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Contemporary Worship Coordinators	Al & Sherri Adams
Council President	Rich Schueneman
Treasurer	Janet Brown
Ministers	All members of Our Savior's

Our Savior's Lutheran

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
2 7 Easter Food Pantry Sunday Collection 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship	3 9:30am Prayer	4 9:00am Text Study 9:00-1:00pm Good Samaritans	5 9:00-3:00pm Vacation Bible School 9:30am Bible Study	6 9:00-3:00pm Vacation Bible School	7 9:00-12:00pm Vacation Bible School 11:30am Program	8 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship Eastern ND Synod Assembly
9 Day of Pentecost Eastern ND Synod Assembly 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Contemporary Worship	10 9:30am Prayer	11 9:00am Text Study 9:00-1:00pm Good Samaritans Youth Trip	12 9:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Committees 8:00pm Council Youth Trip	13 Youth Trip	14	15 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
16 The Holy Trinity Abused Persons Outreach Collection 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Contemporary Worship	17 9:30am Prayer	18 9:00am Text Study 9:00-1:00pm Good Samaritans 1:00 pm Bible Book Club	19 9:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Sarah Circle	20 2:00pm Hannah Circle 	21	22 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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Women of Our Saviors News



Pastors Emmy and Kyle's promotion of the Bake, Quilt and Treasure sale on Facebook was great. The Sale did turn out to be EPIC like they predicted! The totals ended up being over \$1500 more than last year's totals. Your donations turned out to be great treasures for others. The profits from the Treasure sale were \$3,300; Coffee and Rolls, \$350; Bake Sale, \$850. It was a great sale of Quilts also as \$800 worth of quilts was sold. A HUGE thank you to all who brought, bought, baked and helped in any way. These dollars are used for many mission projects in the community, statewide and throughout the world. In addition, Women of Our Saviors often purchase items needed in our church.

Our hard-working Good Samaritan Quilters group keeps upping their productivity! A total of 70 quilts were sent in the Spring Shipment to Lutheran World Relief. This was 14 more quilts than was sent in the spring of 2018. You add to that number, the quilts given to senior graduates and babies baptized at Our Saviors Lutheran. This is one busy group of ladies working Tuesdays at our church. There is so much appreciation for their gifts of time, talents and beautiful quilts.

Also included in the spring shipment for Lutheran World Relief was 48 Personal Care Kits; 35 Baby Care Kits; and 15 School kits. Things like what is happening at Our Saviors Lutheran is no accident but a great desire to do what needs to be done to share God's Love with others.

Blessings!

Jan Stowman,
President of Women of Our Saviors



Bible Book Club: Galatians

June 18 at 1:00 pm – Gathering Room

Read the book and come to listen in or join in conversation.

A reading guide is available on the information counter.

An Introduction: Paul writes to the Galatian Christians out of deep concern that they are forsaking the gospel that he has preached and are listening instead to the message of certain Jewish Christian evangelists who are arguing that Gentile Christians must be circumcised according to Jewish law. Paul insists that people are justified by faith in Christ rather than by keeping the requirements of Torah. By faith, they participate in the death and resurrection of Christ and now live as God's children and heirs of God's promises. By the Spirit's leading, this life of faith is no longer marked by sinful works of the flesh but bears fruit in freedom that serves the neighbor through love. From www.enterthebible.org



A huge, incredible, **THANK YOU** to all who donated, walked, prayer for, and supported this year's CROP Hunger Walk. For nearly half a century, CROP Hunger Walks have ensured that more people worldwide have access to nutritious, sustainable food sources. From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks help end hunger by raising funds to support local food programs and the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service (CWS).

This year, 90 walkers and one dog made the more than 3 mile walk through the hilly streets of Valley City, fighting rain and cold. **Their effort and yours helped raise nearly \$4,500 to fight hunger right here in Barnes County and across the globe!!! THANK YOU!!!**

But our work is never finished...

Remembering Mother's Day last month, and looking ahead to Father's Day, let's remember all parents across the globe; especially those who live in poverty and strive to keep their family fed and secure. Much of the work Church World Service (CWS) does supports and empowers parents who have risen up against all odds to provide livelihoods for their families.

