
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 2025



From Head to Heart

I heard this more than once on Sunday, June 15th: "I sure wish I was a kid again. I want to go to VBS!" We were all drawn to the creative set up of "True North" VBS, and knew how much fun it would be for our children.

Children have such a spirit of imagination and adventure. They are open to experiencing the stories of our faith in a way that helps that story go from their head to their heart. We can learn from them. While I didn't teach VBS this year, here are three things I learned about faith from our VBS students this year (and every year):

Don't be afraid to put your whole heart into your faith. When they played a game, learned a story, or were learning interesting facts about animals that live in Alaska, the students were engaged. When they were singing, they weren't afraid to dance and move as they praise God. When volunteers were needed each day, they jumped right in to help. They put their whole heart into the activities at VBS.

Welcome new friends and visitors by making them feel included. Grandchildren and friends who aren't members at Our Savior's, often come to VBS. After the first day, you wouldn't have known who is here often and who had never been here before. It was more than saying "hi, glad you're here" it was including them, inviting them to sit next to someone they knew, and showing them around, even if they are here for just one week.

Be joyful! Laughter, smiles, fun, and joy were rampant all week! The students simply enjoyed being together, playing together, learning together, exploring together, and singing together. A good reminder to us that it is often the simply things that can bring us joy.

Our children and leaders had a great week of VBS. I hope this brings joy to your heart and at the same time inspires you as you live out your faith as a follower of Jesus.

Pastor Kathy

Mission Corner:

An 'online' definition of "mission":

"How to achieve the future you have envisioned. What motivates and inspires you... Acts of compassion, and service. A commitment to social justice. And, the building of relationships and community..."

Think about how you might act on one, or more, of these definitions. "Mission" can be done as a community, small group, or individually. The mission team at Our Savior's is here to discuss and, possibly, help organize small group, or large group possibilities. Please... share your thoughts with us!! We also encourage you, as individuals, to see where you might make a difference, help in some small way, make those definitions experiences!

Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God’s words; if help, let it be God’s hearty help. That way, God’s bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he’ll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything—encores to the end of time. Oh, yes!

1 Peter 4:8-11, The Message



The following youth will be on the Our Savior’s youth summer trip:

Greta Berger	Zach Boelter	Danica Borchert	Makayla Borchert
Kaden Fortwengler	Dravyn Gehring	Shyla Gehring	Eli Hagert
Jake Haynes	Simone Henry	Lucas Hillesheim	August Kveno
Claire Kveno	Chase Lee	Weston Lee	Brittney Lilleodden
Mckenzie Lilleodden	Sophie Lund	Conlin McAlpine	Kane Medina
Kru Medina	Karly Meier	Vayda Melzer	Brandt Munson
Lauren O’Neill	Owen Rasche	Teegan Schmiesing	Charles Sharits
Lili Waloch	Nolan Wohlers	Zoey Zins	

We have planned a short trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul that includes adventure, service, group building, and fun! You can follow our travels on the Our Savior’s Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you for your continued prayers, and for your ongoing support of Our Savior’s children and youth.



Retired Persons Coffee

Something for the retired, semi-retired, and all who have some free time in the mornings! On **Wednesday, July 2nd**, we will have a coffee and conversation time in the Upper Room from 9:00AM - 10:00AM.

Youth Pop-Up - Caribou and Comfy Chair!

Wednesday, July 9th at 1:00 PM

For Youth in Grades 7 – 12. Meet at Caribou for conversation and a coffee/fruit treat! Contact Pastor Kathy with questions.

Women’s Night Out

Thursday, July 10th at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club

We will meet at 5:00PM for dinner, followed by golfing (cost is \$29 for 9 holes, plus a cart). Not a golfer? Come out and enjoy a good meal and conversation at 5:00PM. Sign up on the WELCA bulletin board near the kitchen.



The Adult Ministry team is planning a trip to see the Mankato Moondogs on **Sunday, August 3rd** (Game time is 5:05PM). We currently have twenty tickets, and tickets are just \$6. Please sign up in the Social Hall.

Valleyfair Day

July 29th, 8:30AM - 8:30PM

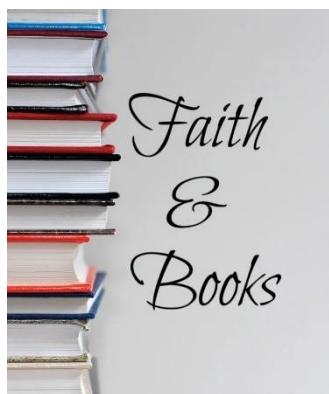
OSLC Youth who have completed Grades 7 - 12 will be going to Valleyfair. The bus will leave church at 8:30AM, please be to the church by 8:15AM. Cost is \$35 per person, checks or Venmo to OSLC should include "Valleyfair" in the memo. Lunch can be brought on the bus. Adult Chaperones are needed! If you can help, please contact Lindsay.

Valleyfair is a cashless park. Please bring a prepaid card, or cash to use a kiosk at the park to load onto a card.



Chanhasen Dinner Theater Trip

Our Savior's has reserved 48 seats for *Irving Berlin's White Christmas* at Chanhasen Dinner Theater on **November 5th, for the 1:00PM show**. We will take a coach bus, departing in the morning (time to be determined). The cost is \$130, and includes the bus, meal, ticket, tax, and gratuity. Sign up now in the Social Hall! Contact Pastor Kathy with questions.



