

## 21/22 IN REVIEW...

- 127 Pledges Made
- \$846,180 Pledged
- \$509,788 Brought In
- Metal Roof Installed
- Digital Boiler Control System Installed
- New Energy Efficient Windows for Apartments and North/West Office Spaces Installed
- Chime System Acquired and Awaiting Install
- Wifi Capabilities Expanded for Worship Streaming, Educational Spaces, Boiler Controls, and Security System
- New Ceiling Tiles in Gathering Space, with carpet and paint expected this year for the main level



Quite simply Our Savior's Lutheran Church...it has been an incredible year. One year ago, we took the bold and faithful steps to enter into a three year appeal process for the building up of Our Savior's as a center for mission in Valley City for generations to come. The response was one of abundance, generosity, and gratitude.

During worship in November we will be lifting up our "Growing in Grace" Appeal, celebrating the year that was and all we were able to accomplish together, and looking forward to the challenge still before us.

**November 6<sup>th</sup> (All Saints Sunday)** – We celebrate 140 years of generations past and present with special guest preacher, Rev. Charlie Plaster (1978 – 1999).

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** – We celebrate the "Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity" we have experienced over since the beginning of our appeal.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** – We look to the future ahead and recommit ourselves to "Growing in Grace".

I am so grateful for the ways in which you all continue to support to the mission and ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church – not just here and now, but also for generations to come. Our goals for this three year appeal remain lofty, especially as we navigate rising costs and slow labor timelines, but I trust that with you, and especially with God, all things are possible.

In gratitude and wonder,

## Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

### Contact Information

Church Office

845-1328

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Pastor Kyle Symanski

Cell - (708)476-8712

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



### WELCA NEWS

**Our Saviors Lutheran** sent 47 boxes of school, personal care, baby care kits and quilts to Lutheran World Relief headquarters in Minneapolis this week. There was a yearly record number of school kits, 241, and baby care kits, 77! Also, an awesome shipment of 193 Personal Care kits and 107 quilts! A huge thank you to all who helped in any way to make 2022 another great year of giving! You can check out the Lutheran World Relief info and eleven-year totals on the bulletin board by the church office.

### Daylight Saving Time Ends-November 6



## Part-Time Custodian Opening

Our Saviors Lutheran Church has an immediate opening for a year around, part-time Custodian (approximately 20 hours per week) extra pay for weddings and funeral related work. Hours can be flexible.

Applicant must be at least 18 years old, have custodial related work experience and must have a valid driver's license. Successful candidates will be performing a wide variety of custodial duties and must be able to work well with church committees, church members and staff. Job duties include basic cleaning/sanitizing, dusting, mopping and vacuuming.

If interested in this position, please send a letter of interest with contact information and experience/resume and references. Open until filled.

Send or deliver to:

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

138 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW

Valley City, ND 58072

Or email to [oursaviorsvc@outlook.com](mailto:oursaviorsvc@outlook.com)

Questions contact Bobby Koeplin 701-840-0250 or email [bkoeplin@msn.com](mailto:bkoeplin@msn.com) to get a copy of the Job Description.



## BARNES COUNTY MINISTERIAL Community Thanksgiving Service

November 20, 2022 @ 4:00p.m.

1st Baptist Church-3511 Kathryn Rd S.

Valley City, ND



## Notes From Your Treasurer\$\$

As I am writing this message the middle of October for the November newsletter, I'm reviewing our finances from the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. We are on target with a lot of our commitments: Eastern ND Synod, Missionary Sponsorship, Red Willow Ministries, Sheyenne Valley Chaplaincy, Lutheran Immigration, and our Deferred Maintenance in the Building Fund. I've also made monthly payments this year on the parsonage loan, which now has a balance of \$43,847.04.

The Capital Campaign (Growing in Grace) has been able to move forward on projects with the gifts our congregation has given (often depending on supplies and workforce for the different projects.) Take time to thank the members of the Property Committee for their diligence in taking care of not only projects/repairs at our church, but also projects and repairs at our two parsonages.

If you are looking for a place to give a special gift, OSLC has committed to giving Global Health Missions \$4,000 before December 31. Global Health Missions focuses on health care which includes providing medical equipment and supplies and community-based primary health care programs all over the world. More information on the work of Global Health can be found at [www.ghm.org](http://www.ghm.org).

