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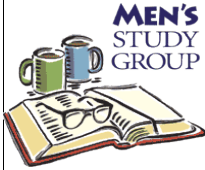

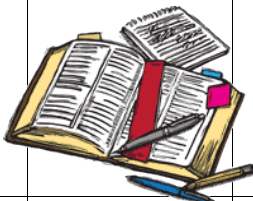

SEPTEMBER 2019

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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| 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 |

Our Savior's Lutheran
September 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|--|---|-----------|---|
| <p>1 Food Pantry Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship</p> | <p>2 Office Closed</p>  <p>LABOR DAY</p> | <p>3 9:00am Ministerial 9:00am Good Samaritans 7:30pm Lost & Found Bible Study</p> | <p>4 9:30am Bible Study</p> |  <p>MEN'S STUDY GROUP</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship</p> |
| <p>8 Rally Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Pancakes 9:45am Sunday School, Choir 11:00am Contemporary Worship 12:00pm Lunch followed by service projects</p> | <p>9 9:30am Prayer 12:10pm Sr. High Lunch Pastors at Conference</p> | <p>10 9:00am-1:00pm Good Samaritans Pastors at Conference</p> | <p>11 Pastors at Conference 9:30am Bible Study 3:15pm Kids for Christ 7:00pm Committees 6:30pm Parent & Confirmation students 8:00pm Council</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship</p> |
| <p>15 Abused Persons Outreach Collection Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Contemporary Worship</p> | <p>16 9:30am Prayer 12:10pm Sr. High Lunch</p> | <p>17 9:00am Text Study 9:00am-1:00pm Good Samaritans 1:00pm Bible Book Club</p> | <p>18 9:30am Bible Study 3:15pm Kids for Christ 6:00pm Supper 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Sarah Circle 7:30pm Senior High Youth Group</p> | <p>19 2:00pm Hannah Circle-Sheyenne Care Center</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship</p> |
| <p>22 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Adult Forum 10:00am Choir 11:00am Worship</p>  | <p>23 9:30am Prayer 12:10pm Sr. High Lunch</p> | <p>24 9:00am Text Study 9:00am-1:00pm Good Samaritans 5:30pm Faithful Families Conversation</p> | <p>25 9:30am Bible Study 3:15pm Kids for Christ 6:00pm Supper 6:30pm Confirmation</p> |  | <p>27</p> | <p>28 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship</p> |
| <p>29 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School, Choir 9:45am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship</p> | <p>30 9:30am Prayer 12:10pm Sr. High Lunch</p> |  <p>SENIOR High News</p> | | | | |



2019 Missionary Sponsorship Calendar is on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. For \$25/day you can sponsor a day and faithfully support the work of our ELCA missionaries, Anne and Willie Langdji, who serve as the ELCA Madagascar, West and Central Africa Regional Representatives; and also the work of Global Health Ministries. Thank you for your faithful and generous mission support.

Food Pantry Sunday-September 1

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 and canned food. These items along with your generous donations each month are greatly appreciated.



Radio broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM. To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office. The cost is \$100 and may be gifted in memory or in honor of someone or a significant event. Your gift to this ministry is appreciated.

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)476-8712
If we do not answer, please leave a message so that we can get back to you.



Fall Worship Times



Reminder Worship Schedule

Worship Services return to 8:30 and 11:00am starting September 1

Members of the October Our Savior's Servants



- Coordinators: Jan Stowman 840-1808
Dan & Ruth Larson 845-4257
Burton & Jean Vrem 840-5593
Bob & Joni Bergan
Loren Bjerke
Terry & Kristi Brandt
James & Sharon Buhr
Brent & Robin Christ
Gerry & Melissa Didier
Jack & Vi Egan
Gerry & Mary Ann Gamrath
Jaci Haas
Bret & Toni Haglund
Doug & Videlle Hamilton
Jennifer Hatcher
Katie Hejtmanek
Lynn Holcomb
Kathryn Holleque
Craig & Cristal Larsen
Ron & Linda Manke
Mark Matson
William & Nancy Powell
Mark & Tonya Schlotman
Luther & Linda Skogen
Scott & Mary Tangen
John Thompson & Kara Kramin
Tony & Megan Zarbano

Thank you to the **August Our Savior's Servants and their Coordinators:** Larry & Carol Foth and Dan & Shari Larson.

