
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

June 2025



"As they (the disciples) watched, he (Jesus) was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, "You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left."

Acts 1:9-11, The Message

These verses from Acts are part of the scripture used on Ascension of Our Lord, when Jesus ascends to heaven after his resurrection. We don't often celebrate this day in the church year, unless it falls on Sunday. This year Ascension of our Lord falls on May 29th. In our lives, like those disciples in Acts, we often cast our eyes upward to look for God. We may even raise our hands and shake them and ask why, or wonder where God is in our difficulty. If it's not a difficulty, maybe we just feel stuck. Wondering what's next in our life, which way should we turn. It could be that your last child has graduated and you have an empty nest, or you are newly retired, or you just feel at standstill and wonder how to move forward.

We need not only look up for God's action in our lives, because just as Jesus didn't leave the disciples alone, we are not left alone. Jesus promised the disciples that they would be "clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49)." We too, are clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is active in our lives right now. We need the nudge of the Holy Spirit to take our eyes off the sky and keep us moving forward. Like the two men in white robes, we need a friend, a church member, a song, a prayer, a devotion...to remind us we aren't alone and to give us guidance.

The Holy Spirit strengthens us in faith and reminds us that Jesus has some things for us to do until he returns. We are sent out as witnesses to the Gospel. Wherever we are, God is with us. Wherever we are, God gives us opportunities to share the Good New of Jesus with both words and actions.

Summer often takes people in many directions: vacations, sports tournaments, cabins, camping, and family reunions. In all of those places, God is with you. In all of those places, you can share the Good News. We often look to the heavens where our ascended Savior now lives; but remember, Jesus doesn't leave us alone.

Pastor Kathy

Congregational Meeting June 8th at 10:00AM

Our Savior's Lutheran Church will have a **congregational meeting at 10:00AM** (following worship) **on Sunday, June 8th**. The purpose of the congregational meeting is to vote on extending a call to a candidate for associate pastor. Eligible voters are all confirmed members of Our Savior's. A quorum of 75 voting members must be present.

Retired Persons Coffee

Something for the retired, semi-retired, and all who have some free time in the mornings! On **Wednesday, June 4th**, we will have a coffee and conversation time in the Upper Room from 9:00AM - 10:00AM.

Coffee at Garden Terrace

Residents at both Garden Terrace buildings are invited to join us for coffee on **June 10th at 10:00AM**.



Ice Cream and conversation at MN EIS! For 7th -12th graders on June 11th, at 3:00PM. Meet at MN Eis. If you are helping with VBS preparation, rides can be given to MN Eis from church.

Applebee's Evening for those entering 9th – 12th grade at 9:00PM on June 18th.

Pop Up Events – Summer 2025: Emails and texts will be sent for pop up events for youth this summer! Remember, the texts come from an “800” number, but Pastor Kathy always signs her name so you know they are legitimate.



VBS 2025!

**June 16-20th, 9am – 12pm
Register Today!!**

vbspro.events/p/oslcnewulm2025



If you have any questions, please email Lindsay:
education@oursaviorsnewulm.org.

OSLC at the Minnesota Twins!

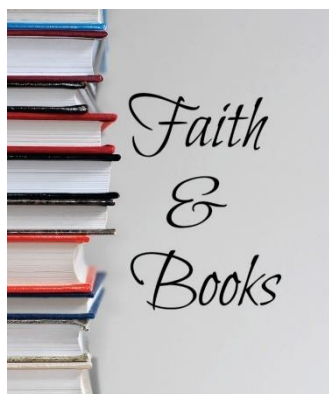
There are ten tickets left to join us for the Minnesota Twins vs. Texas Rangers game at Target Field on **Thursday, June 12th**. The game is at 12:10 PM, and the bus will load in the Our Savior's parking lot at 9:00 AM. Bring a lunch for the bus or plan to buy lunch at Target Field. The cost is \$36/ticket. Our tickets are in Section 124, rows 37 and 38. Youth completing 5th Grade and under must be accompanied by an adult. Youth completing 6th Grade and up must have a signed permission slip. To reserve your spot, sign up in the Social Hall, and leave your payment with Pastor Kathy. Please make checks payable to OSLC and write “Twins Game” in the memo line.



