

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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Our Mission:

We, Our Savior's family of believers, welcome all to share Christ's love, to grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

Our Values:




- All Generations
- Neighbors – Near & Far
- Sharing Generously
- Rejoicing & Weeping Together



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday In-person Worship may resume on Sundays, dependent on risk level In Barnes County. </div> | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 7:30am Men's Bible Fellow- | |
| 4 8:30am Worship At Home w/facebook  11:00am Radio broadcast | 5 | 6 9:00am Ministerial | 7 3:00pm Kids for Christ 6:30pm 7th grade Confirmation 7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group | 8  | 9 | 10 7:30am Men's Bible Fellow- ship | |
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| 7:00pm 10th grade Confirmation Meeting- Zoom | 25 Reformation Sunday 8:30am Worship At Home w/facebook 11:00am Radio broadcast 1:00pm Confirmation Worship for Students & Families | 26 | 27 9:30am Text Study | 28 3:00pm Kids for Christ 7:00pm Confirmation- Zoom | 29 | 30 | 31 7:30am Men's Bible Fellow- ship |

**YOUTH DIRECTOR AND
YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

October 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Tasty Tuesday! All students grades 9-12 are invited to grab a brownie from Kyla in the OSLC parking lot from 12:05-12:35pm until they're gone! :-) | 7 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Kids for Christ—After school—5pm Confirmation—7th Graders 6:30-8:00pm Senior High Youth Group 7:30-8:30pm | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| 18 Drive Thru Bible Sunday for PreK and 3rd Grade at 1pm Confirmation Rehearsal via Zoom at 7pm | 19 | 20 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Tasty Tuesday! All students grades 9-12 are invited to grab a brownie from Kyla in the OSLC parking lot from 12:05-12:35pm until they're gone! :-) | 21 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Kids for Christ—After school—5pm Confirmation—9th Graders 6:30-8:00pm Senior High Youth Group 7:30-8:30pm | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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Pre K - 6th Grade

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday School registration is taking place online this year and is still open to those wishing to sign up in PreK through 6th grade. (Our PreK class consists of youth who will enter kindergarten August 2021.) The first day of Sunday School is now being planned to take place sometime after Christmas. If you have any questions regarding Sunday School or your family did not receive a letter regarding the online registration, please contact SS Superintendent, Katie Sather at oslcsundayschool@outlook.com.
- **KIDS FOR CHRIST** We are underway and meeting Wednesdays after school until 5pm. All youth entering grades K-6 this fall are invited to sign up and join us! Parents are responsible for transportation. All OSLC families received an email from Kyla with a link to a Sign Up Genius where youth can sign up to attend each week. Only 15 spots are available each week and most are now filled, so let Kyla know if your child wishes to attend or if you have any questions. I'm excited to be sharing God's love with our youth and am enjoying our time together again!
- **BIBLE SUNDAY** Since we are not able to worship together in person currently, we are going to hold a "Drive Through Bible Sunday!" Youth who would be in the PreK and 3rd grade SS classes this year will receive an invitation to join us on Sunday, October 18th at 1pm in the OSLC parking lot to pick up your bible and receive a blessing. We look forward to seeing those families and celebrating with them!

Jr & Sr High

- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** A Zoom meeting was held for our 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students, as well as their parents, and we are ready to kick off the Confirmation year! Confirmation will be held from 6:30-8:00pm each week and done in small groups. 7th grade will meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month, 8th grade on the 2nd Wednesday, and 9th grade on the 3rd Wednesday. The 4th and/or 5th Wednesdays will vary. Adventure Nights will be planned accordingly throughout the year. If you have any questions regarding confirmation, please contact the church office or Pastor Emmy.
- **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** On Sunday, October 25th we will celebrate our 10th graders as they are confirmed in a special worship service for them and their families at 1pm. This service will also be streamed on Facebook Live for those wishing to celebrate with them from afar. Congratulations to all of you!
- **TASTY TUESDAY** With Senior High Lunch on hold, we have moved into something new called Tasty Tuesday! Each Tuesday, youth in grades 9-12 are invited to grab a fresh baked brownie and a bible verse from Kyla in the OSLC parking lot from 12:05-12:35pm until gone. :-). It has been an absolute privilege to see these amazing kids again and provide a sweet treat for them each week! Currently 12 boxes of brownie mix are being made each week and we are serving approximately 80 youth! God's love and presence is here!!! What an amazing way to share His love with so many youth in such a quick time! Drive by and check it out sometime!
- **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** All 10th-12th graders are invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:30-8:30pm in the youth room. We will have some great discussion, time to relax and hang out together, and enjoy some yummy snacks! Friends are welcome to attend as well. Due to the size of the space we will be in, only 15 youth will be able to attend each time, so please be sure to RSVP to Kyla if you plan to attend or with any questions.

