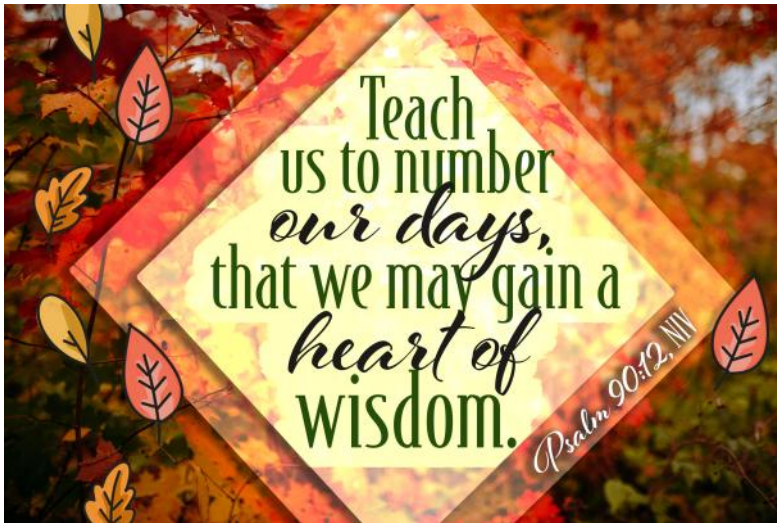


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Worship Services 9:00am
Sunday School 10:00 am

Coffee and Fellowship
at 10:15am

Church Building Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday
9:00 am — 1:00 pm

Church Office Hours

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OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		9:00 Quilters 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Text Study	9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation 8:00 Sr High Group	4:30 Exec Team	12:00 Sr High Lunch Pastor's Sabbath	7:30 am Men's Bible Study
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Towards the end of the month of October, we celebrate Reformation Day alongside the Affirmation of Baptism for our 10th grade students. I find this coupling of celebrations to speak beautifully about how the Church is a living and breathing thing; constantly changing and growing from one age to another. In other words, the Church is always in a state of transition, and it is part of our calling as followers of Jesus Christ to live into that transition, with hope and faith for the future.

Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." These words from Luther are words of hope and faith. I am reminded also of God's promise to Abraham. Abraham is promised to be the ancestor of a multitude of descendants who will inherit a land that God will gift them. This promise to Abraham does not include the idea that Abraham will live to see all of his descendants, or even that Abraham will live in the land that God is giving to those descendants. It is a promise of hope of things to come. Faith is trusting in those things that we believe to be true and strive for, even if we ourselves do not live to see it come to fruition.

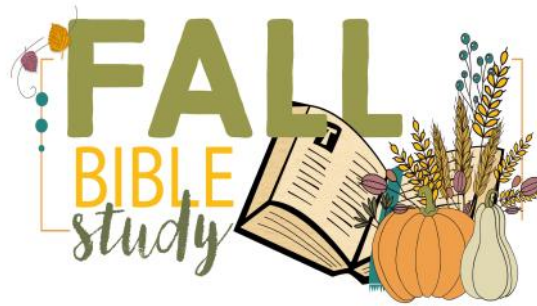
Martin Luther plants the apple tree, knowing that he himself may not ever eat of it. Nevertheless, he plants it, having faith that it will grow over time, beyond himself and his lifetime, to feed those that come after him and to become a home and nutrients for other living beings beyond the one person of Martin. So, Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Valley City, North Dakota, living and serving in the year 2025, what are the "apple trees" that you will plant today and tomorrow? What are the things you are willing to invest in for the hopeful benefit of those to come? To whom, and for whom are you willing to become good stewards of that which has been entrusted to you?

**Be well, dear friends,
-Pastor Nicholas**

"Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see" – Martin Luther



Wednesday Bible Study |
9:30 a.m. in the Gathering
Room – We gather for
study, reflection, ques-
tions, and laughter each
week in the Gathering
Room. Join us for conversa-
tion 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 relation-
ships. All are welcome.



Confirmation will be held on Sun-
day, October 26th during the 9:00
worship service. Rehearsal will be
held on Sunday, October 19th at
4:00 .