Your Grateful Treasurer,  
Janet Brown

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**Bake, Quilt and Lefse Sale**  
**Saturday, November 19th 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**  
**Coffee, juice and rolls will be served.**



### **"Wanted!"**

Your bake goods of all kinds, pies, breads, candies, snack mix.

We need help making lefse and rollers. We have plenty of jobs other than rolling.

No experience is necessary.

This will happen, Thursday, November 17th starting at 8:30 a.m. until we are done.

There is a signup sheet on the information Center counter.



## VALLEY CITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, December 15th, 1:45 to 6:00 pm AND  
Friday, December 16th, 8:00 to 12 Noon**

### 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:

- calling prospects to schedule appointments,
- checking in donors the day of the drive,
- 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.

### Donate Hygiene Items



Donate to the Abused Person's Outreach Center. Especially needed are personal care items, paper towels, diapers, and wipes.



### Radio Broadcast Dates for 2023 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.



Mark your calendar

### Sounds of the Season is back!

Enjoy organ/piano music over the noon hour on Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, 21.



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.

## OUR SAVIOR'S COUNCIL UPDATES

**Special Guest**, Rev. Brad Skogen, Associate with the Bishop for Congregational Leadership and Transition, led discussion and shared conversation about the call process with the council. A group from council will work on compiling a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to be used in the call process of an additional called staff member. Opportunities for interim ministry will be addressed following the council's recommendation of a new staffing model and/or the senior pastor opening.

**Capital Projects:** Finishing touches are being made on the metal roofing project over the sanctuary. Damages to inside sanctuary roof caused by installation are currently being addressed. Installation of north lower level and apartment level windows about 50% complete, estimated to be done in the next week. New carpet and paint project for Gathering Room also nearing a start date.

**Custodial Position:** The council shared its gratitude for Sandi Ley, who will end her time as Custodian for OSLC on October 31<sup>st</sup>. In conjunction with the property committee, the council will publicize the job opening inside and outside the congregation. The custodial job description was updated, and the council discussed the possible need of temporary custodial coverage from a cleaning service.

**OSLC Constitution and Committee Charters:** The council was presented the final draft of new committee charters that had been reviewed and crafted over the course of several months, recommending a shift from 8 committees to 6. This change in committee structure, as well as required additions to the OSLC Constitution, will be addressed at a congregational meeting set for Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:35 a.m.

**Call Committee/Call Process:** The Council nominated present members to serve as a call committee to consider Pr. Kyle for the senior pastor opening. The group will meet over the next coming weeks and will make a recommendation to the council. A call vote will be held at a congregational meeting set for Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:35 a.m.

**Congregational Meeting:** A Congregational Meeting was set for Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:35 a.m. to address updates to the OSLC Constitution and Committee structures, as well as for a call vote for the senior pastor opening.

**Next Meeting:** November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church will hold a special congregational meeting on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:35 a.m. to vote on the following business:

- Updates to the Church Constitution
- Changes to Committee Structures and Charters
- Call of Pr. Kyle Symanski as Senior Pastor

A quorum of 50 members is required to conduct voting business. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. With questions in advance of this meeting, reach out to Pr. Kyle or a church council member.

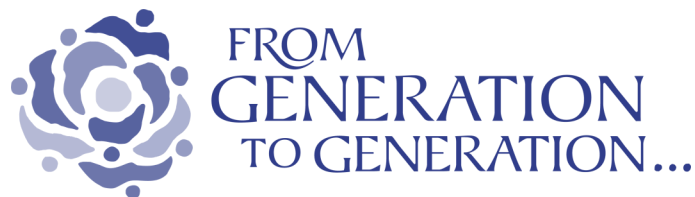
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## OUR SAVIOR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 140 Years of Mission and Ministry

Join us for a special celebration of 140 Years of Mission and Ministry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We welcome long-time OSLC Pastor, Rev. Charlie Plaster (1978 – 1999), back to the pulpit as we give thanks for generations past, present, and future. We'll also have lots of special surprises during worship and a special coffee fellowship hosted by the Worship and Music Committee.



