

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
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October 2021



**Sunday, October 3**

*Appeal Kick-Off Sunday*

Worship at 8:30 & 11:00

Celebrate what the Holy Spirit is up to at Our Savior's Lutheran Church!

**Sunday, October 17th**






*Mission Fest Sunday*

Worship at 8:30 & 11:00

All Morning: Check out the Mission Fair booths, highlighting all the ministries that we share together!

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## October 2021

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<b>3 Appeal Kick Off Day</b> 8:30am Worship 8:30am Facebook Live 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 11:00am Radio Broadcast	4 11:15am 9th Grade Sr. High Lunch 12:15pm 10th-12th Grade Sr. High Lunch	5 9:00am Ministerial 9:00am Good Samaritans-Quilting	6 9:30am Bible Study 3:00pm Kids for Christ 6:00pm Youth Gathering 6:30pm Confirmation	7 	8	2 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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<b>17 Bible Sunday-PreK &amp; 3graders</b> All Morning Mission Fair 8:30am Worship 8:30am Facebook Live 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Flu Shots-Library 11:00am Worship 11:00am Radio Broadcast 5:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures 6:00pm Confirmation Banquet	18 11:15am 9th Grade Sr. High Lunch 12:15pm 10th-12th Grade Sr. High Lunch	19 9:00am Good Samaritans-Quilting 9:30am Text Study 	20 9:30am Bible Study 3:00pm Kids for Christ 6:00pm Youth Gathering 6:30pm Confirmation Adventure night	21 	22	23 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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<b>31 Reformation Sunday</b> 8:30am Worship 8:30am Facebook Live 9:45am Sunday School Confirmation Reception 11:00am Worship with Affirmation of Baptism 11:00am Radio Broadcast						

## October 2021 Youth Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Sunday School 9:45-10:45am	4 Senior High Lunch 9th Grade 11:15—11:45am 10th—12th Grade 12:15—12:45pm	5 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	6 Youth Director Office Hours 1:00-3:00pm Kids for Christ After school—5pm Confirmation Gathering Time—6:00-6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30-8:00pm Senior High Youth Group 7:30-8:30pm	7	8	9
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# Pre K - 6th Grade

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday School runs from 9:45-10:45am each week. 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 is currently open online, and the link is on the OSLC website under the Youth Ministries link. Please contact Katie Sather with any questions at [oslcsundayschool@outlook.com](mailto:oslcsundayschool@outlook.com).
- **BIBLE SUNDAY** We will be presenting children's bibles to our Pre-K and 3rd Grade youth on Sunday, October 17th at the 11am worship service. Thank you to the Jeff Nathan family for the donation of the bibles and to Ruth Nathan for the donation of the beautiful magnetic bookmarks.
- **KIDS FOR CHRIST** Any youth entering grades K-6 this fall are welcome and invited to attend Kids for Christ! We meet each Wednesday after school 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](mailto:kylaoslc@outlook.com).

# Jr & Sr High

- **CONFIRMATION FOR 7-9TH GRADERS** Confirmation meets on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm. 6:00—6:30pm is an optional gathering time for youth to hang out in the youth room and enjoy some snacks. Confirmation class runs from 6:30—8:00pm. If you have any questions regarding our confirmation program, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Emmy or Pastor Kyle.
- **CONFIRMATION FOR 10TH GRADERS** 10th graders, please save the following dates!
  - **Sunday, October 17th**—Rehearsal for Confirmation Sunday at 5pm. Celebration Banquet for our Confirmands to follow at 6pm. This banquet is for all Confirmands, their immediate families, and their mentors.
  - **Sunday, October 31st**—Confirmation Sunday during worship at 11am. There will be a reception and program for all Confirmands at 9:45am in the large dining room. Please arrive by 9:30am.
- **SENIOR HIGH LUNCH** Senior High Lunch is back! 9th grade comes over during their lunch time at 11:15 and 10th-12th grade comes over during their lunch time at 12:15. It has been wonderful to have so many youth join me in the small dining room for lunch, a prayer/devotion, and fellowship with friends. The first week, 38 youth attended and the second week we had 70! So exciting! All are welcome!
- **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** Senior High Youth Group for grades 10-12 typically meets 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. This month we will meet on October 6th from 7:30-8:30, but on the 20th we are going to extend our time together from 7:00-8:30pm for a Halloween Party! Come and enjoy a Halloween movie, special treats, and lots of fun! Contact Kyla for more information.
- **HONEY SUNDAY** We will once again be supporting the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch with their annual Honey Sunday event! Order your bottles of honey from our amazing youth on Sunday, October 10th or 17th before or after worship. Just \$10 a bottle and all of the money raised will go to the Ranch in support of their youth programming. Thank you for your continued support of this event!