One such parent is Miriam Martinez. Miriam, who did not have an opportunity to go to school as a child is now raising her eight children in Krin Krin, one of many small villages scattered along the Coco River, which makes up the border between Nicaragua and Honduras. Struggling to find a way to provide for her family, she decided to farm land.

"I had no experience in working the land," Miriam says. While she may have started out with no experience, Miriam has become a successful farmer- thanks to a CWS supported agriculture program. Her family now has about 120 acres of land, about 75 acres of which are under cultivation with banana and plantain trees, fruit trees, tubers, beans and rice. The rest is still forested. Miriam also has chickens, pigs, cows and horses.

Because of your compassion to help those most vulnerable through the CROP Hunger Walk, Miriam now grows her family's food, and she sells extra produce to put her children through school. In addition, she is now an Agricultural leader in her community. **We thank you for being a great hunger-fighter as we continue to bless parents across the globe as they gain skills and the ability to feed their families for generations to come.**



Members of the July Our Savior's Servants

Coordinators: Jill Kvilvang—(701) 840-0536

Wendy McDaniel-(701)490-0774

Jeff Brown

Cynthia Lerud-Creviston

Verna Davidson

Jason & Angie Elston

Sandra Franke

Dennis & Judy Gumke

LaVerne Henne

Scott Hurlimann

Alan & Kelli Karn

Clint & Lynae Klemisch

Neil & Tricia Lebahn

Jeff Matson

Monte & Pat McDaniel

Don & Janice Olafson

Tyler & Jamie Pederson

Wanda Perdue

Emily Peterson

Lowell Peterson

Brittney & Kandice Risser

Vicky Royse

John & Bobbi Suhr

Kelly & Lori Tabor

Dan Taylor

Jerome Timm

Thank you to the May Our Savior's Servants and their Coordinators: Gary & Lori Thompson;

Flower Committee Members: Edith Klein

Thank you to our faithful ushers, who assist us every Sunday Morning.

Summer Worship Time change:

8:30am

&

10:00am



Highlights from the May Congregation Council Meeting

The Planning Team continues having conversations with groups about building space needs. They are expected to bring recommendations to the Council at the June meeting.

The Synod Assembly is June 8-9 in Fargo, ND.

Transitions in the Congregation:

Deaths: Vernon Aase, Maynard Tvedt Jr.

A full unapproved draft of the minutes are available near the information counter.

For Your Information



Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am 3:00pm

Church Building Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Phone Numbers

Church Office 845-1328

Pastor Emmy Swedlund Cell-(701)552-2419

Pastor Kyle Symanski Cell-(708)467-8712

If we do not answer, please leave a message so that we can get back to you.

911 Address Change?

Contact the Church Office if you had an address change due to 911.

845-1328 or oslcvalleycity@msn.com

Thank you



Each month in 2019, our newsletter will highlight one of the ministries that make up Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

We are partners in the community!

On the first Sunday of the month, donations are accepted for the Barnes County Food Pantry. Non-perishable food items, including soups, cereal, canned fruits/vegetables are accepted in the bin at the back of the worship space.

On the third Sunday of the month, donations are accepted for the Abused Person's Outreach Center. Items needed include garbage bags, women's deodorant, body lotion, tampons, toilet paper, baby wash & lotion, laundry detergent, and dish soap.

Through collection of these items, we are meeting very real needs of people in our community. We are doing God's work with our hands – and helping people experience the welcoming love of God during times of need. Thank you for your support of these ministries. Thank you to the Social Ministry for coordinating delivery of these items.



Looking back...as we look ahead.

To adapt a saying of Isaac Newton, Our Savior's Lutheran Church is standing on the shoulders of giants. In other words, we are who we are because of those who have come before us. During the month of June, we'll spend some time remembering the past - where we have come from. Then, in July we'll celebrate the present - who we are today and in August share in conversation about the future - stepping faithfully into the future.

Enjoy these "looking back" opportunities in June:

- Come to worship. We will sing some old familiar hymns and hear stories about the history of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.
- Like "Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND" on Facebook for pictures from the past.
- Add to a timeline of Our Savior's Lutheran Church that will be posted near the Gathering Room. Add your own special events to the timeline, such as weddings, baptisms, etc.
- Check out a buried treasure that was found this spring: A series of 66 prints used in the Bethel Bible Study Series will be on display in the Apostles' Room (Overflow Room) during the last half of June. The congregation portion of the Bethel Bible Study began in 1967, with 5 classes an enrollment of 150 adults. Over the years, hundreds of adults were involved in the Bible Course here at Our Savior's.

