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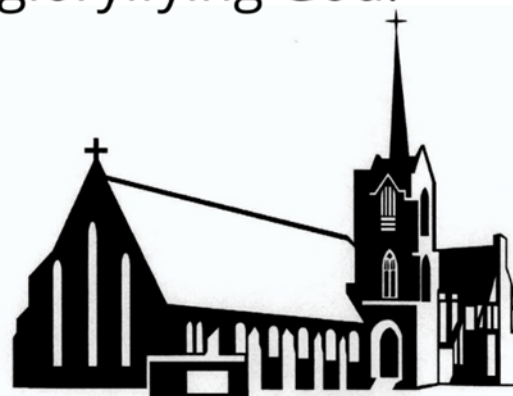
August 2022

Our Mission:

We, Our Savior Lutheran Church, welcome all
to share Christ's love, grow in faith,
and live a life of service gloryifying God.

Our Values:

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



August 2022
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	3 9:30am Bible Study	4	5 Wedding Rehearsal & Rehearsal Dinner	6 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship Daniel Biggers & Jenna Pommerer Wedding
7 8:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Worship 9:30am Facebook Live 11:00am Radio Broadcast	8	9 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	10 9:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Committees 8:00pm Council	11	12	13 7:30 am Men's Bible Fellowship
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“For Summer Solstice”

from *Ordinary Blessings: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Everyday Life*
by Meta Herrick Carson

The earth has tipped
so slightly toward the sun,
changing everything.

These long days are fleeting
abundance, green and gold heat
that fuel scents and flavors for the soul.

We rise early like the birds and
are willing to wait extra hours for dusk
because this is more than we deserve.


A few weeks ago, my spouse Sharayah spent a week in Texas with her college friends to celebrate milestone birthdays. While she was gone, I found my day to day routine shift a bit, especially at the whims of an overly needy Great Dane named Goose. For whatever reason, I found myself up earlier than normal most days and spending most of those early mornings shuffling through the dew on the lawn, tending to flowers and vegetables, seeing what the deer and rabbits had claimed as victim the night before.

As I deadheaded flowers and rotated herbs to make sure they didn't sunburn, I returned to the words of this meditation I had read just over a month ago: “We rise early like the birds and are willing to wait extra hours for dusk because this is more than we deserve.”

Soon we will return to familiar patterns of life shaped by school, work, church, and family calendars. Days will grow shorter and colder. My plants will die and the deer will shift from eating the snap peas in my front yard to the apple trees in the back. But while the days are still long, warm, and full of color, take a moment to soak God's goodness in. Pray the words of John 1:16 – “Out of his abundance, we have all received grace upon grace.” Experience that abundance and grace in the chaos of kids playing and animals chirping, the stillness when you read a good book or get out on a walk, or somewhere in between. However you can, be present with God and know that you are loved beyond measure.

Grateful to be living in the warmth of the summer sun and God's grace and love with you,

Blood Drive



Because of you, life doesn't stop.

#VitalToLife

VALLEY CITY BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

11:30 AM — 6:00 PM

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Giving blood can save lives: one pint of donated blood can help as many as three people in need, according to the American Red Cross. While giving blood may not be an option for everyone, as donors must meet eligibility requirements and feel comfortable around needles, anyone can help the cause as a Blood Drive Volunteer. Blood Donors are in great demand, but also volunteers are needed for (a) calling prospects to schedule appointments, (b) checking in donors the day of the drive, and (c) serving refreshments post donation. If you would like to help in any of these ways, please call **Ruth Larson at 845-4257**.

Donors are welcome to self register by going online to **donors.vitalant.org** or call Ruth Larson and she will register you.



The Red Willow Bible Camp Annual Quilt (& More) Auction will be held on Saturday, August 27th. Enjoy lunch and silent and live auction of quilts, jewelry, handcrafted items, theme baskets, and canned goodies, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to support the mission and ministry of Red Willow. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 with the a drawing at 2:30 for the grand prize item quilt – “Warmth of Our Stars”. For more information, visit <https://www.redwillowministries.com/quilts-auction>

Did you know that Our Savior's has a library?

(Actually two)

Books for adults are located in the library, off the back of the sanctuary.

Books for kids are located on the shelf at the end of the Sunday School hallway.

Borrow a book and bring it back. No need to sign in or out. Take a peak and see if there's anything you'd enjoy.



Radio Broadcast Dates for 2022 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.



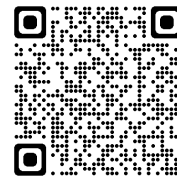
The Community Closet is having an opening on Monday, August 15 from 5:00-7:00 pm. You are welcome, along with anyone who would be blessed by having access to free clothes and household items.

Volunteers to make this a success are needed.

Help set up on Sunday, August 14 at 7:30 pm. Move items from the Community Closet Room to the Large Dining Room and set out on tables.

