

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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June 2021



Reminder:
Summer Sunday
Worship Times
8:30 & 10:00 am

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Tuesday, June 15 | 6:30 pm
Chautauqua Parsonage Backyard

A short worship with Holy
Communion. Bring your own chair.

Following worship, a reception
honoring the marriage of Pastor Kyle
& Pastor Sharayah will be held.



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Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00am Good Samaritan Quilters 9:30am Text Study	2 9:30am Bible Study	3 	4	5 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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CROP Hunger Walk – Thank you!

Over 100 people participated in the CROP WALK for HUNGER held May 5. Participants walked the 'Jefferson Mile' to raise money for hunger and development projects around the world, and to remember that people in developing countries often have to walk 3.5 miles just to get the water they need each day. Thanks to all your donations to support local and global ministries. Every dollar you shared makes a difference.



June's Bible Reading Challenge is to read the Gospel of John. In this Gospel, readers will find that Jesus communicates the will of God by the words he speaks, by the miracles he performs, by the death he dies in love for others, and by rising to life. A reading guide is available on the information counter or find Bible Study tools at enterthebible.org.

Bible Book Club meets on Tuesday, June 15 at 3:00 pm in the Gathering Room. 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.



Meets Every Wednesday at 9:30am-Gathering Room

This summer, we'll be 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. "We may not be royalty like David, and we may not even sin as spectacularly as he did. But we are sinners, and still we are beloved of God. And God can still use us as part of God's plan for the world. Crazy talk? Maybe, but crazy good news too." (from *Crazy Talk*)

Bring a Bible or borrow one from the church.

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.

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ND YouTube: OSLC Valley City

No Foolin' Pastor Kyle and Pastor Sharayah
were married on April 1, 2020.
It's FINALLY time to party with them!



You are invited:

Join us on June 15th in their backyard, 1305 Chautauqua Blvd

Reception will be held following following the 6:30 pm Outdoor Worship service that night.

Note: The pandemic caused this reception to be postponed this fall. The Women of Our Savior's are looking forward to hosting this event in their honor.

Let your presence be your gift.



BABY ITEMS NEEDED

Do you have unneeded baby clothing items? Do you see baby clothing at garage sales that you would be willing to pick up? The following items are needed for Lutheran World Relief Baby Kits that are sent to countries lacking in supplies. Please leave any items in the box in the north entrance of Our Savior's Lutheran Church or call 840-1711 for questions/pickup. (Note onesies can be used as they are altered. Flannel sheets and material to make diapers and blankets are greatly appreciated.) Any unused items will be donated to the Community Closet. Thank you!

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH BABY CARE KIT

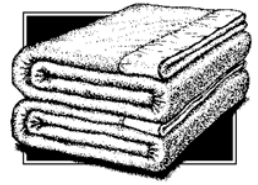
- TWO lightweight cotton t-shirt (no Onesies)
- TWO long-or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO pairs of socks
- ONE hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 or 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

A Message from the Good Samaritan Quilters



What the Quilters Completed this Month:

- 14— Mission quilts
- 4—Quilts for sale
- 4—Graduate quilts
- 2—Baby quilts



Lutheran World Relief

Earlier this year, an alert went out from LWR headquarters that the shelves were bare of Personal Care Kits. Our congregation responded with the donation of many towels, soap and monetary donations. As a result, 154 Personal Care Kits, also 29 Baby Care Kits and 69 Quilts were taken to Midwest Motors in Fargo this Spring. This is the "first leg" of the trip of these supplies, next going to the regional warehouse in Minneapolis and then shipped to those in need around the world.

Thank you so much for all who donated supplies, to those who assembled the kits and made quilts and those who took the items to Fargo. God Bless!

Even during a pandemic, the number of Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts from Our Savior's Lutheran was amazing. Member met in small Covid safe groups to assemble and send the following in 2020: 80 School kits, 60 Baby Care, 572 Personal Care Kits, 65 Quilts. What blessings these supplies are to those in need. Thank you everyone!

We will be featuring Baby Care Kits next but always need bath towels, hand towels, (towels need be new but in good condition and preferable dark) and soap, both Ivory and regular. Also flannel sheets, that we use for diapers and blankets. Then come July, when the school supplies come out, it's time to feature School Kits. So appreciative of your support and donations!!

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.

