



Our Savior's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2025
NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP TIMES: Sunday at 9:30 am

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Monday-Thursday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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Dear friends in Christ,

Welcome to the summer season, a time for us to connect with family and friends, and a time to slow down to appreciate the beauty of God's creation. As we move through this season of warmth and relaxation, I invite you to remain actively engaged in the life of our church community. You don't want to miss worship with us!

I am excited to announce the launch of our summer preaching series, "Bumper Sticker Theology," which will begin on June 8th. Throughout this series, we will dig into commonly used phrases that, upon closer examination, reveal misconceptions about God's nature and are often misinterpreted. These phrases are everywhere but are often found on bumper stickers! Phrases like "I can do all things...", "God won't give you more than you can handle," "God is my copilot," and "everything happens for a reason," are just a teaser for the 13 weeks of Sunday worship. Be prepared to explore the phrases with Pr. Drew and I as we deepen our understanding of them theologically!

I believe that it is crucial for us as a community of faith to move beyond superficial clichés and engage in a deeper understanding of God's Word. By digging into these commonly used phrases, I hope to spark meaningful conversations and encourage personal growth in our faith journey.

I would also like to share a change that you will notice in our worship format during the summer months. In an effort to be mindful of our expenses and promote environmental sustainability, we will be transitioning to a more streamlined bulletin format. Most Sunday worship services have a 12-page bulletin, which takes a lot of paper and colored ink. This change reflects our commitment to being good stewards of God's creation and an effort to be fiscally responsible. We will still provide large print bulletins for those in need and we will pray for no technology glitches too! I understand this is a big change and it will take some getting used to, so be patient in this process. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me, I am here to navigate this with you!

As we move through the summer months together, may we approach this season with open minds and faithful hearts, seeking to deepen our understanding of God's love for us.

In Christ,
Pastor Kira

Joy in Generosity

My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia have shown others how kind God is. Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously. They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God's people. And they did more than we had hoped. They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us, just as God wanted them to do. I am not ordering you to do this. I am simply testing how real your love is by comparing it with the concern that others have shown. You know that our Lord Jesus Christ was kind enough to give up all his riches and become poor, so that you could become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 CEV

This passage from Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth has often been cited in stewardship talks and sermons about the need to give. After all, here's Paul encouraging a community of faith to give of themselves and their resources to support the ministry of the church. We might cringe at the tactics he seems to employ by "testing" the sincerity of the community's love by "comparing" them to the generosity of other churches. It's not a stretch to hear Paul implying that if the Corinthian church doesn't give more, like the Macedonian churches have done, then their faith in Christ may be insincere or even suspect. It's possible this is what Paul wanted to communicate; however, I believe Paul was a better pastor than that! Instead, what I hear in this passage is Paul encouraging a community of faith to give out of joy and gratitude for what God had first done for them. Lifting up the story of the Macedonians isn't meant to *shame* the Corinthians into giving more, it is meant to *inspire* them.

We know from extensive research that shame can be a powerful psychological check on human behavior, but it's a terrible motivator when it comes to generosity. Notice that Paul explicitly says that he will not "order" them to give more. He understands that true generosity cannot be commanded, and he observes that the Macedonians gave out of "the joy of giving" and "simply because they wanted to." So where does that joy come from?

Generosity doesn't just come from thin air. Those of you who give of yourselves in service to others and through financial giving, didn't just wake up one day and decide to be generous. I suspect that you all have had role models and examples of others whom you love and respect, who have shown you what it looks like and even what it *feels* like to be generous. So here's my hypothesis: **The practice of generosity is fueled by joyfully sharing stories of generosity.**

Pr. Kira and I want to hear your stories of why you give, and we want you to share those stories with the congregation. What gives you joy? What is important to you when considering how to spend your time, talent, and treasure? How were you first inspired to give of yourself? What do you value?

In the coming months, we will be inviting OSLC members to share their stories during worship at the time of offering. These short, 3-4 minute "generosity spotlights" will highlight the ways in which you are already serving and giving in the congregation, the community, and beyond. If you would like to share, please let me know (pastordrew@oursaviorsfbo.org) and we'll schedule your Sunday! I am happy to work with you to craft your message if you so desire.

