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# SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

May 2026

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## Message from the Pastor

Let's talk for a minute about seasons. Over the course of the seasons of the year that we recognize (spring, summer, fall, winter), there are certain things we do in each season, or certain things we might look forward to—like planting flowers or gardens, getting out to snowmobile or ice fish, preparing for the school year to begin or end. The same is true in the church. In life together as church, we recognize certain seasons of the church year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and the Season of Pentecost.

Seasons help us to create rhythms in our faith life, to focus on certain things, or to prepare our hearts for certain Holy days. Even though we celebrated Easter on April 5<sup>th</sup>, all through April and May this year, we are IN the season of Easter. This season lasts 50 days, until the day of Pentecost, which is the day the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, based on Acts, chapter 2.

The Easter season is a season of celebration as we hear stories of Jesus appearing to his disciples after the resurrection, alongside reminders of his most important teachings—calling his followers back to who they are as a community and what life together can look like as they continue to follow Jesus' lead. We all need reminders of who we are as beloved children of God, as a gathered and scattered community of believers.

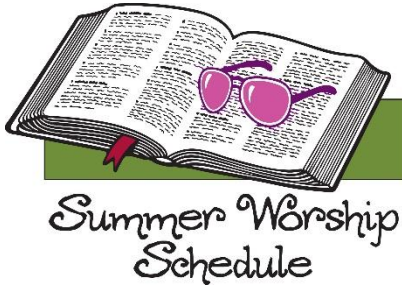
In a recent sermon, I shared that, according to the Gospel of John, the miracle of miracles was not necessarily the resurrection of Jesus but, in fact, the rising of the new beloved community of believers. In John 14:12, Jesus says *"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father."* The community of believers IS the miracle. That's the disciples. That's all followers of Jesus through the generations. That's me and you. That's us. That's others that don't even yet know that they belong and are welcome in this community.

Recently, I was at a continuing education workshop in which the presenter shared this insight about Christian faith, based on Wendell Berry's reflections: "It's not about who's in and who's out. It's about who knows they're in and who doesn't know they're in that needs to hear it." *Who do you know that needs to hear it?* In the season of Easter, we hear about the rising of that new community in the book of Acts. These new believers became a community that gathered together in awe and wonder. A community that shared what they had with those in need. A community that spent much time together. A community that ate together. A community that worshiped and praised God together.

The gift of the church IS the community that we are. That we can help remind each other of who we are; that we can walk together in faith—in times of struggle and in times of joy—that we can wrestle with scripture and disagree and still be a part of the same community. That we can learn and grow and be together.

*Gracious God, we ask that you continue to strengthen the community of believers all around the world, and right where we are. Fill us with your love, patience, peace, and love as we walk together. Amen.*

Blessings friends, as we journey together in faith,  
Pastor Amy



Beginning on Memorial Weekend, worship will be one service on Sundays at 9:00AM. Coffee and fellowship will follow worship.

New this summer: Wednesdays June 10 and July 8, we will have a 6:30PM worship service followed by a special fellowship event. Watch for details.

### ***Adult Choir Director Wanted!***

Our Savior's is seeking an Adult Choir Director. The Adult Choir Director provides musical leadership for the Adult Choir at Our Savior's. They will choose anthems for the choir that fit the theme of the worship services and that are appropriate to the make-up of the choir. He/she is accountable to the congregation through the Church Council. The schedule is Wednesdays, approximately 6:00PM - 7:30PM (about 30 Wednesdays, from September – May); Sundays approximately 7:30AM - 9:30AM or 9:30AM - 11:30AM (18 Sundays, from September-May); Special Services: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, etc. Salary is paid monthly, September-May. Please contact Pastor Kathy with any questions.



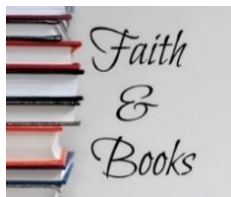
- Confirmation – May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday LinCt - May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday Suppers – May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday LinCt - May 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Memory Cafe**

Memory Cafe, a free monthly gathering designed for individuals with dementia or memory changes, and their care partners, will be held on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM in the Cafetorium at the CAST Senior Center. Join us for special music by Molly and Sonny Boy! Attendees are encouraged to stay for lunch with Senior Dining at 11:00AM. If dining, meals must be reserved at least a day in advance by calling 507-550-0741. For more information, call Karla at 507-354-3187.

### **Retired Persons Coffee**

**Retired Persons Coffee** continues to meet once a month. On **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a coffee and conversation time from 9:00AM - 10:00AM. Call the church office if you will make coffee or bring treats. This will be our last coffee time until September.



