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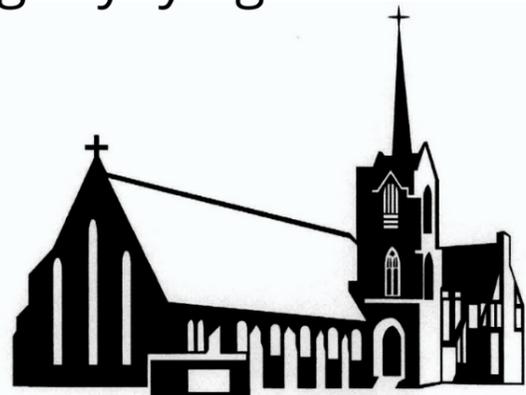
July 2022

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.

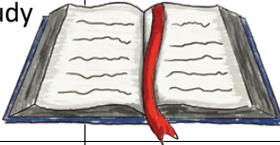
Our Values:

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



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
3 8:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Worship 9:30am Facebook Live 11:00am Radio broadcast	4 Office Closed	5 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	6 9:30am Bible Study	7	8	9 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
						
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July 2022 OSLC Youth Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 No Youth Director Office Hours	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Youth Director Office Hours 10:30am – 12:30pm	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Summer Youth Trip for Students Who Just Finished Grades 7-12	19 Summer Youth Trip for Students Who Just Finished Grades 7-12	20 Summer Youth Trip for Students Who Just Finished Grades 7-12	21	22	23
24	25 Youth Director Office Hours 10:30am – 12:30pm	26	27	28	29	30
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PreK – 6th Grade

VBS 2022

VBS was a blast!! We had about 75 youth in PreK-6th grade in attendance and some amazing junior and senior high youth volunteering! The counselors from Red Willow Bible Camp and Park River Bible Camp were awesome and gave an amazing experience to the kiddos of Our Savior's, Trinity, and Faith. If your youth is interested in attending one of the camps at either bible camp, please contact Kyla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Registration information will come towards the start of the 2022-2023 school year. If anyone is interested in helping with Sunday School next year, please contact Katie Sather at oslsundayschool@outlook.com.

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Registration information will come towards the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Any youth entering kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall are welcome to attend.

Junior & Senior High

SUMMER YOUTH TRIP

Almost all the spots are filled for the 2022 summer youth trip July 18th through the 20th! We will go to Minneapolis to volunteer our time at three different locations and take in a day at Valleyfair! On the way home we will stop at The Neighborhood Church in Fargo to spend time volunteering there as well! It will be an experience they won't forget! If your youth is interested in attending contact Kyla right away!

CONFIRMATION

Current 9th graders should be working on completing their time with their mentors to complete their confirmation expectations. More information regarding fall expectations will be shared toward the end of the summer.

Registration information for the 2022-2023 7th-9th graders will be shared toward 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 will continue to meet here and there throughout the summer! All 10th-12th graders (as well as those newly graduated seniors!) are invited to join in on the fun! These dates will be shared through the Remind App as they are set. Want those updates? Text the message @oslschyg to the number 81010 and you will get all text reminders and updates regarding Senior High Youth Group.

My July office hours are on Mondays from 10:30am-12:30pm.
However, please feel free to contact me anytime at kylaoslc@outlook.com or 840-4540.
God's Blessings, Kyla Fetsch - Director of Youth Ministry

\$\$Notes from your Treasurer July 2022

Today I start with messages from Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly which was held in Fargo June 4-5. The theme for this year's Assembly was "Called to Serve."

In addition to the worship services and Bible Studies, we attended business meetings (called plenaries). A plenary is a meeting or session attended by all participants at a conference or assembly. Working groups report back to the plenary with recommendations. Many of you have probably attended a plenary for some organization and didn't even know it.

Dr. Michael Chan led the first Bible Study on Acts 9 – Paul's Transformation. His second Bible Study was on the Book of Ruth. To better understand these studies, he shared some of the history and traditions of the countries involved.

