:00am Coffee at Garden Terrace	14 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service	15 Youth Camp House Trip	16 Youth Camp House Trip
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24 Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship & Facebook Live 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	25	26 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	27 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 12:30pm Sleepy Eye Water Park	28 3:00pm Pro Kinship Activity 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	29	30
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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](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org).

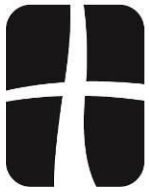


## Church Office Summer Hours

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

**The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4th.**

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



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## Summer Worship

Sunday Worship – 8:30AM & 10:00AM

Facebook Live – Sunday at 8:30AM

## Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

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community, experiencing God,  
reaching out and raising up followers of  
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