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# SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

May 2024

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The program year is winding down. Choirs, Confirmation, and programming are wrapping up. This is our big final push to get all the lessons in before the summer. It is a stressful and busy time, but it also heralds a peaceful time in the summer; a few big steps to finish off strong.

While thinking this way is common and useful, I wonder what message it sends for the work of the church in the summer. If we are “wrapping up,” does that mean we can take some time off of our faith? Without programming, are we ready to coast? I would argue that we need to think of this, not as downtime, but revitalizing time. Summer gives us a chance to dive into our faith in a new way; to learn about God out in God’s creation; to spread the good news with more of our free time; to be the hands and feet of Christ, serving others; to come back together in worship and grow as a community of faith!

This isn’t just the end of the program year, it’s the beginning of new opportunities to be a part of God’s mission for the world. Take time as the program year winds down, but don’t let that stop you from growing in your faith. Take time to develop a new spiritual practice such as:

- Starting each day with a prayer thanking God for a new day.
- Find a daily devotion to give new life (“Christ in Our Home” books are available at church).
- Find a hymn that gives you hope and memorize the words.
- Pray with your spouse, friends, or anyone on a regular basis.
- Call a friend from church that you haven’t seen in a while and check in with them.
- Find a service project to inspire your work for God.
- Make a habit of daily reading scripture (a chapter a day from the Gospel of Luke will only take 5-8 minutes and you will hear the whole story of Jesus in under a month).
- Commit to worshipping in person or online as often as you can.
- Find time to draw, write, sing, and play in God’s creation.

In this transition to a new season, may God bless you with faith to guide you, love to support you, curiosity to help you grow, rest to recharge you, fun to bring you joy, passion to give you purpose, and the presence of Christ to bring you peace.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pr. Dave



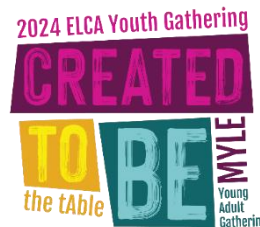
**Memorial Day weekend (May 26<sup>th</sup>) through Labor Day weekend (September 1<sup>st</sup>):**  
*Sundays at 8:30AM (also on Facebook) and 10:00AM.*

*The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.*

## Youth Flamingo Fundraiser

A flock of Flamingos has been spotted and will be arriving in New Ulm soon! The Youth Team and youth going on to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be spreading cheer and raising funds by flocking yards with Flamingos.

Every couple of days, Flamingos will be moved from yard to yard by volunteers. If you would like to nominate someone to be flocked, you can make a donation of \$30 to the Youth Fund. If you haven't been flocked yet and would like to buy flamingo insurance, you can do so with a donation of \$50. If you would like the flock moved off your lawn early, you can do so by making a donation of \$20. Flamingo Forms are located by the Youth Board and on the Church Website, or contact Pastor Dave.



## Wednesday Night Suppers

We gather on Wednesday evenings for suppers from 5:00PM - 6:15PM! All proceeds from the free will offering go to support Wednesday LinCt programming.

May 1<sup>st</sup>: Spaghetti

May 8<sup>th</sup>: Pizza

Our final meal of the program year will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>!



## Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap meets on **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30PM** at Schell's Bier Halle. Join the conversation and bring a friend! *Event for adults 21+.*

## Faith & Books

Faith & Books will meet in the church library on **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM**. We will be deciding on the books for next school year. Come with ideas!

## Women's Night Out at State Street Theater!

We will gather on the stage at State Street Theater on **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30PM - 8:00PM** for dessert and fellowship. Lorie (Brey) Jewell, a daughter of Our Savior's, will tell us about State Street Theater and share part of her faith story. There will be a cost of \$5 for dessert. Sign up on the Women of Our Savior's bulletin board.



**Last day of Wednesday LinCt: May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Last day of Sunday LinCt: May 19<sup>th</sup>**

We will enjoy fun games and a sweet treat to celebrate the end of our program year!

Our Saviors Lutheran Church/LinCt

**FAMILY FUN DAY!**

Join us for an afternoon of fun at the park!  
A great time for the whole family!

**SUNDAY, MAY 19  
1-4 PM**

**HARMAN PARK**

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

On **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, Our Savior's will be celebrating our Senior Milestone! Our 2024 High School graduates will be honored, and presented with a quilt so that they may wrap themselves in the warmth of God and our congregation. Seniors should RSVP to Jen at [jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org) by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Seniors should also email any senior and baby photos to Lindsay at [lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org) by May 1<sup>st</sup> for the slide show. Copies of the RSVP sheet can be found by the Youth Board.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone - May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM

Every year we honor the 6<sup>th</sup> graders of Children's Choir/Wednesday LinCt by presenting them with their very own hymnal. These young people have learned many anthems and hymns, learned many of the liturgies that we sing as a congregation, and have spread the gospel by sharing anthems during worship and presenting musicals. Some of these 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been in choir since kindergarten! Their involvement in the children's choir has meant that they have been worship leaders for this congregation. During the weeks leading up to presenting the hymnals at worship, they had a class to learn more about worship and all that is in our hymnal.