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. See Pastor Kathy to sign up!

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 will begin in August. If you would like to reserve your spot now, please speak with Pastor Kathy.



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

Mission Corner:

A journalist, David Klein, made an interesting comment after the Academy Awards this spring concerning the nominee, "The Zone of Interest." He took it as not just a movie about the WWII Nazi camps and atrocities; but, that it "compels us to examine our similarity to the perpetrators, not to the victims." He suggested that the movie demands that we reflect on our own degrees of complicity in the horrors we know are being carried out on the other side of figurative and literal walls today... Not to be made to feel guilty; but to recognize, and to act!

A Prayer: God, our Father, let us not hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. Let us not speak in ways that silence others. Let us not be silent when we should speak out. Let us not keep score in our hearts, and let us not allow hurts to grow into hatred. Guide us, Father, to recognize and help those in need, and show them your love. Amen.

The June 22nd *Noisy Offering* will benefit the United Way Backpack Project!



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 or canned items). Donations can be left in the wooden box outside the church office.



Notes of THANKS

Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to Lutheran Social Service. The funds will be used to help support Crisis Nursery families access emergency child care. Sincerely,

– Kate Hengy-Gretz

Thank you to my Our Savior's family for all of the cards I received while I was at the VA.

- Jim Hulke

We wrapped up another fantastic year of Wednesday LinCt on May 7th!



**Fifth Grade First Communion
April 17, 2025**



**Senior Graduate Quilt Milestone
May 18, 2025**



Volunteer With Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota!

Make a difference in your life and in the lives of others as a Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Senior Companion or Foster Grandparent volunteer. Plus, earn a tax-free stipend.



Senior Companion volunteers share their time and talents while enhancing the lives of older adults as they assist them in staying active, healthy and independent.

Foster Grandparent volunteers provide academic and social support for children and youth to make a positive and lasting impact.

Volunteers must be age 55 or older and serve at least 10 hours weekly, no prior experience is required, and training is provided.

Learn more by visiting lssmn.org/oa/volunteer or contacting Fred Snyder at 507.479.1899 or Fred.Snyder@lssmn.org.



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

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Ellanson Baptism</i> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:00am Private Event	2	3 9:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Fall Planning Meeting	4 9:00am Retired Persons Coffee 5:30pm Children's Ministry Team	5 Last Day of School ISD#88 10:00am Ridgeway on German Service 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 3:30pm Oak Hills Worship Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	6 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	7
8 9:00am Worship 10:00am Congregation Meeting 10:00am Fellowship	9 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team	10 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Coffee at Garden Terrace	11 9:00am Cards of Caring 3:00pm MN Eis for 7th - 12th Grade 5:15pm Youth Ministry Team	12 OSLC Twins Game	13	14
15 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	16 9:00am Vacation Bible School	17 9:00am Vacation Bible School	18 9:00am Vacation Bible School 6:00pm Stewardship Team 9:00pm Applebee's Evening for 9th - 12th Grade	19 9:00am Vacation Bible School 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 5:00pm Deacons Ministry Team	20 9:00am Vacation Bible School	21 12:00pm Private Event
22 Green Lake Bible Camp Noisy Offering Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	23 Green Lake Bible Camp Sidelites Deadline	24 Green Lake Bible Camp 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	25 Green Lake Bible Camp 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering	26 Green Lake Bible Camp	27 8:30am Sidelites Group	28
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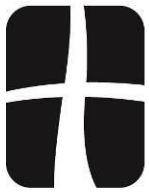
Church Office Summer Hours



Monday to Friday
8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day, and Friday, July 4th for the Fourth of July holiday.

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.



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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