



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 11 am Bible Fellowship	3	4	5
6 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship with Holy Communion	7	8	9 11 am Bible Fellowship	10	11	12
13 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Church Council Meeting	14 6:00 -7:30 pm Vacation Bible School	15 6:00 -7:30 pm VBS & God Squad Planning	16 11 am Bible Fellowship 6:00 -7:30 pm VBS	17 6:00 -7:30 pm VBS	18	19
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Grapes from the Vine

July 2023



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From the Pastor

Beloved of God,

Grace and peace to you from God—creator, sustainer, and redeemer.

I've always wondered why the miserably hot time at the end of summer got the name "Dog Days". My pups don't seem to enjoy them. I would even say they would rather skip them altogether. To the ancient Greeks and Romans, the "dog days" occurred around the time Sirius appears to rise alongside the sun, late July in the Northern Hemisphere. They believed the heat from the two stars combined is what made these days the hottest of the year, a period that could bring fever or even catastrophe.

Current events and the state of the world might appear to corroborate this belief— inflation, recession, drought, global climate change... But there are also signs of hope, signs that God is still active and present all around us. This we'll gather for faith and fun at VBS, plan for God Squad to start in September, and our church council is always busy thinking of ways that we can embody faith in our congregation and community.

In all things, we celebrate and mourn, give thanks and lament, and grow in faith, hope, and love together as children of God.

Peace,
Pr. Liz

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Church Council Minutes

June 4, 2023

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

July 9, 2023

Members Present: Pastor Liz, Tom Christensen, Julie Rogers, Terri Heimerman, Jim Grabow, Ginny Grabow

Pastor Liz opened the meeting with prayer.

Brian Block presented the financial report for June. The general fund received gifts of \$9,500.51 versus last year of \$8,009.75, a difference of \$1,490.76. Year to date, the general fund received gifts of \$58,589.34 versus last year's \$56,237.06, a difference of \$2,352.28. The financial report was accepted on a motion from Tom and a second from Ginny.

Gifts to the "Buy a Bundle" for the roof has brought in approximately \$8,000 of the cost of approximately \$34,000.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved. Tom/Julie

Old Business:

- The candidate for the office assistant was interviewed and did not have appropriate qualifications.
- Satisfaction on the roofing job was expressed
- The annual cleaning of the church interior is progressing.
- The inventory of church property will be scheduled (Deb, Ginny, & Tom)
- The Moon Dogs game will be attended by ten members on July 12.
- Julie reviewed the list of needed items and helpers for VBS August 14-17.
- Pastor Liz is organizing a Mutual Ministry Committee (a group of four OSLC members) that will provide her with support and feedback in her role as pastor. They will request guidance from the church council when it is time for Pr. Liz's annual review.

New Business:

- Julie raised a few items of concern that she noticed while mowing and trimming: addition of rock around the building, soil to fill in where the parsonage tree was removed, removal of the old clothesline, & some shrub replacement.

Next meeting: August 13, following worship.

Meeting adjourned. Closed in praying The Lord's Prayer.

News and Updates

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit
so all may know God's love.

Lets get together - Summer Bible Fellowship

Have you ever wanted to delve deeper into the meaning or scripture? Or wished you were closer to other members of our church family? Join Pr. Liz for devotions and fellowship on **Wednesdays at 11:00 am** during the summer. Feel free to bring you lunch or a snack and if the weather is nice, we'll sit on the back deck of the parsonage!

Raise the Roof - Buy a Bundle

At the congregational meeting in June, we approved plans to repair the church's roof. Which means we need your help! If you would like to contribute, you can donate \$150 per bundle or \$450 per square (3 bundles). So far we've received \$16,200.00 (almost half way there)!

Vacation Bible School - God's Superheroes

VBS is August 14-17 from 6:00-7:30 pm. This year we'll be learning lessons from superheroes and the Bible. Ages Pre-K -5th grade completed are welcome to sign-up. We still need volunteers to help with crafts or childcare for the music leaders, etc. Contact Julie Rogers for more info (507) 621-1978 or contact the church office to sign your child up for the week.

Our theme is God's Superheroes!

Monday: You are Never Alone

(Moses & Aaron, Batman & Robin, God & You)

Tuesday: You are Called

(The Disciples, Wonder Woman, God Calls You)

Wednesday: You Have Special Tools

(Ephesians 6:10-18, Batman, Ironman, Superman, PowerPuff Girls, God Provides Strength, Armor, Power)

Thursday: Be a Hero Right Where You Are

(Jesus Has Proved All You Need, Captain America, Jesus Showed us the greatest example of a Superhero)

Please, dress your child in clothes you don't mind getting messy on Monday night for tie dye!

Save the Date - GWOH

Join us for a special worship service, service project, and potluck picnic on GWOH Sunday! More details will be available soon.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



God Squad Planning

On Tuesday, August 15th there will be a brief planning and interest meeting to prepare for the upcoming program year. Join us for the VBS opening skit and then stay for the meeting.

Supporting Our Values

At Our Savior's Lutheran Church, our mission is that "We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love." We value time spent together in worship and praise, sharing faith with the next generation, and gathering in fellowship.

Support our mission and ministry together in a variety of ways such as volunteering to assist in Sunday morning worship, helping with youth Faith Formation in God Squad and Vacation Bible School, or signing up to provide treats at Coffee Hour. Your financial contributions can be made by giving on Sunday mornings, or with Simply Giving (automatic withdrawals) by requesting a form from the church office. Give online with Vanco. A link can be found on the church website under the ["Donate"](#) tab or scanning the QR code with your smartphone.



Find more pictures of events on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

Birthdays

1st Blake Stocker
2nd Brandi Grandaw
3rd Angie Glassel, Andi Lassiter
4th Brooke Linder
5th Lucas Baker, Brian Block
6th Scott Lassiter
9th Bill Meyer
13th Joan Eppmeyer
14th Sandy Bateman
15th Shelly Miller
17th Darren Ely
18th Jesse Bateman
20th Vicky Seely
23rd Tonja Baker
25th Dean Heimerman, Karen Johnson
26th Alice Ely
27th Abby McCabe
28th Susan Eppmeyer
29th Julie Bluhm
31st Scott Ziebarth

Do you have a birthday or anniversary to add to our list? Contact the church office to let us know!

Anniversaries

12th Gary & Mary Haase
20th Brian & Pam Zimmerman
22nd Joe & Sandi Hollerich
31st Robert & Tami Jacoby

Preparing for Worship

8/6 10th Sunday after Pentecost - Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Matthew 14:13-21

8/13 11th Sunday after Pentecost - 1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Matthew 14:22-33

8/20 12th Sunday after Pentecost - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Matthew 15:21-28

8/27 13th Sunday after Pentecost - Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Matthew 16:13-20

Prayer Concerns

Members: Charlotte Jacoby+, George Bauer+, Danny McCabe+, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+,

Non-Members: Chantha Eckman+, Holly Kallestad+, Teresa Griep, Mary Heckman

Those in the military service:

Active Military: Brendon Brown, Alex Garrison, Chris Glassel, Jim Grandaw, Tyler Seitz and Tyler Piotter.

Veterans: We also pray for all veterans who have served in our nation's Armed Forces.

Send your prayer concerns to oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com or call the church office. We will keep these loved ones in prayer for three weeks. If the concern continues, please let us know to extend your petition.