Pre K - 6th Grade News!

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** has concluded for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in teaching Sunday School in the 2019-2020 school year, please contact Rhonda Broadwell for more information.
- **KIDS FOR CHRIST** has concluded for the 2018-2019 school year. We had an amazing year together and we celebrated on the 15th with a fun party! I cannot wait to start up again in the fall! Watch for registration information in August or contact Kyla Fetsch for more information.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held June 5, 6, and 7th! Youth entering kindergarten in August 2019 and 2020 are the "Pre-K VBS" (Wed & Thurs 9-11:30am, Fri 9am-noon) and youth entering grades 1-6 in August 2019 are a part of the regular VBS session. (Wed & Thurs 9am-3pm, Fri 9am-noon) There will be a program on Friday at 11:30am in the Sanctuary at OSLC for anyone wishing to attend. VBS ends at noon on Friday. Registration is closed, however, space may be available so please contact Kyla if you have a child who would like to attend. We still need volunteers in the following areas: rotating with a group of preschoolers in case of bathroom breaks, etc, (no teaching) sitting in on the Day Camp with the older kids for supervision purposes, and help with setting up, serving, and cleaning up lunch on Wednesday, June 5th (11am-1pm). Please contact Kyla if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Red Willow Bible Camp Info!

- Red Willow Bible Camp **registration is open** and some camps are already full! Sign up now! Scholarships available! OSLC has a different way to register so please be sure to contact Kyla prior to registering online.

Entering Grades K-3 in Aug 2019

Seekers Days(Grades K-6)—May 31 or July 24

Taste of Camp (Grades K-2)—June 5-7 or June 23-25

Pathfinders—June 5-7, June 23-25, or July 7-9

Entering Grades 4-6 in Aug 2019

Seekers Days—May 31 or July 24

Creation Camp—June 23-28, July 7-12 or July 28-Aug 2

Holy Hoops—July 21-26

Entering Grades 7-9 in Aug 2019

Disciples—July 14-19 or July 28-Aug 2

Holy Hoops—July 21-26

Wilderness (Grades 9-12) - Aug 4-9

Entering Grades 10-12 in Aug 2019

CIT Training—June 2-7

Amp Camp—July 14-19

Wilderness—Aug 4-9

Jr & Sr High Update!

- **CONFIRMATION** has concluded for the 2018-2019 school year. Families who will have a 7th, 8th, or 9th grade student in the fall can watch for information regarding confirmation in August. If you have any questions regarding confirmation, please contact the church office or Pastor Emmy.
- **SENIOR HIGH LUNCH** has concluded for the 2018-2019 school year. We have had an amazing year! We have continued to grow and ended the year with 44-48 kids each week! Weekly Senior High Lunch will start again with the new school year, providing lunch, prayer, and devotions each Monday that there is school. HOWEVER, we have decided to have three Special Edition Senior High Lunch days at the church this summer! The first one will be on Monday, June 17th at noon and students must RSVP to attend. All youth who will be in grades 9-12 in the fall as well as our recent graduates are welcome to attend!
- **SUMMER YOUTH TRIP** The 2019 Summer Youth Trip is June 11-13! This three day trip to Minneapolis will involve volunteering at a variety of places, Valleyfair and a Twins game! Registration for this trip has closed and we have 31 youth planning to attend! Please contact Kyla with any questions.
- **VOLUNTEERING AT THE ARC AND COMMUNITY CLOSET** Thank you to all of our youth who have volunteered at The Arc Thrift Store and the Community Closet this school year! We will be taking a break from our regular monthly volunteer times for the summer and starting up again in September.

My June office hours are on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-11am. However, please feel free to contact me anytime at kylaoslc@outlook.com or 840-4540.

