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# *SIDELITES*

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

*July 2024*

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It's so hot... I didn't get a single bite out on the lake... The rain just won't stop... These bugs!!! The humidity just won't let up... How can summer be busier than the school year?!?

As summer gets into full swing, we proud Minnesotans can always find something to complain about. I am the king of complaining. No matter how wonderfully a day is going, I can always spot the raincloud on the horizon. That said, I want to remind you that complaining isn't a bad thing. When we share complaints with those around us, it can be a simple way of asking for support. You could imagine any of

those phrases meaning, "I'm having a rough day and it would help if you could join me in the complaint or offer some care."

Look at the book of Psalms! The Psalmists are constantly complaining and lamenting everything in life. They don't usually elaborate on the circumstances of what is happening, but just cry out in frustration. However, these laments always end with trusting in God... That is a hard turn to make. We can learn from that example to notice the bad, but also to trust in the promises of God.

Of all the promises that God makes to us in scripture, never once are we promised calm weather, nice temperatures, great wealth, and an easy life. God tells us that we are called to be servants in all things; saved by God's love and called to save others. Along the way we can complain; and when we hear complaints to offer our love and care. Complain to God, complain to friends, complain to family; accept their help, and continue to serve God.

Let's pray: God of all creation, our lives are not perfect. Things go wrong and give us frustration and pain. Open our eyes to those around us who reflect your love in their commiseration of our annoyances. Open our hearts to receive your love that brings peace amidst the storm of life. Open our minds to drift past the complaints and see the joys that you set before us. Inspire us to be the compassion that those around us need and to always trust in you. AMEN.

Blessings and peace, Pr. Dave

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**A committee is being formed to create a new church directory!** Please contact Pastor Kathy if you are interested in serving on this committee.

### ***Adult Choir Director Wanted!***

Our Savior's is seeking an Adult Choir Director. The Adult Choir Director provides musical leadership for the Adult Choir at Our Savior's. They will choose anthems for the choir that fit the theme of the worship services and that are appropriate to the make-up of the choir. He/she is accountable to the congregation through the Church Council. The schedule is Wednesdays, approximately 6:00PM - 7:30PM (about 30 Wednesdays, from September – May); Sundays approximately 7:30AM - 9:30AM or 9:30AM - 11:30AM (18 Sundays, from September-May); Special Services: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, etc. Salary is paid monthly, September-May. Please contact Pastor Kathy with any questions.

## ELCA Youth Gathering 2024 - "Created to Be"

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

*Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. Psalm 139:14*

The following youth and adults are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering, "Created to Be," in New Orleans:



Makayla Borchert	Mylah Budahn	Kaden Fortwengler	Calleigh Frederickson
Natalia Frederickson	Rory Gieseke	Anika Harmsen	Addison Haynes
Ashley Hendricksen-Rasche	Lucas Hillesheim	Claire Kveno	
Chase Lee	Ian Lee	Mckenzie Lilleodden	Sophia Lund
Ellie Marti	Conlin McAlpine	Kane Medina	Brandt Munson
Chip Rasche	Owen Rasche	Kathryn Riebe	Teegan Schmiesing
Allie Schneider	Ashley Schneider	Lexi Schneider	Lili Waloch
Pastor Kathy Ulland-Klinkner	Barb Zins	Zoey Zins	

We will leave on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00AM, and return on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Two other youth groups will be with us on the bus: Christ the King, New Ulm, and First Lutheran, St. James. We are also taking one student from Brooten, MN. Please hold our youth and adult leaders in your prayers for safe travels and a meaningful, faith growing experience. You can follow our travels on the Our Savior's Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you for your continued prayers, and for the support and encouragement that have made this possible!

### ELCA Youth Gathering Community Offering

Our youth will be traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Two offerings are taken at the Gathering, and we hope you will want to take part in this one: In the aftermath of a storm, hurricane, or tornado, New Orleans residents regularly find themselves without electricity. This quickly becomes a health crisis as people try to manage life in the hot, humid Gulf Coast summers. City leaders and community organizers identified the eight most-requested items to help residents as they wait for the power grid to be restored. The goal of the Gathering is to create 3,000 disaster relief kits filled with these items to help New Orleanians get through the days immediately following a natural disaster. It takes about \$100 to create an entire disaster relief kit.

Each region is asked to bring a different item to build the kits. Our region of the ELCA is asked to bring charging banks. A charging bank is a portable, cable-free way to charge phones. You can understand helpful this would be when power is lost in a hurricane. If you could like to donate a charging bank or money towards one, please have it at church by July 7<sup>th</sup>. The price range is from \$15-\$30. See Pastor Kathy with questions.