Late Saturday afternoon we could choose to attend one of seven workshops. I attended "The Quest to be Church in Ways that Matter & Make a Difference" led by Pastor Jessica Miller of The Neighborhood Church in Fargo.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church received a certificate of appreciation and thanks for our gift of \$31,000 which we gave in 2021 to provide mission support for the Synod. Red Willow Bible Camp and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service also extended their appreciation and thanks for the gifts given them.

When Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota closed its doors last January, Our Savior's Council members opted to gift the funds to LIRS. I had an opportunity to visit with Dan Hannaher, LIRS ND Field Director and also with Jeff Jekins, the Marketing Director for Red Willow Ministries.

Getting back to "called to serve." Sometimes it means being on a committee and sharing out talents, but we also serve when we open doors for people, smile at the grocery clerk or waitress/waiter, share a lunch, or any other acts of kindness. For more, read Acts 9:36, 1 Peter 2:21, and my favorite, Galatians 5: 22-23.

Janet Brown





Did you know you can give to Our Savior's Lutheran Church online?

Go to oursaviorsvc.org

Click the blue "Give" button.

You can make a one time offering or set up reoccurring offerings.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Contact Information

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



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.



June Council Highlights

Camera System Training: A training was held in June, with a number of folks expressing interest. An additional training will be held in July and we will move forward with getting a volunteer system in place.

Logo Update: The Evangelism Committee presented logo options for input from the church council. The Council made a recommendation to the committee. The committee will communicate with the graphic artist as we move forward with this project.

Assistant Farm Manger: Farm Manager, Ken DeKrey, asked the council to consider adding Monte Johnson as the Assistant Farm Manager, beginning in July. The council unanimously agreed to move forward with this proposal.

Committee Charters: The Council spent time reviewing committee charters and thinking about how our committee organization might better serve our church. More discussion will be held in future months.

Burials: Donna Fraase, Betty Kreidlkamp



The Church Office has a new email address:

oursaviorsvc@outlook.com. Emails sent to the old address will no longer be received.

CALLED — TO — SERVE

Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly Highlights

On June 4th & 5th, 337 dedicated servants gathered together for the annual Eastern North Dakota Assembly in Fargo. Pr. Emmy, Pr. Kyle, Janet Brown, and Ruth Larson represented Our Savior's Lutheran Church at the two day meeting where voting members set the direction for the Synod in the coming year and ground themselves in study and worship. Below are just a few highlights from this year's Assembly:

- At the end of the fiscal year, the Synod Endowment Fund held a balance of \$4,572,750 and distributed \$173,409 to churches and leaders over the course of the year.
- Because of this increased giving, ELCA World Hunger was able to increase their program expenditures by \$2 million in 2021, distributing more than \$21.3 million in the United States and around the world. Of those funds distributed, three organizations in the Eastern North Dakota Synod received grants: Great Plains Food Bank, Madison Neighborhood Ministry, and the Welcome Connection.

The following Resolutions were passed:

- ◆ Approving the Updated Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Leaders (Pastors and Deacons) and Lay Paid Staff People
- ◆ Encouraging congregations to seek out ways to become truly welcoming communities for all,
- ◆ Recommending that congregations commit to supporting LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) or other refugee resettlement organizations

Read more at <http://www.eandsynod.org/events/synod-assembly>



Worship Streaming Training – July 20th @ 5:15 p.m.

On Wednesday, July 20th at 5:15 p.m., Pr. Kyle will lead an OSLC Worship Streaming Tech Training. We're looking for volunteers who would be interested in running the worship stream during Sunday morning service. You'll be amazed how simple it is to learn, plus it's a great opportunity to learn a new skill and serve the church as we continue to worship in many different ways. If you or someone you know are interested in learning the system and helping stream on Sunday mornings, be in touch with Pr. Emmy or Pr. Kyle and plan on joining our training on the 20th.

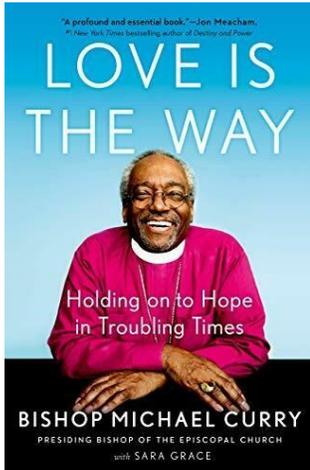


MISSIONARY CALENDAR

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!



