

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
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## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

### Our Mission

We, Our Savior's family of believers, welcome all to share Christ's love, to grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

### We Value

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30am Worship 8:30am Facebook Live 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School, Choir 11:00am Worship 11:00am Radio broadcast	<b>2</b> 11:15am & 12:15pm Sr. High Lunch	<b>3</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Ministeri- al 1:30pm Text Study	<b>4</b> 9:30am Bible Study 3:00pm Kids for Christ 7:00pm CROP WALK- Jefferson Elementary School	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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<b>15</b> 8:30am Worship 8:30am Facebook Live 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Worship 11:00am Radio broadcast	<b>16</b> 11:15am & 12:15pm Sr. High Lunch	<b>17</b> 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	<b>18</b> 9:30am Bible Study 3:00pm Kids for Christ 6:30pm Baccalaureate at the HAC	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
<b>22</b> 8:30am Worship 8:30am Facebook Live 9:45am Graduation Recognition 11:00am Worship 11:00am Radio broadcast	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	<b>25</b> 9:30am Bible Study	<b>26</b> 9:30am Pastor's Conference	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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# Surprise! Surprise!

On Easter morning we sang together, “Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: **Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.** Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia! (ELW #377)

Our scriptures are filled with stories of SURPRISE. An old and childless Sarah, is surprised to find out that she is pregnant. Joseph, who had been betrayed by his brothers, surprises them with forgiveness. Of all of Jesse’s son, the youngest David is surprised to be selected to be a leader and king. Jesus surprises Zacchaeus by inviting him to his house. Mary and Martha are surprised when Jesus raised their brother Lazarus from the death. Of course, at Easter we celebrate the big surprise: the women are surprised to find that the tomb is empty. Jesus is Risen! Death shall have no say over us. Love and life wins!

Though Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today, and forever, yet through the leading of the Holy Spirit, God continues to surprise us with grace, doing a new thing among us. The Book of Acts tells how the Holy Spirit was at work in the early church. As people tried to figure out what it meant to be followers of Jesus after the resurrection, the Holy Spirit surprised them. God’s grace was bigger than what they sometimes expected. The power of God’s Spirit in their lives sometimes surprised them to go in new directions.

Pastor Kyle and I are excited to explore some of these surprising stories from the Book of Acts with you on Sunday mornings during this Easter Season. We pray that these stories will awaken us to how God continues to be at work in our lives and this world today. Maybe, there will even be a few surprises on Sunday mornings!

Perhaps one way we can further live into this surprising Easter season is to bring surprises into this world. In the midst of a time of great fear, we can surprise people with grace. Pay for a stranger’s coffee. Drop off flowers at a neighbor’s door. Practice “scruffy” hospitality; invite a friend over for a meal even if the food or house isn’t perfect. Leave a \$5 bill for someone to find. You get the idea. Have fun living in the love of God in Christ Jesus. I’d love to hear about your adventures in surprises.

Finally, a word of reminder: As your pastors, Pastor Kyle and I are available to share in conversation and prayer with you. None of us needs to journey through the joys and hardships of this life alone. God surrounds us with all sorts of people to journey together. If you’d value a conversation with one of us or for us to bring you Holy Communion, please do reach out. We want to be available to you in ways that you might need.

Grace and peace to you, Pr. Emmy



### April Council Highlights

**Pandemic Plan:** The Council reviewed the church's pandemic plan to ensure that it is in line with more recent information regarding the pandemic.

**Streaming Technology Team:** Now that new streaming technology is installed, there is a need for a team to run the system on Sunday mornings. Training times will be scheduled and invitations to possibly interested people will be sent.

**Committee Structure:** Church Committees have reviewed their committee charters. At the June meeting, the Council will review our current committee structure and begin conversation to determine if changed might better serve the needs of our church at this time.

**Summer Worship:** For worship in June, July, and August, we will transition to one service at 9:30 am. This service will still be streamed and shared via the radio broadcast. This time is a compromise of our two worshipping times, and will hopefully allow for fuller worshipping experiences for those who attend. Coffee will be on at 8:30 am for any who wish to share in Coffee Fellowship.

