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OUR SAVIOR'S
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Program Year Sunday Schedule

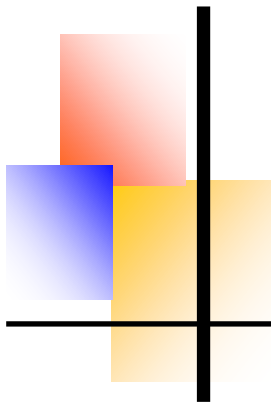
8:30am Worship w/Facebook Livestream

9:30am Coffee & Fellowship

9:30am-10:20am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

11:00am Radio Broadcast



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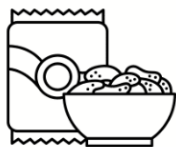
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HI-LINER FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Hi-Liner Food Pantry, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect donations in the tote near the welcome center. During September, donations of canned tuna or chicken are especially welcome. Thank You!

Snack Donations for Youth Activities



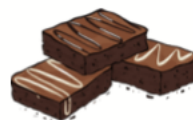
Donations of non-perishable snack and drink items (chips, cookies, prepackaged goodies, water bottles, juice, etc...) are welcome this month as our shelves for youth activities throughout the year. You can drop off items at the church during the week or on Sunday mornings. Be in touch with Pr. Kyle if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

Thanks for your glad and generous hearts.

Connect with us:



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, and by following us on our social media pages: Facebook, @OurSaviorsValleyCity, and on now on TikTok, @oursaviorsvcnd.



BE A SENIOR HIGH LUNCH SUPPORTER!

Senior High Lunch begins on Monday, September 18th!

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!



Ministry Partner Highlight: The Eastern North Dakota Action and Advocacy Team

The EaND Action and Advocacy Team acknowledges that the Spirit is the life of the church today - nudging, prodding, challenging, and nurturing us to practice our faith every day in caring for our neighbors and all of God's creation. Our baptismal privilege is one of service, and in serving all people, we serve Jesus. In refusing, we refuse Jesus within them (Matthew 25:40,45). The Spirit's call is both invitation and command. This team seeks to give voice for how the Spirit is leading us on behalf of the Eastern North Dakota Synod.

To see more of the Action and Advocacy Team's work, or to watch past recordings of the Team's "Faithful Conversations", visit eandsynod.org/ministries/advocacy-action-team



OSLC YOUTH

Pre-K - 6th

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We look forward to gathering for our 2023/24 year beginning **Sunday, September 10th**. Sunday School will run from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. each week and is open to students grades Pre-K through 6th grade. Contact Sunday School Superintendent, Katie Sather, with any questions at oslcsundayschool@outlook.com

7th - 12th

CONFIRMATION FOR 7th – 9th GRADERS: We are excited to once again announce that we will be sharing a Confirmation Program with Trinity and Faith Lutheran Churches for the 2023/24 program year. This wonderful ministry is a great opportunity for us to be church together.

A Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. hosted at Faith Lutheran Church (309 4th Street NE). All 7th – 9th graders and at least one adult should plan to attend. There is A LOT of information given out at this meeting so please do your very best to be in attendance. We plan for this meeting to last no longer than 30 minutes. Reach out to Pr. Kyle at klsymanski@gmail.com with questions.

CONFIRMATION FOR 10th GRADERS: Students entering 10th grade who will be confirmed in October are expected to be meeting four times with a faith mentor this summer. Letters detailing full expectations were distributed at our meeting on April 26th. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us on these dates below. Reach out to Pr. Kyle at klsymanski@gmail.com with questions.

Sunday, October 22nd, 2023 – Confirmation Rehearsal and Photos – 5:00pm
Sunday, October 29th, 2023 - Confirmation Sunday – Banquet @ 9:30 a.m., Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

SENIOR HIGH LUNCH: Senior High Lunch is back on **Monday, September 18th**. All Senior High Students, 9th – 12th grade, are welcome and invited to share in this free, home-cooked meal. Bring your friends and spread the word!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (10th – 12th Grade): Senior High Youth Group for grades 10th – 12th will generally gather on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the OSLC Youth Room. To stay connected, join our Remind App group by texting @oslcsyhg to the number 81010. By signing up, you'll get reminders about when we're meeting and the fun planned for that night.



PROGRAM YEAR WORSHIP PATTERN RETURNS

Our Program Year Worship Schedule Returns on Sunday, September 3rd with worship at both 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook at 8:30 a.m. and continue to be broadcast on KOVC 1490AM/96.3 FM at 11:00 a.m.



MISSIONARY CALENDAR

The 2023 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!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF-

Now it's time to start working on the fall shipment which happens in November. Needed; flannel sheets to make diapers and blankets and sewers to hem blankets and make school bags. Thrivent Cards can be used to purchase items. Cash donations are always appreciated.



September Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room – We gather for study, reflection, questions, and laughter each week in the Gathering Room. Beginning September 13th, we'll walk through some of the Bible's lesser told tales as part of our "Faces of Faith Series". Join us for conversation and community!

Men's Bible Fellowship | Saturdays at 7:30a.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.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Treasurer & Quilt Sale

On Thursday, Sept. 7th from 8:30am-6pm we will be accepting your household décor, furniture, children's items, (No Adult Clothing). Volunteers are needed to help.

Treasurer & Quilt Sale:

Sept. 8, 9. Fri: 2:00pm-6:00pm

Sat: 8:30am-2:00pm.

The proceeds will be going to Lutheran World Relief projects and shipping.

Any questions call Jan Stowman at 701-840-1808.

Notes from your Treasurer\$\$

I'm sitting at my computer this early August morning thinking about how blessed I am to be able to share my life with you.

If you are like me, you have filled your summer with as many activities as possible because we all know that these beautiful summer days are flying by. I have even learned to look past the weeds among my flowers. I remember my Grandma Delight, who although she was hard of seeing, would stoop down to pick the weeds as she was walking into a restaurant. To be honest, she was really small so the ground was closer to her eyes, and because she didn't want to trip on a crack, her head was usually scanning the sidewalk for lurking dangers. So here I am some 50 years later, growing shorter (is that possible?) and scanning the sidewalks for hidden dangers.

But, the artful side of me loves looking at the sky, especially the sunrises and sunsets, and all the nature God has provided for us to enjoy (maybe not the weeds) and thinking how blessed I am to be here enjoying the remainder of these summer days with family and friends.

I hope that you are also enjoying these nature-changing days as summer winds down and our fall activities begin to sneak into our calendars, hearts and souls.

Janet Brown



Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13th @8:00 p.m. (No Scheduled Meeting in August)

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.



Like us on Facebook at "Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND" for ongoing ministry updates, reflections, and worship opportunities.



CALL COMMITTEE

Your OSLC Call Committee is comprised of eleven members: Brenda White, Judy Karch, Ross Powell, Dennis Gumke, Karen Kringlie, Pat Edinger, Travis Peterson, Janna Kohler, Kyle Gregerson, Pat Johnson, and Kyla Fetsch. The Call Committee has begun to receive candidates for consideration for the vacant pastoral position.



Celebrating 10 years on September 10th!

This year marks the 10th anniversary of “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday! This annual day of service is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor.

The ELCA’s first dedicated day of service, in September 2013, was held to celebrate the church’s 25th anniversary. Through the years we have embraced **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday** as a way to be **church together**. On this day we bear witness to the love and concern God’s people have for one another. **Our congregations do this work every day** — loving their neighbors and improving their communities.

These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: ***All of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.***

Here’s how we’re celebrating at OSLC...

Friday, Sept. 8th (2 – 6 p.m.) & Saturday, Sept. 9th (8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

OSLC Treasure and Quilt Sale

This amazing event will raise funds for the numerous Lutheran World Relief (LWR) projects that OSLC undertakes during the year. Sign up to volunteer with Pr. Kyle!

Sunday, September 10th – “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

Packing of LWR Kits – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

In between worship services, help pack kits that OSLC will send to neighbors near and far.

Coffee Fellowship – 9:30 a.m.

A very special fellowship treat will help raise funds for the Community Closet.

Sunday School Kick Off – 9:30 – 10:20 a.m.

Register for and celebrate the beginning of the 23/24 Sunday School Year!



A New Worship Series Coming Sundays, September 17th – November 26th

There are many heroes of the faith, people we admire and wish to be. However, there are even more ordinary people of faith—those doing what they can with what they have to make a difference. Together, we'll dig deep into the bold and untold stories of those often overlooked in our biblical narratives, hoping these characters remind us that we all play a role in shaping God's story of redemption and grace.

For those looking to dive into the stories on a deeper level, join us for bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 am. for conversation on the following Sunday's theme. We'll look at the wider context of the stories and talk through the questions you've always wanted to ask.

September 17th – “Adam and Eve”

September 24th – “Puah and Shiphrah”

October 1st – “The Daughters of Zelophedad”

October 8th – TBD/Eastern North Dakota Synod “Church Together Sunday”

October 15th – “Queen Vashti”

October 22nd – “Deborah”

October 29th (Confirmation Sunday) – “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego”

November 5th (All Saints Sunday) – “Anna and Simeon”

November 12th – “The Ethiopian Eunuch”

November 19th – “Lydia”

November 26th – “Philemon”