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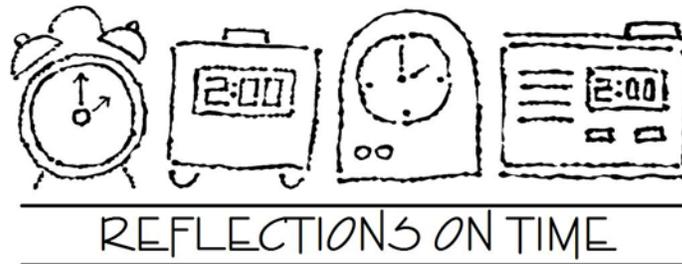
Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Pastors	Emmy Swedlund & Kyle Symanski
Youth Ministry	Kyla Fetsch
Office Coordinator	Brenda Skramstad
Custodian	Sandi Ley
Contemporary Worship Coordinators	Al & Sherri Adams
Council President	Rich Schueneman
Treasurer	Janet Brown
Ministers	All members of Our Savior's

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 9:30am Bible Study 3:15pm Kids for Christ 6:00pm Supper 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm CROP Walk</p>	2	3 3:00pm-6:00pm WELCA Treasure Sale	4 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship 8:30am-11:00am WELCA SALE	
<p>5 3 Easter Soil, Seed & Water Sunday Food Pantry Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship-Prek-6th grade sing</p>	6 9:30am Prayer 12:10pm Sr. High Lunch	7 9:00am Ministerial Meeting 9:00am-1:00pm Good Samaritans	8 9:30am Bible Study 3:15pm Kids for Christ 6:00pm Supper 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Committees 8:00pm Council	9	10 	11 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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Most Sunday mornings, I get an alert on my smartphone, reporting on average how much screen time I have spent on my phone that week. I'm embarrassed to admit that it's often over an hour and sometimes closer to two. Granted, part of that time is for work, checking emails or researching for a Bible study, but a fair amount of the time is consumed by random internet surfing or facebook use. It's got me thinking about how my time is spent overall.

I once knew a guy who tithed his time to God. Tithing is a practice rooted in the Biblical story, where one offers 1/10 of what one has to God. One summer he committed to spending two hours and forty minutes each day in prayer. I'm certain his relationship with Jesus was strengthened through that practice.

Every moment of every day comes as a gift from our God. We honor God with our time not only through Bible study, but in using our time for the betterment of others and world around us. Consider writing down or pondering how you use every hour in one day. Does it glorify God?

I share these words from "Making Room" by Christine D. Pohl:

"The most precious thing a human being has to give is time." Hospitality requires making time in our lives for others, yet many of us feel that time is our scarcest resource. Most of us are very busy, some of us are harried. Giving a person our attention requires that we stop and focus on them. This is a challenge in a society that celebrates the capacity to do several things simultaneously, and in which people often seem to take pride in being busy. As a wise Benedictine monk observed, "In a fast food culture, you have to remind yourself that some things cannot be done quickly. Hospitality takes time."

Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...a time to seek, and a time to lose, a time to keep, and a time to throw away..." The whole passage makes for good reading and meditation during these spring days.

I'm sensing that Our Savior's Lutheran Church is in a "time of seeking." There's gratitude for the ministry we share, and there's also a sense of seeking how we can strengthen our ministry and step faithfully into the future. In recent weeks, a few volunteers have thoughtfully shared in a "time of keeping and throwing away," as they do some long over-do spring cleaning in the church building. A Planning Team is in a "time of listening" as they meet with groups and committees at the church, and then will make recommendations to the congregation council about how our building can best be a center for mission.

In all times, let us remember: "O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, a shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home."

-Pastor Emmy Swedlund



Highlights from the April Congregation Council Meeting

Due to a snow storm, the council did not meet in March.

Planning Team: The Council has appointed a Planning Team to take inventory of our church building needs and make recommendations to the council for changes and maintenance to our facility that will strengthen and expand current and new ministries and programs for the future. The team includes John Hurlimann, LouVay White, Jeff Brown, and Karen Kringlie. The team has begun visiting with committees and groups that meet within the church building.

Community Closet: The Council approves the exploration of hosting the Community Closet in the church building. The Community Closet gives people access to free clothing. It is currently housed at the Rec Center; however, a different space would allow greater accessibility. The Planning Team will be asked to consider the best location for this ministry, while they review ministry space needs.