My office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am-12pm. However, please feel free to contact me anytime at kylaoslc@outlook.com or 840-4540.

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



Flat Roof Project

The flat roof project got underway in September. Demolition of the existing foam rubber roofing was more of a challenge than expected and revealed how much a new roof was needed. Unfortunately, heavy rains this summer have also caused interior damage in the hallway and offices. Completing this roofing project is an essential item in being good stewards of this building. **Gifts above and beyond your contributions to our general offering fund are needed for this project.**

Please earmark gifts for the Capital Campaign – Roof Project.

Thanks to all who have already contributed to this project. You are “paw-some”! We’ve already collected 5 out of 10 paws towards this project.



Christ in Our Home Devotions for October, November, and December are available at the church for pick-up. If you would like one mailed or delivered to you, please contact the church office. Now is a great time to lean into Jesus and practice daily Bible reading.



YOUR GENEROSITY IS AMAZING. Even when we are unable to meet in person for worship, our ministry continues to happen. Thanks for your ongoing offerings, prayers, and participation in our ministry together.

MAIL

Offering can be sent to the church at 138 3rd St, NW, Valley City, ND 58072

GIVE ONLINE

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church is now able to accept gifts to our ministry online through Credit or Debit Card.

There are two ways:

1. Visit our website www.oursaviorsvc.org and click on “Give Online.” You can make a one-time gift or create an account to set up on going giving.
2. Apps make life easier. With the GivePlus Mobile app, you can use your smartphone to give anywhere, anytime. Make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations. Set up an account or give as a guest. Securely and conveniently manage donations from your phone. To give through our mobile app, download the free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play.

Please note: You’ll be given the option to add small percentage to your gift to offset the service fees. Please consider selecting this option. Consider it the small fee of convenience!



Worship Together in October, as we explore how we live and experience mercy in our lives of faith. Each week in Sunday worship and our midweek devotion, we'll explore an aspect of mercy:

October 4 – Faithfulness

October 11 – Abundance

October 18 – Righteousness

October 25 - Grace

Worship From Home

Each week, continue to worship from home at 8:30 am on "Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND" Facebook, at 11:00 am Radio Broadcast on KOVC 1490 AM, or Sunday after noon on "OSLC Valley City" YouTube.

Sunday In Person Worship

Following our Pandemic Plan, when Barnes County is in the Yellow Covid Risk Category we will not meet for in-person worship. When we are moved to the Green Risk Category, watch for announcements about resuming an in-person worship opportunity.

A MidWeek Devotion is posted on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, on "OSLC Valley City" YouTube page, and in an email typically sent on Wednesday.



UPCOMING WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, October 25 at 1:00 pm we plan for our 10th Grade Confirmation Students to gather with their families for a Worship Service with Affirmation of Baptism. This worship service will also be on Facebook Live.

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday. At our morning worship service, we will remember those from our congregation who have died this past year. As you worship in your own home, you are invited to have a candle available to light in remembrance of the beloved saints who have gone before us.

Community Closet



Wow! Thank you for your extreme generosity.

Donations of new socks and underwear were collected in September. These will be distributed through the Community Closet. Thanks for sharing and caring for your neighbor.

A Community Closet Opening will be held on Monday, October 12 (rain date of Tuesday, October 13) from 5:00-7:00 pm. We are planning again for this to be an outdoor opening in the parking lot. Anyone is welcome to come and get clothes.



Volunteers are needed to make this happen:

- Set up on Sunday, October 11 from at 7:00 pm to bring items up from the Community Closet Room and place on tables in the gathering room area.
- Set up on Monday, October 12 at 3:45 pm to move tables and items to the parking lot.
- Clean up on Monday, October 12 at 7:00 pm to return items to the Community Closet.