My office hours are Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00am and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00pm. However, please feel free to contact me anytime at [kylaoslc@outlook.com](mailto:kylaoslc@outlook.com) or 840-4540.

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

**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.

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**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.

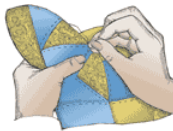
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**Radio Broadcast Dates for 2021 are available.** Sponsor a broadcast in honor or memory of someone or just because. Broadcast is \$100. Contact the church office at 845-1328 to reserve a date.

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#### **Good Samaritans-Quilters Update:**

The past month the quilters finished 30 quilts. Two were donated to Red Willow Bible Camp for their annual Quilt Auction. One quilt sold for \$160 and the other for \$170. The total of \$330.00 went to Red Willow Bible Camp. 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.



QUILTING GROUP

**October 31--Reformation Sunday**  
**9:30am Confirmation Reception**

**11:00am Worship Service with**  
**Affirmation of Baptism**



#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Please note: Please use the North Parking Lot Door to enter the church during the week.** The stairs at the West Entrance by the church office are unsafe at this time.

#### **Contact Information**

Church Office

845-1328

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Youth Director, Kyla Festch

Cell – 840-4540

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



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

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**Be sure to check out our Mission Fair all morning on Sunday, October 17th.**







In October, bring donations for the Barnes County Food Pantry.

Items needed include:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned fruit
- Boxes of macaroni and cheese
- Personal care items including fully size shampoo and conditioner.

Items may be placed on the shelf inside the Gathering Room doors.



The LORD hath done  
*great things*  
for us; whereof  
*we are glad.*

~PSALM 126:3, KJV~

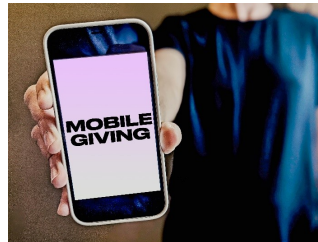


Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We do more together than any of us can do alone.

Together, in September...

- We welcomed over 50 kids back to Sunday School
- We collected socks & underwear for the Community Closet
- We collected items for and assembled 133 Personal Care Kits, 24 Baby Care Kits, and 123 School Kits to be shared around the world through Lutheran World Relief.
- We joined with Faith Lutheran Church to share our Confirmation Program together for this year.

Your offerings make these and so many more ministries possible. Thank you!



#### GIVE ONLINE

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is able to accept gifts to our ministry online through Credit or Debit Card. There are two ways:

1. Visit our website [www.oursaviorsvc.org](http://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!



## A Note from Our Missionaries

From left to right, Rev. Joseph Ngoe, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (ELCCAR), Anne, Rev. Rachel Doumbaye, Vice President of the ELCCAR, Willie, Rev. Dr. Jeannette Ada Maina, Vice President of the Lutheran World Federation for Africa.

### **Relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (ELCCAR)**

Accompaniment is relationship. This is the foundation of mission. The ELCA has relationships all over the globe, many dating from the time of its predecessor churches. These continue to be built and sustained. Each of the relationships is unique and has its joys and sorrows. That is what makes accompaniment a true relationship, similar to Jesus's own experience on the road to Emmaus in which Jesus leaves his disciples with several questions such as, "who is this man who does not know or has not heard the big news yet says he lives amongst us?"

In recent years the relationship between the ELCCAR and its partners has faced some challenges leaving both the church and partners with a lot of questions like the disciples on the road to Emmaus. But since the ELCCAR and partners have the conviction that we all are part of God's Mission, we have turned to God for answers to the many questions facing their relationship.

In March, the church and its international partners, including the ELCA, met to begin conversation on the way forward in this important relationship. Due to the pandemic international partners couldn't travel to CAR, but also because of the digital gap a virtual meeting from CAR was hard to arrange. The newly elected president and vice president of the ELCCAR had to travel from Bouar in CAR to Yaounde in Cameroon to access better internet connections for the meetings. The trip also opened opportunities to connect with the three ELCA companion synods (Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast, Eastern North Dakota and Western North Dakota), the Lutheran World Federation Africa region and the Lutheran Office for World Community (LOWC-our ELCA colleagues at the UN in New York).

We ask prayers for the church in CAR and its partners as the ELCCAR seeks to serve God's people in a very challenging situation.

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**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.



## September Council Meeting Highlights

**Capital Campaign Updates:** With the leadership of Pastor Blair Anderson, from New Horizons Consulting, our Capital Appeal is underway for this Fall. In September, he met with folks from the congregation to gauge our congregation's readiness and excitement for this process. A number of teams have been formed to provide leadership for the Appeal. The Appeal will publicly kick-off on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Building Need Updates:** The Flat Roof Project has been completed. Conversations with the roofing company regarding who is responsible for water damage during the construction process are still underway. No billing has been received at this time. The West Stairs are still in need of repair. The Property Committee continues to try to look for a contractor to complete the work.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** The council has appointed a Team to discuss how Our Savior's might continue to have conversations and educational opportunities related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The group has met once and will look forward to meeting again. They will continue to take small, thoughtful steps in their work.

