
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

October 2024



And again [Jesus] said, 'To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' - Luke 13:20-21

What does the kingdom of God look like? We are here to bring the kingdom of God among us, but if we don't know what it is supposed to look like, what are we working towards? Jesus gives us this example of flour mixed with yeast. However, what does that mean?

Unleavened bread was eaten by the Israelites as they fled slavery in Egypt. It became a part of the celebration of Passover because they didn't have time to let the yeast do its job and let the bread rise. They were in a hurry because they didn't think the Pharaoh would let them go. They rushed toward freedom, unsure of what would come next.

The kingdom of God looks like a place where someone can trust that they are safe. They will have time to let the yeast rise. They will not need to flee, because God is with them and they are safe in God's loving embrace. The kingdom of God is a place filled with radical, foolhardy, and unbelievable hope.

The world around us crushes hope. "Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst," is what the world tells us. Our hope in Christ looks foolish to the world; it may even look reckless. But that irrational hope is the promise that God gives us. Live in that hope! Show God's mercy even when it doesn't make sense! Be the grace that God has shown you! Mix that flour and yeast, knowing that God is there for you!

Blessings and Peace,
Pr. Dave

Mission Corner:

In October, your *Noisy Offering* will go to Heart to Home Furnishings. Heart to Home collects and distributes donations of furniture and household items to people who have shelter but lack the comforts of home. This might mean Heart to Home will donate a mattress to someone fleeing abuse, or a sofa and coffee table to a family affected by a flood. It could also mean they will help stock the kitchen of someone who is starting over after being unhoused. Recently, Heart to Home was able to donate a lift chair to someone in need. Heart to Home is doing an important service in our community and we are happy to support their mission.



God above,
you are here for us in our times of need. Thank you for organizations like Heart to Home Furnishings that identify ways to help that aren't obvious to all of us. Open our eyes to see the needs of our neighbors, and grant us generous hearts to help when and where we can. In your name we pray, Amen.

Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives Stewardship 2024

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

God is working through you and this church to change lives! You may have noticed this is the same theme as last year for our stewardship campaign. We are intentionally using it again because we believe that there are more stories to tell. Stories of how God is working in people's lives through the mission and ministry of Our Savior's. These stories inspire us in our faith, they make us grateful, and they give us courage to share our gifts.

At Our Savior's, we feed the hungry through our food library, and donations to the food shelf and ELCA World Hunger. We give to NUMAS Haus, Ivy House, Coats for Kids, and to places that make a difference. Our gifts to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries benefit our children and youth, along with many others. The financial gift to the SWMN Synod benefits the ministry of the ELCA and places like Luther Seminary. Because of you, our church changes lives.

We are blessed with many children and youth at Our Savior's, and we continue to welcome new members of all ages. We have opportunities to grow in faith through bible studies, worship, LinC†, and special events. People are sharing their gifts in quilting, committee work, serving meals, taking down the ash trees, and in ways too numerous to list. As a community of faith we support, encourage, and pray for one another. Because of you, our church changes lives.

Our church building is used often for our own ministry. Many other groups also use our space. Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Pro Kinship for Kids, and MRCl use our space. Kids Xcel used the lower level for school age day care over the summer again in 2024. We are blessed to be able to share our building with groups that provide important services in our community. Because of you, our church changes lives.

It takes resources for all of these ministries and activities. It takes a building that is safe and clean. It takes volunteers, it takes staff, it takes financial gifts, it takes each of us sharing what God has given us to continue to share the life changing love of Jesus Christ in our church, community, and world.

Our Savior's stewardship team is working on a fall pledge drive. The pledge drive is two-fold: One part of the pledge is to raise funds for Our Savior's 2025 operating budget. The second pledge is to pay off the outstanding debt on our building and repair our church parking lot. Some of you made a five-year building pledge last year. Thank you! For others, you are pledging year by year, so there will be an opportunity to make that pledge.

