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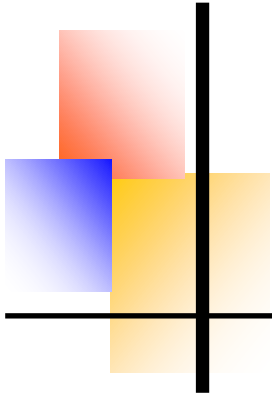
September 2024



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 8th
9:00 a.m. | Rally Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m. | Fellowship
10:00 a.m. | Sunday School

*Special "God's work. Our Hands." Fellowship
and service projects throughout the
morning.*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Worship 9:00am Facebook Live 10:00am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Radio Broadcast	2 Labor Day Office Closed Building Closed	3 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	4 9:30am Bible Study	5	6	7 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
8 Rally Sunday 9:00am Worship 9:00am Facebook Live 10:00am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Radio Broadcast 4:00pm Fair Hills	9 Fair Hills	10 Fair Hills 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	11 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm 7th-9th Grade Student/Parent Confirmation 7:00pm Committees 8:00pm Council	12	13	14 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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THE GOOD BOOK

Dear People of Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Believe it or not, the Bible can be a barrier for a lot of people of faith. Though we might simply say it tells the story of people, hope, love, and promise, it is also a large, intimidating, and often times confusing collection of books. Many people wonder how these ancient scriptures relate to a modern world. For some folks, the stories held within the sacred pages caused more harm than not. Others snip only small pieces of the full puzzle.

For the next two months, we are going to reclaim the "good" of the Good Book. **Walking with the stories of our ancestors in faith from A to Z, together we'll learn and relearn why we love to tell this old, old story, and why it continues to hold meaning for us here and now.** I hope you'll join us for this journey of growth, renewal, and good news of great joy.

Be well,



OUR SAVIOR'S
FOUNDATION

No Meeting scheduled for August 2024

A look at September...

Sunday, September 8th

"A is for Alabaster"

9:00 a.m. | Rally Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. | Fellowship

10:00 a.m. | Sunday School

Special "God's work. Our Hands." Fellowship and service projects throughout the morning.

Sunday, September 15th

"D is for Deliverance"

9:00 a.m. | Worship

10:00 a.m. | Fellowship

10:00 a.m. | Sunday School

10:00 a.m. | "Saved by the Other" Study

Sunday, September 22nd

"J is for Joseph"

9:00 a.m. | Worship

10:00 a.m. | Fellowship

10:00 a.m. | Sunday School

10:00 a.m. | "The Other, My Enemy" Study

Sunday, September 29th

"O is for Oneiphorus"

9:00 a.m. | Worship

10:00 a.m. | Fellowship

10:00 a.m. | Sunday School

10:00 a.m. | "Learning to Fear" Study

Sunday, October 6th

"Q is for the Queen of Sheba"

Sunday, October 13th

"S is for Shipwreck"

Sunday, October 20th

"W is for Whirlwind"

Sunday, October 27th

"Z is for Zacchaeus"

Confirmation Sunday



Sunday School registration will open online on August 25th.

Pre-k (must be going into kindergarten 2025-2026 school year) through 6th grade.

Sunday School will start on Rally Sunday, September 8th from 10am-10:30am.

Questions- email Katie Sather at oslcsundayschool@outlook.com

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.**



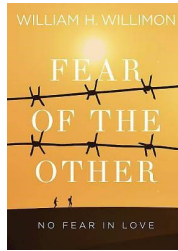
Save the Date: Sunday, Sept. 8, we will celebrate our annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands." This special yearly celebration is a day we remind ourselves and our communities who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. We'll also kick off the program year in style with a celebratory worship service! Look for service opportunities in the bulletin.

Worship | 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship | 10:00 a.m.
"God's work. Our hands." Projects | All morning



SENIOR HIGH LUNCH: Senior High Lunch will be on hiatus this fall while the OSLC kitchen is remodeled. We look forward to being back to full service this winter! With questions or concerns, be in touch with Pr. Kyle.

Loving Neighbors Better



Loving Neighbors Better Study: Fear of the Other
Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room
(beginning Sept. 15th)

Using Will Willimon's "no non-sense book and reliable spiritual guide", we'll wrestle with the gospel command to love (and not just tolerate) neighbors, others, and enemies. **Your perspective and questions are welcome and encouraged, as we grow in our call to love better.** Join us for one or all of this five-session series beginning Sunday, Sept. 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

September 15th: "Saved by the Other"
September 22nd: "The Other, My Enemy"
September 29th: "Learning to Fear Like Christians"
October 6th: "Loving the Other in Church"
October 13th: "Jesus, the Other"

Each session will include a video presentation based on the theme, and will leave time for conversation and questions. Accompanying books for reflection and growth will be used during the Sunday sessions and are available for loan upon request. Be in touch with Pr. Kyle or Pr. Nicholas with questions.