### Transitions in the congregation:

Deaths: Ronita Haws (non-member), Phyllis Singer, Sonja Hefty, Marlys Bjerke (non-member), Dale Hanson



## Bible Study Opportunities:

### Wednesday Bible Study

Meets at 9:30 am in the Gathering. Come to be encouraged in your faith, dig into God's Word, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

### Men's Bible Fellowship

Meets Saturday mornings at 7:30 am in the Gathering Room. The group is currently studying the book of Matthew. Come for conversation, prayer, and encouragement.



## An Influenza & COVID Vaccine Clinic

City-County Health District will be at Our Savior's on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am for Influenza and COVID vaccinations. High-dose and conventional flu vaccine will be available for ages 6 months through adult. For planning, please sign up on the information counter. Please note age of any children on sign up.

### WHAT TO BRING

Insurance card required to receive immunization. COVID 19 vaccination card if you are receiving 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> dose

### INSURANCE INFO

Medicare Part B recipients do not pay at time of clinic. Billable Insurance: BCBS, Sanford Health, Humana, Medica, Health Partners, Medicaid

### WHERE

Meet in the overflow space in the back of the sanctuary.



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 2021-2024 CAPITAL APPEAL

### APPEAL KICKOFF: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Join us for a very special worship as we officially kickoff our Growing in Grace capital appeal! A light reception will be held before and after services as we celebrate the good things God is doing through the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

All Appeal Team members are invited to be present for a blessing at the end of the 8:30 a.m. service and the beginning of the 11:00 a.m. service.

### MISSION FEST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Get a first hand look at all the ministries and missions centered at Our Savior's!

Before, after, and in-between our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship times, enjoy some refreshments and get a look at all of God's work being done by our hands.



### OUR SAVIOR'S 24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Did you know you can pray about anything...anytime...and anywhere?  
You really can!

#### JOIN US

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 9AM – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 9AM**  
devoting 30 minutes to praying for our congregation...our ministries...  
our staff...our GROWING IN GRACE appeal.

You can stop by our specially prepared prayer room where a quiet, sacred space will be prepared for individuals or small groups for the 24-hour vigil. Or, you can pray at home...at work...in the car...in bed...or while working out! The important thing is that you join us in prayer. Please sign up at the office for a 30-minute block of time. Or complete this card and place in offering plate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will join in prayer for Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

I will commit to pray at (time) \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ NOTE: more than one person can sign up for the same time-frame. We encourage small groups and circles to gather together. And, we encourage everyone to join us for our **CONCERT OF PRAYER ON THURSDAY, November 11, 7pm.**
- ◆ Several days prior to November 11, we will e-mail you a reminder of the 30-minute prayer time to which you have committed. We will also include several prayer resources for your possible use.

A CALL TO PRAYER



Dear People of Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

After years of planning and dreaming, the moment is finally upon us. On Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will take our first steps in a bold 3 year capital appeal. To say this process will be a leap of faith is an understatement. I wish I could see into the future and let you all know how this adventure will play out, but I can't. Instead, I find myself praying the words of one of my favorite hymns:

*"But greater still that calm assurance, we can face uncertain days because he lives. And because he lives, I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone. Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives." – God Sent His Son (Because He Lives), TFF #93*

I think of the story of this church – one of bold and fearless faith. A little less than 150 years ago, folks had the courage and fortitude to set up shop in Valley City and start worshipping together. They envisioned and built a permanent church home and when the time came to expand on their vision, even in the midst of war and economic hardship, they took the bold steps to start construction on a new facility – one that we still gather in week after week. And in the years since, as community and ministry needs shifted, Our Savior's has continued to have the courage and faith to expand their capacity for mission.

Because of the faithfulness and generosity of generations past and present, we have come once more to a moment of great opportunity. We do so not without uncertainty and worry, but also with the same deep abiding faith in our God who promises good news of great joy for all people – hope in the midst of hopelessness and life in the midst of death. Over the next few months, we'll gather in that hope and life, and celebrate all the work that God is doing at Our Savior's.

You're invited and encouraged to join us for worship on kick off Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, as we commission and bless capital appeal team members and pray for our journey. Looking ahead, we'd ask that you save Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. on your calendars for a congregational celebration banquet and Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a concert of prayer. All of these events will lead us up to commitment Sunday – November 14<sup>th</sup> – where our generosity will meet God's vision.

The road ahead is long and the task before us may seem great....but forward in the living hope of Jesus we go.

*Because he lives, all fear is gone. Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

May Our Savior's embody that living hope for generations to come,