Tricia Lebahn has retired
as Choir Director
We want to thank her for
24 years of service!

SEASONAL RESPIRATORY CLINIC

The City-County Health Dis-
trict has set a date of
October 19th at 10:15
for our clinic here at OSLC.
Keep an eye out for further
details.



The vaccine will be available for all indi-
viduals 6 months of age and older. The
COVID-19 will also be available at the clin-
ic and administered per CDC recommen-
dations. You will need to bring your in-
surance card to the clinic. A sign-up sheet
is posted on the information counter un-
der the missionary calendar.



Faith Lutheran Church

309 4th St NE
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**Join us from
1 PM - 3 PM**



Thursday, October 23

Fire Prevention & Safety



The radio broadcast of the Sunday worship still fills a need for people in the community and should continue, provided we can cover the cost. We pay \$100 per broadcast, adding up to about \$6,000 per year including special services at Christmas and Easter. Please consider a donation to help us maintain this ministry opportunity.

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



Notes from your Treasurer\$\$

October greetings!

Fall colors are in the air! God does a beautiful job of presenting our area with beautiful fall scenery. A short jaunt down the Kathryn road or our city park will verify this. Take some time to look around and see what God has done.

When I first began my journey as your treasurer in 2016, I could predict the financials a little better than I can today. We have had so many changes in the past nine years that have influenced the Our Savior's council-approved budgets. Covid brought about a different way of attending church, our Capital Campaign, and staffing changes during this time also influenced our budget. I am not sure what all this is leading to for us, but I do know that God has a plan for the life of Our Savior's and I want to see where He leads us.

I have been doing a lot of reading this past month. Joyce Meyer's Battlefield of the Mind chapters on the Wandering, Wondering Mind and The Confused Mind chapters are definitely speaking to me these days. I also came across a couple of quotes that I'd like to share with you.

Leo Tolstoy wrote: "Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

Lou Holtz: "Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you will do. Attitude determines how well you do it." I call this my AMA.

Pet life on Riverview drive hasn't changed much. There seems to be a new "pecking order" established between the critters that I'm watching, and I'm sometimes trying to change their thoughts a bit. MacArthur in particular has decided he wants to learn to crochet. He thinks that every time I pick up my yarn it's an invitation for him to sit on top of my project.

Take care, have faith, and keep praying!

Enjoy our October days!!

Janet Brown





The Community Closet will be open Monday, October 27, 5-7 pm. Now is a good time to go through your closets at home to look for items you may not need anymore, especially winter clothing, as that season approaches. Contact Ann in the office with questions.



Food Donations

The Confirmation Students will be conducting a Food Drive on Wednesday, October 15th. The food will be given to the Food Bank here in town. If you'd like, you can also bring non-perishable items to the church and we will take them to the pantry with the items the students collect. Keep an eye open for more details.

We will have a Stewardship emphasis in Worship this autumn. Our theme is "What We Can Do: Responding to God's Generosity." We will be invited to expand our understanding of our Stewardship. Church leader Clarence Stoughton, once commented: "Stewardship is all that follows 'I believe.'" So true.

What is possible for us at Our Savior's to do in response to God's lavish generosity? God's gifts come to particular people, in particular places, in particular times. And since we are all made in God's image, we, too, uniquely embody God's steadfast abundance, love, and mercy in and for the world. We are equipped to be generous where we are. As we grow connected to Christ and with one another, we are reminded of God's love and truth for us. We can therefore respond with generosity, love, and service on behalf of our neighbors.

It's so good to see you all in church on Sundays and Wednesdays and throughout the weeks! Stay tuned and we will discover not only God's abundant grace for us and God's world, let's discover how we can continue to impact God's world for good.

Peace,

Pr. Rich





Many Thanks to Jerry Huckle for the new Advent Wreath he has purchased for Our Savior's. The "candles" hold oil so no more candle wax on the carpet and no need to buy more candles. It is beautiful and we will get many years of joy each Advent season.