YOUTH DIRECTOR AND YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Youth Director Office Hours 10:30-11:30am	2 Youth Director Office Hours 10:30-11:30am	3	4	5
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Pre K - 6th Grade

- **VBS IS HAPPENING JUNE 9-11!** This amazing event is FREE of charge to you thanks to the amazing ongoing support of OSLC! We are SO excited to be teaming up once again with Red Willow Bible Camp! Youth entering grades 1-6 will meet 9am-3pm the 9th and 10th and from 9am-12pm with a closing program at 11:30am on the 11th. All lunch and snacks are provided. Youth entering Kindergarten in 2021 and 2022 will meet 9-11:30am the 9th and 10th and from 9am-12pm with a closing program at 11:30am on the 11th. Snacks will be provided all three days and lunch will be provided on the last day. Registration has closed for this event, but if you did not register in time, please contact Kyla to see if openings are available or to get on the waiting list.
- **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! More details to come soon, BUT, if you want to claim your spot on the bus, let Kyla know! The first 40 to sign up will get to go!
- **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 will be coming out soon. 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.
- **TASTY TUESDAY** We have wrapped up our Tasty Tuesdays! Even though we were unable to serve Senior High Lunch this year, I'm pretty sure we still reached out to some amazing youth...A few numbers for you...During the 2020-2021 school year, our Tasty Tuesday served:
 1. 132 cupcakes
 2. 432 donuts
 3. 3,510 brownies (This is more than 500 boxes of brownie mix!)
 4. Over 3,000 Bible verses or inspirational messages of hope and God's love!
- **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** Senior High Youth Group has wrapped up their meetings for the school year but will continue to meet here and there throughout the summer! All 10-12th grade youth are invited to join in on the fun! A day trip to Fargo on June 23rd will be the first outing! Contact Kyla for more information.

My June office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30am. However, please feel free to contact me anytime at kylaoslc@outlook.com or 840-4540.

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



Our Savior's Lutheran Church May Council Meeting Highlights:

Review Pandemic Plan: The Council reviewed and updated the church's pandemic plan, which had last been updated in December 2021. The plan was updated to align with current realities, such as allowing congregation singing. Please note: The CDC guidelines related those being vaccinated no longer needing to wear masks were announced the day after the Council Meeting. The Council will likely again review our plan at our June meeting.

Summer Worship: Beginning in June Sunday Summer worship will be held at 8:30 & 10:00 am. Online options will also continue. Outdoor Midweek Worship opportunities will also be offered over the summer.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion: Earlier this year, some members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church invited the church council to consider having our congregation be more intentional about lifting up issues related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. As a way to further consider this invitation, the Council will do a SWOT Analysis at our June meeting to consider the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats of this invitation. This process will allow us to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit and think about how this invitation connects with the mission & values of this church and its members.

Transitions in the Congregation:

Deaths: Barbara Berg, Anne Bearfield, Don Flateau & Carol Flateau (burials)

Baptisms: Navy J. Marthaler

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



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.



During the summer season, the church is dressed in GREEN.

GREEN reminds us to GROW & GO!

We GROW in our faith.

We GO to share the love of Jesus.

SUNDAY MORNING

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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 15th at the 1305 Chautauqua Parsonage Backyard. We'll hear God's Word together and share Holy Communion. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Following the service stay for a reception to celebrate the marriage of Pastor Kyle and Pastor Sharayah.



Thank you for your generous support of our shared ministry.

- An offering plate is in the back of the sanctuary at our in-person worship opportunities.
- Offerings may be mailed to the church office at 138 3rd St NW.
- 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.
- Contact the Church office if you wish to set up recurring offering through simply giving.

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.



In the days right before Sharayah and I packed up and hit the road for California, we spent most of our time planting, weeding, watering, and preparing our garden for the summer. Our set up is a little more chaotic than most, consisting of not just flower beds and pots, but buckets, baskets, bricks, sideways bookshelves, and just about whatever we have that a flower or vegetable can grow in.

Elbow deep in dirt, I reflected on the amount of time, money, and energy we spend on our summer hobby. Sometimes when things don't work out the way that you want them, you think to yourself how much easier it would be to buy green peppers at Leever's than wait a few months for them to grow. But there's no fun in that...

Summer is the season of growth, and I don't think that has to be just for our plants. This year especially, after another long pandemic season, I have found that while I spend countless hours fending off sunburn and moths for the sake of those fresh garden veggies, I also have found some precious moments to catch my breath and to re-center myself on God's work, call, and presence all around me.

Pr. Lou Florio in an issue of *Living Lutheran* magazine, put it like this:

"We, too, grow by the grace of God. The seed of faith has been planted in our hearts, and our history, surroundings and dispositions affect us much like soil. Worse, life can be hot and dry or too stormy, threatening to wither us, outside of our control. So like the local fields, we need tending....Growth requires balance — daily rest and work centered on and fed by the love of God... Still, our shared hope remains as in Paul's long ago prayer; that all of us together may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as we bear fruit in every good work and as we grow in the knowledge of God (Col. 1:10)."

I pray that this coming season may be one of growth for you as well, dear friends. Whether you find yourself gathered to worship from the pews or from the lake, weeding your garden, hitting the open road, or catching up on needed alone time or family time, God is there too — elbow deep in dirt — ensuring that we bloom into our fullest, most beautiful and beloved selves.

Wishing you good health and God's peace,

Pr. Kyle