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June 2022

*Summer*  
**WORSHIP**

**ONE SERVICE**

**9:30 AM**

**JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST**

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30am Bible Study 	2	3	4 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship Synod Assembly-Fargo
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12 8:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Worship 11:00am Radio Broadcast 4:00pm-6:00pm Set up for Community Closet Opening	13 5:00-7:00pm Community Closet Opening -Downstairs	14 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	15 9:30am Bible Study 10:00am Bridge View Worship	16	17	18 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
19 8:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30am Worship 11:00am Radio Broadcast	20	21 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study 5:15pm Altar Committee	22 9:30am Bible Study	23	24	25 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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# "Be curious, not judgmental"

I often find that it's hard to get a sense of what is happening in the larger narrative in just the short scripture selections we hear on Sunday mornings. The Bible is such a complex web of stories, events, and relationships that there is so much more going on than meets the eye. So as we as a church centered our worship around the stories of the apostles in Acts this past Easter season, I spent some intentional time re-reading the book as a whole.

In the latter part of the book, Paul, while preaching in Athens, has the following interaction:

*A group of philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" <sup>20</sup> You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." (Acts 17:18 – 20)*

Often in the scriptures we hear in church, we hear stories of disciples or opponents of Jesus who have no interest in hearing or who simply can't fully wrap their heads around God's good news of great joy. To be honest, I'm not so sure I can always wrap my head around it either. But what I appreciated so much about this interaction was the Greek philosophers' genuine curiosity and interest in learning and trying a new thing. In the end, Paul's message might not be for them, but they are willing to give this persecutor turned street preacher an opportunity to make his case.

One of my favorite new television show's to watch has been *Ted Lasso*. During an episode in the show's first season, American football coach turned English soccer coach Ted shares a memory from his early life in Kansas.

*He recalls, "...one day I was driving my little boy to school and I saw a quote by Walt Whitman, it was painted on the wall and it said, 'Be curious, not judgmental.'...So I get back in my car and I'm driving to work and all of the sudden it hits me – all them fellas that used to belittle me, not a single one of them was curious. You know, they thought they had everything figured out so they judged everything and they judged everyone. And I realized that their underestimating me – who I was – had nothing to do with it. Because if they were curious they would have asked questions..."*

It seems to me that we as church and God's people might still be able to learn something from centuries old Greek philosophers and sitcom soccer coaches. What if we were to follow where the Spirit might be leading this season of Pentecost? As we meet new people and new ideas on our life's journey, what if we met them with curiosity instead of judgement? What if we were willing to wrestle with new ideas and to ask questions so that we might experience God's love and peace in surprising and unexpected ways?



# June 2022 OSLC Youth Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
			1  Youth Director Office Hours 10:30am – 12:30pm	2	3	4
5	6	7	8  Vacation Bible School!  Youth Entering Grades 1-6 9:00am-3:00pm  Youth Entering Kinder- garten in 2022 and 2023 9:00am- 11:30am	9  Vacation Bible School!  Youth Entering Grades 1-6 9:00am-3:00pm  Youth Entering Kinder- garten in 2022 and 2023 9:00am- 11:30am	10  Vacation Bible School!  Youth Entering Grades 1-6 9:00am-3:00pm  Youth Entering Kinder- garten in 2022 and 2023 9:00am- 11:30am  Family Program at 11:30am in the sanctu- ary. All are welcome!	11
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# PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## VBS 2022

**VBS is happening June 8-10<sup>th</sup>!** This fun event is FREE of charge to you thanks to the amazing ongoing support of OSLC! We are very excited to bring another faith filled experience to our youth!

**Youth entering grades 1-6** in the fall are invited to attend from 9am-3pm Wednesday and Thursday and from 9am-12pm with a closing program at 11:30am that Friday. All lunch and snacks are provided for this group.

**Youth entering kindergarten in the fall of 2022 and 2023** are invited to attend from 9am-11:30am Wednesday and Thursday and from 9am-12pm with a closing program at 11:30am that Friday. Snacks will be provided all three days and lunch will be provided on the last day for this group. Registration has closed for this event, but if you did not register in time, please contact Kyla to see if openings are still available.

