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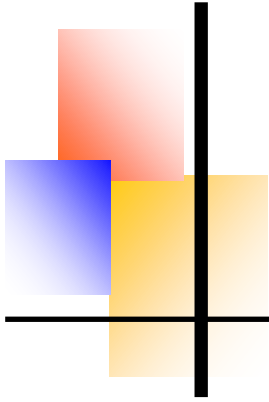
OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

Our Values:

All Generations
Neighbors – Near & Far
Sharing Generously
Rejoicing & Weeping Together



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July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	3 9:30am Bible Study	4 Office Closed Building Closed	5 Office Closed Building Closed	6 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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OSLC YOUTH

Pre-K - 6th

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Thank you to students, families, and teachers for an amazing 2023 – 2024 Sunday School Year. We'll return for the 2024 – 2025 Year in September. Contact Sunday School Superintendent, Katie Sather, with any questions at oslcsundayschool@outlook.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): Thank you to each and every person who made this year's VBS amazing! Special thanks to Kyla Fetsch, Wendi Wilmes, and Rebecca Westman who provided leadership throughout the week, to our partners at Trinity Lutheran and Faith Lutheran, and all those who volunteered their time and energy.

7th - 12th

CONFIRMATION FOR 7th – 9th GRADERS: Thank you to parents, students, small group leaders, and volunteers who made our 2023/24 Confirmation such a success. We look forward to gathering again in September and welcoming new 7th graders.

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 May 1st and can be found on the youth bulletin board at church. Reach out to Pr. Kyle at klsymanski@gmail.com with questions. As we look forward to confirmation in the fall, please hold these important dates:

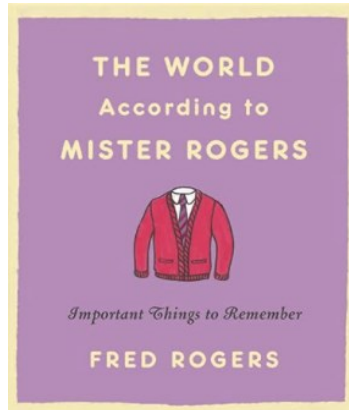
Sunday, October 20th, 2024 – Confirmation Rehearsal and Photos – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 27th, 2024 - Confirmation Sunday – Worship @ 9:00 a.m., Banquet @ 10:00 a.m.

SENIOR HIGH LUNCH: Senior High Lunch wrapped up its 2023/2024 School Year on Monday, April 29th. Thank you to those who participate in and support this amazing ministry. We'll be back in September for our 2024/2025 run!

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.

Loving Neighbors Better



Summer Book Club – *The World According to Mister Rogers*

Join your friends, family, and neighbors in the shared reading of *The World According to Mister Rogers: Important Things to Remember*. This June and July, people of all ages are invited to read this “timeless collection of wisdom on love, friendship, respect, individuality, and honesty from the beloved PBS series Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.”

As we grow in our call to love neighbors better, Mr. Rogers helps us shape our understandings of “love, friendship, respect, individuality, and honesty.” Books will be available for reading and sharing throughout the month of June and July on the information counter. Donations to help us offset the purchase of the books are welcome at \$12 a copy.

Later in July, we will gather on a Sunday morning following worship and share thoughts, insights, and questions. Look for a specific date to be announced in our weekly emails and Sunday bulletins.



July 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. Join us for conversation and community!

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.



July 2024 Newsletter

This month, youth from Our Savior's, Trinity and Faith will be joining youth from around the country for the ELCA National Youth Gathering, held in New Orleans, LA. As a part of their time there, our youth will worship together, meet and collaborate with other youth groups from other parts of the country, and serving the community of New Orleans with projects set up by the Gathering staff. In short, our youth will be the Body of Christ doing God's work in the world for that time and place.

They will also get the opportunity to learn and experience the city of New Orleans, especially partaking of the food, which is a large part of any culture. Being immersed in another culture that is different than their own, they will start to get a sense of the world around them, outside of what they know as home in North Dakota.

Pastor Nicholas and Leslie Rohde will also be there among the thousands of Lutheran youth at the Gathering. They will primarily be with the youth of Pastor Nicholas' previous congregations, but they hope to have opportunities to be with the youth of Valley City as well.

We ask that you pray with and for us as we journey to and from New Orleans, and that you pray for our time there to be enriching and Spirit-filled. We also encourage you to ask us about our trip and all that we learned and experienced while we were there!

God's Peace to you,
Pr. Nicholas

Notes from your Treasurer\$\$

I will preface this message saying thank you for your generosity and consistency in your gifts to Our Savior's.

As I prepare to write my message each month, I ponder and ask God to help me share with you. This month I wasn't hearing a lot from Him until He told me to write about what I know best: Him and myself.

So here goes:

I begin each day with my daily devotions using four different sources, but I always save my favorite to close with and that is "Jesus Listens" by Sarah Young. As I read her words, I'm thinking that I know these are her words, but it sounds like me and my thoughts.

I headed to Minneapolis last weekend with my faithful companions: God, Google, and Sirius Radio. The ride is always about the same (Old Time Radio, Golden 50's and 60's) until I head south on 494 and the last 29 miles of my journey. Another prayer for safety and courteous drivers (myself included) and then Google chimes in telling me what's up ahead and how many miles to my exit. Thankfully, I take my exit and maneuver my trusty vehicle to the parking lot of my brother's retirement building. I enter with my bag to hear someone greeting me at the door with "Hi! North Dakota is back!" I do love these retired folks who love to visit and are eager to hear my stories, and I tell them that it's true, we had snow after snow after snow this past winter, and I'm so glad to be visiting them again.