Please join the staff in thanking these 6<sup>th</sup> graders for sharing their gifts at Our Savior's:

Gavin Baker	Ainsley Berger	Danica Borchert	Izabella Brown
Bentley Carbert	Addely Cariveau	Preston Dreckman	Dravyn Gehring
Alexis Gostonczik	Jasmine Grussendorf	Jake Haynes	Alexander Hillmann
Chael Johnson	Cohen Kiecker	Logan Kimsey	Lyla Krenz
August Kveno	Weston Lee	Piper Liebrez	Brittney Lilleodden
Alexander Marti	Kru Medina	Rory Neuman	Colton Osborne
Harper Ruch	Noah Severson	Landen Teske	Cole Walters
Asher Wendinger			

## End of the Confirmation Year!

Thank you to our Confirmation Leaders! This has been a wonderful year of growing in faith, and our small group leaders are who make that possible. Thank you for your wisdom, help, and service. **Our final night of Confirmation is on May 8<sup>th</sup>**, but keep your eyes peeled for fun things happening this summer (Valley Fair trip, game nights, movie nights, pop-up events). Thanks for a wonderful year! - Pr. Dave

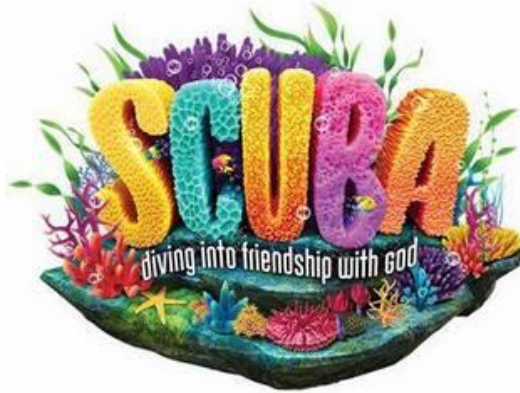
## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM (after Confirmation and Worship)

In the fall, when our 9<sup>th</sup> graders start their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year, we will be preparing for them to be confirmed. With that in mind, on May 8<sup>th</sup> after our final night of confirmation, we will gather at 8:00PM in the Sanctuary to talk about what the process of being Confirmed will look like. This will include talking about forms, when we will be gathering in the fall, faith statements, and more. If you and your student are not able to make it, please get in touch with Pr. Dave to get caught up on the information.

# Vacation Bible School 2024

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM – 12:00PM



Dive Below the Surface to Build a Strong Faith! Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Register now at: <https://vbspro.events/p/oslc2024>

We need your help to make VBS a success! We are currently in need of the below supplies. Please contact Lindsay with any questions.

- Flippers
  - Snorkel Mask
  - "Hide-a-Key" style rock
  - Plastic Tablecloths
  - Ping Pong Balls
  - Duct Tape – Assorted colors
  - Clear Tape
  - Trash Bags
  - Pool Noodles
  - Colored Cellophane
  - 2 rolls of black plastic (10x25 foot)
  - Ziplock Bags (various sizes)
  - Crepe Paper – Purple, Red, Green, Blue, Orange, Yellow, and Pink
- Snacks:  
120 Single Serve Cheetos  
120 Single Serve Veggie Straws  
120 Single Serve Goldfish Crackers  
120 Single Serve Rice Crispies Treats

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## Mission Prayer Corner:

Powerful and loving God,  
Thank you for the gift of prayer. When we don't know what to do, talking to you is the perfect place to start. Give us the insight to know how and when to take action.

We pray for those who suffer from war and violence. Provide them with physical and mental healing, and show them your peace. We pray for an end to division between people, groups, countries with borders, and nations without them. Grant wisdom to our world leaders that they may facilitate a sustainable end to war in the Middle East, the Ukraine, and throughout the world. May your love reign. Amen.

Each month, Our Savior's takes a special *Noisy Offering* to benefit an organization around our community. Typically, this offering is taken on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

However, due to it falling on Memorial Day weekend this month, we will be collecting May's Noisy Offering on May 19<sup>th</sup>! This *Noisy Offering* will benefit Ivy House.

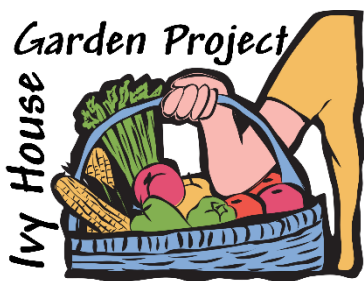
**The Food Library** is a ministry of Our Savior's. We are looking for people who would help keep the food library filled. It is kept full of non-perishable, season appropriate foods. If you would like to help, a sign-up sheet is located in the Social Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Kathy or a member of the Mission Team.

We are also in need of food to fill the Food Library! As we head into the summer months, please keep in mind the need for foods that will not melt or spoil in the heat (i.e., no granola bars with chocolate, or canned items). Donations can be left in the wooden box outside the church office.



