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# SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

September 2025

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*O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell. Psalm 26:8*

It was a long time ago, but I'll never forget when an Our Savior's teenager, when talking about Our Savior's said, "this is my second home." Through the years she had been active in everything available to children and youth at Our Savior's.

Now here she was, a teenager, and she loved being here so much so that this was home. Maybe many of you feel the same way about Our Savior's. You walk in the doors and you have that same feeling of home.

After an enjoyable summer, with people spending time away at family reunions, on vacations, at kids' weekend activities or camping, the thought of home is a welcome one. We give God thanks for times of rest and renewal, and we offer our thanks for times of coming home. We will soon begin the school year schedule at Our Savior's, and will gather in our church home for many different activities and ministries.

On Reunion Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our own version of Homecoming as we gather together for worship at 9:00AM. Pastor Amy Karlson will be installed as our associate pastor, we will worship together, we will share a meal together after worship, and we will welcome one another back to the home that God has provided us at Our Savior's. I encourage you to feel free to bring a friend home, not just on Reunion Sunday, but throughout the church year as we gather for worship.

So welcome home, to the place where God dwells with us! I look forward to the energy and enthusiasm of more than 170 children and youth here each Wednesday, the sounds of all the choirs practicing and leading worship, and to welcoming new members into our congregation.

Pastor Kathy

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## September Worship Schedule



**September 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Worship at 9:00 AM

**September 14<sup>th</sup>:**

**Reunion Sunday –** Worship at 9:00 AM

**Installation of Pastor Amy Karlson!**

*7:30 PM Wednesday Worship begins September 17<sup>th</sup>.*

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone will be celebrated on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**September 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Worship at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Milestone at 8:30AM Service.

**September 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Worship at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

3 Year Old Bible Milestone at 10:30AM Service.

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With a new pastor arriving at Our Savior's, it is a good time to make sure you have the contact information of our pastors:

Pastor Kathy Ulland-Klinkner (507)276-1615

Pastor Amy Karlson (701)205-8816



Our Savior's is looking for an accompanist for the Adult Choir. Tom Maidl, our Director of Music Ministries, will be directing the Adult Choir, so we are in need of an accompanist. The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings during the school year from 6:30PM - 7:30PM, and sing two Sundays a month at worship and some holidays. Contact Tom Maidl or Pastor Kathy with questions, or if you are interested in this position.

### ***Be A Greeter***

Greeters are needed for Sunday worship! We often have visitors at Our Savior's, and would like to resume our welcoming ministry of having two greeters each Sunday. It is as it says, greet people as they come to worship on Sundays, and point out bulletins, etc. for visitors. Also, be willing to answer questions or point people to where a question can be answered. If you are willing to be a greeter, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Kathy.

### ***Retired Persons Coffee***

Something for the retired, semi-retired, and all who have some free time in the mornings! On **Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will have a coffee and conversation in the Upper Room from 9:00AM - 10:00AM. Just a reminder, no sign up is needed and all are welcome!

### ***Faith and Books***

Faith and Books meets on Wednesday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM** in the church library. The book for September is *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, by Ernest J. Gaines. If you haven't been able to get a copy to read, Pastor Kathy has a copy in her office that you can borrow. Please note that there is not supper available for the September meeting. Questions to think about as you read: How did you like reading this history through the lens of one (fictional) woman who lived through it? As the slaves headed north, each one takes a new name. How did the significance of that impact you? How do you see faith differently than the woman who gave Jane water and then hoped for her death? What new perspectives do you have on slavery, the civil war, and reconstruction after reading this book?

Looking ahead, the October book is *Counting Miracles*, by Nicholas Sparks. Contact Pastor Kathy if you have any questions. Supper will be available beginning at 5:00PM for the October gathering.



- **September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:45AM – 7:45AM** – Senior High Drive Thru Breakfast!
- **October 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00PM – 5:00PM** – Youth Group Kick-Off for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **November 9<sup>th</sup>** in the evening – Hide and Seek Games for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **November 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Junior High Youth Gathering – *Save the Date!*

### ***Wednesday Night Suppers***

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



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| September 17 <sup>th</sup> : | Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, and Strawberry Smoothies |
| September 24 <sup>th</sup> : | Spaghetti and Chocolate Pudding                           |



## Living in Christ Together

Faith Formation on Wednesdays and Sundays

Wednesdays Beginning September 17<sup>th</sup>

Sundays Beginning September 21<sup>st</sup> (meet & greet day)

LinCt for Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade is offered on Wednesday afternoon or Sunday morning, and families may choose either day. Our Preschoolers (3 and 4 year olds as of September 1<sup>st</sup>) have LinCt on Sunday mornings only. Registration is open now online at <http://www.oursaviorsnewulm.org/linct-online-registration.html> or pick up a paper form by the Children’s Board.

