

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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August 2021

Outdoor Worship & PAW-rty

Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30 pm
Chautauqua Parsonage Backyard


Come for worship.
Stay for a reception to celebrate
meeting our fundraising goal for
the flat "roof, roof" project.

All are welcome!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:30am In person Worship</p> <p>8:30am Facebook live</p> <p>10:00am In person Worship</p> <p>11:00am Radio broadcast</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3 9:00am</p> <p>Good Samaritans</p> <p>9:30am Text Study</p> <p>6:30pm Out Door Worship- Chautauqua Parsonage</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship</p>
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Pre K - 6th Grade

- **YOUTH FUN DAY** Youth entering grades K-6 this fall are invited to attend our annual Youth Fun Day on August 9th from 2-5pm at Chautauqua Park. Please RSVP to Kyla by August 1st if your child plans to attend so that supplies can be planned accordingly. It will be a great day filled with games, activities, crafts, snacks, and more! Friends are welcome! We will enjoy some large group activities as well as some smaller group games and activities split up into groups by age.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday School will be starting again soon! Sunday School is open to students grades Pre-K through 6th grade. Pre-K students must be entering Kindergarten in the 2022-2023 school year. Registration opens online on August 22nd, and the link will be on the OSLC website under the Youth Ministries link. The first day of Sunday School will be September 12th. Please contact Katie Sather with any questions at oslc Sundayschool@outlook.com.
- **KIDS FOR CHRIST** We are getting ready for another fun year of Kids for Christ! Any youth who will be entering grades K-6 this fall are welcome and invited to attend. The first day will be September 15th. We meet after school each Wednesday until 5pm. An afterschool snack is always provided. You are responsible for transportation. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Kyla at kylaoslc@outlook.com.

Jr & Sr High

- **YOUTH FUN NIGHT** All youth entering grades 7-12 this fall are invited to a fun night at Chautauqua Park on Sunday, August 15th from 6-8pm. A pizza supper will be provided and we will have a variety of games set up (wiffle ball, spike ball, sand volleyball, etc) as well as have some free time together. Please RSVP to Kyla by August 13th so that food can be planned accordingly.
- **CONFIRMATION** A Confirmation Family Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30pm. All 7-9th graders and at least one adult should plan to attend. There is A LOT of information given out at this meeting so please do your very best to be in attendance. 10th graders should be completing their time with their mentors this summer to complete their confirmation expectations. If you have any questions regarding our confirmation program, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Emmy or Pastor Kyle.
- **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** Senior High Youth Group for youth in grades 10-12 will begin regular meeting times again on September 15th! Friends welcome! We meet in the youth room at OSLC on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 7:30-8:30pm. We enjoy conversation together, play games, eat snacks, and just enjoy having some down time together with friends. Contact Kyla for more information!
- **SUMMER YOUTH TRIP** 22 amazing 7-12 graders from OSLC, Faith, Trinty, and friends, enjoyed a day of service together at The Neighborhood Church in Fargo on July 19th! We did landscaping work to make their church more welcoming and inviting, deep cleaned the entire inside of the church, helped to create an outdoor food pantry, prepped and served some of their congregation a meal that we enjoyed with them, and ended the day with a RedHawks game. It was a wonderful day of service and being a church together! Thank you to our congregation for the food pantry donations as they were greatly appreciated!

My August office hours will vary but can be found on my calendar. 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**

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Youth Fun Day at Chautauqua Park! All youth entering grades K-6 are invited to attend! 2-5pm	10 Youth Director Office Hours 10:30-11:30am	11	12 Youth Director Office Hours 10:30-11:30am	13	14
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Worship In-Person at 8:30 or 10:00 am.

Worship from Home continues on Facebook Live at 8:30am and Radio Broadcast at 11:00 am. Bulletins are available on our website at www.oursaviorsvc.org or call the church office (845-1328) if you would like to be put on the list to have one mailed to you.

Note: Worship Time Changes again in September.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP GATHERING

Tuesday, August 3

6:30 PM

1305 Chautauqua Blvd Parsonage

Let's gather for a short-ish worship service together. We'll sing, hear scripture, reflect on God's grace, and receive Holy Communion. Please bring your own chair.