The stewardship team is also inviting members of the congregation to sign up for ways they are willing to share their time and talent with the congregation. There will be a mailing in early October with all of the details, and Stewardship Sunday will be on November 10th.

God has abundantly blessed Our Savior's and is using us to change lives. As we begin our stewardship campaign in October, please prayerfully consider how God can work through you and your time, talent, and financial resources.

Pastor Kathy

The Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive in the Social Hall on Tuesday, October 29th. Please be aware of the increase in traffic in and around our building that day. There may be openings if there are cancellations, but as of now, there are no open appointments.

Retired Persons Coffee

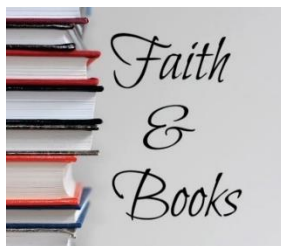
Something new for the retired, semi-retired, and all who have some free time in the mornings! Beginning **October 2nd**, we will have a coffee and conversation time from 9:00AM - 10:00AM in the Social Hall. The intention is to get together for fellowship, to sometimes have a speaker, and to stay connected to Our Savior's and the people here.

This first Wednesday, we will talk about whether this is a good day/time to meet, and ideas you might have for a group like this. Three sessions are planned (October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th), and we will continue in the new year if the group chooses.

Theology on Tap

October 3rd, 6:30PM – 8:00PM at Green Mill

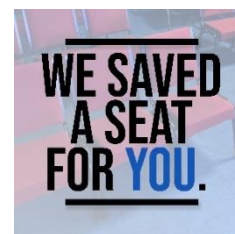
Join us for a drink and some great conversation. We will be talking about the purpose of the church; why is it necessary and what benefit do we get from church? This is a chance to ask questions, enjoy each other's company, and grow in your faith! We hope to see you there!



Faith and Books meets on **Wednesday, October 9th at 5:30PM** in the church library. The book for October is *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah. If you need a copy of the book, there is one to borrow in the church office. We will use questions from this discussion guide: <https://kristinhannah.com/books/the-women/book-clubs/>. Supper is available at church beginning at 5:00PM - on the menu for October 9th is pulled pork sandwiches and mashed potatoes. Contact Pastor Kathy with any questions about Faith and Books.

New Members at Our Savior's

We will be welcoming new members at worship on **October 13th**. We will have a New Member Orientation on Thursday, October 10th, at 6:30PM. Children are welcome! If you are interested in becoming a member at Our Savior's, or to sign up for orientation, please contact Jen at (507) 233-4430 or office@oursaviorsnewulm.org.



Southwest Minnesota Synod Listening Session with Bishop Dee Pederson

The Southwest Minnesota Synod will be holding a listening session at Our Savior's on **Tuesday, October 22nd**, from 7:00PM - 8:30PM. All are welcome to be part of this important session.

The listening sessions will be held throughout the synod. These sessions are to help synod staff and council understand what the needs of congregations are, what their priorities are, and how they can work at equipping us for ministry. The world around us has changed, and our synod leaders want to know how it has impacted us and how they can better serve the congregations of our synod. They are eager to be responsive and know how to better equip our congregation for ministry. Please speak with Pastor Kathy if you have any questions.

Wednesday Night Suppers

We gather on Wednesday evenings for suppers from 5:00PM-6:15PM! All proceeds from the free will offering go to support Wednesday LinCt programming.



October 2 nd :	Hot Dogs	October 9 th :	Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Mashed Potatoes
No Meal October 16 th – MEA Break			
October 23 rd :	Pizza	October 30 th :	Hotdish

October 25th @ 6:00pm – 7:00pm

TRUNK *or* TREAT

OSLC parking lot



**sign up to host a trunk!!
 **looking for candy/treat donations for this event



Saturday, November 9th from 9:00AM – 12:00PM
 Items: Take and Bake Apple Pie and Apple Crisp. Lefsa, Krumkake, Breads, Cookies. Donations go to support WELCA mission projects.