### Wednesdays at Our Savior’s

- 3:30PM – LinCt (Grades K-6)
- 5:00PM – Wednesday Suppers (all ages)
- 5:45PM – Adult Handbells
- 6:30PM – Adult Choir
- 6:30PM – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group
- 6:30PM - 8:00PM – Confirmation (Grades 7-9)
- 7:30PM – **Worship** (All ages)

### Sundays at Our Savior’s

- 8:30AM – **Worship\***
- 9:30 AM – Fellowship Hour
- 9:40AM – LinCt (Preschool-Grade 6)
- 10:30AM – **Worship\***

**\*Sunday Worship times beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>\***



**LinCt Teachers Needed!**

LinCt is looking for volunteers to help us teach and raise up faithful kids. Teaching can be an intimidating prospect, but it is such a rewarding part of faith. When you teach, you learn more about yourself, find joy in being with our kids, and become a part of God’s blessings in this world. Please consider volunteering! If you are interested in helping with LinCt, please get in touch with Lindsay!

### Wednesday LinCt Snack Helpers

We are looking for volunteers to serve snacks for LinCt each Wednesday of the school year. This simple job makes the world of difference for our program! The snacks are prepackaged, so the tasks include organizing the snacks in baskets and assisting with clean up. It would require being in the kitchen from 3:00PM – 4:00PM on the Wednesdays of LinCt. Please contact Lindsay with any questions, and sign up in the Social Hall!

### Snacks for our Wednesday After School LinCt Program:

We are asking for donations of individually-wrapped treats that we can easily have ready for the kids when they get here after school. There is a box marked “Wednesday LinCt Snacks” by the church office. If you would be willing to donate treats for the children, we would greatly appreciate it. Here is the list of snacks we are looking for, and again, they need to be individually-wrapped.

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| Fruit Snacks   | Small bags of Gold Fish Crackers                 |
| Fruit Roll Ups | Small bags of potato chips (or other chips)      |
| Granola Bars   | Little Debbie snacks                             |
|                | Small bags of Animal Crackers (or other cookies) |



### *Baby Book Club*

Are you a parent of a child or children, newborn through age 3 (too young for Sunday LinCt)? We are beginning a Baby Book Club for you and your child/children! We will meet once a month in the church library on Sundays after the first service. We will read a book, have a snack, and just have some time for conversation. The first session will be held on **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:45AM** in the church library. The book we will read is "Pray to God: A First Book About Prayer." For those who sign up in advance, a copy of the book will be given that day.

Whether you sign up in advance or not, you are invited to attend and get to know other parents as we teach our faith to our children. These early years are important, and we are excited to have this opportunity to help parents live out the baptismal promise to "nurture your child in faith and prayer." Sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Hall or by emailing the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kathy.

### **Men's Saturday Morning Fellowship/Bible Study** **Starting September 6<sup>th</sup>**

Life is all about balance...Men of Our Savior's, take a little time to end your week and start anew by getting together with a very welcoming, caring, supportive, and sincere group of guys on Saturday mornings from 8:30AM - 9:30AM in the Upper Room of our church. Please bring your Bibles and feel free to bring a friend. If you are in need of a Bible, please give one of the pastors a call.

It matters not your background, knowledge, or understanding of scripture, all are invited to join in! No prerequisites, no age limits, just a desire to be part of something special. Learning together is part of growing together and becoming connected to some uplifting and positive things that life has to offer! Come away feeling good, and realizing that one hour on any given Saturday morning was well spent. It's an informal setting...Friendly, relaxed, casual, comfortable, congenial, open...Coffee & rolls served.

### **News from WELCA**

All women of the church are members of WELCA! In September, we start up with our Circles/Bible Studies and Quilting/Mission Projects.

**Beautiful Savior Circle** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM. **Immanuel Circle** meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM. We use material from the "Gather" magazine for the Bible Studies. If not a subscriber, we can make copies of the articles to be used each month.

**Quilting** day is the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM. We assemble quilts for missions of Lutheran World Relief, for our Graduating Seniors, and for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries' Quilt Auction.

Watch for dates and times of **Women's Night Out** events that happen throughout the year! We also have a Bazaar in November (stay tuned for more information).

Come join these events or let us know what new projects you think WELCA should take up!  
WELCA Co-Chairs: Dawn Portner and Susie Hoban.

## Mission Corner:

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we embark on a new school year, we come to you seeking your guidance and blessings. Please watch over all the students, teachers, staff, and parents, filling their hearts with your peace and wisdom. Help each one to face the challenges ahead with courage and faith, trusting in your presence and provision. May this year be filled with growth, learning, and the joy of discovering more about your world! Keep everyone safe, and let your love shine through in all that we do. Amen.

The *Noisy Offering* for September 28<sup>th</sup> will be donated to Ivy House!