Sign up by calling the church office or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daeab2baaf9c25-community>

A reminder that all donations to the Community Closet, must be made in arrangement with Kalyn at (701-840-8850).

The installation of our **Tessa Moon Leiseth** as our new Bishop of Eastern North Dakota Synod is on October 31, 2020 at 2 pm. Check out www.eandsynod.org to watch the worship service from the comfort of your own home. Your prayers for Bishop Elect Tessa, our synod staff, outgoing Interim Bishop Larry, and our synod are welcomed during this time of transition.



**F♥R SCHOOLS
SAKE**

To help our Elementary Students & School Staff, we are holding a drive to accept donations for the following specific items that have been identified as a current need:

- Prepackaged Individual Snacks (sorry, no home baked items)
- Kids-sized masks (home-made or store-bought). A few good resources for store-bought masks include Blush Boutique here in Valley City, Target & Old Navy
- Bottled Water

A tote for the collection of these items will be located at the church near the office. The church building is open for drop offs Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sundays from 8:00-10:00 pm Donation will be collected through October 15th.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

• PANDEMIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS •



RISK LEVEL

Our plan related to building use during the pandemic aligns with the North Dakota Department of Health Risk Level Scale.

BLUE | NEW NORMAL

- Small, groups, large groups, and in person worship gatherings can resume
- Food may be served in the building

GREEN | LOW

- Physical distancing and masks encouraged.
- Small & large groups may meet in the building
- Worship from Home Opportunities are encouraged. In person worship may be held.
- Refrain from serving food in the building

YELLOW | MODERATE

- Physical distancing and masks encouraged
- Small groups may continue to meet
- Worship from Home only. No in person worship gatherings.
- No food served in the building

RED-ORGANGE | CRITICAL-HIGH

- Physical distancing and masks encouraged
- No in-person small group meetings in the building
- Worship from Home only. No in person worship gatherings.

Your church leadership seeks to ground their decisions in concern and care for our neighbors. Modification and adaption are neccessary as siutations and knowledge change.

Members of the November Our Savior's Servants

Monte & Pat Johnson
Todd & Kristi Kohler

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| Daniel & Judy Anderson | Bob & Rosalyn Bruhschwein |
| Robert & Bonnie Burchill | Paul & Margaret Dahlberg |
| Robert & Inez Eggert | Diane Hatcher |
| Jordyn & Jill Heck | Sonja Hefty |
| Deb Hochhalter | Terry & Lori Justesen |
| Derek & Janna Kohler | David Maasjo |
| Marlys Maasjo | Michael & Cindy Malsam |
| Darrin & Jodi Orner | Andy & Katie Sather |
| Jon Strang | James & Jean Swanberg |
| Bud Thum | Rich & Eileen Winning |
| Grant Zwick | |

The 2020 Missionary Calendar is located above the information counter. Claim your 2020 dates. Donations of \$25 a day support our missionaries, Willie and Anne Langdji, serving as ELCA Representatives in Western Africa. They provide support to churches, schools, and medical centers in that region, including our partner synod in the Central African Republic. Donations also support Global Health Ministries, a Twin Cities based organization that supports medical centers around the world, through shipping supplies, sharing expertise



We want to be in contact with you!

Each Wednesday the church sends out a weekly email. If you aren't getting it, check your junk or spam mail. And – make sure to get your email to the church office at oslcvalleycity@msn.com



Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

While the Church roof is being replaced please enter the north doors.

PLEASE NOTE: A new phone system was installed in August. Please bear with us as we learn how to use it. If we accidentally hang up, please call back!

Contact Information

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Pastor Kyle Symanski

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klsymanski@gmail.com

Youth Director, Kyla Festch

Cell—(701)840-4540

kylaoslc@outlook.com

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



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Like us on Facebook at “Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND” for ongoing ministry updates, reflections, and worship opportunities.