Faith and Books will resume in September. These are the books for the 2025-2026 program year:

- September - *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, Ernest J. Gaines
- October - *Counting Miracles*, Nicholas Sparks
- November - *Amazing Grace Adams*, Fran Littlewood
- December - *Small Things Like These*, Claire Keegan
- January - *The Lion Women of Tehran*, Marjan Kamali
- February - *Saving Emma*, Allen Eskens
- March - *Between Sisters*, Kristin Hannah
- April - *My Friends*, Fredrik Backman
- May - *How to Age Disgracefully*, Clare Pooley



The food library is a ministry of Our Savior's. We are looking for people who would help keep the food library filled 2-3 times per week. It is kept full of food that is seasonally appropriate, 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.

We are also in need of food to fill the Food Library! Please consider donating non-perishable, and/or single serving foods that will not spoil or melt in the heat (i.e., no chocolate!). Donations can be left in the wooden box outside the church office.



Dear OSLC,

Thank you so much for the quilt and mug. I know the amount of time and love that went into making the quilt, and I appreciate everyone who helped. It means so much to know that I am surrounded by a community that cares so deeply and supports me through every step of my journey. I am so thankful for the mug and meaningful message as well; it is something I can look at every morning and it will remind me of the true love of Jesus. With thanks and love,

- Maddie Backer

Pastor Kathy and Our Savior's Members,

I would like to thank you all for all of the support that you have given me. Growing up in Our Savior's was a lot of fun and I always felt supported by everyone. I would like to thank the quilters for the great blanket that I received for graduation. Also a huge thank you to all my Sunday School teachers and Confirmation mentors. I will forever be thankful for my "church family." Thanks again,

- Jaxon Salonek

Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran,

Thank you! We are so filled with gratitude for you and your thoughtful gift to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries!

We could not do this without you. In the last few weeks, the summer staff have been arriving and preparing for their summer camp experience – thanks to you! You make it possible to provide a sacred space where unforgettable memories are shared, lifelong faith connections are formed, and lessons learned guide campers into the future. You are shaping young adults and molding the future stewards of faith with your gifts. The profound impact you can make through camp is beyond measure.

Thank you for your incredible support. Blessings,

- Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director, GLLM

True North VBS - June 2025



The Annual Quilt Auction is Green Lake Lutheran Ministries' largest fundraiser of the year - and a great time! Every year, over 200 quilts and Silent Auction items are donated and then auctioned off to support the ministry happening at camp. Under a tent on the shores of Green Lake over the course of a weekend, guests and donors enjoy the auction, meals, homemade doughnuts, live music and more. Tens of thousands of dollars are raised in an afternoon, supporting the ministry of GLLM.

The Quilt Auction has become a beloved tradition for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries and has grown into something so big, special and impactful for our ministry endeavors all year. **Over the past 40 years, over 6,200 quilts and items have been donated to the Quilt Auction.** Through these thoughtful donations and your kind support, over \$2 million has been raised to extend God's community through summer camp and day camp programming, service opportunities, retreat ministry, and so much more. Each and every donation, quilt, and bid helps to stretch God's love further. Exciting things are happening at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries and you are a vital part of that!

If you are interested in supporting this event or volunteering, please contact Kirsten Palan, Associate Director of Development, at 320-796-2181 or kpalan@gllm.org!

Friday, July 11, 2025

Quilt Review & Makers Market	3:00PM – 8:00PM
Quilt Trunk Show	3:30PM – 4:30PM
Paint-Your-Own Project	4:30PM – 7:00PM
Hotdish Supper	4:30PM – 7:00PM
Beachfront Concert	5:30PM – 7:00PM

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Quilt Review & Makers Market	9:00AM – 11:00AM
Paint-Your-Own Project	9:00AM – 12:00PM
Pulled Pork Lunch	11:00AM – 1:00PM
Live Auction Begins	12:00PM
Silent Auction Closes	4:00PM
Online Quilt Auction Closes	5:00PM

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	30	1	2 9:00am Retired Persons Coffee	3 10:00am Ridgeway on German Service 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 3:30pm Oak Hills Worship Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	4 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5
6 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	7	8 5:30pm Summer Trip Meeting	9 9:00am Cards of Caring 1:00pm Caribou Comfy Chair	10 5:00pm Women's Night Out at Sleepy Eye Golf Club	11 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	12
13 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	14 Youth Trip 12:00pm Blood Drive	15 Youth Trip	16 Youth Trip	17	18	19
20 <i>Wensauer Baptism</i> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	21 Sidelites Deadline	22 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	23 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering	24 9:00am Blessed Bottoms Prep 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	25 8:30am Sidelites Group	26 11:00am Private Event
27 <i>Davis Baptism</i> Noisy Offering Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	28	29 8:30am Valleyfair Trip	30	31	1	2



Church Office Summer Hours

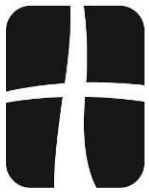
Monday to Friday
8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

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

Stay in touch this summer! If you have moved recently, changed your phone number/email address, or gotten rid of a land line, please contact Jen with your updated information by phone at (507) 233-4430 or email office@oursaviorsnewulm.org.

Directory Update

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.



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