I continue to be humbled and grateful for all the ways in which you give. Thank you!

-Pr. Drew

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OSLC



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Congratulations!

Congratulations and blessings to the 12 students who celebrated their affirmation of baptism earlier in May! May God continue to bless you in your journeys of faith.

*Olive Cook | Micah Cox | Johnathan Erickson
Brady Hale | Camille Kruse | Payton Miller
Ryder Nelson | Colby Novotny | Lydia Rojas
William Silver | Maggie Wasilowski | Grayden Wilson*



Lamplighters

Adult Christians Lighting the Way

Join us for our June Meeting
at the Faribault Family Restaurant

June 3, 2025 at 12 PM

COUNCIL CORNER

Members of Our Saviors,

The May Church Council Meeting was held this past Tuesday, May 20th. It's tough to put the full breadth of discussion into a few minutes and points, but nonetheless:

- 1) While Wednesday night education has wrapped for the programming year, there will still be opportunities throughout the summer to gather and engage. We encourage you to watch the bulletin, newsletters and emails for opportunities including Wild Wednesdays, Vacation Bible School and Family, Fun and Service Days, which will include opportunities to go to Valleyfair, Feed My Starving Children, and the Minnesota Zoo.
- 2) The Gather Table has received a number of ideas for potential fellowship ideas, thank you to everyone that has submitted ideas, and keep them coming!
- 3) The church has approved the hiring of both an IT Consulting Firm and a Cleaning Company. Marathon Tech will assist in keeping our technology and network updated, secure and functional. All Pro Cleaners has been brought on to make sure the building stays clean, cleaning the church twice a week.

To that end, we want to say a special thank you to Henry's Handy Helpers for assisting with the cleaning of the church these last several months.

- 4) We are looking at revamping the job description and responsibilities of the Business Administrator position as we continue to try and fill that role. This position will now additionally entail some building management responsibilities as well.

With this revamped role and the hiring of a cleaning company, we are no longer seeking a facility coordinator position.

- 5) Upon the recommendation of the Property team, council has approved the installation of a new security and fire system. This new system will include several system upgrades to help protect the facility and those within it. This upgrade has been in the works for several years, and funds to cover the entire installation are already set aside.

To each of you, we wish to thank you all for the many ways in which you bless the church with your time, talents, gifts and resources. We are so very grateful for you all!

Dean Manz

OSLC Council Member At-large

~ATTENTION~

Share Your Music with Us!

We are looking for people to play special music in worship throughout the summer. Please contact Wendy in the church office, at wendy@oursaviorsfbo.org, if you are interested in sharing your talents in worship on Sundays!

Financial Update

| Fast Figures 2025 Financials Finalized through April 2025 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| | Actual | Ministry Spending | Difference | |
| April Reciepts | \$ 47,529.00 | \$ 45,000.00 | \$ | 2,529.00 |
| April Expenses | \$ (54,537.00) | \$ (62,974.00) | \$ | 8,437.00 |
| Receipts Over Expenses | \$ (7,008.00) | \$ (17,974.00) | \$ | 10,966.00 |
| | | | \$ | - .00 |
| YTD Receipts | \$ 226,606.00 | \$ 204,950.00 | \$ | 21,656.00 |
| YTD Expenses | \$ (208,077.00) | \$ (245,034.00) | \$ | 36,957.00 |
| Receipts Over Expenses | \$ 18,529.00 | \$ (40,084.00) | \$ | 58,613.00 |

| Balance Sheet Recap | Actual | Beginning Balance as | Change |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Total cash on hand as of 04-30-2025 | \$ 274,368.96 | \$ 260,471.12 | \$ 13,897.84 |
| Total cash Designated for specific purposes (restricted accounts) | \$ 178,270.82 | \$ 182,901.73 | \$ (4,630.91) |
| Leaving a cash balance for General Operating expenses of | \$ 96,098.14 | \$ 77,569.39 | \$ 18,528.75 |

April is finalized.
 Giving compared to plan is up +5.62% or \$2,529
 Expenses are down compared to plan <-13.40%> or <-\$8,436>

Year to Date:
 Giving compared to plan is up +10.57% or \$21,656
 Expenses are down compared to plan <-15.08%> or <-\$36,957>

Total Cash in General Operating Account is \$96,098 this is the cash we have access to for any reason/need. Goal is to have two months in reserve.