Highlights from the September Congregation Council Meeting *The Council met via Zoom.*

Capital Campaign/Flat Room Project: The Flat Roof Project started in early September. It is moving slower than anticipated due to past materials on the roof needing to be removed. The Air Conditioning unit for the 2nd floor and balcony areas was advised to not be re-installed and instead replaced. The council approved adding the \$4,000 for AC project to the Flat Roof Project.

Worship Partnership: When the pandemic began in Marcy, an informal partnership with the Kathryn/Nome/Fingal Parish began, as their Pastor Sharayah joined with Pastor Kyle and Pastor for online and radio broadcast services. It was noted that this has been going well and a good relationship was formed, but it seems the right time to plan an end date. At the October 24 worship service, we will give thanks for this partnership as it draws to close.

In-Person Worship: The State had recently moved Barnes County back into the “Yellow” risk level for Covid. Following our approved OSLC Pandemic Plan, the “Yellow” risk level means we will pause in-person worship at this time.

Sunday School & Confirmation: Online Sunday School registration has been happening in September. The Education Committee decided to push back the possible start date to January. Some fun/devotional items may be shared with families this fall. Confirmation will move forward as planned, with one grade meeting in person each week and an online option being available.

God’s Work. Our Hands. We brainstormed ways we can provide support to our community this year. Ideas for items needed in schools were shared. We’ll plan for a collection of items in October, including children’s masks, packages of individual snacks, and bottled water.

Transitions in the Congregation:

Deaths: Eileen Maresh, Rory Stearns, Phillip Keys, Nathaniel Haws.

A draft of the full meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside of the pastors offices or can be requested by emailing oslcvalleycity@msn.com .

**God does not need your good works,
but your neighbor does.**

- Martin Luther



BEFORE ME, MAY IT BE DELIGHTFUL.
BEHIND ME, MAY IT BE DELIGHTFUL.
AROUND ME, MAY IT BE DELIGHTFUL.
BELOW ME, MAY IT BE DELIGHTFUL.
ABOVE ME, MAY IT BE DELIGHTFUL.
ALL, MAY IT BE DELIGHTFUL.

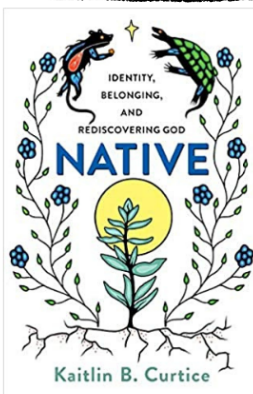
"Navajo Prayer" from *Saying Grace: Blessings for the Family Table*

This year, I've become intrigued by the word "delight." In part, its because I've been reading "The Book of Delights" by Ross Gay. Over the course of a year, he set out to write a daily essay about something that brings him delight. The practice of writing down delights is a bit like keeping a gratitude journal -- writing down things for which you are thankful for each day. I'm convinced that we find what we are looking for. On the one hand, if we look for things that make us grumpy, we will find them. On the other hand, if we look for things that bring us delight or for which we give us thanks, we will find them.

When the prefix "de" begins a word, it means "again." I like to think about how when we delight in something, we find lightness again. Right now, so much in our world is heavy. As I write this, there are forest fires, the aftermath of a hurricane, high levels of Covid risk in our county, a church roof project that has had some hiccups, and the list goes on. We need delights to lighten the heaviness of our days: times of quiet prayer, walks in nature, a good chuckle with a friend, a delicious piece of buttered toast, and the list goes on. What is bringing you delight these days?

Have you noticed the words to the offering song as we share in online and radio service this fall? The song says, "The numberless gifts of God's mercies my tongue cannot fathom or tell...I'll never count all of God's mercies, but oh, I can give God my praise for all of that love, my thanksgiving and love to the end of my days. I'll never count all of God's mercies, but oh, I can give God my praise!" Amidst the heaviness of our lives, God's mercies come to us anew each day.

May you find delight in the numberless gifts of God's mercies, Pastor Emmy



Book Discussion Coming in November

Native is about identity, soul-searching, and the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice offers a unique perspective on these topics. She encourages us to embrace our own origins and to share and listen to each other's stories so we can build a more inclusive and diverse future. Each of our stories matters for the church to be truly whole.

If you'd like one ordered for you, please let Pr. Emmy know by October 10th. Cost is \$15. You'll be welcome at the discussion, even if you have not read the book.