## 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 [oslc Sundayschool@outlook.com](mailto:oslc Sundayschool@outlook.com).

## KIDS FOR CHRIST

Registration information will come towards the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Any youth entering kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall are welcome to attend. Contact Kyla for more information.

# Junior & Senior High

## SUMMER YOUTH TRIP

Almost all the spots are filled for the 2022 summer youth trip July 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>! 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!

## CONFIRMATION

Current 9<sup>th</sup> graders should be preparing for their time with their mentors this summer 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 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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 has wrapped up their meetings for the school year but will continue to meet here and there throughout the summer! All 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 @oslcshyg to the number 81010 and you will get all text reminders and updates regarding Senior High Youth Group!

## SENIOR HIGH LUNCH

We have wrapped up Senior High Lunch for the school year with approximately 70 youth who joined us each Monday and it has been another wonderful year! Thank you for your continued support of this amazing program!

My June office hours are on Wednesdays from 10:30am-12:30pm.  
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



## Women of Our Saviors

Spring weather has been slow in coming, but Spring activities for Women of Our Saviors has been anything but slow! The Spring Treasure, Bake and Quilt Sale was another success. Thank you to all who helped in any way. Three thousand dollars will be used to help with youth activities, needed items at church, Lutheran World Relief shipping and other mission projects. Speaking of LWR, the Spring shipment was bigger and better than ever—87 personal care kits, 54 school kits, 51 Baby Care kits and 67 quilts were sent. Also this year, we had an opportunity to send 25 personal care kits and 14 quilts in a shipment to the Ukraine. It takes many, many hands to make a LWR shipment like that a reality. Thank you to all who made it happen. Now we start working on the Fall Shipment. Watch for items needed for kits. Always needed are flannel sheets for diapers, new or gently used bath and hand towels, baby clothes and soap. WELCA women from Valley City and surrounding communities gathered for a Spring Brunch hosted by Women of Our Saviors. After two “egghausting” and “eggsaspirating” years of dealing with covid, it was an “eggspereience” of laughter and joy! I think everyone had an “eggscellent” time!!

Peace and Joy!

Jan Stowman, President, Women of Our Saviors (WELCA)



### 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.



## June Worship

**Gather for ONE WORSHIP service Sundays at 9:30am during June, July, and August!**

Worship will continue to be shared on Facebook Live at 9:30am on through the Radio Broadcast on KOVC 1490 AM at 11:00am.



Thanks for your commitment to Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Together, we are Growing in Grace! A few projects are underway. A new air conditioning unit is being installed for the sanctuary and new ceiling tiles are being put in the Gathering Room and bathrooms. Because of you, Our Savior's Lutheran Church can be a space of grace for generations to come.



Total Pledged: \$838,180.00

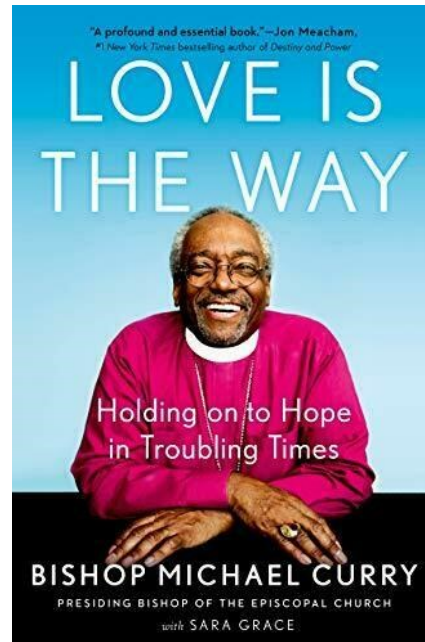
Total Given: \$438,704.51

**Thank you also for your ongoing support of our General Fund!** Your support means that the love of Jesus is shared near and far.

Offerings can be put in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary, mailed to the church at 138 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW, or given online at [www.oursaviorsvc.org](http://www.oursaviorsvc.org).

## Book Discussion

### Coming in July



### **Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Michael Curry**

"As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further."

### **Enjoy discussion and a light lunch on Tuesday, July 12 at Noon in the Gathering Room.**

Participants are encouraged, but not required to read the book in advance. Invite a friend.