**Baptism:** Peyton Straabe

**Transfer Out:** Audrey Hovel

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### Notes from your Treasurer\$

I write this article today with thanks in my heart!

As I write out our quarterly payments at the end of each quarter, I get a little nervous about the bank balance in our General Account. I should know better. You, our congregation, has never failed to keep us in your prayers and to keep up with your giving to Our Savior's. For all the ways you support Our Savior's I applaud and thank you! Keep up the good work. My next article will be written in between my lawn mowing and planting flowers. Spring is coming!

# May WORSHIP

**"Surprise! The Unexpected Acts of God" -**

Join us this Easter Season as we journey through the book of Acts and hear stories of the ways God challenges and surpasses our expectations.

**May 1st** - "An Unlikely Friendship"

**May 8th** - "An Astonishing Invitation"

**May 15th** - "An Unexpected Invitation"

**May 22nd** - "An Amazing Detour"

**May 29th** - "An Iconic Escape"

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Facebook Live at 8:30 am

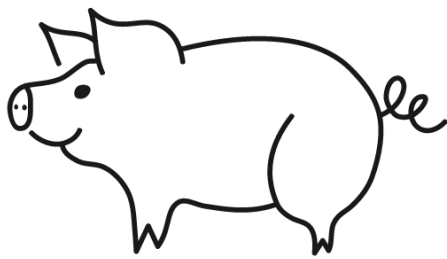
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# Summer WORSHIP TIMES

**PLEASE NOTE: In June, July, and August we will have one worship service at 9:30 am.**

Come for coffee fellowship starting at 8:30 am and stay for worship.



## Stewardship Spotlight

On Sunday, May 8th, Patty the Stewardship Pig will be in the back of the church collecting extra donations to give our general fund a boost. Patty and the Stewardship Committee want to keep the general fund on track, so we can keep church funding at adequate levels. If we can raise enough money to meet our budget, the rest of the funds will go to the Barnes County Food Pantry! Please consider giving a little extra money on May 8th to help Patty the Stewardship Pig bring home the bacon!

**“Eggsordinary” Women Come  
For a “Eggstravanza” Brunch  
Saturday, May 14th 10:30am  
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church**

**Lower Level**

**Fun Variety**

**Program including “Just for Kix-Dance Team”  
A WELCA event for Women of Valley City and  
Communities around Valley City.**

**2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital  
Appeal**

**\$838,180.00 Total Pledged**

**By 124 Households  
through April 21, 2022**

**\$436,708.82 Total Given  
through April 21, 2022**



### 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.



## 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!



### CROP Hunger Walk

Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 pm  
 Begins at Jefferson Elementary School  
 Walk to show your support for fighting local and global hunger. Funds raised will support Church World Service Ministries and the Barnes Country Food Pantry.



Ten 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students received their First Communion at our Maundy, Thursday Worship service on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We join in prayer for these students: Thank you for our friends who join to share in Holy Communion. As you have claimed them in Holy Baptism, feed them with your love and give them a continuing hunger to live lives of love, forgiveness, and justice. In the name of Jesus, who is always with us. Amen.



### YOU ARE INVITED!

We celebrate with the Our Savior's High School Seniors on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Recognition will be held at both worship services. A reception will be held at 9:45 am in the large dining room. All are invited to attend.



### Worship Volunteer Opportunities...

Cars (at least most of them) don't drive themselves...and worship doesn't just happen. Volunteers to assist and enhance our worship experiences are needed. As we "get back" to more regular patterns, volunteers are needed in the following areas:

**Altar Committee** Members set up and clean up Holy Communion. Commitment is on Sunday mornings, usually one month during the year. If you are interested in learning more please contact Pastor Emmy at [rev.emmy@gmail.com](mailto:rev.emmy@gmail.com)

**Streaming Team Members** to assist with streaming our 8:30am Sunday morning worship services are needed. With our new technology in place, we will be putting a team together to stream the services. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Kyle at [klsymanski@gmail.com](mailto:klsymanski@gmail.com)

**Readings** enhance our worship service through sharing of our Bible Readings. A sign up sheet is located on the information counter. If you are interested in being on the list of possible readers, please leave your name and preferred contact information on the sheet.