### Valleyfair - Grades 7-12 (in the 2023-2024 year)

On **July 10<sup>th</sup>** we are going to Valleyfair! The cost is \$35 per person. The bus will leave from the OSLC parking lot at 8:30AM and will be back at 8:30PM. Please sign up on the Youth Board or email Pr. Dave at [davidnissen18@gmail.com](mailto:davidnissen18@gmail.com). Just a reminder that Valleyfair is a cashless park; you can either send a credit/debit card with your youth or you can send cash to be put on a card at a kiosk in the park. Meal plans are available on the Valleyfair website.

### ***Come and Play/Learn the Ukulele***

Have you always wanted to learn an instrument? Has it seemed really intimidating? How about coming to the church on a Wednesday afternoon this summer to give it a shot? **Wednesdays from July 17<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00PM to 5:00PM** come and learn how to play the Ukulele! No experience required. Judgement free. Bring your own ukulele (New Ulm's new bookstore, Lykke Books/Ulm Sweet Ulm, has ukuleles available for purchase) or borrow one of ours. Open to anyone ages 14 to 112! If you are interested, talk with Pastor Dave.

### **Women's Dinner and Golf Outing**

Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, at Sleepy Eye Golf Club

We will meet at 5:00PM for dinner, followed by golfing. Not a golfer? Come out and enjoy a good meal and conversation at 5:00PM! Sign up on the WELCA bulletin board near the kitchen.

Mark your calendars! **Women's Night Out at Lykke Books** on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM - 8:00PM.



**July 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30PM – 8:30PM at German Park**

Join your neighbors for a fun night out at German Park on July 25<sup>th</sup>! The OSLC Youth Team will be serving food (and raising money for a 2025 Youth Trip). Come out for tacos (meat provided by Taco Johns) and 1919 root beer. See you there!



The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Quilt Auction will take place Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27 at the Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer! Visit Green Lake Bible Camp to see over 200 handmade quilts, enjoy quilting demonstrations and live music, shop in the Makers Market for your next crafting supplies, enjoy a hotdish supper or pulled pork lunch, a silent auction, bounce house and so much more! Events take place 3:00-8:00 PM on Friday, and 9:00-11:00 AM Saturday, and the live auction starts at 12:00 PM! All proceeds benefit the ministry happening at camp. For more information and schedule of events, visit [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org)!

### **Four Square Tournament!**

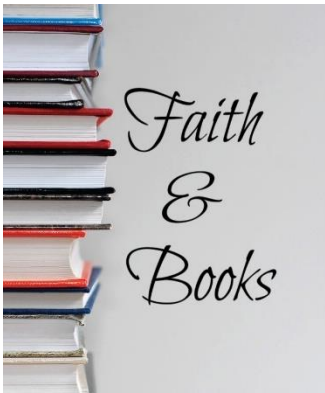
**August 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM for Grades 7-12 (in the 2024-2025 year)**

Join the Youth team for a Four Square Tournament! We will play a King-of-the-Hill rules tournament to find the best foursquare team at OSLC. Rules can be found on the Church website as well as a sign-up for teams. We will also be grilling some hotdogs for supper. Sign up on the Youth board to bring chips, dips, condiments, veggies, or other foods to share.

## OSLC at the Minnesota Twins!

Minnesota Twins vs. Kansas City Royals at Target Field on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The game is at 12:15 PM, and the bus will load in the Our Savior's parking lot at 9:00 AM. Bring a lunch for the bus or plan to buy lunch at Target Field. The cost is \$34/ticket. Our tickets are in Section 126, rows 36-39, so we will have some shade. All ages are welcome! To reserve your spot, sign up on the Twins poster in the Social Hall, and give your payment to Pastor Kathy. Please make checks payable to OSLC and write "Twins Game" in the memo line.

Youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are able to come without an adult, and we will provide supervision. Anyone younger than that must be accompanied by an adult. Youth attending without a parent or adult guardian are also required to turn in a parent permission form, available by the Youth bulletin board. Contact Pastor Kathy with any questions.



### ***Faith and Books Reading List for 2024 – 2025***

- September - *Tom Lake*, by Ann Patchett
- October - *The Women: A Novel*, by Kristin Hannah
- November - *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, by Gail Honeyman
- December - *The Christmas Box*, by Richard Paul Evans
- January - *The Five-Star Weekend*, by Elin Hilderbrand
- February - *Beyond That, The Sea: A Novel*, by Laura Spence-Ash
- March - *The Dictionary of Lost Words*, by Pip Williams
- April - *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club: A Novel*, by J. Ryan Stradal
- May – Share a favorite book with the group. Plan the next year's books

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### **Mission Corner:**

The *Noisy Offering* in July will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. The information below comes from the ELCA website:

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

#### International:

- Eastern Europe Crisis Response
- Horn of Africa Drought
- Middle East Crisis
- South Sudan Relief
- AMMPARA: Protecting Migrants

#### Domestic:

- Flooding
- Hurricanes
- Severe Storms
- Tornadoes
- Wildfires

Heavenly Father,

Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of good will respond with compassion and generous hearts. Amen.

