

Dear People of Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Lest you forget.
Remember: You are so loved by God.
The maker of heaven and earth loves you.
Loves you just as you are.

Are you tired?
Are you weary?
Are you frustrated?
Are you worn?

The maker of heaven and earth loves you.
Loves you just as you are.

Are you angry?
Are you sad?
Are you confused?
Are you feeling put out?

The Maker of heaven and earth love you.
Loves you just as you are.

Are content?
Are you satisfied?
Are you comfortable?
Are you filled with glee?

The Maker of heaven and earth loves you.
Loves you just as you.

Remember the words of the Apostle Paul
For I am convinced that nothing
Neither death nor life
Nor angels nor rulers
Nor things present nor things to come.
Nor powers, nor height, nor death
Nor anything else in all creation
Can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Maker of heaven and earth loves you.
Loves you just as you are.

May that promise be enough for you today.
May that promise hold you all your days.
May that promise set your heart and your mind and your soul free.

Grace and peace to you,
Pastor Emmy



Our Savior's Lutheran Church June Council Meeting Highlights:

Flat Roof Project: The punch list items on the project have been completed. A final billing has not yet been received.

West Entrance: Six companies were sent bid requests to replace the West Entrance Steps. No bids were received. The Property Committee will continue to explore possibilities. The congregation is encouraged to use the North Parking Lot Door to enter the church during the week.

Aesthetic & Design Team: The "A Team" will work to freshen up the interior of the church building and provide input to longer term décor plans. Members of the team include LouVay White, Katie Sather, Tristan Johnson, and Brenna Schroeder.

Pandemic Plan Update: The council reviewed updated CDC guidelines related to mask wearing. Masks are not necessary for those who have been vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated or are vulnerable are encouraged to wear masks.

Committee Charters: The committees have been asked to complete a review of their committee charters/job descriptions. The hope is to update these to more accurately reflect the work that the committees do.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion: The Council was led by Pastor Dayne Zachrison, from Epworth United Methodist Church, in completing a SWOT analysis related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. We considered Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats related to how D,E, & I connects with the ministry and values of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Transitions in the Congregation:

Deaths: Wendy Kunze

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

ADDITIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL ITEM

With regret, Paige Bjornson submitted her resignation from President of the OSLC Council effective June 15th. She has accepted a new position with Dakota Bank which will require more travel and a work schedule that will not allow participation in Wednesday evening meetings. She gives thanks for having had the chance to serve in this role.

We give thanks for Paige's faithful leadership while on the council. Vice President, Mike Strom, will provide leadership as the Council determines the pathway ahead.

Give Online



You can give on our website at www.oursaviorsvc.org. Scroll down and click the blue "Give Online" button. You can give a onetime gift or set up monthly or weekly giving.

Thanks for your generosity!

Your gifts continue to support God's work in this world.

- **Offerings to the General Budget** support the ongoing work of our congregation.
- **Donations for the Capital Campaign** continue to be welcomed. These donations will help pay for the Flat Roof Project and other needs for our building.
- **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.
- **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.

\$7,186

The **CROP Hunger Walk on May 5, 2021** raised \$7,186 for hunger ministries around the world through Church World Service and the Barnes County Food Pantry. **THANK YOU** for your generous support of this community project.

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

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

Good Samaritans-Quilters Update:

Mission Quilts—11

Quilts for Sale—10



Please join us for our Quilt Sale on Wed, July 28 starting at 9:00am during Crazy Days.

Quilts for sale can be located outside on the west side of the church and inside the gathering room.

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.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

This month in worship we're taking a deep dive into the **Gospel of Mark, Chapter 6**. We'll walk with Jesus as he returns to his hometown, deals with the death of John the Baptizer, heals the sick, and feeds a crowd.

Worship In-Person at 8:30 or 10:00 am. A note from your church council: In keeping with CDC guidelines, those who are vaccinated no longer need to wear masks in worship and those who are not vaccinated or are vulnerable are encouraged to wear masks.

Worship from Home continues on Facebook Live at 8:30 am 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.