Thank you for your support of the Ministry here at Our Saviors!

June Noisy Offering

Rotary Global Polio Eradication Initiative

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Their goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, they've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since their first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OSLC



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Summer Family Fun & Service Days

Monday, June 26 | 9:45AM - 3PM

Faribault Senior Living & Faribault Aquatic Center

Families and students are invited for a service and fun day! Please meet at OSLC at 9:45 a.m. with a bagged lunch to spend the day in service and in the water. Please sign up with the QR code.



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Summer Family Fun Day

Saturday, July 12 | 9AM - 5PM

VALLEY FAIR

Families and students are invited for a fun day at Valleyfair! Students under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

Cost \$35/person


Optional Meal Deal


add on for \$15/person

Please sign up with the QR code.




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American Red Cross Blood Drive


Save a Life, Give Blood



Scan to schedule an appointment.

Friday, June 6, 2025
11 am - 5 pm

Please use the Red Cross Donor App, call 1-800-733-2767, or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: OSLC to schedule an appointment.

Scan to Volunteer

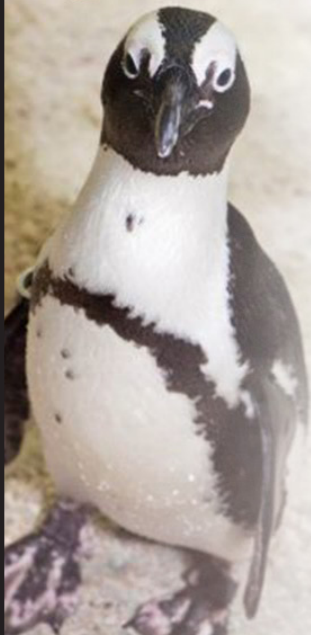


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Summer Family Fun & Service Day


Thursday, August 28 | 8:30AM - 4PM

Feed My Starving Children & Minnesota Zoo



Families and students are invited for a morning of service at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan and an afternoon at the Minnesota Zoo! Please bring a bagged lunch.
Cost \$10/person

Please sign up with the QR code.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*That's All
For Now!*

*Have a great summer!
See you in the fall*

On April 30th, we celebrated the last Wednesday of Christian education for the year. It was so much fun to worship outside in the beautiful weather, enjoy games and fellowship, and even smores.

We especially want to say a big THANK YOU to our Wednesday School & Confirmation teachers! You all did a wonderful job leading our young people this year. We cannot do this ministry without you!

Alisha Hildebrandt, Sheryl Borka, Amira Williams, Whitney Huberty, Ashley Landru, Lydia Lueken, Maggie Lund, Ainsley Luettel, Brandis Miller, Mady Miller, Yazmin Rojas, Arianna Torres-Boudreau, Teo Torres-Boudreau, Nate Lockerby, Conner Lockerby, Eileen Kline, Jaylin Kline, Courtney Cowan, James Silver, Jarid Finstuen, Tennyson Roiger, Anna Yetzer, Matt Slinger, Krista Cox, & Sarah Pierce.



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Beginning on June 4th

Summer

Wild Wednesdays

Join us for a fun summer evening of food and fellowship!

We'll start with a classic backyard BBQ from 5-5:45. Followed by nature based activities including, games, crafts, gardening, and other outdoor activities from 5:45 - 7:00. The activities will be youth focused but all ages are welcome to participate.

All are Welcome

REGISTER TODAY!



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Pre-K through 8th Grade Families

Registration is Open!