**NUMAS Haus Playground Construction  
May 9, 2024**



**Ivy House Planting  
May 16, 2024**



**Senior Graduate Quilt Milestone  
May 19, 2024**



**SCUBA VBS - June 2024**



## United Way Backpack Project

A community project of the United Way of the Brown County Area, Inc.



Our Savior's is again hosting a public collection box for the United Way "Stuff the Backpacks" Project drive!

From the United Way website: Each year, the United Way of the Brown County area, with the support of our sponsors, provides new backpacks to area students who could benefit from backpacks packed full of appropriate school supplies. Last year, over 475 backpacks were provided to students across the Brown County area.

### How does it work?

Each summer schools in Brown County mail United Way Backpack Project info and applications to families who qualify for the FREE lunch program in grades K-12. School supplies and backpacks are then collected by participating businesses and organizations to fill the large number of requests. Parents and children who qualify to receive a backpack and supplies are then invited to come and pick up their backpacks with all the supplies they need to get off to a good start in school.

Donations can be dropped off through July 24<sup>th</sup> and placed in the box in front of the church office.

- Elmer's Glue – 4oz bottle
- Crayola 24 count Crayons
- Crayola Broad Tip Markers
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Large Pink Erasers
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Composition Notebooks
- 1" 3-Ring Binders
- Fiskars Kid Scissors
- Spiral Notebooks
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Post-It Notes
- Pencil Bags & Boxes
- Dry Erase Markers
- Rolls of Scotch Tape
- Fine Tip Sharpie Markers
- #2 Pencils
- Highlighters
- Hand Sanitizer
- Facial Tissue



## Notes of THANKS

Dear members of Our Savior's,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$444. How kind of you! Your church has been remarkable for reaching out to help those in need – we see the love of Christ in everything that you do. May God bless you as richly as you bless others.

- Your friends at NUMAS Haus

Thank you to all who sent prayers for Randy while he was hospitalized. Every prayer was needed and so very appreciated. Thank you also for the card of well wishes and for the May basket.

- Lisa Larson and Randy Bergerson

Dear OSLC,

Thank you so much for my senior quilt, it is very comfy. Sincerely,

- Ethan Lieb

Dear Ministry Team and Quilting Ladies,

Thank you very much for my senior quilt. As I continue my education, it means a lot to me to have your love and support. This quilt will help remind me all the memories and friends I have made while attending Our Savior's. I was also excited that the quilt I received was in Purdue colors, where I will be attending this fall. These gifts will be a reminder that God is always there for me. Thank you,

- Ty Frederick

Our Savior's,

Thank you for the quilt and the support throughout the years. I had many wonderful memories. And I will especially miss my kitchen crew.

- Parker Kamm

Dear OSLC,

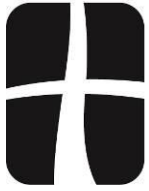
Thank you for giving me the chance to go to bible camp this summer! I cannot thank you enough! Me and my friends are very excited to camp under the stars at Green Lake and test my courage on the high ropes course! This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at camp and it is meaningful to me because I get to learn about my faith with my friends.

Sincerely,

- Eli Hagert

## July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:00am Worship	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:15pm Confirmation Leader Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:00am Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team	<b>10</b> 8:30am ValleyFair Trip for 7th - 12th Grade 9:00am Cards of Caring	<b>11</b> 10:30am Ridgeway Memory Care Service 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00am ELCA Youth Gathering 9:00am Private Event
<b>14</b> ELCA Youth Gathering 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:00am Worship	<b>15</b> ELCA Youth Gathering	<b>16</b> ELCA Youth Gathering 6:00pm Deacons Ministry Team	<b>17</b> ELCA Youth Gathering 4:00pm Ukulele Class	<b>18</b> ELCA Youth Gathering 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	<b>19</b> ELCA Youth Gathering	<b>20</b> ELCA Youth Gathering
<b>21</b> ELCA Youth Gathering 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:00am Worship	<b>22</b> Sidelites Deadline	<b>23</b> 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>24</b> 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 4:00pm Ukulele Class	<b>25</b> 5:30pm National Night Out at German Park	<b>26</b> 8:30am Sidelites Group 3:00pm GLLM Quilt Auction	<b>27</b> 9:00am GLLM Quilt Auction
<b>28</b> Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:00am Worship	<b>29</b> 5:00pm Women's Dinner & Golf Outing	<b>30</b> 5:15pm Confirmation Leader Meeting	<b>31</b> 4:00pm Ukulele Class	<b>1</b> 10:30am Ridgeway Memory Care Service 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>



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## Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

*The 8:30 service will be live on Facebook.*

## Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month – 6:00 PM

# SIDELITES

OUR SAVIOR'S is a Welcoming  
community, experiencing God,  
reaching out and raising up followers of  
Jesus Christ