Congregation Risk Management: Council President Rich Schueneman and the pastors attended a Congregation Risk Management meeting hosted by the synod in February. Best practices regarding governance, insurance, property, employment, and abuse prevention were covered. The Executive Committee will review a “Legal Checklist for Congregation” and prioritize areas that may require action and updating.

Transitions in the Congregation:

Deaths: Gert Walker, JoAnn Dahl, Shirley Kruger, Lyle Archer, Jewel Colville

Baptisms: Calihan Heck, Mason Wurzer

New Member: Marjorie Anderson

Transfer: Brett Lloyd

June Servants

Matt & Kyla Fetsch 840-4540

Ross & Caron Berg 845-8038

Tara Anderson, Judy Bowen, Frances Elm, Deb Feuerherm, Paul & Diane Fritchie, Jerry Huckle, Josh & Tristan Johnson, Matt & Cynthia Klabo, Kent & Shelly Kosse, Oscar & Janet Lauzon, Danielle Lindemann, Jason & Joelle Manlove, Jack & Liz Marthaler, Tyler Marthaler, June Parker, Jamie & Kelsey Paurus, Gladys Pederson, Julius Reitan, Kyle & Stephanie Roelfsema, Michael & Jodi Ronningen, Dale & Colleen Sather, Maynard Satrom, Michael & Lori Satrom, Travis & Mindy Tvedt, Breanne Wenaas, Kay Winter, Todd & Tina Wurzer.



Bible Book Club: Exodus

May 21 at 1:00 pm – Gathering Room

Join in conversation about the Old Testament Book of Exodus. As we read the story of Moses leading the Israelites from slavery into freedom, we can ponder how God brings freedom into our lives today. A reading guide is available on the information counter.



Reminder:

June, July, and August
Sunday Morning Worship
8:30 am and 10:00 am

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 oslevalleycity@msn.com
Thank you

Sunday Mornings in May



May 5 As we step into spring, join in a Blessing of Seed, Soil, and Water during our worship service. We give thanks to our Creator for the marvel of creation. It's the last day of Sunday School and our youth sing at the 11:00 am service.

May 12 In worship, we will read Psalm 23 and remember that because the Lord is our shepherd we shall not want. Bread and wine will be offered to anyone feeling a little "sheepish."

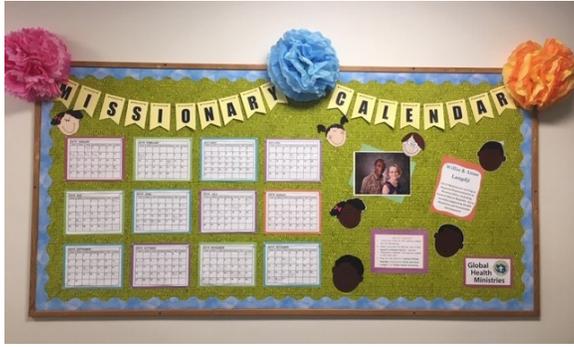
May 19 During a reception between worship service, we will recognize our High School Seniors and pray for God's blessing in the next chapters of their lives. In worship, we will ponder what the love of Jesus looks like.

May 26 What song would you like to sing in worship this day? Make your suggestion to Pastor Emmy by May 19th. Call 845-1328 or email rev.emmy@gmail.com.



Radio Broadcast

Radio broadcast of the 8:30 worship is on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM. To sponsor a broadcast and/or reserve a sponsorship date for 2019, please contact the church office. The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$100 and you may provide this gift in memory of or in honor of someone, an anniversary or another significant event. Your gift to this important ministry is appreciated.



Missionary Calendar

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 Pastor Doug Cox, Global Health Ministries Executive Director:

I recently visited our partners in the Central African Republic and watched a lab technician use his hand-powered centrifuge. He completes about 250 lab tests a month this way! Thanks to our partnership together, in 2019 the equipment in this lab will be updated.

On that same visit I sat with Mr. Remy, a community leader who glowed as he told us how the lives of so many mothers and children have been saved in his community because of this partnership! Over 500 babies are delivered annually between two locations and one center, Emmanuel, is now able to offer C-sections!

In remote places like these, the next closest facility may be 30-50 kilometers away. In other words, many people will die before they can reach another clinic. The makes the ministry we share vital. Our partners in 13 different countries innovate to solve problems daily, and thank to your support we continue to build their capacity to do even more at improving lives, all as a tangible witness to the love of Christ.