Wednesday/Sunday/Confirmation

2025-26 Programming

Use the QR codes
register for your
child's 2025-26
school year
programming

Pre-K - 5th Grade



6th - 8th Grade

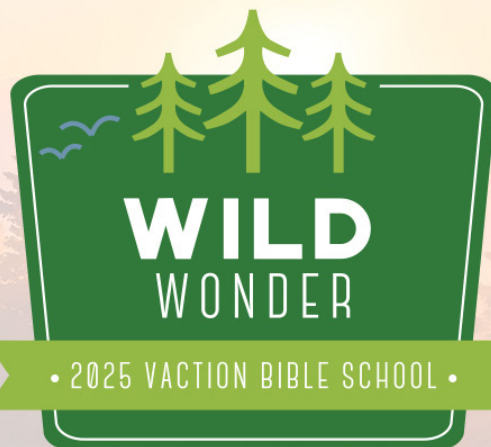


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FIRST ENGLISH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**VBS 2025
REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!**



**COMPLETED
GRADES
PRE-K - 5TH**

AUGUST 4-7 | OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**PreK &
Kindergarten**
9:00 - 11:30 AM



Use the QR codes
register your child
for VBS 2025



**1st - 5th
Grades**
9 AM- 3PM

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER EVENTS

CALENDAR

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|---|
| 04 JUNE | Welcome 9th graders potluck & games! | ← |
| 11 JUNE | FREE NIGHT! (Grace gone) | ← |
| 18 JUNE | FREE NIGHT! (Grace gone) | ← |
| 25 JUNE | Volleyball & Basketball @ North Alexander | ← |
| 02 JULY | Movie Night! | ← |
| 09 JULY | Board Game night! | ← |
| 16 JULY | Slip n slide kickball/water games | ← |
| 23 JULY | Mini Golf (Location TBD) | ← |
| 30 JULY | Ultimate Frisbee | ← |
| 06 AUGUST | Summer Desserts Baking Contest | ← |
| 13 AUGUST | FREE NIGHT! (Grace gone) | ← |
| 20 AUGUST | FRIENDLY PETS night! | ← |
| 27 AUGUST | End of Summer Party! | ← |

All events are on Wednesday, 7 - 9 p.m. @ OSLC, unless otherwise noted!

To receive messages about summer youth group, please TEXT Grace at 715-338-2326 with your name, and state you would like to be added to the list!

***Schedule is subject to change**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OSLC



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Graduation Sunday

Help us celebrate our graduating High School Seniors

Sunday, June 1, 2025

On Sunday, June 1st we will honor all graduating seniors during worship. We will present them with their graduation stepping stone and honor their next steps. All graduating seniors are welcome!

Congratulations Class of 2025

**Jamie Adamek
Casper Andersen
Addisyn Bauer
Gabriella Boevers
Anastasia Bokman
Mara Cook
Lauren Hafemeyer
Jillian Huberty
Jayce Kaderlik
Kayla Kubinski
Darby LaCanne
Kaitlynn Linnane**

**Lydia Lueken
Alaina Nelson
Madden Paul
Tennyson Roiger
Erika Schrot
Justin Schrot
Michael Schrot
Cecilia Storey
Addison Thibodeau
Arianna Torres-Boudreau
Nolan Vogelsberg
Anna Yetzer**

SERMON TEXT & VOLUNTEERS



"One in Christ"

Sunday, June 1

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

*"God won't give you more
than you can handle"*

Sunday, June 8

1 Corinthians 10:11-13, John 16:29-33

"God is my copilot"

Sunday, June 15

Matthew 16:21-26

"God needed another angel"

Sunday, June 22

John 11:1-4, 17-27, 32-44

Revelation 21:1-6

*"I can do all things through
a Verse taken out of context"*

Sunday, June 29

Philippians 4:1-14

JUNE USHERS

RICK BARNES ©
DAVE HENRY
MIKE & AMY COOK

JANE CARSON
ROBIN FINKE
PAUL & KATHY STEPKA

COMMUNION

JUNE 1

PREP SERVERS

Ruth Olson
Dennis & Rita Wunderlich
Dan & Karen Rasmussen
Ruth Hickey
Amy Stadler

JUNE 8

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Dan & Kren Rasmussen
Jill Finstuen
Allen & Pam Salvesson
John Mattson

JUNE 15

PREP SERVERS

Ruth Olson
Evon As
Barb Condit
Paula Schauer
Linda Mueller
Angel Yackel
Ardys Johnson

SCRIPTURE READERS

JUNE 1 Edie Mattson
JUNE 8 Linda Mueller
JUNE 15 Jordyn Finstuen
JUNE 22 Peggy Paulson
JUNE 29 Dick Huston

SOUND & TECH TEAM

JUNE 1

Sound: Linda Hanegraff
Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: Allen Salvesson

JUNE 8

Sound: Jarid Finstuen
Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: Jordyn Finstuen

JUNE 15

Sound: Amy Cox
Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: Tim Cox

JUNE 22

Sound: Owen Harrison
Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: Grace Harrison

JUNE 29

Sound: Linda Hanegraff
Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: Allen Salvesson

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Sunday, June 22, 2025
Fellowship Hall | 11 am

Entry Fee:

A plate of cookies or brownies or muffins or pie or your favorite dessert. Minimum of 1 plate per player.