Following the service, we'll have a "Roof, Roof Reception" to celebrate that we have met our fundraising goal for the Flat Roof Project. Hope you can join us in the party!



AUGUST BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Two options: Pick your challenge.

If you started reading the book of Psalms last month, keep reading it. The prayer poems in the book of Psalm remind us to trust in God, even amidst the trials of this life.

Want a new challenge? Read the Old Testament book of Malachi. About the book: "Congregations all have their ups and downs, periods of energy and success, too often followed by a let-down. This book addresses exactly that situation. The effort and enthusiasm of the exiles as they returned from Babylon and rebuilt the temple have been followed by a lethargy and slovenliness even among priests. Malachi's message urges us today to restore our dedication and faithfulness as we await the coming Day of the Lord." From enterthebible.org.

BIBLE BOOK CLUB

Meets on Tuesday, August 17 at 3:00 pm in the Gathering Room. This month we'll explore the Old Testament book of Malachi. You are welcome to come whether you've read the book or not.

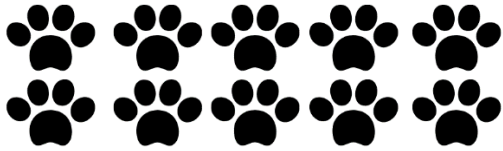
MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Meets Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Gathering Room.

This summer, we're exploring the story of King David. Come when you can! Through the stories of David, we'll discover how God is at work in our lives, too! Bring a Bible or borrow one from the church.

MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Meets Saturday morning at 7:30 am in the Gathering Room. All men are invited. Enjoy conversation and digging into God's Word together.



Wow! Yay! We did it!

You are “paw-sitively” amazing! Your generosity was “unleashed” and we’ve met our fundraising goal of \$105,000 for the “Roof, Roof” Flat Roof Project. Thank you for your support which enables good stewardship of our church home.

Now, let’s party! Join us for a “Paw-rtty” on Tuesday, August 3. We’ll gather in the backyard of the 1305 Chautauqua Parsonage at 6:30 for a short worship service, with a reception to follow.

Know that donations can continue to be earmarked for the Capital Campaign. Those dollars will go towards other much needed updates to our building.

Red Willow Quilt Auction, August 28!

Red Willow Ministries is excited to put on our annual Quilt Auction, Saturday, August 28.

10:00 a.m. Viewing in the gym

11-12:30 a.m. Picnic Lunch

1:00p.m. Live Auction

10:00-2:30 p.m.: Silent Auction in the Chapel

2:30p.m.: Raffle Drawing

Quilt auction donation forms and absentee bidder forms can be found on our website

at www.redwillowministries.com/happenings

Like us on Facebook

(www.facebook.com/RedWillowMinistries) to view some quilts as they become available.

Hope to see you there!

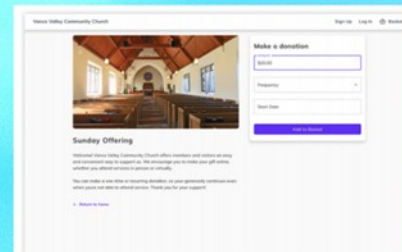
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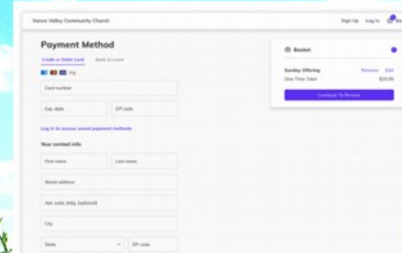
Summertime and the giving is easy

Go to www.oursaviorsvc.org to make a donation or set up recurring contributions.



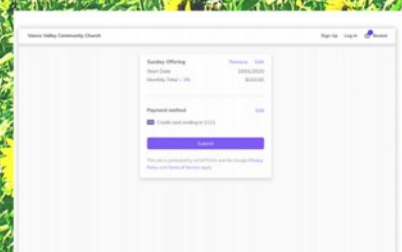
1 Select Your Funds and Amount

Select your fund and click the **Donate** button. Next, choose a donation amount and frequency, then proceed to payment.