MIDWEEK OUTDOOR WORSHIP

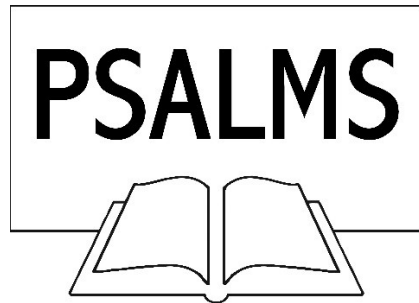
Tuesdays July 6 and 20
6:30 PM
Bandshell at City Park

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. In case of inclement weather, the worship services will be cancelled.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

JULY'S BIBLE READING CHALLENGE



It's a BIG one!

Read the entire book of Psalms this month, by reading 3 chapters each day. Read one chapter at breakfast, one at lunch, and one at dinner. By the end of the month you will have read through all 150 Psalms.

BIBLE BOOK CLUB

Meets on Tuesday, July 13 at 3:00 pm in the Gathering Room to discuss the second half of the Gospel of John. Come whether you've read the book or not! Listen, share your perspective, ask question. Join in a time informal conversation about how God's Word meets us.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Meets Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Gathering Room. This summer, we'll explore 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.

**YOUTH DIRECTOR AND
YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Youth Director Office Hours 9:15-10:15am	7	8 Youth Director Office Hours 9:15-10:15am	9	10
11	12 Youth Director Office Hours 9:15-10:15am	13 Youth Director Office Hours 9:15-10:15am	14	15	16	17
18	19 7-12 Grade Youth Trip to Fargo!	20	21 Youth Director Office Hours 9:15-10:15am	22	23	24
25	26	27 Youth Director Office Hours 9:15-10:15am	28 Youth Director Office Hours 9:15-10:15am	29	30	31

Pre K - 6th Grade

- **VBS!** What a wonderful three days we had as we worshipped together with approximately 100 people between our youth and our volunteers! WOW! We had 20 Preschool youth attend, 51 youth in grades 1-6 attend, 17 junior and senior high volunteers, and numerous adult volunteers as well! THANK YOU all for your attendance, your support, and your time! I could not put this event on without your help and I am so thankful for all of you. It was wonderful having counselors from Red Willow Bible Camp with us once again to help lead our 1st through 6th grade group and many of those youth are now looking forward to attending camp this summer! There are still some spots available for any youth interested in attending Red Willow Bible Camp so please contact me if you have any questions.
- **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. Please RSVP to Kyla by July 26th 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!
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Registration information will come towards the start of the 2021-2022 school year. If anyone is interested in helping with Sunday School next year, please contact Katie Sather at 701-490-2574 or oslcsundayschool@outlook.com.
- **KIDS FOR CHRIST** Registration information will come towards the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Any youth entering Kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall are welcome to attend! For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Kyla at kylaoslc@outlook.com.

Jr & Sr High

- **SUMMER YOUTH TRIP JULY 19!** All current 7-12 graders are invited on a one day youth trip to Fargo on Monday, July 19th! We will do some volunteering, some fun activities, and catch a Red Hawks game at the end of the day! I am SO excited to be able to spend this time with our youth once again this summer! A sign up went out to all OSLC families. Friends are also welcome to sign up and attend! The first 40 to sign up will get to go! Contact Kyla with any questions.
- **CONFIRMATION** Current 9th graders should be preparing for their time with their mentors this summer to complete their confirmation expectations. More information regarding their mentors was mailed to each individual family. Registration information for the 2021-2022 7th—9th graders will come out towards the start of the next school year. 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 continues to meet throughout the summer! All 10-12th grade youth are invited to join in on the fun! A day trip to Fargo on June 23rd was our first outing and we enjoyed food, fellowship, and an escape room! Watch for more outing information for a fun day in July. Contact Kyla for more information on this fun group!

My July 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

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July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">SUMMER IS HERE!</p>				1	2	3 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
4 8:30am In person Worship 8:30am Facebook Live 10:00am In person Worship 11:00am Radio broadcast	5 Office Closed	6 9:00am Good Samaritans-Quilters 9:30am Text Study 6:30pm Outdoor Worship-City park band shell	7 9:30am Bible Study	8	9	10 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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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