Prizes: A plate of cookies or brownies or muffins or pie or dessert.

We'll play until we run out of prizes.



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Pub Theology

Thursday, June 26

7 p.m. | Ten Thousand Drops

Join us for conversation on issues relating to faith and life!

Come have something to drink,
and stay for a good conversation!

Everyone over 21 is WELCOME!

Baptisms & Sympathies



Blessings on your Baptism

Leif Ronnie Aksland
son of Bailey and Erik Aksland.
Baptized on May 25, 2025

faith grows here



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THE GATHER TABLE
Fellowship Team

Submit your *Fellowship Event Ideas*

Got a fun idea for brining people together?

The Fellowship Team at The Gather Table is on the lookout for fun, meaningful, and maybe even a little quirky ideas for upcoming gatherings. Let's dream up ways to connect, laugh, and grow together.

You can submit an idea by filling out the forms in the pews or email Jill Finstuen at jilloslc@gmail.com.

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| 1 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service / Communion 9:30 am Temple Talk / Dick Huston 9:30 am Senior High Graduate Recognition  | 2 3:30-5:00 pm Ruth's House Meeting (Noah's) 5:30 pm Property Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together" (Fireside) 6:00 – 8:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Noah's Ark) | 3 9:30 am Grief Support "Help for Newly Bereaved" 12:00 pm Lamplighters / Luncheon at the Faribault Family Restaurant 2:30 pm Staff Meeting | 4 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Lutheran Social Service Training (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 pm Proclaim Rehearsal 5:00 – 7:00 pm Wild Wednesdays 6:30 pm Free Spirit Reh. 7:00 pm High School Youth | 5 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Lutheran Social Service Training (Fellowship Hall) 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters | 6 11:00 am – 5:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive | 7 Wedding Vanessa Nagel (Off Site) Fellowship Hall Family Gathering Graduation |
| 8 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service / Communion 10:45 am Gather Table Meeting | 9 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together" 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 10 9:30 am Grief Support "Help for Newly Bereaved" 2:30 pm Staff Meeting June 10 – 16 High School Service Trip North Carolina | 11 5:00 pm Proclaim Rehearsal 5:00 – 7:00 pm Wild Wednesdays 6:30 pm Free Spirit Reh. | 12 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Cannon River Conference | 13 | 14  |
| 15 Father's Day 9:30 am Worship Service / Communion June 15 – 20th Confirmation Camp | 16 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together" | 17 9:30 am Grief Support "Help for Newly Bereaved" 11:30 am FACMA 2:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Executive Council 6:30 pm Church Council | 18 5:00 pm Proclaim Rehearsal 5:00 – 7:00 pm Wild Wednesdays | 19 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters | 20 Interment for Darrell & Carol Warneke | 21 |
| 22 9:30 am Sunday Worship 9:30 am Temple Talk 11:00 am Dessert Bingo | 23 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together" | 24 9:30 am Grief Support "Help for Newly Bereaved" 1:00 pm Mill City Service 2:30 pm Staff Meeting | 25 5:00 pm Proclaim Rehearsal 5:00 – 7:00 pm Wild Wednesdays 6:30 pm Spring Table Meeting 7:00 pm High School Youth  | 26 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters 9:00 am Quilters 9:45 am – 3:00 pm Summer Family Fun & Service Day/ Faribault Sr. Living & Aquatic Center 7:00 pm Pub Theology (Ten Thousand Drops) | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service | 30 6:30 pm Grief Support "Stronger Together" | | | | | |



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Faith grows here

This Summer, join
us on Sundays for



OUR 13-WEEK SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

Beginning June 8th.