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## Stewardship 2025

What is possible for us to do in response to God's lavish generosity? God's gifts come to particular people, in particular places, in particular times. Because we are made in God's image, we, too, uniquely embody God's steadfast abundance, love, and mercy. We are equipped to be generous where we are. Drawn more deeply in the body of Christ, we are reminded of our belovedness, and we can respond with generosity, love, and service on behalf of our neighbors.



The Stewardship team is working with all of our Church Council and ministry teams, as we work to help us think about God's generosity to us and how we steward that generosity in our families, church, and community. Mark your calendar for the Our Savior's Ministry Fair on November 9<sup>th</sup>, and Commitment Sunday on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Coming soon to a kitchen near you!!!

It's that time of year when planning for the WELCA Bake sale begins. Date of sale is November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM – 12:00PM (Same weekend as the New Ulm Shopping Opener). The bake sale is WELCA's biggest fund raiser. Funds that are raised are used to support a variety of outreach missions here in New Ulm and outside the community.

Volunteer opportunities are available in many areas and there will be sign-up sheets for those opportunities. Lefse was a big seller last year, as well as cookies, breads, pies and caramels. You may bake items at home and donate for the bake sale also, just let us know what you are planning on making.

Lefse making plans are to divide into tasks with the prep being done one day, and the rolling and frying on another day. The lefse will be made with real potatoes this year, and add "made with real potatoes" to the advertising. The plan is to do 2 half days a couple of times a month – with half day to prep and half day to roll and fry.

Apple pie making dates have not been planned yet as it all depends on the ripening of apples.

If you would like to be a lefse prepper or a lefse roller/fryer – please let Annette Haynes know (507-381-6552) or email [alhaynes74@yahoo.com](mailto:alhaynes74@yahoo.com), or see the sign-up sheets!



OSLC Family,

Thank you for all the support over the years as I continue on my faith journey! Thank you for the beautiful quilt, I will take it with me to college so I always have OSLC with me!

- Ramsey Hopp

To my OSLC family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt for my senior milestone. A special thank you to those who dedicate their time and talents to making the quilts. I hold dear my memories of Sunday School, VBS, Youth Group, and Bible Camp – all the things that guided me in my faith.

- Katelyn Schumacher

Our Savior's,

Thank you for the card and support on my graduation. I look forward to attending South Central College. Don't worry, I'll still be helping out as much as I can! Thank you again,

- Rory Gieseke

Many thanks to Pastor Kathy for the nice visit and prayer shawl, and to members of the congregation who prayed for me during and after my open-heart surgery. Very much appreciated.

- Tom Oelberg

We cannot thank you enough for the noisy offering donation and allowing us to be part of your service! Your donation will go towards raising awareness to suicide prevention and reducing mental health stigma! Thanks again,

- Jeanne Reed, Executive Board Chair, Brown County Yellow Ribbon

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Youth,

Thank you so much for the May Day flowers and treats. You made my day and many days to come. The flowers are in a vase by my front door for me to see every day. God bless!

- Diana Gutknecht

To my friends at Our Savior's,

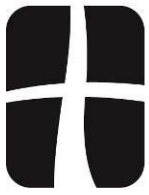
Thank you so much for the "Thinking of You" cards. I am so blessed to have people like you in my life. You all make the world a better place to live in. God Bless!

- Diana Gutknecht

# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	<b>1</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>2</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 9:00am Retired Persons Coffee 10:00am WELCA Board Meeting	<b>4</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	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>7</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team	<b>10</b> 9:00am Cards of Caring 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 5:30pm Faith & Books Team 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team 6:30pm Small Group Leader Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:00am Immanuel Circle 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	<b>12</b> 6:45am High School Drive Thru Breakfast	<b>13</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>14</b> Installation of Pastor Amy Karlson Reunion Sunday 9:00am Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Mission Ministry Team 7:00pm Stewardship Team	<b>17</b> <i>7th Grade Bible Milestone</i> 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b> 8:00pm 10th Grade Confirmation Class	<b>18</b> 9:30am Conference Rostered Leaders	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>21</b> <i>3rd Grade Bible Milestone</i> <i>Ahlness Baptism</i> <i>Beraneck Baptism</i> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 9:45am Baby Book Club 10:30am Worship	<b>22</b> Sidelites Deadline	<b>23</b> 9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>24</b> 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:30pm Children's Ministry Team 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am Blessed Bottoms Prep 2:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	<b>26</b> 8:30am Sidelites Group	<b>27</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>28</b> <i>3 Year Old Bible Milestone</i> Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting	<b>1</b> 9:00am Retired Persons Coffee 10:00am WELCA Board Meeting 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:30pm Children's Ministry Team 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b> 8:00pm 10th Grade Confirmation Class	<b>2</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	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study

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## Worship Schedule

*Beginning September 17<sup>th</sup>:*

Sunday Worship – 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Wednesday Worship – 7:30PM

## 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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OUR SAVIOR'S is a Welcoming

community, experiencing God,

reaching out and raising up followers of

Jesus Christ