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!



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11TH @ 6:30 P.M.
7TH - 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION
STUDENT/PARENT MEETING

Save the Date: A 7th – 9th Grade Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11th 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. Reach out to Pr. Kyle at klsymanski@gmail.com with questions.



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. 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.

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.



We're excited to announce the creation of a new church directory using the *Instant Church Directory* program. This will be the church's first directory since 2017, and will allow us to stay connected with each other in a more consistent and modern way.

The *Instant Church Directory* program will allow us to publish the familiar hard copy directories, but also allows to share our directory through our website and a user-friendly app. More importantly than ever before, individuals and families will have the ability to edit information directly and instantly so that family pictures, phone numbers, emails, and addresses can always be up-to-date.

The directory is up and running now, and all we need now is for you to update your information!

This month, you are encouraged do to one of three things...

- Access the directory via the *Instant Church Directory* website (**members.instantchurchdirectory.com**) and update you household information. To access the website you'll need to create an account using the email address you've shared with the church in the past.
- Access the directory via the *Instant Church Directory* app (**download in the app store on your mobile device**) and update you household information. To access the app you'll need to create an account using the email address you've shared with the church in the past.
- Fill out a directory submission form in hard copy at the church.

More detailed instructions for accessing and using the *Instant Church Directory* program can be found on the directory table at the church. **Additionally, Council members will be manning a help desk every Sunday in September, beginning the 8th, to help you navigate this new program and to answer your questions. We'll also have walk throughs during worship on Sunday and shared on our Facebook page.**

For those who choose digital access to the Directory, once you are signed up, you will have full access right away! For those who would prefer a hard copy version, we anticipate booklets to be available sometime in November. In the meantime, we are excited to get the ball rolling on this first step in our re-connection commitment.

With questions on this process, you can be in touch with me or with our Council President Margaret Dahlberg at dahlberg15@hotmail.com.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

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Pastor Nicholas Rohde

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Church Office

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



Beware of suspicious and abnormal emails...

Please be on the lookout for phishing and scam emails. Reports frequently come to the church office about suspicious or abnormal emails coming from either Pr. Kyle, Pr. Nicholas, and/or the church office, often asking for money and/or gift cards. For your safety, always make sure emails are coming directly from addresses you recognize, pay attention for poor grammar and spelling, and beware of email requests that ask you "not to call".

No pastor will ever ask you for money or gift cards, nor will the church office. If you receive one of these suspicious emails, or are unsure about an email you get from the church or one of the pastors, please call the church office.



Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 11th @8:00 p.m.
(No Scheduled Meeting in August)



Notes from your Treasurer\$\$.

I'm writing this message today in the middle of August, looking at the calendar and realizing how quickly August is slipping away, and how soon we will be sliding into September.

To me September is a changing of the seasons: the season of vacations, summer sports, family reunions is ending and the season of school, school sports, cleaning up gardens, harvest is upon us.

I would be remiss if I didn't report on our finances at Our Saviors. There is a history of the slackness in our giving during the summer months. At the end of July, 2024 our General Fund expenses were \$37,467 more than our income. At the end of July in 2023 the giving was actually \$32,569 more than the expenses. I realize that this year we have more people on staff. I am hoping that the last half of 2024 will see a substantial increase in the giving.

Please enjoy the remainder of the summer and as we fall into our autumn routines, let us be thankful for each day God gives us. I appreciate all the ways you support me and my work for Our Saviors!

Janet Brown



OSLC YOUTH

Pre-K - 6th

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School returns on Rally Sunday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. Online sign up is open for kids in Pre-K (entering kindergarten in 25/26) through 6th grade. Contact 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 2024/25 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 11th 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. Reach out to Pr. Kyle at klsyman-ski@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 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 – Celebration Banquet – 4 p.m. | Rehearsal and Photos – 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 27th, 2024 – Confirmation Sunday | Worship @ 9 a.m.

SENIOR HIGH LUNCH: Senior High Lunch will take a hiatus this fall while the OSLC kitchen is remodeled. We'll be back in the winter with a brand new kitchen and the same great food!

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.