Lunch & Book Discussion

Tuesday, July 12

Gathering Room

11:30 am Lunch is served

12:00 pm Discussion

Join together for a light lunch, followed by conversation inspired by “Love is the Way” by Bishop Michael Curry. Excerpts of the book will be shared, so you’ll be able to participate in the discussion even if you haven’t read the book. All are welcome. Bring a friend.



Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

A prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, ELW p. 87

Summer WORSHIP

One Worship Service in July & August

9:30 am

Coffee served at 8:30 am

Facebook Live at 9:30 am

Radio Broadcast at 11:00 am on KOVC 1490 am



Thank you for your many donations to the Summer Food Pantry at the School, your ongoing donations to the Barnes County Food Pantry, and Abused Person’s Outreach Center.

Thank you to all our volunteers who keep things rolling: communion servers, offering counters, flower tenders, volunteer finders, and more. You make Our Savior’s Lutheran Church’s ministry happen!

Thank you for your ongoing offerings to general fund ministry of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church and to our Growing in Grace Capital Appeal.

Donations for the Summer Food Pantry at the School are being collected. The following items are appreciated:

Gold Peak or Pure Leaf Tea: Raspberry or Lemon
Propel Water
Chips Ahoy or Oreo Cookie snack packs
Rice: Boxed or Instant
Popcorn: Microwave or Pre-Popped Bags
Peanut Butter
Pasta Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned or Boxed Meals: Chef Boyardee,
SpaghettiOs, Hamburger Helper



Together, we really are growing in grace. The Holy Spirit stirs among us...

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. -1 Peter 3:18



June 8, 9, and 10, students from Our Savior's, Faith, and Trinity Lutheran shared in vacation Bible School with staff from Red Willow & Park River Bible Camps. Together, they had fun, made music, and learned about God's boundless love.



In January, the True Northmen Bible Study group started reading through the Bible and meeting together monthly. In June the group spent some time in God's creation in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. They enjoyed fellowship, a chance to unplug, and growing in faith.

Our building is a center for mission. What we do now ensures that Our Savior's Lutheran can be a space of grace for generations to come.
Thank you for your commitment and support.

Contributions to the Capital Appeal can be made at any time. Please clearly mark gifts with "Growing in Grace" on the check memo line or give online at oursaviorsvc.org.

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital
as of June 15, 2022
\$846,180 Total Pledged
By 127 Households

Total Given: \$466,121.20

A time to rest...

This month, I hope you find some extra time for rest.

Remember: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth..."And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done." (Genesis 2:2)

God commands, "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy...for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it." (Exodus 20:8, 11)

"Then Jesus said to them, the Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27) In part, that means that the day of rest is meant to be a gift, an invitation to us and not a burden.

When we take time to rest, our spirits remember that the world does not revolve around us. God is God. We are not. The whole world is in God's hands, we don't have to be in charge of it!

When we take time to rest, our bodies are given a chance to recover, heal, and find wholeness again. We weren't created to go, go, go. Our bodies need to stop. They need sleep. They need fun movement!

When we take time to rest, our minds are given a chance to clear. We can let go of what needs letting go and create space for new possibilities.

Here are a few ideas for rest this summer. May you find inspiration in them:

- Slowly savor a piece of fruit or a cookie or a muffin. Remember all that went into getting that into your hands. Notice it's texture, color, and flavor.
- Make plans to meet or call a friend you haven't connected with in a while. Make it a "no agenda" kind of get together. Just marvel at life.
- Take a nap.
- Look up at the night sky and the stars.
- Turn the TV off. Put your phone away.
- Find a Bible verse that inspires you. When you feel weary, stop, read it, and sit with it for a little while.
- Put on your favorite music and dance, dance, dance!
- Doodle, color, or draw.

Finally, a prayer (ELW, page 80)

O God, we thank you for times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure for the renewal of our bodies and minds that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace and peace to you, dear ones.

-Pastor Emmy