2 Enter Payment Method

Enter your credit card, debit card or bank account information. Sign up for an account to save your information for future donations.



3 Complete Your Donation

Review and complete your gift by clicking Submit.

Good Samaritans-Quilters Update:

Mission Quilts—7
Quilts for Sale—2



We welcome donations of fabric and gently used flat sheets.
Thank you for your recent donations!

If you are interested in purchasing a quilt at anytime, contact the church office at 845-1328.



Wednesday, August 18th, Vitalant will be hosting a blood drive at Our Savior's from 11:30 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. To make an appointment to donate, visit vitalant.org. Needed for the day are volunteers to serve as receptionists. If you'd like to volunteer or want more information, contact Ruth Larson at 845-4757.

Thank you

REMINDER: Due to damage on the West Entrance steps, please do not use that entrance at this time. During the week, please enter through the North Parking Lot doors. The South doors will be open on Sundays and for funerals.

From time to time the **church sends email updates** to the congregation. If you'd like to add your email to the list, please email the church office at oslcvalleycity@msn.com

Radio Broadcast Dates for 2021 are available. Sponsor a broadcast in honor or memory of someone or just because. Broadcast is \$100. Contact the church office at 845-1328 to reserve a date.

Missionary Sponsorship dates for 2021 are available. Claim a date on the calendar above the information counter. A donation of \$25 per day shows your support of Global Health Ministries and our ELCA Missionaries, Willie and Anne Langdji who serve as Regional Representatives in Western Africa. Donations may be made online or clearly earmarked in your offering.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Church Building Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday – Closed

Sunday 8:00 am – Noon

Contact Information

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

Lutheran World Relief School Kits!

The need is always great, but this year the pandemic affected the normal process for collection and delivery, plus the explosion in Beirut destroyed some of the parcels already on the way to those in need.

WELCA is again asking for your support by donating supplies to fill school bags.

Each school kit consists of:

- four 70-sheet notebooks
- 1 box of 16 or 24 ct. crayons
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 ruler
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened pencils
- 5 black or blue ball-point pens
- one 2 1/2" eraser



School supplies go on sale about this time of year, so it is a wonderful time to get the best deals. There is a drop-off in the hallway for your donations. Thank you in advance for your donations and for your ongoing support of Lutheran World Relief.



Prayer for Back to School

At the start of the school year, we are beginning something new

New things can be exciting

New things can be scary

New things can be wonderful

New things can be confusing

God, you are always with us

You are with us when things are exciting, or scary, or wonderful, or confusing

You are with us every day

And all the time

God, please help us to feel your presence with us on the first day of school, and every day, Amen

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Did you know that there are cards for sale at the church?

Sending cards can be a beautiful way of sharing God's love with our neighbors. Boxes of sympathy, get well, and other greeting cards are available at the church. Boxes range in price from \$6-\$7 dollars. Individual cards are also available. This is a ministry of the Women of Our Saviors'. Money for the cards can be left in the church office. Checks can be made to Women of Our Savior's.

The cards are in a NEW location – in the West Entrance area, around the corner from the church offices.



FREE BOOKS

Copies of the Good News Bible, With One Voice Hymnal, and The Hymnal for Worship & Celebration are available and yours for the taking. These books have served us well here at the church. Now, it's not time for them to find a new home. Books are available on the rack in the back of the sanctuary. Help yourself.

REMEMBER & Rejoice

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 14th

As we step into fall, it's a chance for us to come together as a congregation. We'll remember God's promises that have kept us through this past year. We'll rejoice in the good news of Jesus love.

Whether you've been back in worship, worshipping from home, or are just ready to get connected again... this will be a great Sunday to be together again.

Watch for more information in the September newsletter.

"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him." -Psalm 22:27



Our Savior's Lutheran Church July Council Meeting Highlights:

Flat Roof Project & West Entrance: The Property Committee is still in conversation with the roofing company about final billing, taking into account the add ons to the project and the water damage in the building during the construction time. The Committee is still working to secure a contractor who will pour concrete steps for the West Entrance.