Get the book on your own or if you would like Pr. Emmy to order you one, please let her know by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be \$15.00.

## EMAIL UPDATE!

The church office has a NEW EMAIL address effective immediately: [oursaviorsvc@outlook.com](mailto:oursaviorsvc@outlook.com). Emails sent to the previous address will not be received.



### Summer Food Pantry at the School

The Bridges Backpack Program is not doing the Summer Feeding Program as we have in the past. They are running a Summer Grocery Store for families to come and grab a variety of meal and snack items. Hours are Wednesday evenings, June 1<sup>st</sup>-August 3rd from 5:00-7:00 pm. Enter through door #7 at the High School, go to the FACS Room (first classroom on the left.)

Volunteers are needed to make this a success. The responsibilities would be helping people find food items for meals, monitoring how many items people are taking, and restocking items as needed. We will need two volunteers per night. If you are available and willing to help out with this, please let Julia Anderson know at [andersonjb78@hotmail.com](mailto:andersonjb78@hotmail.com) or 840-9815.

We are also setting out a tub in the gathering room at the church to collect the following items for the Bridges Backpack Summer Feeding Program. If you could help out in this way it would also be much appreciated. The items needed are as follows:

- Jars of Jelly
- Puddings / Fruit Cups
- Chips
- Granola Bars
- Juice Boxes
- Macaroni and Cheese

Checks can be made to "Faith Lutheran Church Foundation" with "Bridges Backpack Program in the memo line. Mail to PO Box 606, Valley City, ND 58072

## Notes From Your Treasurer\$\$

Our Savior's has two really neat mission support projects each year which are not a part of our general budget: You know them as the Missionary Calendar and Global Health Missions.

The Missionary Calendar supports our two missionaries, Willy and Anne Langdji, who serve in the Central African Republic (CAR). We have committed an annual support of \$6,000 which flows through Eastern ND Synod.

We also support Global Health Missions with an annual payment of \$4,000 that is usually sent directly to Global Health each December. Global Health Ministries is a volunteer powered organization of about 2100 volunteers and a staff of about 80 people. Medical equipment and supplies are shipped all over the world to support Lutheran healthcare systems. It may be as big as helping equip health facilities with x-ray machines or as simple as supplying a mission hospital with basic supplies like bandages etc.

The Missionary Calendar has 365 days, and if the days were all filled it would generate \$9,125 to be used toward these two projects. I have never seen this happen in the six years I have been your treasurer. At year end, I often have to visit Ken DeKrey for a donation from the Farm Fund to help our two commitments. I would sure love to see Our Savior's honor our missions by dedicating gifts to these projects. When we see the word "missions" on the gift giving, it is set aside for Global Health Missions. When we see "Missionary Calendar," the gifts are set aside for our missionary support. I challenge you to support our mission projects!

Janet Brown

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Treasurer





**Thanks to all who donated and participated in the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk on May 4<sup>th</sup>.** We had 130 walkers and many dogs. We'll look forward to sharing donations totals soon! Together, we make a difference to neighbors near and far. Food is shared. People are given tools to farm & fish. Access to clean water is granted. Communities are changed.



## Altar Committee Volunteers Needed...



**An information and training meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21 at 5:15 pm.** We are regrouping! If you have previously served on the Altar Committee or would be interested in learning about serving in this way, please come.

Volunteers will set up & clean up Holy Communion. Set up can be done on Fridays or Sunday mornings. It has been the pattern to be assigned with a partner for a month at a time; however, at the meeting we will set up a schedule that works for the group.

Please RSVP to Pr. Emmy at [rev.emmy@gmail.com](mailto:rev.emmy@gmail.com) or sign up on the information counter if you plan to attend.



**The Community Closet will be having an opening on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm.** All who would be blessed by having access to clothing (of all sizes) are encouraged to come. No questions asked.

**Volunteers are needed to make this a success.** Set up is Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> during the opening starting at 4:30 pm and to clean up at 7:00 pm. Sign up on the information counter or using the QR code below to help us ensure we have enough helping hands.

**Reminder: Please contact Kalyn prior to bringing clothing donations to the church.** Her phone number is (701)840-8850.