Want to get involved?
Wednesday, October 2nd - Apple picking. Meet in church parking lot at 10:00 AM.
Tuesday, October 8th at 9:00 AM - Apple Pie making.

Save the Date – Axe Throwing!

Thursday, November 14th at 6:30PM (in Mankato)

This event is for Adults age 21+. Sign up in the Social Hall.

Join the Adult Ministry Team to do some Axe Throwing at JD’s Hideaway in Mankato. We will meet over there, but we do encourage everyone to carpool over. The Adult Ministry team will cover the cost of renting the lanes; you purchase your own food and drinks.

UNBROKEN
 WE ARE FOREVER
 ROMANS 8:37-39



Junior High Youth Gathering

Friday, Nov. 22 - Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024

Willmar Conference Center & Best Western Plus/Holiday Inn Express

2024 Junior High Youth Gathering for Grades 6 – 9 in Willmar.

We will leave church at 4:00PM on Friday and return to church Saturday by 2:00PM.

Cost: \$45.00 per person (plus money for one meal on the way – McDonalds).

Interested? Let Lindsay know ASAP!
 Registration opens October 1st.



Notes of THANKS

OSLC,

Thank you for your gift of money as I attended the National Youth Gathering. The opportunity was once in a lifetime! Grateful for all memories made on this trip. Thank you!

- Katie Wilker

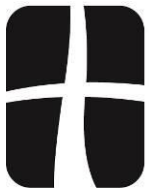
October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 3 Year Old Bible Milestone 8:30am Worship 9:30am Directory Photos 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Vikings/Packers Watch Party	30	1 9:00am Staff Meeting	2 9:00am Retired Persons Coffee 10:00am Apple Picking 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship 8:00pm 10th Grade Confirm.	3 10:30am Ridgeway Memory Care Service 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap at Green Mill	4 5:00pm Pro Kinship Activity	5 Schmiesing/Hillesheim Wedding 8:30am Men's Bible Study
6 <i>Fenske Baptism</i> Synod Theological Conference 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship	7 Synod Theological Conference	8 Synod Theological Conference 9:00am Staff Meeting 9:00am WELCA Apple Pie Making 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team 7:00pm Stewardship Team	9 9:00am Cards of Caring 10:30am NU Ministerial Mtg 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:30pm Faith & Books 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship	10 9:00am Immanuel Circle 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service 6:30pm New Member Orientation	11	12 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Private Event
13 New Member Welcome 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship	14 7:00pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting	15 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Deacons Ministry Team 6:00pm Mission Ministry Team	16	17 <i>MEA Break</i> 9:30am Conference Rostered Leaders 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	18 <i>MEA Break</i> 11:00am Funeral for Suzanne Johnson	19 8:30am Men's Bible Study
20 <i>Thompson Baptism</i> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 11:30am Private Event	21 Sidelites Deadline	22 9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Synod Listening Session	23 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship	24 5:30pm Facilities & Grounds Team 5:30pm Finance Committee 6:00pm Church Council Meeting 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting	25 8:30am Sidelites Group 6:00pm Trunk or Treat	26 Oelberg Wedding 8:30am 10th Grade Confirmation Breakfast 8:30am Men's Bible Study
27 Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship - Rite of Confirmation	28	29 <i>Blood Drive</i> 9:00am Staff Meeting	30 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship	31	1	2 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am WELCA Bread Baking

Reunion Sunday – September 15, 2024







OUR SAVIOR'S

Lutheran Church

NEW ULM, MN

NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE PAID
New Ulm, MN
Permit #6

1400 South State Street

New Ulm, MN 56073

Phone: 507-233-4430

Website: www.oursaviorsnewulm.org

www.facebook.com/oslcnwulm

Address Service Requested

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Wednesday Worship – 7:30 PM

Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

4th Thursday of the month – 6:00 PM

SIDELITES

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