**This Advent season**, we recall the words of Luke 1:50 – “His mercy is for those who fear him from *generation to generation*.” These words sung by Mary remind us that the good news she was part of bringing forth would transcend time and space. God's redemption will be at work for years to come.

*From Generation to Generation* reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding – in and through us. This Advent season, how will we carry it forth?

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent) – “**There's Room for Every Story**”

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent) – “**God Meets Us in Our Fear**”

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent) – “**We Can Choose a Better Way**”

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent) – “**We See God in Each Other**”



## November Bible Study Opportunities

**Wednesday Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room** – From beginning to end, we read through the book of Joshua – the story of the Israelites' entry in to Canaan (the promised land) after forty years in the wilderness. The book ends with a covenant renewal ceremony, in which both Joshua and the Israelites declare: “we will serve the LORD”.

**Men's Bible Fellowship | Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room** – Walk through the bible one book at a time, grow in your faith, and develop deep and meaningful relationships. All are welcome.



## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

We are again partnering with area congregations to provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to folks in our community. Monetary donations for the baskets will be collected on Sunday mornings or online at [www.oursaviorsvc.org](http://www.oursaviorsvc.org) throughout the month. Help is needed to pack baskets at Faith Lutheran Church on Thursday, November 17th from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. and to distribute baskets on Friday, November 18th from 4:45 - 6:30 p.m. Sign up on the sheets on the information counter to volunteer for one or both of these opportunities. If your household is in need of a Thanksgiving food basket, please contact Julie at Faith Lutheran at (701) 845-4390 before Friday, November 4th.

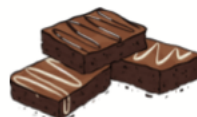


## MISSIONARY CALENDAR

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!



## BE A SENIOR HIGH LUNCH SUPPORTER!

Would you be willing to make bars/cookies/dessert for Senior High Lunch? We are serving as many as 90 – 100 kids every Monday and Pr. Kyle needs your help to feed them all! Consider signing up on the information counter to be a “Senior High Lunch Supporter” and cover dessert for a Monday lunch. Sign up on your own or with friends, and then drop off your desserts on Sunday after worship or Monday morning before 10:00 a.m. so they can be enjoyed by our favorite Senior High Hi-Liners. Questions? Chat with Pr. Kyle – and thanks in advance!

## Connect with us:



@OurSaviorsValleyCity



@oursaviorsvcnd

Be sure to stay up to date with all the most current OSLC information and updates by connecting with us on our website, [oursaviorsvc.org](http://oursaviorsvc.org), and by following us on our social media pages. On Facebook, @OurSaviorsValleyCity, and on now on TikTok, @oursaviorsvcnd.



## FREE LIBRARY BOOKS

What's better than free books?! Help us thin out and update our collection by taking home new-to-you books from the OSLC Library. Check the mobile library cart each week for new selections.



We give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." Together we pray: O, God, as you have received our siblings who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

John Hatcher	Erna Anderson	Donald Beutler	Kenneth Lettenmaier
Vivian Rensby	Mick Pytlik	Lowell Peterson	Dylan Peltier
Carol Weiler	Pauline Lentz	Betty Kreidlkamp	Donna Fraase
Manferd Drugan	Jeralyn Behm	Carol "Tweety" Bellmore	Barbara Henke
Arlene Kirschenman	Sharon Anderson	Vicky Royce	Beatrice Peterson
Richard Huseby	Shirley Weight	Olive Olstad	Peral Anundson
Ina Sabby	Willie Dallmann		



# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b>		1 9:00am Ministerial 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	2 9:30am Bible Study	3	4	5 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
<b>6 All Saints Sunday</b> 8:30am Worship 8:30am Facebook Live 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am Worship-Baptism 11:00am Radio broadcast	7 11:15am & 12:15pm Sr. High Lunch	8 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Gather-Library 1:30pm Text Study	9 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation @ OSLC 7:00pm Committees 8:00pm Council	10	11	12 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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November 2022



**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH**  
**9:35 A.M.**

**BUSINESS TO BE VOTED ON:**  
Required Updates to the Constitution  
Changes to Committee Structures and Charters  
Call of Pr. Kyle Symanski as Senior Pastor