### ***Ivy House Spring Planting Volunteers Needed***

The Mission Team is looking for volunteers to help with spring planting at Ivy House in early May. Ivy House is a 24/7 crisis nursery providing direct care to children ages 0-12 whose families are in crisis or stressful situations. Volunteers would help plant vegetables and some flower pots. Tending the garden over the summer will be left to Ivy House - staff and volunteers have found that children staying there enjoy gardening and eating the produce. If you would be interesting in helping and would like to be on our contact list for when a date has been set, please speak with Pastor Kathy or Karole Lieb.



### **NUMAS Haus Playground!**

*NUMAS Haus provides shelter and support services to homeless women and children in the Brown County area. The shelter is a home with a welcoming environment that can host up to three families at a time. During their stay, residents participate in a 90-day program, which connects families to education, resources, employment, mental health services, and housing within the community. [numashaus.org](http://numashaus.org)*

Our Savior's has an opportunity to help bring joy and activity to the children staying at NUMAS Haus! Sometime in early May, pending contractor availability, NUMAS Haus (and members the OSLC Mission Team) will be building a playground for the children. If you would be interested in helping with the construction, please speak with one of the Pastors. Once a date is set, we will contact you!



### ***Men of Our Savior's***

Did you know that ELCA Lutheran Men in Mission has a website and mobile app? Check it out for resources, help, and ideas: <https://www.lutheranmeninmission.org/>



We have accumulated a large amount of clothing and other items left at church over the past several months. Please check the Lost & Found table in the Social Hall on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, or the coat rack near the front entrance anytime, for anything you may be missing!

Items remaining after June 1<sup>st</sup> will be donated.



## Notes of THANKS

Dear friends at Our Savior's,  
Thank you for your generous donation to Laundry Love. At our New Ulm location, we did 193 loads for 37 people in February. At Sleepy Eye, we helped 18 people do 65 loads. The need is great – so Thanks! Blessings,  
- The volunteers and clients of L.L.

New Ulm's Own, a local nonprofit, is celebrating **World Fair Trade Day** on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, which recognizes the benefits that fair trade purchases provide to workers in third world and developing countries. Fair Trade purchases give hope to many hard workers trying to earn a livable wage, a sustainable income, and decent working conditions. Respect for the environment is another principle of the fair trade movement. The use of repurposed material and organic farming practices help save our climate.



New Ulm's Own is an all volunteer run organization with the mission of supporting marginalized women globally and locally. Profits from the sale of our fair trade merchandise go to local charities that also support women and children. We have donated to NUMAS Haus, Ivy House, Westridge Place, Brown County Foster Care, Pro Kinship and others. If you need more information check out our website: [newulmsown.yolasite.com](http://newulmsown.yolasite.com).



**You're invited!** Please join us for a special worship event at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp to share our gratitude for your support and gifts in the past year, and special commissioning service of the newly renovated Village at Shores of St. Andrew - **Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 6:30PM at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, 19080 16th St. NE, New London, MN 56273**

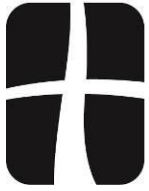
We're so excited to celebrate reopening this space with you, give you a tour, enjoy an evening at camp with dessert, and say thanks! Please note that our commissioning event will be held outdoors. RSVP to Kirsten no later than May 10<sup>th</sup> at [kpalan@gllm.org](mailto:kpalan@gllm.org) or 320-796-2181.

## May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <i>Beranek Baptism</i> Noisy Offering Sunday <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Bible 101 Study 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am Private Event	<b>29</b> 1:30pm Bible 101 Study 6:30pm Youth Ministry Team	<b>30</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team	<b>1</b> <i>May Day Basket Fundraiser</i> 11:00am WELCA Board Meeting 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>2</b> 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap	<b>3</b> 10:30am MRCI Group 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	<b>4</b> 8:00am 2024 Synodical Women's Convention 8:30am Men's Bible Study
<b>5</b> <i>6th Grade Milestone</i> <i>Anderson Baptism</i> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>7</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:00am Cards of Caring 10:30am NU Ministerial Mtg 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:30pm Children's Ministry Team 5:30pm Faith & Books 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b> 8:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00am Immanuel Circle 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service 6:00pm Cub Scout Neighborhood Meeting	<b>10</b> 10:30am MRCI Group	<b>11</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study
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<b>19</b> Noisy Offering Sunday <i>Senior Quilt Milestone</i> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b> 1:00pm Family Fun Day	<b>20</b> Sidelites Deadline 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting 6:30pm Women's Night Out at State Street Theater	<b>21</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	<b>22</b> 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 5:30pm Deacons Ministry Team 6:00pm Mission Ministry Team 7:00pm Stewardship Team	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30am Sidelites Group 10:30am MRCI Group	<b>25</b> 1:00pm Private Event
<b>26</b> <i>Warta Baptism</i> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship <b>10:00am Worship</b>	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed	<b>28</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>30</b> Last Day ISD #88 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	<b>31</b> 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	<b>1</b>

Summer Office Hours begin on Memorial Day: Monday – Friday, 8:00AM – 12:00Noon

Stay in touch this summer! If you have moved recently, changed your phone number/email address, or gotten rid of a land line, please contact Jen at [jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org) or call the church at (507) 233-4430.



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## Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Wednesday Worship – 7:30 PM (*thru 5/8*)

## 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

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