Thank you Altar Committee Members: Eileen Maresh and Barb Henke

Thank You Flower Committee Member: Ethel Gusaas



Abused Persons Outreach Center

The Abused Persons Outreach Center has moved to their new location—160 2nd St. NW. The old Thrivent office.

Abused Persons Outreach Center exists to eliminate domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and elder abuse which is prevalent and increasing in our society. APOC is committed to providing crisis intervention, support and counseling services to victims of personal violence and to promoting educational and prevention programs that are the catalyst in facilitating change in societal attitudes and behaviors. Services are available to all persons, are free and completely confidential.

Current Needs: Size 6 diapers, women’s deodorant, toilet paper, paper towel, adult socks, trash bags. Household Donations Items APOC is able to accept: New or Gently Used: Pots & pans, cooking utensils, baking sheets & pans, measuring cups/spoons, dinner dishes, glasses/cups, silverware, hot pad holders, can openers, kitchen towels/rags, coffee pot, microwave, toaster, bath towels, washcloths, shower curtain rings, bed sheets, bed toddler bed, couch, reclining chair, TV, DVD player. Bring items to APOC. Please call before dropping off large items—*there isn’t always space for them.*

845-0072.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to APOC so they may continue their work to end intimate partner violence and sexual assault, please make check payable to: APOC and mail to: PO Box 508, Valley City, ND 58072

WELCA SYNOD FALL CONVENTION “CONFIDENT WOMEN IN CHRIST”



Guest Speakers: Shirley Teske and Angela Bell

Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it.—1 Cor. 12:27

RUTH QUEEN ESTHER DEBORAH

WHERE: Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND
WHEN: Saturday, September 21, 2019



Highlights from the August Congregation Council Meeting

Building Project Considerations were reviews by members of the Property Committee. A team including executive committee members, property committee members, and pastors will continue to evaluate church building needs. The Council approved contracting with a designer/architect to further develop plans. Information will be presented at a “What’s going on around here?” Forum on Sunday, September 22.

God’s Work. Our Hand’s Rally Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th. Service projects are being organized. Men in the congregation will be asked to serve pancakes between services. Currently, 86 students are on the list for Sunday School.

The Community Closet held its first opening on August 12. Volunteers from the Social Ministry Committee helped to provide hospitality to guests. The council agreed to use Farm Funds to purchase a cart to assist with transportation of clothes.

Deaths: Leila Hirsch Korn, Elaine Manstrom

Weddings: Megan McDaniel & Jory White, Stephanie Braunagel & Dylan Thiem, Clarissa Olson & Dustin Miller, Brenna Winter & Collin Schroeder

Baptism: Beau Dean Ringdahl

A copy of unapproved meeting minutes are posted near the information counter.

Pre K - 6th Grade News!

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Kick off for the Sunday School year is Sunday, September 8th— “Rally Sunday!” Letters were sent out regarding Sunday School and registration on September 8th. If your family did not receive this letter and you have a child who will enter kindergarten in August 2020 (PreK) through sixth grade, please contact Rhonda Broadwell.
- **KIDS FOR CHRIST** will kick off on Wednesday, September 11th! All youth entering grades K-6 this fall are welcome to join us after school each Wednesday until 5pm. Parents are responsible for transportation. Please let Kyla know if your child plans to attend by September 9th. We’re looking forward to another great year of growing together in faith all while learning how to be an amazing contributor to our community!

Opportunity for All!

- **RALLY SUNDAY** is coming up on Sunday, September 8th and we will once again be celebrating “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday that day as well! Various volunteer opportunities will be available after the 11am worship service that day. To participate, sign up for the activity you wish to be a part of in advance, or just show up that day! It is a wonderful time to share our hands with others! A simple lunch will be shared immediately following the 11am service prior to our volunteer time together. Contact Kyla with questions or for more details.

Jr & Sr High Update!

- **CONFIRMATION** Families who have a 7th, 8th, or 9th grade student should have received information regarding confirmation. We will have a meeting for all of these students, as well as their parents, on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30pm. Confirmation Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 18th with supper at 6:00 and class from 6:30-8:00pm. If you have any questions regarding confirmation, please contact the church office or Pastor Emmy.
- **SENIOR HIGH LUNCH** has kicked off once again and we have a BLAST every Monday! We enjoy lunch, prayer, and devotion each Monday that there is school during the school year. Friends are always welcome!
- **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** I am super excited to announce a new youth group at OSLC exclusively for youth in grades 10-12! This group will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:30-8:30pm in the new youth room. (Formerly the small chapel.) We will spend time together in a manner similar to “small group time” in confirmation. If you don’t know what this means, ask a 10th, 11th, or 12th grader! They know! :) We will have some great discussion, time to relax and hang out together, and enjoy some yummy snacks! Friends are always welcome to attend as well. No RSVP needed, just come as you are and enjoy some time together. **The first gathering will take place on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:30pm.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kyla. I can’t wait to spend this time with all of you!