God's Blessings, Kyla Fetsch, Director of Youth Ministry

YOUTH DIRECTOR AND YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	5 VBS! Registration for all ages at 8:30am Preschool Group 9-11:30am (No lunch) Grades 1-6 9am-3pm (Lunch provided)	6 VBS! Registration for all ages at 8:30am Preschool Group 9-11:30am (No lunch) Grades 1-6 9am-3pm (Lunch provided)	7 VBS! Registration for all ages at 8:30am Preschool Group 9-11:30am (Lunch provided) Grades 1-6 9-11:30am (Lunch provided) VBS Program at 11:30am in the sanctuary! All are invited to attend! VBS ends at noon.	8
9	10	11 Summer Youth Trip to Minneapolis! Bus will depart from OSLC at 6:30am.	12 Summer Youth Trip to Minneapolis!	13 Summer Youth Trip to Minneapolis! Approximate arrival back to OSLC is 8pm.	14	15
16	17 Senior High Lunch @ noon for grades 9-12 and recent graduates! Must RSVP to attend.	18 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	19 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	20	21	22
23	24	25 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	26 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	27	28	29
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Sponsor a Missionary for a Day. Your dollars make a difference!

Sign up for a day on the calendar across from the Pastors' offices and make a donation of \$25 to support our Missionaries Willie and Anne Langdji and Global Health Ministries. Your dollars make a difference! Donations can be earmarked for "Missionary Calendar" and placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office.



From a recent letter from Anne Langdji:

The women's organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon is called Femmes pour Christ (Women for Christ). They held their general assembly in Yaounde this year, so Anne was fortunate to attend some of the sessions. The theme was around gender-based violence and it was quite controversial. The subject needs to be addressed in the church and in society, so the fact that it would result in some harsh words and statements is not unexpected.

The women dressed every day in their uniform fabric which they have produced in Cameroon. The blue and purple fabric is their regular uniform, but the yellow and green fabric was made for their 40th anniversary a couple years ago. As in worship celebrations and other gatherings in the church, the dancing and music were glorious.

In the pictures above I am with the new national director of the Women for Christ, Aissatou Nasson. On the right is Rev. Dr. Jeannette Ada Maina who is the outgoing director and the Lutheran World Federation Vice President for Africa. The group of women standing under the banner shows many of the woman pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon.



A few weeks ago, I spent a sermon focusing on Psalm 23. It is perhaps the best known scripture in all of the Bible, and one that we cling to, especially in difficult times. But the power of this psalm is that it is not just meant for bad times, but speaks to our best times and all the times in between. They are words of promise, that no matter where we are on life's journey, God goes with us.

For as long as I can remember, whenever I would take a trip, whether it be a 4 hour drive or a 10 hour flight, my aunt would wish me well by saying, "Go with God." It was a helpful reminder to me that no matter where I ended up at a particular point in time, God was there with me. As we head into the summer months and we come out of our forced winter hibernations, it is time once again for our lives to become filled with travel. Families take advantage of the school break, better weather means we can head to the lake once again, and the sunshine beckons us to places near and far. As we prepare to hit the road again, it can be a helpful reminder that God goes where we go.

It's a good thing to remember, especially as the travel season kicks in once again, because the reality of busy lives means that Sunday morning worship can fall a little by the wayside as other things come up. Vacation, traveling sports, and even our beds as we catch up on lost sleep from the school year are all places God goes with us. And just because we can't make it into the sanctuary on Sunday morning doesn't mean that God doesn't go with us, it just means we have to be a little creative.

So, this summer, I invite you to find ways to "Go with God!" no matter where you are:

- Stay connected with Our Savior's on the go!
 1. Tune into KOVC 1490 at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays
 2. Follow us on Facebook and our website to see what the church is up to and watch for Sunday's sermon to be posted
 3. Sign up for automatic offering ("Simply Giving") so you never feel disconnected
- Find a church or worshiping community in the place you're visiting. A lot of churches have summer schedules and worship opportunities during the week. Looking online is a great start.
- Download church podcasts (maybe even Pastor Kyle's?!) or religious/spiritual books onto your phone so you can listen on your drives or on a plane
- Be intentional about praying during meals, wherever they may be. Have some fun creating a camp-side prayer or lake prayer with your family.
- Find out what the readings are in church on the week you are going to be gone and read them at home.
- Pick up a free "Christ in Our Home" devotional from the office or the information counter to take with you. You could also look in your local bookstore or online for other devotionals and prayer books to follow along with.

This is certainly not an exhaustive list of options, but it's a start. Come up with your own ideas! Adapt and combine these! Be creative! And "Go with God!" this summer,

Pastor Kyle