The r e is a sig n up shee t for **C o f f e e and Fe l l o w s h i p H o s t s** in t he Gat he r in g Roo m. Ho s t s ar e n e e d e d for ou r f e l l o w s h i p t i m e s fol lowin g wor shi p o n Su nday morn in gs . It c an be as simp le as m akin g su r e t he c o f f e e is o n and ru n n in g and provid- in g a light tr e at.

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MISSIONARY CALENDAR

The 2025 Missionary Calendar is filling up, but there are still days to sponsor! 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 hold Willie, Global Health Ministries, and our partner church in the Central African Republic in regular prayer.

We are church TOGETHER!



HI-LINER FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Backpack Program/Hi-Liner Pantry is asking for donations of individually wrapped snack items such as granola bars, crackers, cookies and chip – things the counselors can quickly grab, as they have many kids that utilize these snacks at school. They are also planning to add a “snack stash” for Jefferson and Washington Elementary Schools. These items can be dropped off in the tub located in the Gathering Room. The Hi-Liner Food Pantry continues to serve VCHS students and families. Items for the Pantry can also be dropped off in the tub located in the Gathering Room. If you would like to donate financially, please make your check out to Bridges Backpack Program, Inc. 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.



Celebrating our new kitchen

September 21, 2025



Prayer Shawl Reminder

The Prayer Shawl group continues to create and donate shawls for those in need of a warm hug in times of grief or illness. If you know of someone who could use a shawl as a reminder of our love and prayers for them in time of struggle, please let the church office know and we will see that one is delivered. (Pictured: Bob Burchill with his new shawl.)



President's Corner – September 2025

A big thank you to the Congregational Life Committee for the “Kitchen Celebration” brunch they hosted on September 21. It is great to have an updated kitchen available for serving and celebrations once again, and it was fun to see so many folks stop by for food and fellowship. I hope we can do this again!

At the Council meeting on September 13, members discussed the new (pastor's) health insurance packages made available for 2026 (final decisions to be made at the October meeting), as well as a possible change in the way we manage communion.

We began discussing the possible change in our communion practice to “intinction,” where communicants dip the wafer into a cup of wine or juice. This would save some money in the supply budget (no more plastic cups to purchase), be more eco-friendly (no more plastic cups in the trash), and save some time (no more plastic cups to fill). Members were asked to consult with their committees for feedback. If you have feedback to offer, please contact one of the Council reps (before Oct. 8, if possible).

Many thanks to all those who attended the Sept. 7 information session and/or the Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sept. 21. The recommendation of the Council – to end the Associate Pastor position effective Dec. 31, 2025, was approved at that meeting with three dissenting votes (65-3). We will begin working with our pastors on next steps; we should have a progress report to share with all of you by the end of October. Please reach out if you have any questions.

In other actions, the Council noted the following events in the life of our congregation:

Deaths/Burials: James Arthur Swanberg

Transfer Out: Sharon McCarriar

Council Members: Katie Sather, Amelia Belgard, Lacie Maresh, Kyla Fetsch, Nathan Johnson, LouVay White, Sarah Wangrud, Tara Anderson, Margaret Dahlberg, Janet Brown, Pr. Rich and Pr. Nicholas.

Submitted by Margaret Dahlberg, Council President



OSLC YOUTH

BIBLE SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 12TH - Bibles will be handed out to the 3 year olds and 3rd graders. The kids will receive their Bibles and then there will be a blessing of the Bibles. The Sunday School kids will also be singing that Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School meets each week from 10:00-10:45 am and is open to students Pre-K through 6th grade. Contact Superintendent, Katie Sather, with any questions at oslcsundayschool@outlook.com

7th - 12th

CONFIRMATION FOR 7th – 9th GRADERS:

Confirmation classes began in September. Be in touch with Pr. Nicholas with questions. Classes will begin the year at Faith Lutheran Church.

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.

SENOIR HIGH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGH THE SPOND APP - be sure to sign up so you know the latest info for these activities. See Pr Nicholas with any questions.

Sr High Lunch



Sr High Youth Group