My office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 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**

September 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---------|---|----------|--------|----------|
| 1 | 2 Labor Day No School No Youth Director Office Hours | 3 | 4 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 RALLY SUNDAY! Sunday School 9:45-10:45am God's Work Our Hands Sunday 12-2pm | 9 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Senior High Lunch 12:10-12:40pm | 10 | 11 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Kids for Christ 3:15-5:00pm Confirmation Student and Parent Meeting 6:30pm | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Sunday School 9:45-10:45am | 16 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Senior High Lunch 12:10-12:40pm | 17 | 18 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Confirmation Supper 6:00 Confirmation Class 6:30-8:00pm Senior High Youth Group 7:30-8:30pm | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Sunday School 9:45-10:45am | 23 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Senior High Lunch 12:10-12:40pm | 24 | 25 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Confirmation Supper 6:00 Confirmation Class 6:30-8:00pm | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Sunday School 9:45-10:45am | 30 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Senior High Lunch 12:10-12:40pm | | | | | |



Sock & Underwear Drive for the Community Closet

Bring your donation of NEW socks & underwear of ANY SIZE.

Donation bin located near the information counter.

Other donations for the Community Closet can be made by arrangement. Message the Valley City Community Closet on Facebook or contact Kalyn at (701)840-8850.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES CREATING SACRED MOMENTS AT HOME



Faithful Families Conversation:

Want to feel supported in your role as a parent?

Want to bring faith into your home?

Let's get together! There's a four session study based on the book "Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home" by Traci Smith.

The Four Session Are:

1. Embrace the Messiness and Imperfection of Family Life
2. Fight Against Consumerism and Materialism
3. Prioritize Time Together
4. Value Mystery and Accept Doubt

The first session will be Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30 pm.

Bring your kids, if you'd like. We'll share a meal, let the kids run and play as we join in conversation. It might be holy chaos, but it'll be good. Participants will be encouraged to read an article that will be distributed before the first meet-up. The remaining three sessions will be scheduled as the group wishes, likely meeting once a month. You may wish to purchase the book, but it is not required.

Email Pastor Emmy at rev.emmy@gmail.com, if you are interested attending or would like her to order a copy of the book for you. (Cost of book is about \$15)



Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Join the church choir! The choir meets and rehearses in the balcony. Here's the schedule for September:

Sept. 8- Meet at 9:45am and sing through some music.

Sept. 15- No Choir

Sept. 22- Meet at 10:00 am for rehearsal. Anthem at 11:00 am Worship.

Sept. 29- Anthem at 8:30 am Worship. Rehearsal at 9:45 am.



Thank you to all who participated in surveys in July, as we seek to lift up the core values of our congregation. Core values reflect who we are and who we want to be as a church community.

Here's what you've narrowed down to the top 11:

- Welcoming**
- Caring**
- Children & Youth**
- Serving**
- Generosity**
- Global Mission**
- Prayerful**
- Joyful**
- Teaching**
- Community**
- Intergenerational**

Your church leadership will continue to refine this list to 5 or so values. These values will help the congregation move forward in mission and bring clarity to the ministry we do as church.

There's more to come...



Bible Study: Parables of Lost & Found

Tuesday, September 3 at 7:30 pm

Gathering Room

Come for conversation as we explore stories (found in Luke 15) of Jesus' great love that seeks out those who are lost. This is a one-time study. Come as you are.



Tuesday, September 17 at 1:00 pm

Gathering Room

Come to discuss the Old Testament book of Lamentations.

What's the book about?

Lamentations articulates the pain experienced in the collapse of Judah and Jerusalem, presumably in 587 B.C.E. Third-person narration both describes and explains the suffering, but the book insistently moves toward direct, first-person articulation of the unbearable pain and devastation and God's responsibility for it. The latter leads to direct address to God to see, to consider, and to restore the speaker(s). The book moves from silent suffering to verbalizing the suffering and, in turn, demanding that God, the source of the suffering, end the suffering. The book refuses to be silent in the face of God's silence.