### 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.

A reminder that the church office or pastors will never send emails asking for gift cards or personal favors. If an email seems funny, it's probably a scam. When in doubt, ignore it or give us a call!



# May 2022 OSLC Youth Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:45- 10:45am	2 Sr High Lunch 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade 11:15am 10-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade 12:05pm	3 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	4 Youth Director Office Hours 1:00-3:00pm Kids for Christ 3:15 – 5pm Confirmation – Crop Walk – Jefferson Elementary School Parking Lot – 6:30-8pm	5	6	7
8 Last Day of Sunday School 9:45- 10:45am  SS Youth Sing During 11am Worship	9 Sr High Lunch 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade 11:15am 10-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade 12:05pm	10 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	11 Youth Director Office Hours 1:00-3:00pm Kids for Christ 3:15 – 5pm Confirmation Gathering Time 6:00-6:30pm Confirmation Adventure Night 6:30-8:00pm	12	13	14
15	16 Last Day of Sr High Lunch 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade 11:15am 10-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade 12:05pm	17 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	18 Youth Director Office Hours 1:00-3:00pm Last Day of Kids for Christ 3:15 – 5pm Confirmation Gathering Time 6:00-6:30pm Last Confirmation Class – Attending Baccalaureate 6:30-8:00pm	19	20	21
22 Senior Recognition Sunday – Reception at 9:45am	23	24 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	25 Youth Director Office Hours 1:00-3:00pm	26	27 Last Day of School	28
29	30	31 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am				

# PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## VBS 2022!

VBS will be held June 8-10<sup>th</sup> and registration forms have been mailed out to families. Additional registration forms can be found on our website as well as outside the church office. Youth entering grades 1-6 in the fall are invited to attend our full day VBS experience and youth entering kindergarten in the fall of 2022 and 2023 are invited to attend our part day VBS experience. Registration deadline is May 16<sup>th</sup>!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last day of Sunday School will be May 8<sup>th</sup>. All SS youth will sing during worship that day at the 11am service. Contact Katie Sather, SS Superintendent, with any questions at [oslc Sundayschool@outlook.com](mailto:oslc Sundayschool@outlook.com).

## KIDS FOR CHRIST

We have had a wonderful year growing in our faith together! The last day of Kids for Christ will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kyla with questions or for more information.

# Junior & Senior High

## CONFIRMATION

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – Crop Walk** – Students can be dropped off at Jefferson Elementary School in the large parking lot at 6:30pm and picked up in the parking lot at 8pm.

**May 11<sup>th</sup> – Adventure Night at OSLC** – We will have our normal routine of gathering time from 6:00-6:30pm and activities from 6:30-8:00pm. Students can be dropped off and picked up at OSLC.

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – Baccalaureate** – Students can gather from 6:00-6:30pm if they wish. We will meet at OSLC at 6:30pm to walk over to the high school and attend the baccalaureate ceremony at 7:00pm. Students can be picked up at OSLC at approximately 8pm. If your confirmation student has a sibling graduating, they are welcome to attend with their family.

\*If you have any questions regarding our confirmation program, please feel free to contact Pastor Emmy or Pastor Kyle.\*

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Senior High Youth Group is for our youth in 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade and friends are always welcome! Our May gathering dates will be communicated via the Remind App. 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 RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate our seniors on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. All OSLC seniors will be recognized at both worship services and a reception will be held in their honor in between services, beginning at 9:45am.

## SENIOR HIGH LUNCH

Approximately 70 youth have been joining us each Monday for Senior High Lunch! 9<sup>th</sup> graders eat at 11:15am and 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders at 12:05pm. It has been another wonderful year! The last Senior High Lunch for this school year will be Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support of this amazing program!

My current 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