### **Faith & Books – Date Change!**

Faith and Books will meet on **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM** in the church library. The book for May is *How to Age Disgracefully*, by Clare Pooley. We will also begin planning for books for the next school year. Come early for the Tailgate and bring your meal to the discussion.

### **Drive Thru Breakfast for Grades 9 - 12**

High School Youth (Grades 9-12) are invited for a drive through breakfast on **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Why? Finals will soon be here and the youth team wants to encourage you, let you know we are holding you in prayer and celebrate with you the completion of another school year. Pick up your breakfast in the circle drive **from 6:30AM - 8:00AM**. English muffin breakfast sandwich, juice boxes, bananas and coffee will be served.

### **Baby Book Club**

Baby Book Club meets on **May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45AM** in the church library. The book we will read in May is *All Day Long, God Loves Me*, by Mikel Keefer. Sign up on the bulletin board in the social hall or by emailing the church office: [office@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:office@oursaviorsnewulm.org). When you sign up in advance, you will receive a copy of the book we read that day. Whether you sign up in advance or not, you are invited to attend for this special time with parents and children (ages 0-3). Contact Pastor Kathy with questions.



High School Graduates! Mark your calendars! Senior Recognition Sunday is **May 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will celebrate and honor you at the 8:30 AM service that day. The quilt presentation will be at the service and there will be refreshments in the Social Hall after worship.

### **Peach Sale: May 7<sup>th</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup>**

OSLC is doing a Peach Sale fundraiser again this year! Delivery is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> with pick up at the church between 3pm and 5pm. Orders will be available between church services. Contact: Annette Haynes with questions. Phone: 507-381-6552 or email [alhaynes73@yahoo.com](mailto:alhaynes73@yahoo.com) with Peaches in the subject line.

### **OSLC at the Minnesota Twins!**

Minnesota Twins vs. Atlanta Braves at Target Field on **Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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, plus \$10 for the coach bus ride. Our tickets are in Section 124, rows 37-40, seats 1-13 in each row. All ages are welcome! Youth completing 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and under must be accompanied by an adult. Youth completing 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and up must have a signed permission slip. To reserve your spot, sign up on the bulletin board and leave your payment with Pastor Kathy. Please make checks payable to OSLC and write "Twins Game" in the memo line.

Each month, Our Savior's takes a special *Noisy Offering* to benefit an organization around our community. Typically, this offering is taken on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. However, due to it falling on Memorial Day weekend this month, we will be collecting May's Noisy Offering on May 17<sup>th</sup>!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone - May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM

Every year we honor the 6<sup>th</sup> graders of Children's Choir/Wednesday LinC† by presenting them with their very own hymnal. These young people have learned many anthems and hymns, learned many of the liturgies that we sing as a congregation, and have spread the gospel by sharing anthems during worship. Some of these 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been in choir since kindergarten! Their involvement in the children's choir has meant that they have been worship leaders for this congregation. Please join us in thanking these 6<sup>th</sup> graders for sharing their gifts at Our Savior's:

Jackson Andert	Lily Andrews	Cooper Berg	Bodie Cariveau
Luke Demarais	Evelyn Eckstein	Knox Fausch	CJ Gehring
Adam Geiger	Jase Hopp	Easton Jeske	Brandt Krambeer
Calvin Krambeer	Kari Nessler	Easton Neuman	Eyan Schiltz
Britta Schmidt	Bennett Thorson		Bryson Windschitl

## First Communion Milestone - April 2, 2026



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### Mission Corner:

The *Noisy Offering* collected on May 17<sup>th</sup> will be taken in support of the Brown County United Way Backpack Program. The Backpack Program provides backpacks filled with age-appropriate school supplies collected over the summer to qualifying students in kindergarten through 12th grade. For the 2025-2026 school year, the program distributed over 600 backpacks throughout Brown County, helping ease some of the financial burden that comes with a new school year for hundreds of families in our community.

We keep all school children in our thoughts, and pray for their safety and educational development, and for their families and educators as they support them in their growth.



## Mark Your Calendars!

**VBS 2026**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>**

**9am – 12pm**

**Prek-6 welcome to attend**

**Grades 7 and up - sign up to lead!**

**\*\*Teen/Leader Prep (June 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**



**Scan here to register!**



## Notes of **THANKS**

Thank you to all who have supported our youth who are raising funds for this summer's Youth Mission Trip to Madison, WI. We appreciate your support through the recent To-Go Meat Fundraiser (chicken supreme and pulled ham) in March and the May Day Basket Fundraiser in April! We are getting close to our fundraising needs and goals!