The bible was changing the hearts of Our Savior's, while chasing the summer away. Our hearts were ringing, in the key that our souls were singing, as we danced in the morning light, remember how the sun stole the night away...

Join us in September during **Wednesday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room**, as we take a closer look at the Psalms – the ones you know best, the ones you don't know so well, and those with just a little bit of *soul*.

Lay School of Theology: "Reading, Teaching and Preaching the Gospel according to Matthew" **Featuring Dr. Matt Skinner**

Saturday, September 28th

9:30am – 3:30pm

United Lutheran, Grand Forks

Cost: \$50

Matthew can feel like a Gospel of extremes. As it tells its story about Jesus, it speaks, sometimes in jarring ways, about the fragility of faith, the importance of Christian community, and the threats that lurk in human nature and religious malpractice. We will carefully examine Matthew's portrayal of Jesus and the good news he announces. No matter what level of familiarity or unfamiliarity you might already have with Matthew's Gospel, our time together will help you become a more insightful reader of this influential book. Registration: <https://skinnerlayschool.eventbrite.com> by September 23.



Worship, Service, & Education Opportunities

September 1

- Worship times resume at 8:30 and 11:00 am.

September 8 – God’s Work. Our Hands. Rally Sunday

- Traditional Worship at 8:30 am and Contemporary Worship at 11:00 am.
- Pancakes served starting at 9:30 am.
- Sunday School Rally Sunday. Get your child registered for Sunday School at 9:45 am, followed by a chance for them to meet their teachers and have some fun.
- Noon Lunch for God’s Work. Our Hands. Project Participants.

God’s Work. Our Hands. Projects.

- Between Services – Show your support of feeding hungry people by participating in a letter writing campaign for “Bread of the World”. Stop by the table outside the sanctuary.
- Option 1: Assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief or sew school bags. Supplies are already provided. We just need willing workers.
- Option 2: Provide a caring hand by doing yard work, gutter clean out, and other house care tasks for friends of the congregation.

September 15

- Traditional Worship at 8:30 am and Contemporary Worship at 11:00 am with Bishop Terry Brandt preaching at both services.

September 22

- Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am.
- 9:45 am **Adult Forum: “What’s going on around here?”**– Small Dining Room. Get an update on conversation related to our mission and how improvements to the building might enhance our ministry. Your input in this process is invaluable.

September 29

- Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am.
- 9:45 am **Adult Forum: “What’s going on in the ELCA?”** – Small Dining Room. Our Savior’s Lutheran Church is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Learn about ministries we share together and get an update on actions taking at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly this August, including becoming a “sanctuary denomination.”

Dear people, it has been a year.

One. Whole. Year.

It feels like there is no way that I have been a part of this community for that long, and at the same time, it feels like it has been so much longer than that.

I want to first say thank you to all of you for making this Illinois boy feel right at home in North Dakota. As I started this new adventure, I would be lying if I said I wasn't anxious and unsure of what my future in this place would look like, but with your love, helpfulness, grace, and amazing compassion, you have made me feel right at home and I simply can't imagine being anywhere else.

And in 12 short or long months, whatever it feels like to you, the simple truth is that there have been lots of changes – lots of changes for me, I'm sure, lots of changes for you, and lots of changes for the church as well.

We have seen weddings and funerals. We have seen another school year come and go, new children start Sunday school and high schoolers heading off to their next adventure. Another Christmas, another Easter, and another summer full of travel and adventure. Quilts made, treasures sold, baskets packed, meals served, furniture moved, and so much more.

And as we get ready to start another program year, it seems appropriate that we have spent the month of August dreaming and praying about what the future might look like, because we know that there is likely some change in store for us – not only for each of us, but for this congregation too.

And so as we begin this new year and new adventure together, I thought I might offer all of us some words of wisdom from one of my favorite poets – Shel Silverstein. He writes:

A hippo sandwich is easy to make. All you do is simply take one slice of bread, once slice of cake, some mayonnaise, one onion ring, one hippopotamus, one piece of string, a dash of pepper – that ought to do it. And now comes the problem...biting into it.

We don't always know how things will turn out. We might be anxious or nervous about starting a new job in a new state, or just wondering what the future might hold. At times, it might just feel as overwhelming as trying to take a bite of a hippo sandwich. But just as we do with all things in this church and in this community, we will do it together, with the help of God, and one bite at a time.

Here's to another year. Bring on the future.

Pr. Kyle