Have a safe and God-filled summer!

Janet Brown



Radio broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM. To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office. The cost is \$100 and may be gifted in memory or in honor of someone or a significant event. Your gift to this ministry is appreciated.



Want a quick and easy way to support the mission and ministry of OSLC? Visit oursaviorsvc.org and click the blue "GIVE" button or, call or stop by the church office to complete a Simply Giving Form to set up a recurring donations to OSLC today. Recurring gifts allow us to share God's love with neighbors near and far week in and week out. Thank You!



Christ In Our Home daily devotional booklets (in regular and large print) for July, August and September are now available. Pick up your copy today and begin the daily practice of bible reading and reflection.

Bridges Backpack Program



Bridges Backpack Program This summer, the Bridges Backpack Program will again be opening the summer grocery store on Wednesday evenings at the high school. This is a free grocery store open to anyone who chooses to utilize it. If you would like to contribute to the summer grocery store, we are looking for volunteers to help on Wednesday evenings from 5-7 pm and for monetary or food donations. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Julia Anderson at 701-840-9815 or andersonjb78@hotmail.com. If you would like to give a monetary donation, checks can be made to **Bridges Backpack Program Inc and mailed to: Bridges Backpack Program, Inc., 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.** If you would like to contribute food, some suggested items are: canned chicken or tuna, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, canned ravioli, Spaghetti O's, and granola bars. The gray donation tub is located in the family gathering space of the church by the shelving unit used for other donations. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Anderson at the number/email listed above. Thank you so much for your support!

Please Update your Church:

- You moved and have a new address.
- You got a new phone number let us know.
- You got a new email address update us.



Give us a call at 845-1328.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

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



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

This thank-you is from the manager of the LWR Quilt and Kit ministry- "I thank God for the quilters, Kit makers and compassionate people of faith in your congregation. You dedicate your time, talent and treasure to serving your neighbors in need. In doing so, you put your faith into action and share God's love all over the world.

Our Savior's Lutheran had a great Spring LWR shipment of 54 Baby Kits, 41 Personal Care Kits; and 76 Quilts. Thank you to all who helped in anyway.

Now it's time to start working on the Fall shipment. Especially needed: for school kits is 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks, #2 pencils and 16 or 24 Box crayons, pens (blue or black-no gel).

For Personal Care Kits are light weight bath towels (dark colors recommended), toothbrushes, 8-9 oz bath-size bars of soap.

For Baby Care Kits light weight jackets & sweaters (no fleece) sizes 6 to 24 months, socks and soap for example Ivory.

LIVE STREAM **Sunday Morning** **Volunteers Needed**

Want to be a part of our Livestream Team?!

Individuals of all ages and technical abilities are invited to join the rotating group of individuals who livestream our Sunday morning worships. Livestreaming worship is simple and straightforward, and allows us to connect with people near and far. If you'd like to be trained on the livestream, or want more information, contact Pr. Kyle or Paul Dahlberg and/or Nathan Johnson from the Technology Committee.



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. To donate to the Bridges Backpack Program, please make your check out to and mail to: **Bridges Backpack Program, Inc., 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.**

Connect with us:



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

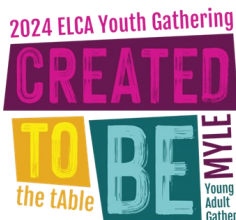
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The 2024 Missionary Calendar is up! For \$25 a day you can support Willie Langdji, who serves as an ELCA Missionary supporting the work of the Lutheran Church in Western Africa. With your support, we walk alongside of medical centers, schools, churches, 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, Global Health Ministries, and our partner church in the Central African Republic in regular prayer. We are church TOGETHER!



20 youth and adult leaders from Our Savior's, Faith, and Trinity Lutheran are traveling to New Orleans this July for the ELCA's National Youth Gathering. If you would like to be a "**Stockholder**"

by making a financial gift to help get our kids to New Orleans, fill out a white "Stockholder" tag (found on the table outside the sanctuary) with your name and address, and leave a check or cash in the amount requested. Checks can be made payable to OSLC, memo: Youth Gathering.



July Newsletter – President's Corner

At the June Council meeting, we discussed the following items:

- Capital Projects and Parsonage progress
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion summer activities, which include the summer book study and Green Dot training
- Three policies (first reading) related to Baptism, Weddings, and Funerals
- Plans for creating an updated church directory
- Funding for the Youth Gathering – our youth have done an excellent job of fundraising, and they may need only \$4000 to completely cover expenses for their trip in July.

Janet Brown, Pr. Robert, and Pr. Nicholas reported on their experiences at the Synod Assembly last month, which had a Native American focus.

Pr. Robert presented a workshop on Christian Nationalism that was very well received; Bishop Tessa will be on sabbatical for the months of June-August, and Pr. Brad Skogen will serve as acting bishop during her absence. We look forward to hearing more about the Synod Assembly from our congregational representatives later this month. Questions were raised about the current Sunday morning schedule, and we agreed to discuss this more fully at our next meeting (July 10). If you have a concern or opinion about how the new schedule is working/not working for you, please be sure to share your thoughts with one of the pastors or a member of Council prior to July 10!

The council also noted these events in the life of the congregation:

Deaths: Clarence Heck (non-member)

The warmth of summer and the amazing verdant world around us makes it somehow easier to appreciate God's handiwork, whether you seek out a beautiful vista or relax in a peaceful garden at home. His presence is all around us in "the work of [His] fingers....O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8: 3, 9).

Margaret Dahlberg, Council President.