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$348.21, your support truly makes such a difference in our work. Because of you, our guests have access to safety, compassion, and the resources they need to move forward. Your kindness is felt every day without our shelter. We are deeply grateful to have you as a part of our community. With deep gratitude,

- Connections Shelter, Mankato

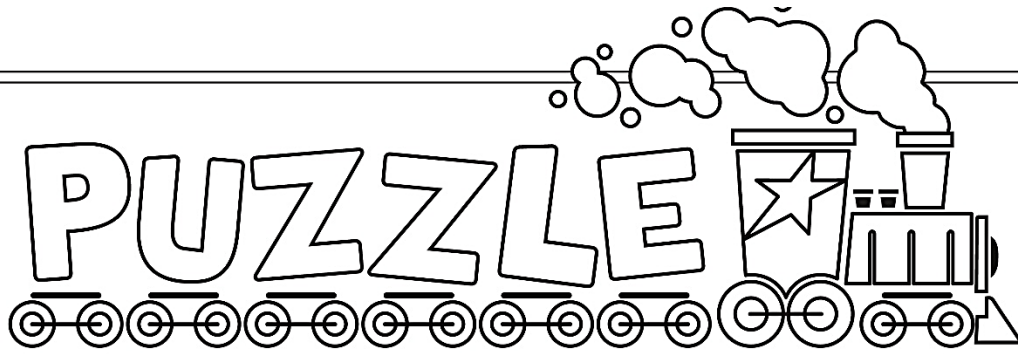
Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran,

Thank you for making a mission support gift to Water's Edge Ministries, from all of us! Your generosity is strengthening the future of the church and outdoor ministries, like Nick, an Assistant Program Director from last summer:

"One summer of working at camp isn't enough because there's so much to teach and even more to learn! Every summer brings a new curriculum, new program interpretations, and more lessons to teach youth. At camp, God inspires us to keep building on existing skills and learning new ones to carry through each chapter of our lives. Thank you for sharing in this!"

We can do such great things working together! Thank you for walking alongside us. Sincerely,

- Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director, Water's Edge Ministries



## A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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n 4 w l 3 v 2 s 3 n y 4 5 1 ls 4 ."

2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

# May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> Noisy Offering Sunday <i>Warta Baptism</i> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am Private Event	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>28</b> 9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am Staff Meeting 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 5:30pm Children's Ministry 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Grade Group 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 10:00am MRCI Activity	<b>2</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>3</b> <i>Mehlhop Baptism</i> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Fellowship 9:30am Fellowship Team Meeting 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b> 4:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>5</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 9:00am Synod Boundaries Training	<b>6</b> 9:00am Retired Persons Coffee 10:00am WELCA Board Meeting 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Tailgate & Celebrate 5:30pm Faith & Books 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00am Ridgeway on German Service 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 3:30pm Oak Hills Worship Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:00am MRCI Activity	<b>9</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>10</b> Happy Mother's Day! 6th Grade Milestone <i>Pfarr Baptism</i> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am Private Event	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team 6:30pm LWV Annual Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00am Cards of Caring 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 6:00pm Mission Trip Meeting 6:30pm Adult Choir	<b>14</b> 9:00am Immanuel Circle 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	<b>15</b> 6:30am Grade 9-12 Drive Thru Breakfast 10:00am MRCI Activity	<b>16</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Visitation for Lyndon Jones 11:00am Funeral for Lyndon Jones
<b>17</b> <i>Noisy Offering Sunday</i> <i>Rodriguez Baptism</i> <i>Senior Quilt Milestone</i> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:45am Baby Book Club <b>10:30am Worship</b> 4:00pm Cub Scout Den	<b>18</b> Sidelites Deadline	<b>19</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Stewardship Team	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00am Blessed Bottoms Prep 9:30am Conference Rostered Leaders 5:00pm Deacons Ministry Team 6:00pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting	<b>22</b> 8:30am Sidelites Group 10:00am MRCI Activity	<b>23</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>24</b> <b>9:00am Worship</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>26</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Mission Ministry Team 6:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>27</b> 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering	<b>28</b> 8:00am Brown County Human Services Training 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	<b>29</b> ISD #88 Graduation	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:00am Fellowship	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 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	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.



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## **Worship Schedule**

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Wednesday Worship – 7:30 PM

*(Wednesdays thru May 6<sup>th</sup>)*

## **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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community, experiencing God,

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