Help put away on Monday, August 15 at 7:00 pm. Volunteers will load items in bins and return to the Community Closet Room.

Sign up using the link below or give the church office a call so that we can ensure we have enough volunteers in place:



The 2022 Missionary Calendar is up! For \$25 a day you can show your support of our Missionaries Willie and Anne Langdji, who support the work of the Lutheran Church in Western Africa. They walk alongside of medical centers, schools, churches, food ministries to support and encourage local efforts. The calendar also supports the work of Global Health Ministries that ships medical supplies and supports medical facilities all over the globe.

Sign up on the calendar and earmark your donation for “Missionary Calendar.”

Please considering holding Willie & Anne, Global Health Ministries, and our partner church in the Central African Republic in regular prayer. We are church TOGETHER!



A Backpack Blessing and Prayer for Students

Dear God,
as we get ready to start another year in school,
we ask your blessing on these backpacks,
and especially on these children who will wear them.
As they do the very important work of being students,
bless them with: eagerness to learn, that their world may
grow large; respect for teachers and students, that they may
form healthy relationships; love for nature, that they may be-
come caretakers of your creation; happiness when learning is
easy and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard; faith in Jesus as
their best teacher and closest friend. We ask that you would
protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep
them safe as they travel to and from school. As they learn,
help them also to discover the different gifts that you have
given each one of them to be used in your work in the world.
As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help
them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells
them you will love them always, no matter what. We ask this
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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Snack Donations for Youth Activities

Donations of non-perishable snack and drink items (chips, cookies, prepackaged goodies, water bottles, juice, etc...) are welcome during the month of August to help stock our shelves for youth activities throughout the year. You can drop off items at the church during the week or on Sunday mornings. Be in touch with Pr. Kyle if you have any questions. Thanks for your glad and generous hearts.

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 ballpoint 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.



I have been blessed to have the opportunity to work with the youth of Our Savior's for the past seven years. In that time, I have had the privilege to help youth grow in their faith, but, they have also helped me to grow in my faith as well. As I move into my new position in Valley City as a teacher of the visually impaired, I truly want you all to know how much I have loved my position as youth director at OSLC. The staff, the council, the congregation, the youth, everyone together makes OSLC a most wonderful place to be. It is a bittersweet time for me saying goodbye to this chapter of my life, but I am very excited to put that master's degree to work and continue working with youth in yet another way. Thank you for your support over the past seven years. You have been there to help in many ways, from volunteering for VBS, to helping in the kitchen for senior high lunch, to chaperoning for the youth trips, to contributing donations to our efforts on our trips. You are all appreciated more than you know. As a final fun fact from me, I thought it might be fun to try and figure out how many boxes of brownie mix I went through in my time as youth director at OSLC. I have baked approximately 1,600 boxes of brownie mix! When you cut each pan into 24 pieces, that is 19,200 brownies served to youth in our community. I am in tears as I write this. Not because of how much work it was haha, but because I hope that our youth will remember being welcomed into our church. I hope they will remember being offered food and devotions and bible verses without wanting anything in return. I hope they will remember that they went to a church, and they had fun. That is my hope more than anything else. I will miss my position at OSLC, but I will still be around and go back to my original position when we moved here 12 years ago as "volunteer." You can't get rid of me that easily! Thank you to everyone who reached out or attended the thank you party on July 21st. I was blown away by the attendance and kind words. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your giving hearts and faithfulness. Thank you. I am forever grateful for each and every one of you.

Blessings,
Kyla Fetsch



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.

Sunday School

Sunday School Kick-off is September 11th! Watch for an email with a sign up link later this month. The link will also be shared on the church website: oursaviorsvc.org. Sunday school is open to students who are starting Kindergarten in Fall of 2023 through 6th grade.

New Logo Reveal



**You won't want to miss worship on Sunday, August 28th.
Drum roll please...the new Our Savior's Logo will be revealed that day in worship!
Come early (starting at 8:30 am) for cake!**

Notes From Your Treasurer\$\$

Most people who know me know that I'm a planner and list maker. My planner is always with me and there are note pads with daily lists all over my house. Over the years I've learned to use a pencil and eraser to keep my planner neat.

I took a good look at my planner recently and all the changes that I made: Retire in May, family reunion and school reunion in July – all erased or gentle lines through those entries; and I remember, "God knows the plans I have for you..."

Maybe you have also had plans changed this summer, but the one thing that hasn't changed is God's plan for each of us.

Another thing that hasn't changed is your commitment to Our Saviors. It doesn't matter if you are attending church services in person, listening on the radio, or watching through Facebook, your gifts to Our Saviors continue to be needed, received, and appreciated. Thank you for your continuous support.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer! It's hard to believe that my next article will be come to you about the same time school begins, and remember that while our plans may change, God's plan for each of us will make us all better than we are now!!

Janet Brown