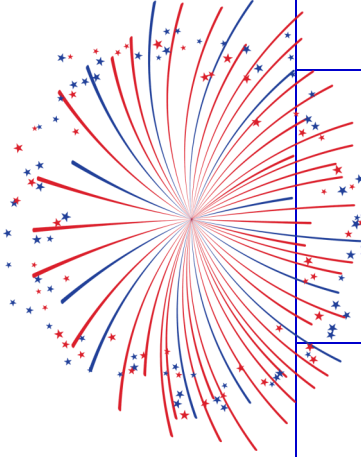
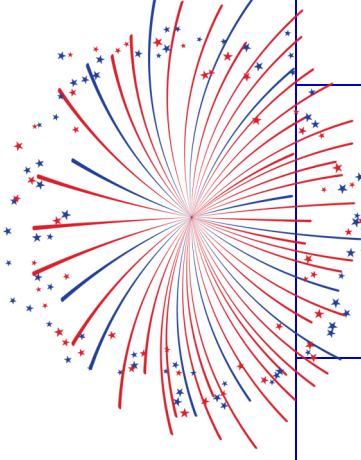


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2 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship with Holy Communion	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 11 am Bible Fellowship	6	7	1 8
9 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Church Council Meeting	10	11	12 11 am Bible Fellowship 6:35 Moondogs Game & Car Show	13	14	15
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From the Pastor

Beloved of God,

Most Sundays I preach on the Gospel lesson appointed for the day. However, for most of the summer, the accompanying reading from the New Testament is from Paul's letter to the Romans and I'd like to spend a little time with it here.

Although, because of it's length, it is the first of his letters in the canon, it was probably one of the last that he wrote. He wrote to Christians he never met in person to strengthen and encourage them in the life of faith.

This letter was also instrumental in the formation of Lutheran theology. Martin Luther concluded that "faith alone justifies (that is, makes a person righteous in the eyes of God) the one who believes in Christ as a result of hearing the gospel."¹ Our love and good works flow out of the free gift of God's grace.

So, that means we can do whatever we want regardless of the consequences, right? "By no means!" (Romans 6:15) Paul has a lot of wisdom for us in that he understands what Enlightenment poet Alexander Pope wrote, "To err is human, to forgive divine." We all mess up, sometimes intentionally, sometimes unintentionally. The life long work of the Christian is returning to God's grace and the promise of salvation given to us through Jesus Christ. Because it is by his sacrifice that we are truly free from the powers of sin and death. Thanks be to God.

Peace be yours,
Pr. Liz

¹ Oxford Research Encyclopedia

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Church Council Minutes

June 4, 2023

Members present: Pr. Liz, Deb Gehrke, Terri Heimerman, Julie Rogers, Tom Christensen, Jim Grabow, Ginny Grabow, Brian Block, treasurer.

Following prayer by Pr. Liz, Deb brought the meeting to order.

Brian presented the **May financials:** The general fund received gifts of \$9,676.76 versus last year of \$12,623.20 giving us a difference of (2,946.44). The checkbook balance is \$5,077.89. Year-to-date: The general fund received gifts of \$49,088.38 versus last year's \$48,227.31, creating a difference of \$861.07.

Following the financial report, information was shared on electronic giving. The company that sponsors Simply Giving (VANCO), also offers a method of giving involving a QR code (published in the weekly bulletin), whereby offering can be given using a smart phone. Worshippers can give a one-time gift, or use it for weekly giving. Council members will try it out, and a final decision on using this option will be made later.

In the special congregational meeting that preceded this meeting, the congregation approved option 3 for replacing the shingled portion of the roof. This option included 40-year, class 3 asphalt shingles, estimated to cost \$33,430.00. Due to undetected further problems, the cost may be higher if more extensive rebuilding needs to be done, especially around the bell tower. It is possible that the job may start in the next two weeks. How to pay for this maintenance was discussed. The job will require 222 bundles (\$150 each OR 74 squares at \$450 each). We will be asking the people of our congregation to "buy a bundle" to help finance this necessary fix.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved. Jim/Tom

Old Business items discussed:

- Searching for an office assistant. One local person has expressed in interest, but has not been interviewed yet.
- Deb will work on updating membership computer records this summer.
- Summer Bible Fellowship will be led by Pr. Bill Nelson on June 7.
- Bible Camp registration is complete and camp scholarships have been distributed. Our yard sale brought in \$660 to help families cover the cost of camp.
- Terri has prepared and posted a list of tasks for the summer cleaning of the building.
- Inventory of moveable church property will be done this summer by Deb, Tom, & Ginny.