Pandemic Plan Restart: The Congregation & Family Life Committee plans to call a meeting of the Servant Group Coordinators to discuss Sunday morning coffee hour & funeral lunches. At present time, both have been put on hold. As we look to the fall, the committee will ask for the coordinators input regarding best plans for moving forward.

President/Vice President: Last month, Paige Bjornson resigned from her role as President due to changes in her work. The Council approved Vice President Mike Strom to move into the role of President. The Council brainstormed candidates to fill the Vice President role for the remaining half of the year.

Capital Campaign: The Council agreed to move forward again with a Capital Campaign this fall. The Campaign was put on hold in March of 2020. In order to be good stewards of this building, there are a number of projects that need tending to in the coming years. A Campaign will allow us to raise funds and move forward with projects.

Transitions in the Congregation:

Deaths: Dale Hildebrant, Kathleen (Kay) Winter-nonmember, Cindy Larson-nonmember, Inez Eggert, Pat Mosal – nonmember, John Mosal-nonmember

Baptisms: Laikkyn Rose Newman

New Members: Matthew & Courtney Jorissen; Elsie, Quinn

A copy of the previous month's minutes is available on the bulletin board near the church offices.



Our Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly will meet August 14-15 in Fargo. The synod-wide gathering is an opportunity to celebrate the mission and ministry of our synod as well as plan for the future.

Voting members from Our Savior's are John Thompson, Kara Kramin, Janet Brown, Searle Swedlund, Pastor Emmy Swedlund, and Pastor Kyle Symanski.

Check out www.eandsynod.org or the synod Facebook page to learn more and get glimpses into our time together.



Image credit: <https://barngeeseworship.com/the-gospel-according-to-bread/>

"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever...you shall live forever. And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day." – *"I Am the Bread of Life" ELW #485, verse 2*

Once every three years, our church readings invite us to read all of John 6, an extended metaphor on Jesus as the bread of life,...for five....straight....weeks.

Like that loaf of sandwich bread that sits on top of your fridge for a few days to long, our occasional trudge through John 6 can quickly get a little stale. But, this year, we'll hope to bring a new energy to these classic gospels with the help of our friends at Barn Geese Worship.

As we walk through these this theme in worship, we'd invite you to explore them in your daily practice as well. Read John 6 a few times this month. Make some bread. Share a meal with friends. Feed 5,000 people?! Or maybe try this short meditation that you can do with whatever bread you have around your home. Maybe it makes sense to try this during your normal prayer or devotional time, or maybe before a meal in place of your table grace. Whatever works for you, give it a try. Even if it seems silly. We don't always understand Jesus. But we need him, like daily bread, every single day to sustain and satisfy us. And in prayer, meditation, and devotion, we often experience God in new and unexpected ways.

So grab a slice and settle in...and experience the good news that is the gospel according to bread.

1. Find a comfortable position, with your feet resting on the floor and your arms relaxed at your side. Take a few deep breaths, in and out.
2. First, hold the bread on your open palm. Just hold it. Notice the weight of it. Is it heavier than you thought it would be? Lighter? Touch it with your fingers and note the texture. Close your eyes. Smell the bread. Does it remind you of anything else or is it unique? Notice what effects the scent has on your body.
3. Now take a moment to consider all of the people involved in bringing this food to you. Farmers who grew the grain, people who harvested it, truck drivers who transported it, factory or mill workers, bakers, shelf-stockers, storekeepers — there are hundreds if not thousands of people whose labor created this simple occasion of bread in your hand. Take a moment to consider them. Imagine what they look like, how hard they work to support themselves and their families.
4. Then widen your consideration further. Consider all the conditions necessary to create this food. What weather did it need? Sunshine or rain? What plants were involved? What threats were there to its growth—wind or drought or animals or insects?
5. Now, bite into the bread and chew. Try to notice every movement. Do only one thing right now. Only chew and eat. Does the flavor change? How is the texture different? Then finally, when you do swallow, see how far down you can feel that bread go.
6. End with a moment of silent thanks for the food you've eaten.
7. Finally, hear these words of promise: The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever...and I will raise you up on the last day. Amen.

Wishing you good health and God's peace,