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

Can you hear me now? Radio Broadcast and Streaming of Sermons

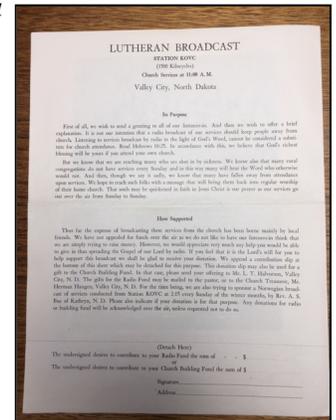
Each Sunday, the 8:30 am Worship Service is recorded and played on KOVC 1490 at 11:00 am. Our Savior's Lutheran Church began this ministry in 1936. The following is from a letter to the congregation from 1936. The original copy is kept in the Church Archives:

Its Purpose

First of all, we wish to send greetings to all of our listeners-in, and to offer a brief explanation. It is not our intention that a radio broadcast of our services should keep people away from church. Listening to services broadcast by radio, in the light of God's word, cannot be considered a substitute for church attendance. Read Hebrews 10:25. In accordance with this, we believe that God's richest blessing will be yours, if you attend your own church. But we know also, that many rural congregations do not have services every Sunday, and in this way, many will hear the Word, who otherwise would not. And then, though we say it sadly, we know that many have fallen away from attendance upon services. We hope to reach such folks with a message that will bring them back into regular worship at their home church. That souls may be quickened in faith in Jesus Christ in our prayer, as our services go out over the air from Sunday to Sunday.

How Supported

Thus far, the expense of broadcasting services from the church has been borne mainly by local friends. We have not appealed for funds over the air, as we do not want to have our listeners-in think that we are simply seeking to raise money. However, we would appreciate very much any help you might be able to give in this spreading of the Gospel of our Lord by radio. If you feel it is the Lord's will for you to help support these broadcasts, we shall be glad to receive your donation...For the time being, we are also trying to sponsor a Norwegian broadcast of services conducted from Station KOVC at 2:15 p.m., every Sunday of the winter months by Reverend A.S. Bue of Kathryn, North Dakota...



The Radio Broadcast continues to be an important ministry of outreach to our community. Whether it be to homebound members, snowbirds, and someone just happening to catch the service on the radio, the broadcast allows the good news that is proclaimed in song, preaching, and prayer at Our Savior's, to be shared with a larger community. Radio Broadcasts can be sponsored for \$100 dollars a Sunday. Donations of all sizes are welcome to support this ministry. Contact the church office if you wish to sponsor a specific Sunday.

As technology advances, we have also begun streaming our sermon online, so that those who are away can listen in. The sermons are typically posted on Monday mornings on the "Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND" Facebook Page. Check it out and stay connected to God and your church community, even while you are away! There are no current plans to stream our sermons in Norwegian.

Vintage Quilt – Silent Auction



It has been said “A Quilt Will Warm Your Body and Comfort Your Soul”. This became evident when the Good Samaritan Quilters were going through a box of donated fabric. In with the fabric was found a vintage quilt top. We don’t know its history or who donated it; however, we were amazed to see it was all hand sewn. Some of the small petal shapes were created using up to four different fabrics. Even more exciting, some of the fabric came from Domino’s sugar cloth bags. It is impossible to imagine the hundreds of hours, care, and love that went into each stitch.

So with this discovery we wanted to give many the opportunity to give it a home. **A silent auction for the quilt will be held beginning 8:00 am on April 28 through 12:15pm on May 5th.** The quilt will be displayed near the Gathering Room. The highest bid will be announced on May 12th at both services.

The proceeds support the Good Samaritan quilter’s ministry which provides quilts locally and globally.

Food Pantry Sunday-May 5

There are many items that the Food Pantry is in need of each month. Some examples are: diapers, soap, shampoo, paper products, and snack foods. These items, along with your other generous donations each month are greatly appreciated.

Rent: Unfurnished ~950 sq. ft. two bedroom, 2nd floor apartment with hot water & heat included, stove, fridge, washer and dryer, private entrance with off street parking. Available immediately. No pets or smoking. References. Call Bobby Koeplin at (701)840-0250.

RED WILLOW BIBLE CAMP SPRING CLEAN UP DAY MAY 4TH 9:00 A.M.