New Business discussed:

- Moon Dogs-July 12, 6:35pm. There will also be a classic car roll-in that night. Watch for more information coming in the newsletter soon.
- Planning for future events: Julie Rogers will again lead in planning for VBS, which will be scheduled for some time in August. Watch the newsletter. Plans for God Squad will take place in September with parental input.
- God's Work Our Hands—Probable date, September 10. We hope to have a service project connected with this.

Motion by Jim, second by Tom to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting date: July 9, 2023 following worship.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Ginny Grabow, secretary

News and Updates

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

Happy Campers

"I am C. I am C.H. I am C.H.R.I.S.T.I.A.N. And I have
C.H.R.I.S.T. In my H.E.A.R.T And I will L.I.V.E
E.T.E.R.N.A.L.L.Y." Wish Neenah & Bray Lassiter, Sierra
McCabe, and Anna Kawatski-Klein the best as they go off
to Green Lake Camp this month!

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
raised \$4,350.00!

Annual Cleaning

We need your help! It's time for our annual cleaning at
Our Savior's. We will be working in the kitchen, fellowship
hall, nursery, library, hallways and classrooms. If you like
to help there is a sign up sheet available on the table
located in the narthex or you can call or email the church
office.

Take me out to the ball game...

OSLC is going to see the Mankato Moon Dogs on July
12th! Game starts at 6:35 pm and tickets are \$12 each
(children 3 years old and younger are free). This year we'll
be sitting in General Admission to allow plenty of
opportunity for fellowship. There will also be a Classic Car
Show at the stadium that night. The sign-up sheet is on
the welcome table. Ticket orders are due July 5.

Vacation Bible School - God's Superheroes

This year we'll be learning lessons from superheroes and
the Bible. Ages Pre-K -5th grade completed are welcome
to sign-up. We need toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls,
and markers. If anybody could donate those items or is
willing to sponsor snack one evening, we would really

appreciate that. Popsicles, cookies, cupcakes and drinks
are popular with the kids. We also need volunteers 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.

She's a grand old flag...

Have you noticed that the Stars and Stripes have been
flying 24/7 at our cemetery? Jim Grabow and
Dave Voss worked together to secure a flag and a solar
light for the flag pole. It was installed in 2022. The winter
winds were hard on the flag, but we are planning to
purchase new one made available through the Cleveland
Legion at a cost of \$25.00.

If you would like to honor a veteran who is a friend or
family member by buying a flag, such a gift would
be acknowledged in our newsletter or bulletin. Jim and
Ginny Grabow will provide the next flag in honor of their
fathers who both served in WWII. Dave Grabow was
injured at the Battle of Luzon in the Philippines, earning a
Purple Heart. Kermit Hubin served in England during the
Great Blitz and in France shortly after the liberation from
Nazi occupation.

If you would like to take this unique opportunity to honor
a Veteran, please call or text Jim Grabow at 507-720-
7910.

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 Tithe.ly. 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

2nd	Joshua Baker, Glenys Hultgren
3rd	B. J. Biehn, Mandy Stocker, Bryn Woodrum
5th	Dennis Starnner
6th	Jason Stocker
7th	Judy Goettlicher
8th	Elizabeth Wargelin
9th	Bradley Riba
10th	Audrey Anderson
11th	Jesse Woodrum
13th	Misty Ferguson, Tyler Hokenson, Jessica Iten
15th	Kimbra Broas, Rita Martin
16th	Brody Dauk, Dayton Ely, Ava Hahn
17th	Richard Wendelschafer
18th	Will Koppelman, Shane Petrich
19th	Will McCabe
20th	Sue Griep
22nd	Julie Wagner, Valerie Weber
23rd	Terry Schmidt
24th	Betty Krenik
25th	Dan Griep, Jack Zimmerman
26th	Karli Meyer
27th	Randy Biehn
28th	Amber Wussow
30th	Emily Ponwith, Franklin Wachlarowicz
31st	Aurora Iten, Dean Koppelman, Mark Krenik

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

Anniversaries

10th	Ryan & Kari Evenson
12th	Gary & Mary Haase
20th	Brian & Pam Zimmerman
22nd	Joe & Sandi Hollerich
31st	Robert & Tami Jacoby



Preparing for Worship

7/2 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost: Romans 6:12-23; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Matthew 10:40-42

7/9 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost: Romans 7:15-25a; Psalm 145:8-14; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

7/16 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost: Romans 8:1-11; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

7/23 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost: Romans 8:12-25; Psalm 86:11-17; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

7/30 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost: Romans 8:26-39; Psalm 119:129-136; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Prayer Concerns

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

Non-Members: Susan Wendelschafer, 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.