COFFEE & WATER I A.M.
LUNCH SERVED AT NOON

Projects Include:
Grounds maintenance
Building maintenance
Spring carpentry projects

If the weather does not
Cooperate, we will
Reschedule for May 11

Please rsvp by April 30th with #expected to help
701-676-2681

**YOUTH DIRECTOR AND
YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Kids for Christ 3:15-5:00pm Crop Walk during Confirmation Supper 6:00-6:30pm Registration at 6:30pm Crop Walk at 7pm	2	3	4
5 Sunday School — Last Day—Ice cream sundaes and attendance awards All SS youth will sing at the 11am worship service	6 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Senior High Lunch 12:10-12:40	7 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Volunteer at the Community Closet 4-5pm Grades 7-12 Limit 10!	8 Kids for Christ 3:15-5:00pm Confirmation Supper 6:00-6:30pm Class 6:30-8:00pm	9 Volunteer at the Arc 6:30-7:30pm Grades 7-12 Limit 6!	10	11
12	13 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Last Day of Senior High Lunch 12:10-12:40	14 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	15 Last Day of Kids for Christ 3:15-5:00pm Last Day of Confirmation Supper 6:00-6:30pm Class 6:30-8:00pm	16	17	18
19 Senior Recognition Reception at 10am Senior Recognition Worship Service at 11am	20 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	21 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	22	23	24	25
26	27 No Youth Director Office Hours	28 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	29	30	31	

Pre K - 6th Grade News!

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** May 5th is the last day of Sunday School. Ice cream sundaes will be enjoyed and attendance awards will be given. All youth Pre K—6th grade will sing at the 11am worship service.
- **KIDS FOR CHRIST** May 15th is the last day of Kids for Christ. We have had an amazing year together and we will celebrate on the 15th with a fun party!
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held June 5, 6, and 7th! Youth entering kindergarten in August 2019 and 2020 are invited to join the "Pre-K Day Camp" and youth entering grades 1-6 in August 2019 are invited to join the regular VBS session. Registration forms have been mailed and are also available on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room and on the mailboxes by the main office. Completed registration forms should be placed in the box by the main office or personally delivered to Kyla. Registration deadline is May 6th! We still need volunteers in the following areas: rotating with a group of preschoolers in case of bathroom breaks, etc, (no teaching required) 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	Entering Grades 7-9 in Aug 2019
Seekers Days(Grades K-6)—May 31 or July 24	Disciples—July 14-19 or July 28-Aug 2
Taste of Camp (Grades K-2)—June 5-7 or June 23-25	Holy Hoops—July 21-26
Pathfinders—June 5-7, June 23-25, or July 7-9	Wilderness (Grades 9-12) - Aug 4-9
Entering Grades 4-6 in Aug 2019	Entering Grades 10-12 in Aug 2019
Seekers Days—May 31 or July 24	CIT Training—June 2-7
Creation Camp—June 23-28, July 7-12 or July 28-Aug 2	Amp Camp—July 14-19
Holy Hoops—July 21-26	Wilderness—Aug 4-9

Jr & Sr High Update!

- **CONFIRMATION** Weekly confirmation time consists of a supper together at 6pm and then class from 6:30-8:00pm. During Lent, youth are welcome to join us for the soup supper at 5:30, then will attend worship at 6:30 and meet afterward until 8:00. Last day of confirmation is May 15th.
- **SENIOR HIGH LUNCH** Youth in grades 9-12 are welcome every Monday that there is school at 12:15pm for lunch in the basement at OSLC! Currently 35-45 youth join us each week for lunch, prayer, a bible verse and devotion, and great conversation. Last day of Senior High Lunch is May 13th.
- **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! Youth currently in grades 7-12 are invited to go and must sign up with Kyla to secure a spot. Contact Kyla with questions.
- **VOLUNTEERING AT THE ARC AND COMMUNITY CLOSET** Our youth in grades 7-12 now have volunteering opportunities each month! Upcoming dates are Tuesday, May 7th 4-5pm at the Community Closet (limit 10) and Thursday, May 9th 6:30-7:30pm at the Arc (limit 6). Rides available. Sign up with Kyla in order to attend. This is a great way to build volunteer hours and complete servant activities for confirmation!
- **SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY** Join us as we honor our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 19th. All are invited to a reception at 10am followed by worship at 11am. Congratulations seniors! We are so very proud of you and look forward to seeing what lies ahead for each of you!

My office hours are on Monday and Tuesday 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